

# Wine English Class 1

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# WELCOME TO WINE ENGLISH!



# LET'S DISCOVER WINE TERMINOLOGY



# LET'S TALK ABOUT WINE

*There is a lot to discuss about wine...*



General	General terms, wine types, wine styles
Wine industry	Vineyard area, wine production, wine consumption, international trade
Legal category/mention	Designations of Origin (D.O.), Controlled Appellations, Geographical Indication (G.I.), etc.
Origin	Wine regions, <i>Terroir</i> , (climate, soil, etc.), geography
Viticulture	Grapes, grape varieties, vineyard management
Winemaking	Winemaking processes
Wine description	Wine tasting notes, wine service

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# What can we say about wine in general?

Wine is an (ancient) alcoholic beverage  
*vino* *bebida alcohólica*

Wine is made from grapes  
*uvas*

Wine is the result of grape juice fermentation  
*fermentación del jugo de uva*

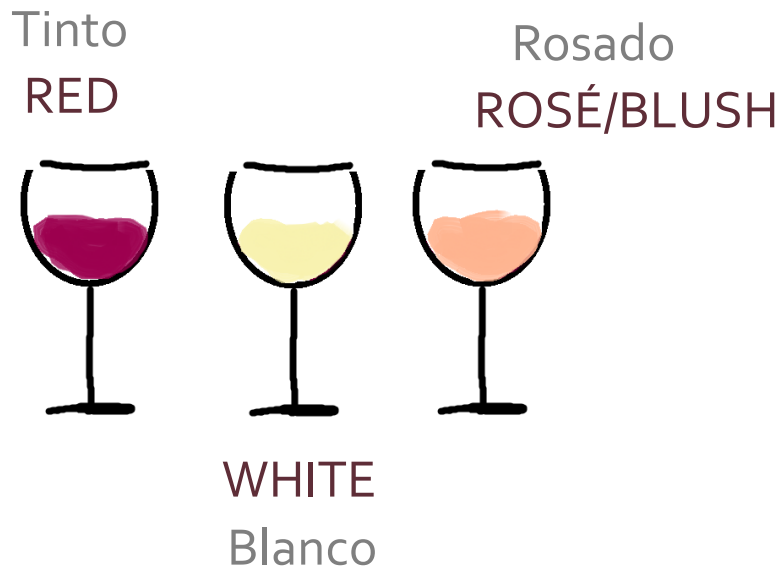
There are different **wine styles** (sensory classification)  
*estilos de vino*

The concept of «*terroir*» has a huge **impact** on the characteristics of the wine  
*«terroir» tiene un efecto enorme*

