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Winemaking and Wine Tourism of Armenia supported by GIZ



Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) represented by Private Sector Development and Technical Vocational Education and Training South Caucasus (PSD TVET) has become a WTA Nominees' Sponsor giving the opportunity for 11 wine projects, initiatives and businesses from Armenia to get nominated free of charge. The nominations are awarded in cooperation with Vine and Wine Foundation of Armenia.

PSD TVET Programme is implemented by GIZ on behalf of the German Government. The goal of the programme is to improve the conditions for sustainable economic development and support inclusive growth particularly in rural regions.

In Armenia, the programme in cooperation with its partner ministries supports tourism, wine, IT / engineering, and transport / logistics sectors as well as the introduction of a dual TVET system in Armenian VET institutions focusing on regional development.

The programme has been supporting the winemaking and wine tourism sector for over 10 years in Armenia, particularly focusing on introduction of tourism business models and services in the sector, enhancing the quality of Armenian wines and visibility inside and outside of Armenia and contributing to Armenia's image as an emerging winemaking and wine travel destination.



Small country, Great wines!

Wine is part of the identity of the Republic of Moldova, part of the DNA of the people, a real treasure of the country and one of the main drivers of the economy. The Republic of Moldova is known as the “open country in the paradise of wine”, because wine production is the main occupation of Moldovans. Anyone who enters here is welcome. Architectural jewels, underground galleries, vine-strewn hills and wineries that produce from a few thousand bottles to a few million - this all is the treasure of Moldova which managed to put the country on the world map of wine.



Moldovan wine today brings a fresh modern face. Its new generation wines are actually rooted in a rich and complex history, giving the authenticity that so many wine drinkers are looking for today. At the same time, it can offer unique and sometimes surprising wines, especially blends of international and indigenous grape varieties, a true expression of Moldovan terroir. “Wine of Moldova” today is the very real result of this country reinventing its approach to wine - focusing on quality, consistency and ‘enjoyment-in-a-glass’ as its priorities.

The Republic of Moldova is a country located in Eastern Europe, bordered by Ukraine to the east and Romania to the west. It is considered a major wine producing country:

- 15% of the active population is involved in wine production.
- Total vineyards area: 121 000 ha (it comes in 6th position amongst European wine making countries by the size of its vineyards).
- 4% of territory, 7% of agricultural land
- 200,000 people involved in the winemaking sector
- The 6-th largest area of vines under cultivation in Europe
- 225 total registered wineries.
- Over 30 types of technical varieties: 85% European grapes; 10% Black Sea Basin grapes, 5% local grapes.
- White wines represent 60% of the production from the following varieties: Chardonnay, Sauvignon blanc, Muscat ottonel, Aligoté, Pinot gris/blanc, Feteasca alba/regala. Red wines (40% of the production) are made from Merlot, Cabernet sauvignon/franc, Pinot noir, Rara neagra, Feteasca neagra, Saperavi.

The National Office for Vine and Wine worked with wine producers to set up a quality system of protected geographical indications (PGI) on the EU model. Based on research into differences in climate and growing conditions, these represent the three winegrowing regions and the country's wine brandies:

- VALUL LUI TRAIAN (Trajan's Wall) covers 16 113 ha southwest including 3520 (36%) unde IGP.

- ȘTEFAN VODĂ (southeast) covers 6 415 ha including 1 223 (12%) unde IGP.

- CODRU (center) covers 11 838 ha including 2687 (27%) unde IGP.

- DIVIN covers the whole country including 2 507 (25%) unde IGP.

The authenticity and uniqueness of Moldovan wines is represented by the local varieties, which represent 10% of the vineyards: Feteasca Alba, Feteasca Regala, Feteasca Neagra, Rara Neagra and the new selection varieties Viorica, Alb de Onițani etc. Over 80% of the wine produced in the Republic of Moldova is exported in more than 70 countries around the world.