There are different **wine types** (technical classification)  
*tipos de vino*

# WINE TYPES

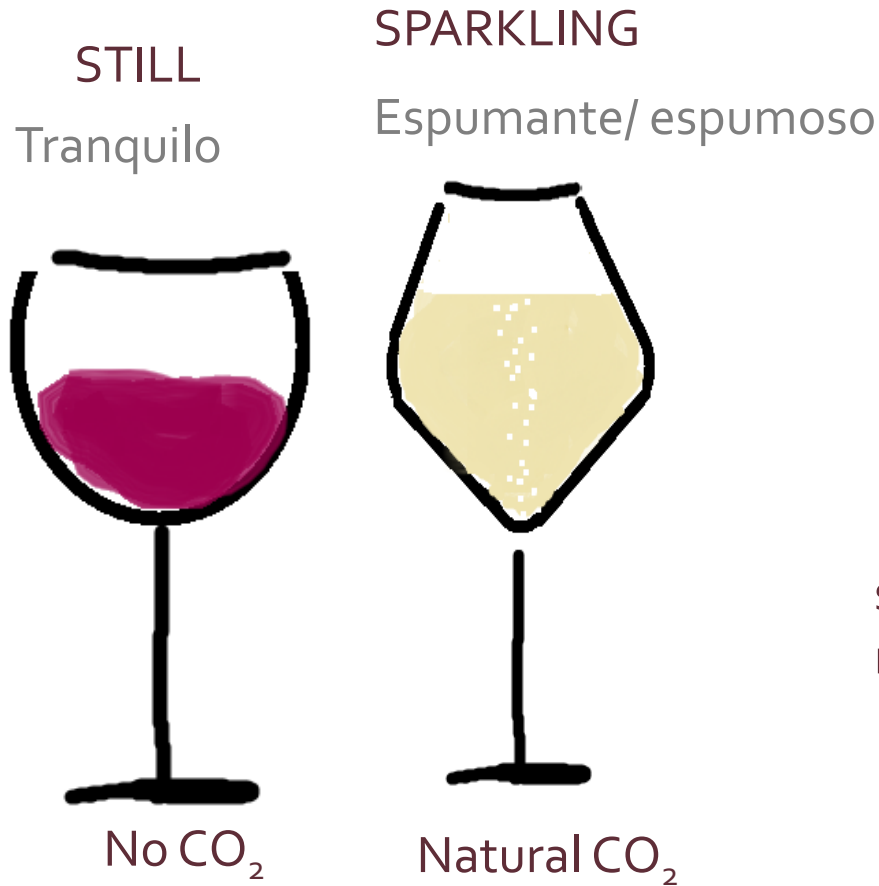
## • Colour



## • Composition

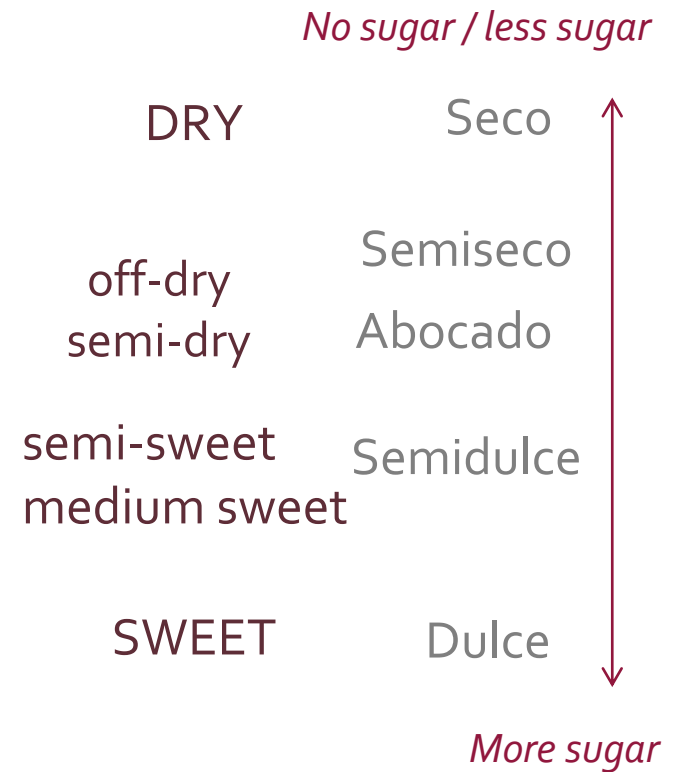


## • Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)



*[Pét-nat = Vino de aguja]*

## • Sweetness



## TYPE BY COMPOSITION



### Describing this aspect

*It is a blend from Malbec and Tannat*

*It **could be** a Bordeaux blend*

*This red varietal is 100% Syrah*

*It is a Cabernet-heavy blend*

*This feels like a Merlot-dominant blend*

*This white blend is 70% Chardonnay and 30% Chenin*

«Composition» refers to grape varieties in the wine.

- La «composición» se refiere a las variedades de uva que componen el vino.

White grape variety

*cepa blanca*

Black / red grape variety

*cepa tinta*

Pink grape variety

*cepa rosada*

Varietal

*varietal*

Single-grape

*varietal (de una sola uva)*

Blend

*corte*

Field blend

*corte cofermentado*

Noble grape

*cepa noble*

Native grape variety

*variedad autóctona*

Red Bordeaux blend

*corte bordelés tinto*

White Bordeaux blend

*corte bordelés blanco*

Rhône blend (*Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre*) GSM

*corte del Ródano (garnacha tinta, syrah, monastrell) GSM*

Percent (x%)

*por ciento (x %)*

-heavy / -dominant

*con predominio de*

# WINE STYLES

- «Style» is a general classification, **not legal or technical**. It is meant to highlight the distinctive general profile or character of the wine with both structure and aromas in mind.
- El «estilo» es una descripción general, no son categorías legales ni técnicas. La idea es expresar el perfil general del vino en función de sus aromas y estructura.

## Describing this aspect

It is young and easy to drink

This is **an** opulent, full bodied **red**

It is **a** light, fruity **white**

It is **a** fragrant, easy to pair **rosé**

It is **a** creamy full bodied **white**

It is evolved and layered

Reds from Luján de Cuyo tend to be bold, full, with a rich mouthfeel.

Long-aged wines are usually complex, smooth and layered but not necessarily easy to drink or versatile.

Easy to drink

Complex and bold

Elegant and zesty

Light-bodied, crisp white

Opulent red (rich + smooth + bold)

Versatile and easy to pair

Light, fresh white

Medium-bodied aromatic white

Full bodied aged white

Oaked heavy white

Light red

Bottle aged red

Medium-bodied red

Full-bodied red

Barrel-aged white

Aromatic white

*fácil de beber*

*complejo y potente*

*delicado de perfil cítrico*

*blanco ligero y fresco*

*tinto concentrado*

*versátil y fácil de maridar*

*blanco fresco y ligero*

*blanco aromático de cuerpo medio*

*blanco de mucho cuerpo con crianza*

*blanco potente con crianza en barrica*

*tinto ligero*

*tinto con mucho tiempo en botella*

*tinto de cuerpo medio*

*tinto de mucho cuerpo*

*blanco con crianza*

*blanco aromático*



# FAMOUS DRY WINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

*Big, bold  
reds*

- Bordeaux red blend (*Cabs, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Malbec, Carmenere*, and others), Bordeaux , France
- GSM red blend (*Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre*), Rhône, France
- Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC (*Grenache Noir-heavy blend*), Rhône, France
- Barolo DOCG (*red varietal from Nebbiolo grape variety*), Piedmont, north-western Italy
- Barbaresco DOCG (*red varietal from Nebbiolo grape variety*), Piedmont, north-western Italy
- 1<sup>st</sup> zone reds, Mendoza, Cuyo, Argentina
- NOA red wines, Calchaqui Valleys, Argentina
- Rioja DOCa (*red wine from Tempranillo grape variety*), La Rioja, Spain (Reserva / Gran Reserva)
- Priorat DOCa (*Grenache-dominant wines, plus Cariñena and others*), Priorat, Catalunya, Spain
- Red «Meritages», United States
- Columbia Valley AVA *Cabernet Sauvignon*, Washington, United States
- Napa *Cabs*, Napa Valley, California, United States
- Maipo Valley *Cabernet Sauvignon*, Central Valley, Chile
- Canelones *Tannat*, Uruguay
- Stellenbosch *Pinotage*, Coastal Region, South Africa
- Hawkes Bay red blends and varietals from *Syrah* and *Merlot*, North Island, New Zealand
- Barossa Valley, Mc Laren Vale *Shiraz*, South Australia, Australia
- Margaret River *Cabernet Sauvignon*, Western Australia, Australia
- Egri Bikaver, *Kékfrancos (Blaufränkisch)*-dominant red blend, Eger Region, North Hungary
- OPAP Naousa, reds from *Xinomavro* (+ *Bordeaux red grapes*), Macedonia, Greece
- Douro DOC (Douro Boys), Portugal
- Dão DOC red wines, Portugal

In several cases, this is not strictly static.  
Wines from these regions could be medium-bodied and vice versa.

# FAMOUS DRY WINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## *Medium (to full)-bodied reds*

- Chianti Classico DOCG (*Sangiovese*-dominant (80%) red), Chianti, Tuscany, Italy
- Brunello di Montalcino (red varietal from *Sangiovese Grosso* grape variety), Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy
- Rosso di Montalcino (red varietal from *Sangiovese Grosso* grape variety [less maturation than Brunello])
- Burgundy AOC (red varietal from *Pinot Noir*)
- Pomerol AOC (*Merlot*-dominant blends [on occasion *Merlot* varietals]), Bordeaux, France
- Rioja DOCa (red wine from *Tempranillo* grape variety), La Rioja, Spain (Genérico, Crianza)
- Ribera del Duero DOC, (red wine from *Tempranillo*), Castilla y León, Spain (Crianza, Reseva, Gran Reserva)
- Willamette Valley AVA *Pinot Noir*, Oregon, United States
- Finger Lakes AVA *Pinot Noir* or *Cabernet Franc*, New York, United States
- Colchagua Valley *Carmenere*, Rapel Valley, Chile
- Uco Valley *Malbec*, Mendoza, Argentina



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Wines from these regions could be full-bodied and vice versa.

# FAMOUS DRY WINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## *Light reds*

- Beaujolais Nouveau AOC (carbonic maceration red from *Gamay* grape variety), southern Burgundy, France
- Baden *Pinot Noir*, Baden, Germany
- Entry level Burgundy (*Pinot Noir*-dominant), Burgundy, France
- Chinon AOC (*Cabernet Franc*-dominant reds), Touraine, Loire Valley, France



# FAMOUS DRY WINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## *Light Whites*

- Marlborough *Sauvignon Blanc*, South Island, New Zealand
- Casablanca Valley *Sauvignon Blanc*, Aconcagua, Chile
- Graves AOC *Sauvignon Blanc*, Bordeaux, France
- Pouilly-Fumé AOC (*Sauvignon Blanc*), Upper Loire Valley (Centre), France
- Sancerre AOC (*Sauvignon Blanc*), Upper Loire Valley (Centre), France
- Muscadet AOC (*Melon de Bourgogne*), Pays Nantais, Loire Valley, France
- Pessac-Léognan blend (*Sauvignon Blanc*-heavy blend + *Sémillon*), Graves, Bordeaux, France



DOG POINT  
VINEYARD

Sauvignon Blanc  
Marlborough

WINE OF NEW ZEALAND

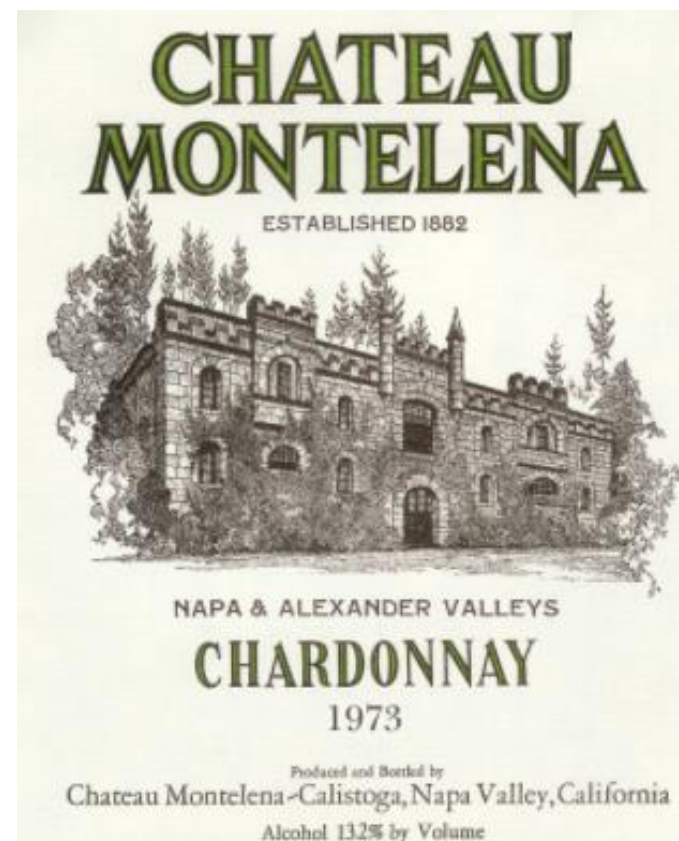
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## *Big, Creamy Whites*

- Chablis AOC, (*Chardonnay*). Burgundy, France
- Dry, oaked *Sémillon* from Bordeaux
- Hunter Valley *Sémillon*, South New Wales, Australia
- Napa Valley *Chardonnay*, California, United States