Moldovan wines are now sold in 71 countries, most of them on high value markets in the European Union, with a steady increase over the last 5 years. In 2021, the Republic of Moldova maintained its status as the most awarded country in Eastern Europe, having obtained a record number of awards at international profit competitions: 1,146 medals, half of them are Gold medals.

Besides, Moldova is considered an emerging tourist destination in central Europe, offering an authentic experience to travelers looking to return to their roots and the most untouched values of life. In recent years, the number of wineries that have opened their doors for tourism and places that promote consumer culture has almost tripled, due to the growing number of visitors from abroad.

Tourism in Moldova has an unexplored potential, currently represents about 1% of the country's GDP and

directly employs about 10,000 people (according to the World Economic Forum). However, the growth potential is huge, as global tourism accounts for 10% of GDP (and this indicator is a benchmark for many countries), while every 30 tourists generate 1 job, given that all major tourist attractions are located in rural areas, the development of tourism also leads to economic development outside the country's capital and large cities, reducing poverty and migration.

Moldova can offer an unparalleled authenticity in Europe and this is reflected in all the offers delivered to the client, whether it is a visit to a winery, a walk through the valleys and vineyards, it is always driven by authenticity, by the way Moldovans value their wine, maintain their nature or cook their food.

The product offer of Moldova's wine tourism is also amplified by numerous events and festivals such as: National Wine Day - the most important and largest wine event in Southeast Europe that attracts hundreds of thousands of tourists annually; Wine Vernissage - bi-annual festival that brings together all local producers and connoisseurs; music festivals organized at wineries such as Must Fest at Cricova, Rose day at Castel Mimi or Strawberry fest at Chateau Vartely; but also events such as the unique Wine Run race that is organized underground in Cricova and Milestii Mici.

In 2020 the wine route «Moldovan Wine Road» became the first tourist itinerary of the Republic of Moldova registered in «ITER VITIS - Les Chemins de la vigne» - European wine route that integrates the landscapes and wine heritage of 18 wine states, promoted by the Federation European IterVitis, being certified according to the standards of the Council of Europe from 2009. Also, in 2020-2021 the city of Cricova became part of the European network of wine tourism capitals.

We highly recommend visiting Moldova as your next wine tourism destination or perhaps to return to this wonderful country for new wine experiences! Having visited once, you will fall in love forever with Moldovan wine culture and hospitality.



Excellence in the vineyard is the aim of the Consortium



Consorzio per la Tutela dei Vini Valpolicella is operating in the Valpolicella wine region, which covers an area of 30 thousand hectares, 7844 hectares of which are vineyards. Today it represents 322 companies and in addition to protecting the appellation, the consortium is responsible for promoting Valpolicella wines on the domestic and international markets.

PRESENTATION SHEET

Active for over 90 years, the Consorzio per la Tutela dei Vini Valpolicella represents 322 companies that bottle or make renown DOP Veronese wines, a supply chain that includes 6 cooperative cellars and 2.271 grape growers. In daily contact with the companies along with in-depth knowledge of the area, the consortium has confirmed itself as the main reference point for those looking to discover the Valpolicella and its wines.

Besides guaranteeing the safeguard of the appellation, the Consortium is responsible for the promotion on domestic and international markets of the Valpolicella wines: Amarone della Valpolicella DOCG, Recioto della Valpolicella DOCG, Valpolicella Ripasso DOC and Valpolicella DOC.

VALPOLICELLA IN NUMBERS

Valpolicella is the top red PDO wine in the Veneto region and among the most important in Italy. On a regional level, it comes second only to Prosecco with a gross tradable production per hectare that is one of the highest in Italy confirmed at 23,000 euro per hectare for the 2021 harvest.

The vineyard area is growing and so is the production potential. Over the past 20 years, the area of vineyards has doubled in Valpolicella to reach 8573 hectares in 2021. In 2021, 73.6m bottles of Valpolicella wines (Valpolicella, Amarone, Recioto and Ripasso) were produced for a value of approximately 600m euro per year (Italy's highest for any PDO) with Amarone generating 355m.

In the 2021 harvest, 838.650 quintals of grapes were produced and 366.739 of these were allocated for "Appassimento" (to make Amarone and Recioto).

EXPORT

61% of the production of Amarone PDO in 2021 was sent abroad, 39% in Italy: USA (11%), Switzerland (11%), Canada (11%), UK (10%), Germany (10%) were at the top of the list of its destinations which together absorb about 53% of the bottles exported. Sweden (8%), Benelux (8%), Denmark, Norway and The Netherlands (6%) follow. China and Japan combined weigh in with 3% despite the fact that the export value in these two countries has grown, doubling over the 2015 figure. (Source: 2021 survey by the Observatory of Valpolicella Wines run by Wine Monitor on Valpolicella wine export).

SUSTAINABILITY

Excellence in the vine yard is the aim of the Consortium for the Tutelage of Valpolicella Wines and it goes through environmental sustainability and wealth of the territory.

This is the orientation of the “SQNPI” certification which certifies companies’ respect for the environment by adopting innovative techniques in the vineyard and protection of the landscape. The certification of the area under the Valpolicella appellation was achieved also thanks to the support and consensus of the local towns. In fact, besides meeting the ever more decided consumer demand for wines that express the territory, the certification also came about due to Valpolicella’s inhabitants demanding a cleaner environment. The consortium’s objective is to manage to certify 60% of the vineyard surface area in the next few years.

Monitoring of the use of plant protection products by companies led to positive results both from a technical standpoint and on the front of effective protection of natural balances. Therefore defense of and care for the territory become fundamental values for the quality of the vineyard and the product on which Consorzio per la Tutela dei Vini Valpolicella has laid the foundation for a free consultancy project as well, just for its members. With a weekly bulletin, the consortium informs its members on the proper use of plant protection products, supporting the use of organic products and best practice in the vineyard.

TERRITORY

The makeup of Valpolicella’s landscape, extremely rich thanks to a morphologically varied territory, ideally fans out into several valleys that separate from Verona.

The broad Valpolicella DOC and DOCG wine production area includes the piedmont strip of the municipality of Verona and is divided up according to the production rules into three separate zones:

-The classic area, formed by five geographical areas encompassing the areas of Sant’Ambrogio di Valpolicella and San Pietro in Cariano, and valleys of Fumane, Marano and Negrar;

-The Valpantena area, including the valley of the same name;

- The Valpolicella DOC area, with the districts of the municipality of Verona and the valleys of Illasi, Tramigna and Mezzane.

Grape varieties like Corvina, Corvinone, Rondinella and – in a lesser quantity - Molinara are found in the entire area.

The wines under the designation are: Valpolicella, Valpolicella Ripasso, Amarone della Valpolicella, and Recioto della Valpolicella.

PROMOTION AND INTERNATIONALIZATION

Guided tours, meetings with producers and pairings among wines of the designation with typical products from the Veronese tradition to get to know the outstanding foods and wines and Valpolicella through an experience: every year the consortium organizes educational tours and incoming groups for Italian and foreign industry workers, journalists, and bloggers to promote and add prestige to the Valpolicella Designation.

The consortium participates in the main international trade fairs in the World of wine with its own booth to represent the appellation: Vinitaly in Verona and ProWein in Düsseldorf, Vinexpo Hong Kong, Vinexpo Shanghai and more.

VALPOLICELLA EDUCATION PROGRAM – WORLDWIDE

Born in 2018, the Valpolicella Education Program (VEP) is a complete educational project on wines and the territory of Valpolicella, structured in three progressive levels of study with standardized programs, which are offered through a network of VEP certified educators in various countries of the world, under the supervision and coordination of the Consortium for the Tutelage of Valpolicella Wines which guarantees the high level of competence.