## *Aromatic Whites*

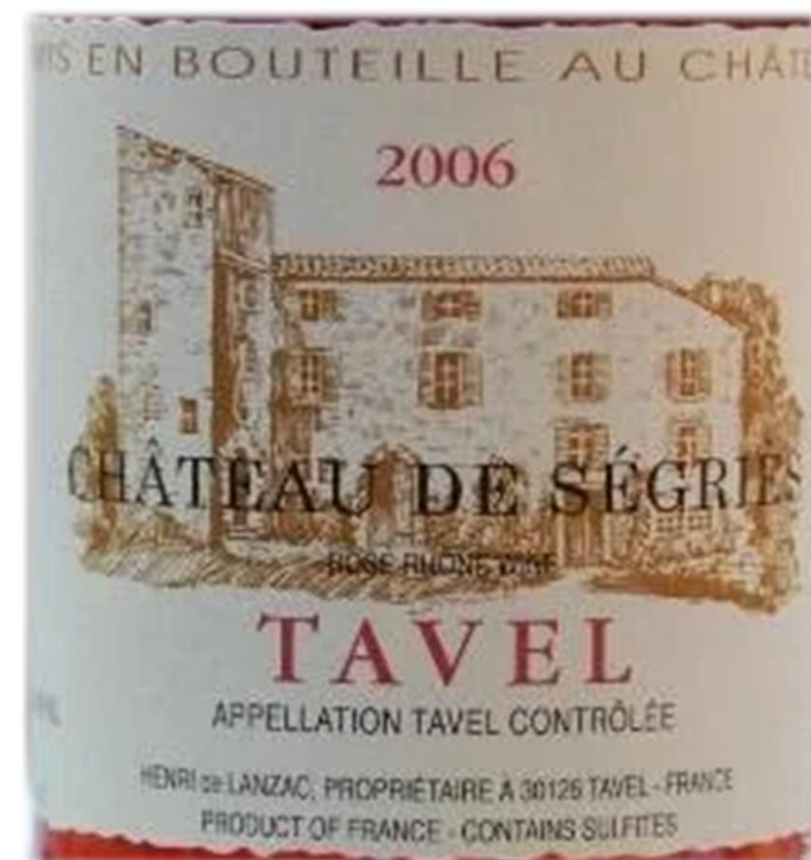
- Argentina *Torrontés*
- Clare Valley *Riesling* and *Viognier*, South Australia,
- Rias Baixas DO (*Albariño*), Galicia, Spain
- Trentino-Alto Adige whites from *Gewürztraminer*, *Sylvaner*, *Müller-Thurgau*, and *Riesling*, north-eastern Italy
- *Rieslings* from Germany



# FAMOUS DRY WINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

## *Rosé Wines*

- Tavel AOC (*Grenache –Cinsault-dominant blend*), Rhône, France
- Bandol AOC (*Mourvedre, Grenache, Cinsault*), Provence, France
- «Blush»: California term to refer to light, slightly off-dry rosé wines



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- *Discussing «wine industry» includes looking at the main grape and wine production and trade data around the world.*

- Para describir la industria del vino, observamos los principales datos del sector en cuanto a producción de uva y vino, y su comercialización en el mundo.

### Main sources:

International:



International Organisation  
of Vine and Wine  
Intergovernmental Organisation

<https://www.oiv.int/>

Argentina:



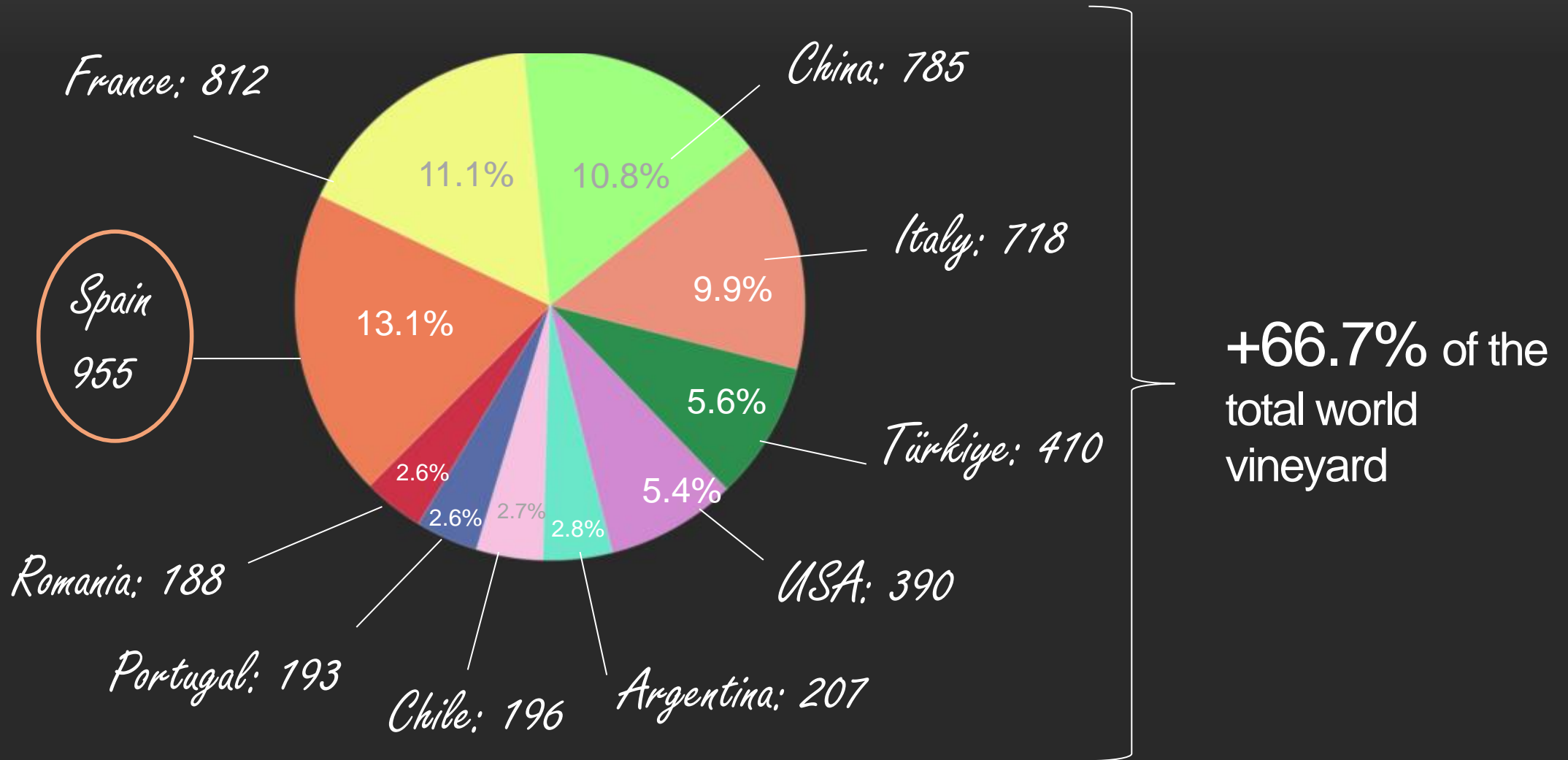
<https://www.winesofargentina.org/es>



<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/inv>

# Vineyard Area (OIV 2022) - Top 10 Countries (000 ha)

Source: OIV 2022 Annual Report





## TAKEAWAYS

- Together, the 10 **countries** with the largest vineyard areas **represent** almost 67% of the total world **vine** crop.

*Los 10 países con la mayor superficie de viñedo **representan** casi el 67 % del cultivo **de vid** total del mundo.*

- Spain has the largest cultivated area. **As per** the 2022 OIV report, they have **almost** 1,000,000 hectares of **vineyard**.

*España tiene la mayor superficie plantada. Según el informe de la OIV de 2022, tienen **casi** 1 millón de hectáreas de **viñedo**.*

- With **around** 207,000 hectares of vine cultivated area, Argentina has the largest **crop** in South America.

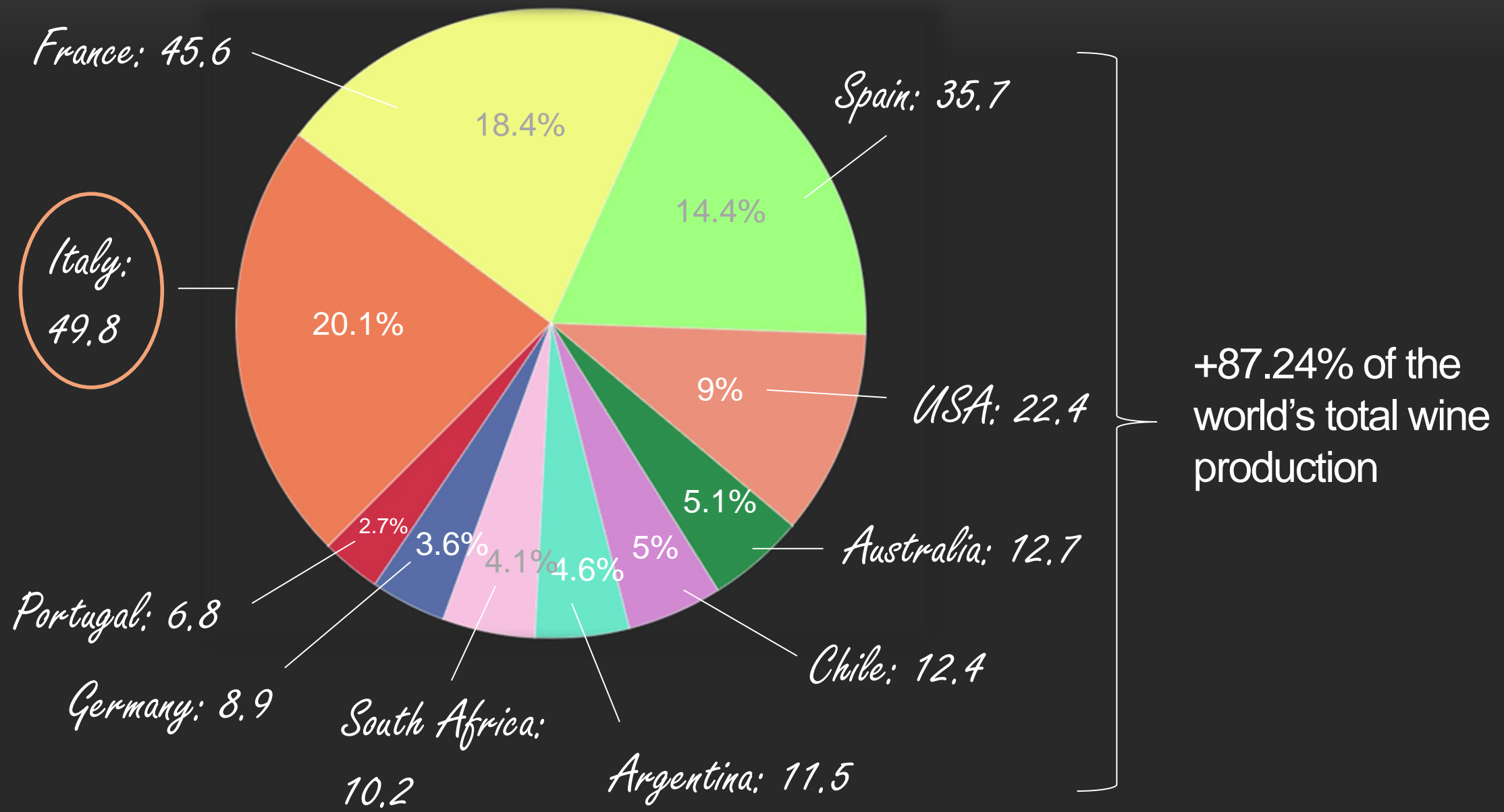
*Con **alrededor** de 207 000 hectáreas de superficie plantada con vid, Argentina tiene el **área de cultivo** más extensa de Sudamérica.*