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Patrick F.W. Langguth, CEO of the one of Germany's leading brand name wine producers F.W. Langguth Erben and family member in 7th generation, in his interview told about the results of the company's activities, the company's portfolio, the new trends and marketing developments.



Patrick F.W. Langguth, CEO F.W. Langguth Erben:

“We know and regard the value of wine tourism by positive experience and see it’s value for the future, too”

How was the business year 2021 for F.W. Langguth Erben? What are the results of the company’s activities in terms of numbers, have the set goals been achieved?

Due to the corona pandemic 2021 has of course been a very challenging year for our company, too. Our foremost goal was to create ultimate safety of our employees. Very close attention was also needed in order to cope with interrupted supply chains. Nevertheless, we could increase our annual sales volume by 15% to more than 73 Million Euro.

Which brands of the F.W. Langguth Erben portfolio are currently the most promising in the world market? Which on the domestic?

On the international market our “Blue Nun” brand, which is celebrating it’s 100th vintage this year, is our bestseller. As a matter of fact, it

is Germany’s by far oldest and most widely distributed wine brand.

On the German market we have a stronghold with our “Erben” brand, which is the bestselling brand for “Prädikatsweine”. Apart from that we are very successful with our sustainable brand “Sontino Bio vegan”, which is market leader in its segment on the German market and with our well established French wine brand “Medinet” which has been a million seller for more than 50 years.

Has the company’s portfolio been replenished with new products in 2021?

Our company has always been strong in developing innovative new products. Last year we have launched “Flower Pot”, an organic wine range with the world’s first seed paper label, which can be washed off the bottle and planted in a flower pot. Also we have introduced “Footprint” to the market, a brand that combines all aspects of sustainability, from an

eco-friendly bottle, a newly developed eco-friendly closure, eco-friendly label paper and of course eco-friendly organic wines. To offer an attractive alternative to the successful Italian Primitivo brands to the German and European trade we have combined forces with the Spanish bodega and created a very gentle red wine, that we called “XO – xtra ordinario”. Trade and consumers alike are thrilled by the new product and have made it one of the most successful product launches in 2021.

Which countries in brand representation did companies bet on in 2021? How do you think the export vector will change in 2022?

The US, Middle East, but also Scandinavia have been doing very well in 2021 for Langguth Erben. 2022 will bring a lot of challenges in all parts of the world, but we are optimistic as long as our brands and our team have the confidence of our customers.



“We could increase our annual sales volume by 15% to more than 73 Million Euro”

Tell us a little bit about yourself – in what areas and companies did you work before F.W. Langguth Erben? What directions are you planning to develop?

My background is totally unglamorous and tedious. Nevertheless, I have been tutored by my father and grandfather, how to run successfully our mid-sized wine company and that all effort is to hand the business over to the next generations.

How often does the demand for German wine change in the world as a whole, and are there differences between countries or changes uniform? Is there a prognosis of your own that might change in the near future?

The style that is most successful

in the world for German wine is not changing every year, but we have to address new trends like organic, vegan, lower or no alcohol and do that in every market. In some countries such trends come faster, other ones then follow.

What distribution channels do you plan to bet on in the near future and why?

We are predominantly a partner for the off trade / home consumption as our brands are well known and need no “guidance” to be picked up by the wine lover. So this channel remains our focus. Nevertheless, we do also have new projects with the gastronomy as this is the channel where new trends are being made and we can have a quicker feedback to new product launches.

Could you share some of the new trends and marketing developments in the wine industry that you have personally noticed?

The biggest trend that we can see is the trend towards more sustainability. The modern consumer is expecting a high degree of responsibility for our planet from all producers.

What is the current state of the wine market in Germany – do you agree that today the wine tourism, as an instrument of brand and sales promotion, is coming to the fore?

The home of our winery is one of the eldest and most beautiful regions of the wine world, the Mosel valley with its unique steep slope vineyards. And it attracts visitors from all over





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“The biggest trend that we can see is the trend towards more sustainability. The modern consumer is expecting a high degree of responsibility for our planet from all producers”

the world, but mostly, of course, from our neighbouring European countries.

So we know and regard the value of wine tourism by positive experience and see its value for the future, too.

Do you see the peculiarities of wine tourism in Germany, what are they, if you may, to list 3-5?

1.) Even though Germany is not a very large country, the diversity of wine regions and wines is very big. That allows for very different experiences in a comparably short time.

2.) Germany has an almost perfect touristic infrastructure.

3.) Last but not least German vintners and estates welcome wine lovers from all over the world with great enthusiasm. They want to share what they are working and living for.

F.W. Langguth Erben has become one of the sponsors of the new Wine Travel Awards. Within the framework of cooperation, a number of activities are included:

the presentation of the nominee's catalog for ProWein, events at professional exhibitions in London, Mumbai, Verona, etc. In your opinion, which of these exhibitions and our activities may be of most interest to your company?

All of them are! We do not want to have a “ranking” here, we sell our wines in more than 80 countries, so we regard all these major events in the same way.

How do you think world and national wine tourism is developing at this stage, where are the white spots that should be closed soon?

We do not see “white spots” but of course wine tourism will always have to align itself to the changing expectations of the visitors and potential customers.

For example, the priority goals of the Wine Travel Awards are to unite and create communications between various professional groups of wine tourism operators, as well as to increase the level of awareness and education among representatives of new professions –

guides, bloggers, ambassadors. How do you see, from your side, the mission of such a project as the Wine Travel Awards (maybe we look narrowly and do not see all the actual tasks that projects like ours could fulfill)?

Each wine region and each wine has its specifics, its character and finding this and bringing it to the forefront is most important in our view – that's what adds authenticity.

Are there any new futuristic wine tourism destinations in Germany, like the French Cité du Vin for example?

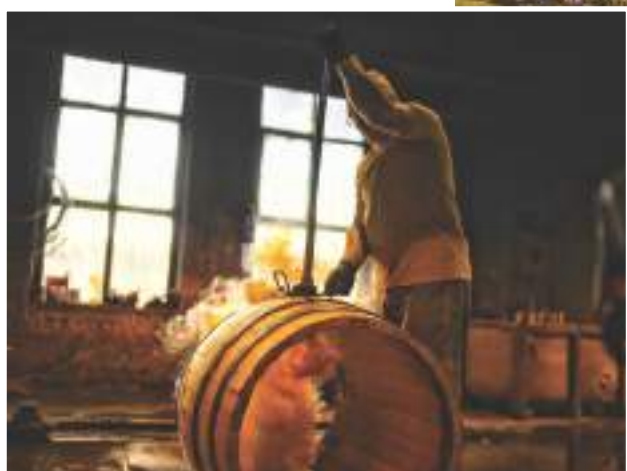
The strength of Germany are the “classic” destinations and the diversity of regions and thereby wines. This is what in our view we need to focus on.

What are your predictions and plans for 2022?

A challenging year, but we will take the challenges on as good as we can and continue to work for the trust of our partners in the trade as well as our consumers worldwide.

There is not more we can do.

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When people think about Hungary, it's often its unique thermal baths, rich architectural heritage or popular natural sights, like Lake Hévíz or Lake Balaton, that come to mind. However, Hungary also possesses another treasure, which, until recently, has only been discovered by a few: Hungarian wine.

The key assets in Hungary's wine culture are its globally distinctive environment (Tokaj sits on top of a hundred extinct volcanos), a spectacular architectural heritage (historical wine cellars and fermentation chambers), and last but not least, the people, the winemakers to whom we owe for the many faces of Hungarian wine.