- Romania's **vineyard area** is **slightly smaller** than Portugal's vine crop.
- Romania's **vineyard area** is **a lot smaller** than China's vine crop.

*La **superficie de viñedo** de Rumania es **un poco más pequeña** que el área de cultivo de Portugal.  
La **superficie de viñedo** de Rumania es **mucho más pequeña** que el área de cultivo de China.*

# Wine Production (OIV 2022) - Top 10 Countries *(millions of hl)*

Source: OIV 2022 Annual Report



## TAKEAWAYS

- Only **10 countries represent** over 87% of the world's total wine production.

*Solo **10 países** representan más del 87 % de la producción de vino total del mundo.*

- Spain is the country with the **largest** cultivated area, but Italy is the country with the **highest** wine production volume.

*España es el país con la superficie cultivada **más extensa**, pero Italia es el país con el **mayor** volumen de producción de vino.*

- With a **production** of over 11 million hectolitres, Argentina is the **seventh biggest** wine producer in the world, *right behind* Chile.

*Con una **producción** de más de 11 millones de hectolitros, Argentina es el **séptimo mayor** productor de vino del mundo, inmediatamente detrás de Chile.*

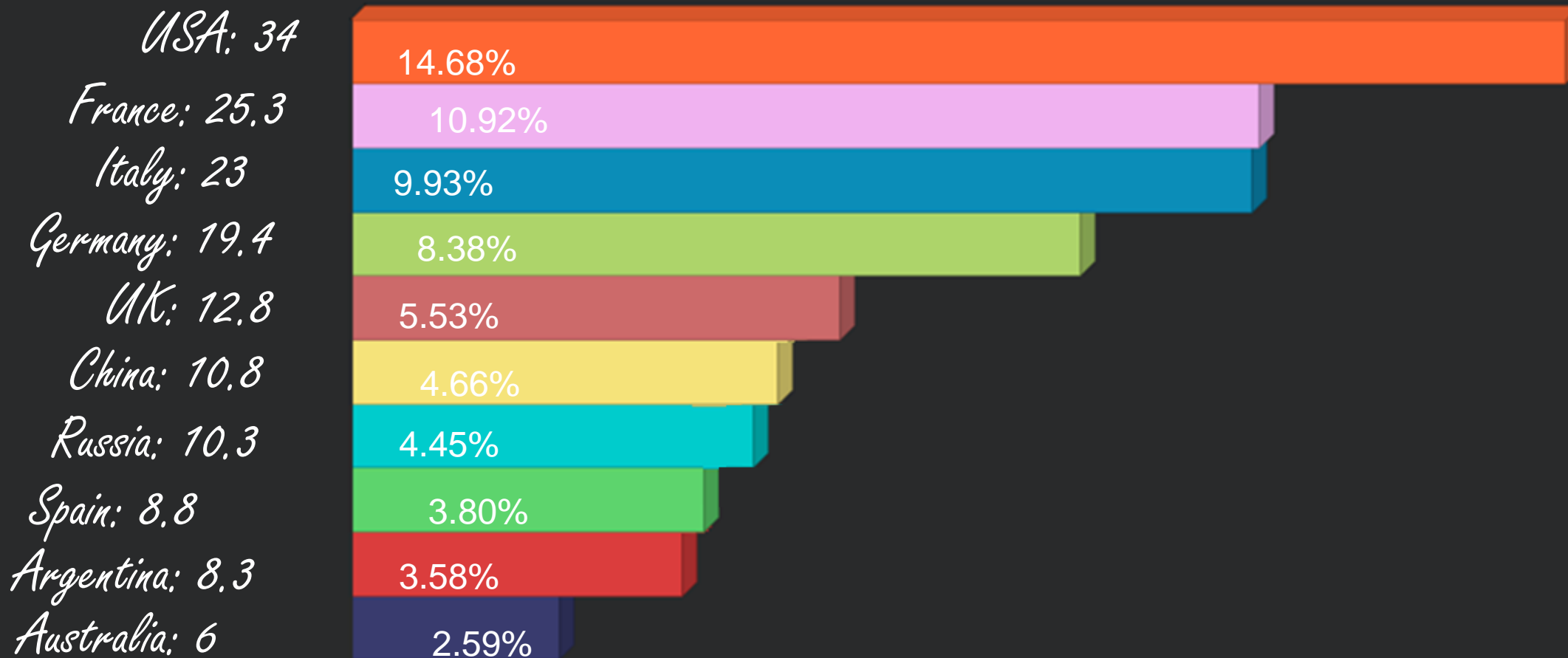
- In 2022, France **produced** over 45 million hectolitres, and is the **second biggest** wine producer in the world.

*En 2022, Francia **elaboró** más de 45 millones de hectolitros, y es el **segundo mayor** productor de vino del mundo.*

- Italy, Spain and France together **account for** over **half** of 2022 world wine production.

*Italia, España y Francia juntos **representan** más de la **mitad** de la producción mundial de vino de 2022.*

# Wine Consumption (OIV 2022) – Top 10 Countries *(millions of hl)*



# TAKEAWAYS

- Only 10 **countries consume** *almost* 70% of the wine consumed worldwide.  
*Solo 10 países consumen casi el 70 % del vino que se consume en el mundo.*
- Only 5 **countries consume** *virtually* **half** the wine consumed around the world.  
*Solo 5 países consumen prácticamente la mitad del vino que se consume en el mundo.*
- *Wine consumption* in France and Italy is very similar.  
*En Francia e Italia el nivel de consumo de vino es muy similar.*
- *Wine consumption* in the Spain is slightly higher than the **volume** consumed in Argentina.  
*El nivel de consumo de vino en España es levemente más alto que el volumen de vino que se consume en Argentina*
- *Although* the United Kingdom is not a **high volume** wine producer, it is the world **fifth** highest wine consumer.  
*Aunque el Reino Unido no es un productor de alto volumen de vino, es el **quinto** mayor consumidor de vino del mundo.*

# INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Comercio internacional

Who *exports* and who *imports* wine?  
[Top 10]

- |              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| 1. Italy     | 6. South Africa  |
| 2. Spain     | 7. Germany       |
| 3. France    | 8. Portugal      |
| 4. Chile     | 9. United States |
| 5. Australia | 10. New Zealand  |

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|----------------|--------------|
| 1. USA         | 6. Canada    |
| 2. Germany     | 7. Russia    |
| 3. UK          | 8. China     |
| 4. France      | 9. Belgium   |
| 5. Netherlands | 10. Portugal |

Argentina is the **11th** world wine **exporter**, with 2.51% of the market (2.7 mhl)

# COUNTRIES THAT IMPORT WINE FROM ARGENTINA

*The top 11 countries represent over 80% of Argentina's total wine exports.*

## ARGENTINA EXPORT MARKET

Mercado de exportación de Argentina

*Argentina exports wine to 123 countries*

Source: INV 2022 report

*+61% of Argentina's total wine exports*

USA	23.7 %
UK	23.3 %
Brazil	9.2 %
Canada	8.9 %
Netherlands	2.8 %
Germany	2.7 %
Mexico	2.6%
China	2.5%
Czech Rep.	1.8%
Denmark	1.5%
France	1.5%
Russia	1.4%

## TAKEAWAYS

- In 2022, Italy, Spain and France were the **top 3** wine exporters. Their exports represent 53% of the world export market.  
*En 2022, Italia, España y Francia fueron los **3 principales** exportadores de vino. Sus exportaciones representa el 53 % del mercado de exportación mundial.*
- Argentina is number 11 in the **world ranking** of wine exporters.  
*Argentina es el n.º 11 en el **ranking mundial** de exportadores de vino.*
- United States is the country with the **highest** import volume in the world. In 2022, they imported 14.4 million **hectolitres** of wine.  
*Estados Unidos es el país con el **más alto** volumen de importación del mundo. En 2022, importaron 14.4 millones de **hectolitros** de vino.*
- The US, Germany and the UK are the **three main** importers of wine. In 2022 they **imported** almost 38% of the world's total market.  
*Estados Unidos, Alemania y el Reino Unido son los **tres principales** importadores de vino. En 2022, **importaron** casi el 38 % del mercado total del mundo.*
- Argentina exports **wine** to 123 countries. The country that **buys** more wine **from** Argentina is the United States.  
*Argentina exporta vino a 123 países. El país que más vino le **compra** a Argentina es Estados Unidos.*



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- *Category refers to the **legal** classification of the wine based on local legislation.*

- La categoría se refiere a la clasificación legal del vino según la legislación del país.

### *Describing this aspect*

*This is a Gran Reserva from Mendoza*

*It is a Burgundy Controlled Appellation wine*

*This is a high quality wine from Chile, probably a Gran Reserva*

*This is a Rioja DOCa wine*

*This is an Oregon AVA wine*

*It is a Cafayate G.I. wine*

*It is a Luján de Cuyo DOC wine*

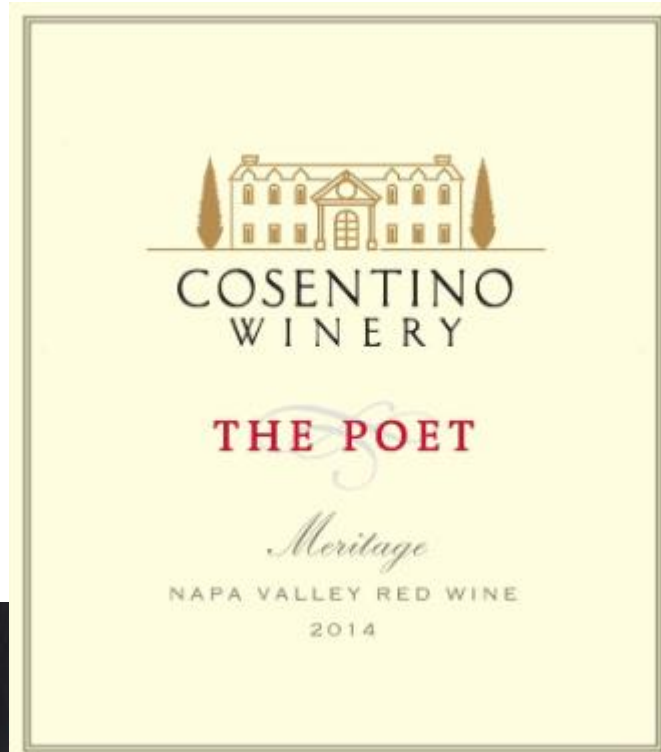
*Curious about Argentina's legal geographical indications? Check this out:*