The diversity of Hungary's wine regions and their wines is entirely unique in the realm of wine: the climate, grape varieties and varied soils all transport us to a wholly different world in each of the six major Hungarian wine-producing areas. This diversity is crowned by Tokaji Aszú, which is considered the noblest among naturally sweet wines, and no other wine is made like it in the world. Hungarian wines boast an ever-changing palette, with options ranging from sparkling to naturally sweet wines,

and volcanic white wines to full-bodied reds, allowing us to rediscover Hungarian wine again and again.

Travellers, wine lovers and experts can all find up-to-date information about the wine regions, wine styles, wineries or even up-coming events and exciting articles on WinesofHungary.hu. The webpage of Wines of Hungary – Personally (Hungarian wine's community brand) is managed by the Hungarian Tourism Agency, a public institution. The aim of the Hungarian Tourism Agency is to enable a well-organized communication of Hungarian wines and wine regions and to promote wine tourism in Hungary and abroad. It carries out communication activities in collaboration with the Agricultural Marketing Centre, the Ministry of Agriculture, the National Council of Wine Communities, market players and wineries.

Wines of Hungary presents 11 WTA nominees:

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In 1789, Franz Wilhelm Langguth founded the wine house in Traben-Trarbach on the banks of the Moselle River. To the surprise of many, this charming town managed to reach the same importance in wine trading as Bordeaux in France. Today, the F.W. Langguth Erben winery, located in the heart of Europe, with its own steep sloped vineyards along the Moselle valley cultivates wines mainly in the famous German wine regions of Rheinhessen, Pfalz and Moselle.

For nearly 70 years, the company was managed by one of the patriarchs of German winemaking, Wolfgang Langgut. In the 60s, he witnessed the company's embarking on the path from a winery in Mosel River valley towards internationalization. At the same time, the company's philosophy was formed: innovations in production and marketing to create stable high-quality wines and a strong brand, fast deliveries to customers around the world, preserving traditions in combination with modern environment-friendly approaches to grape growing and wine production technologies.



Seven generations of the Langguth family were living and working in the wine world. Today, similarly to Mosel being is one of the oldest wine-growing regions in Germany, F.W. Langguth Erben is one of the most reputable wineries in Germany, renowned as a pioneer in modern international trade. Located in the heart of Europe, F.W. Langguth Erben creates wines from grapes from its own vineyards located in the famous German wine regions.

The Langguth Erben product range includes traditional brands such as Erben®, Blue NUN®, Medinet®, and also the innovative brand ideas. They are created in the minds of consumers. This can only be achieved with extraordinary quality and a feel for consumer requirements. A challenge that F.W. Langguth has always felt obliged to meet, making the Langguth Erben brands successful on all continents in more than 100 countries around the globe. F.W. Langguth Erben is now one of Germany's leading brand name wine producers.



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Etyeki Kúria

#191

Etyeki Kúria winery owns vineyards in two distinct wine regions: Etyek-Buda and Sopron. Etyek-Buda, located just 30 minutes west of Budapest, is known for its cooler than average climate, constant breeze and limestone base rock, which offer ideal conditions for making sparkling wines, crisp and lively white wines, as well as Pinot Noir. Sopron is located in northwestern Hungary, with our vineyards located near Neusiedler Lake. The red wines of this region have great potential for ageing, which is proven by our fruit-forward Merlot and Kékfrankos varietal wines, bottled since 2013.

We offer a chance to leave behind the bustle of the city in just 30 minutes and enjoy slow food, slow “wine” and a fully chill atmosphere. The vineyards literally surround the building, so nature is right at your feet as you arrive at Etyeki Kúria. Our wines have earned numerous awards at international and national wine competitions (Decanter, Mundus Vini, Concours Mondial de Bruxelles, Berliner Wein Trophy, International Wine Challenge etc.).



Photo: Etyeki Kúria



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Vylyan Vineyards and Winery #181

The outstanding place marked on the Villány-Siklós Wine Route. As opposed to the prevalent model in the Villány Wine region, we have built the center of the estate right at the heart of our vineyards on the Fekete-hegy (Black Mountain) in Kisharsány. This move itself reflects our tight relationship to the whole winegrowing region and our own vineyards.