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/inv/proteccion-del-origen>

Categoría o mención en inglés	Categoría o mención en español	Idioma original	País
Controlled Appellation of Origin	Apelación de Origen Controlada (AOC)	Appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC)	Francia
Geographical Indication (GI)	Indicación Geográfica (IG)		Genérica
Protected Geographical Indication (PGI)	Indicación Geográfica Protegida (IGP)		UE
Designation of Origin (DO)	Denominación de Origen		Genérica
Protected Designation of Origin (PDO)	Denominación de Origen Protegida		Genérica, UE
Controlled Designation of Origin (CDO)	Denominación de Origen Controlada (DOC)		Genérica
Controlled and Guaranteed Designation of Origin	Denominación de Origen Controlada y Garantizada	Denominazione di origine controllata e garantita (DOCG)	Italia
American Viticultural Area (AVA)	Área Vitícola Estadounidense		Estados Unidos
Typical Geographical Indication	Indicación Geográfica Típica (IGT)	Indicazione Geografica Tipica	Italia
Qualified Designation of Origin	Denominación de Origen Calificada (DOCa)		España
Wine	Vino (vino de mesa genérico)		UE
Meritage	No se traduce (combinación de "Merit" [Mérito] y "Heritage" [Legado])		Estados Unidos
Reserve	Reserva		Genérica
Wine of Origin (WO)	Vino de origen		Sudáfrica
Vinters Quality Alliance (VQA)	Alianza de Calidad de Productores		Canadá
Designated Viticultural Appellation (DVA)	Apelación Vitícola Designada		Canadá

# READING LABELS

This is a **2014 Chianti DOCG** from La Bottega winery, in Tuscany, Italy



This is a **The Poet 2014** from Cosentino winery. It is a **Meritage** from Napa Valley, California, United States

This is a **Clos Cypress 2018 Priorat DOCa** from the Costers del Priorat winery, in Catalunya, Spain. It is a 100% **Samsó** \* from Sant Martí old vines



\*Samsó = Cinsault



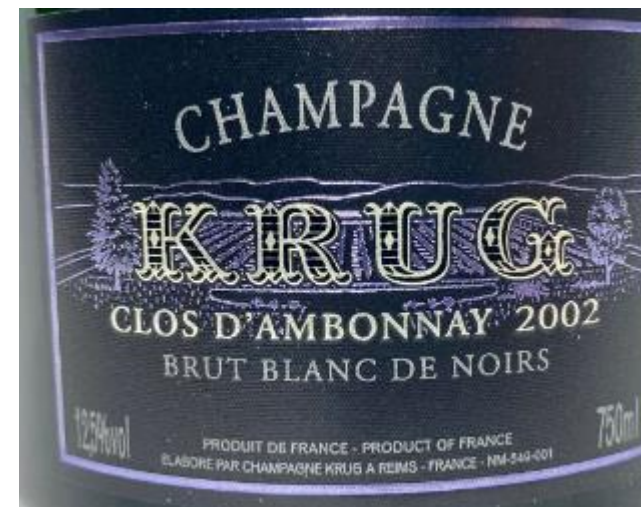
This is a **DE SANGRE 2019** from Luigi Bosca winery. It is a Luján de Cuyo DOC wine, 100% **Malbec** from Mendoza, Argentina

# READING LABELS

This is a **2019 Shiraz** from **Yalumba** winery. Barossa Valley, South Australia



This is a **Clos D'Ambonnay 2002 Vintage Champagne**. It is a *Blanc de noirs*. from the **Krug** Champagne house.



This is a **1966 Romanée-Conti AOC** wine. Burgundy, France



This is a **1999 Trockenbeerenauslese** from **Anselmann** winery. It is an *Ortega* from the **Flemlinger Bischofskreuz** vineyard, Pfalz, Germany



# Suggested reading for wine vocabulary in English

- winefolly.com
  - decanter.com
  - jancisrobinson.com
  - winespectator.com
  - oiv.int - International Organization of Vine and Wine
  - wine-searcher.com
- Páginas web de bodegas **en inglés**. Muchas bodegas del mundo tienen su versión en inglés, sin embargo, les recomiendo visitar sitios de bodegas de países donde el inglés sea el idioma principal.

*Algunos ejemplos:*

Nyetimber (Inglaterra): [nyetimber.com](https://nyetimber.com)

Ridgeview Estate (Inglaterra): [ridgeview.co.uk](https://ridgeview.co.uk)

Chapel Down Estate (Inglaterra): [chapel-down.com](https://chapel-down.com)

Penfolds (Australia): [penfolds.com](https://penfolds.com)

Tyrrel's (Australia): [tyrrels.com.au](https://tyrrels.com.au)

Henschke (Australia): [henschke.com.au](https://henschke.com.au)

Chateau Montelena Winery (EE. UU.): [montelena.com](https://montelena.com)

Archery Summit (EE. UU.): [archerysummit.com](https://archerysummit.com)

Inniskillin (Canadá): [inniskillin.com](https://inniskillin.com)

Mission Hill Winery (Canadá): [missionhillwinery.com](https://missionhillwinery.com)

*Check it out!*

**\*\*\*ON VIDEO\*\*\*:** Take a look at this YouTube channel with curated instructional videos about wine:  
[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLc\\_D-7JlibmT\\_prcceyF7C6AgDNP1IjpN](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLc_D-7JlibmT_prcceyF7C6AgDNP1IjpN)

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