From April to September we await wine-loving guests with wine tasting programmes, a Mediterranean-style terrace, and seasonal cultural events. From the very beginning, our aim was to make the best possible wine that carries the characteristics of the Villány region. We have applied historical knowledge and experience and adjusted their use to match the challenges of contemporary winemaking. This philosophy is also reflected in our use of environmentally friendly solutions at the vineyards.



Photo: Vylyan Vineyards and Winery



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Château Pape Clément #176

The first harvest took place in 1252. For more than 750 years, therefore, Château Pape Clément has been producing fine wines on the same terroir. At this time, it was called Domaine de la Mothe.

Jean-Baptiste Clerc was one of the owners who marked the history of the estate. He was behind the existing Château, in the neo-Gothic style dating from 1864. Under his aegis, more than 30 hectares was replanted and this same year, the property received the grand ministerial medal awarded in the competition for the most outstanding vineyard.

Due Paul Montagne's efforts on the vineyard restoration, the quality of the Grand Vin was finally to be recognised on the creation of the classification of Grands Crus Classés de Graves in 1959.

In 2003, the new barrel cellar opened its doors, followed in 2007 by the renovation of the cellar with its prestigious oak vats. Bernard Magrez made every effort to allow the exceptional terroir of Château Pape Clément to stand the test of time and express the finesse that had made the reputation of its wines. It was in 2009 that these efforts were rewarded with the mythical score of 100 from the critic Robert Parker for Château Pape Clément white, and then the same score for Château Pape Clément red the following year.



Photo: Château Pape Clément



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Stakhovsky Wines Tasting Hall #174

The credo of the wine brand “Ace & W by Stakhovsky” sounds more relevant than ever – it’s time to win! In tennis, “Ace” means a legal serve that is not touched by the receiver, winning the point, and “W” comes from the word “win”. The founder and owner of the brand is the world-famous tennis player from Ukraine Serhiy Stakhovsky. Ace & W by Stakhovsky – author’s wine from the legend of Ukrainian tennis.

The former Ukrainian athlete decided to master winemaking at the end of 2015, after lengthy work in France. The outstanding tennis player rented 22.5 hectares of old vineyards in Transcarpathia, where they prepared the soil for more than two years, planted new vines of Merlot, Saperavi and Pink Traminer, and irrigated, to prepare the vineyard. Now the Stakhovsky Wines vineyards are one of the most beautiful and well-groomed in the region. The first harvest of the vineyard was in 2018.



Photo: Stakhovsky Wines Tasting Hall



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Anselmo Mendes #167

We began producing wine with Alvarinho grapes in 1998, in Monção and Melgaço. Currently, we produce wine from three white grape varieties (Alvarinho, Loureiro, Avesso) and one red grape variety (Alvarelhão) in three regions of the Vinho Verde Demarcated Region: Alvarinho and Alvarelhão in the Minho Valley, Loureiro in the Lima Valley and Avesso in the Douro Valley. But our variety of choice is Alvarinho, in which we have invested more time and devotion, seeking to take full advantage of its natural characteristics and potential. Also, we produce wines from other regions, such as Douro, Dão, Beira Interior and Açores.

We produce white and red wines that have already won various prizes and distinctions and earned the trust of the most demanding critics and wine lovers all over the world.

Casa da Torre Quinta da Bemposta is an estate with over 60 ha, located in Monção, with an historical manor house that dates back to the 14th century. Here, resides the future of our wines, and our experiments, where the dominant grape variety is Alvarinho. The property is part of the ecological network, where besides the vineyards, you can find woods with relevant biodiversity and a wide river-front of Rio Gadanha, tributary of the Rio Minho.



Photo: Anselmo Mendes



Department of Culture and Tourism of the Odesa City Council #163

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The population of the Odesa region has been cultivating grapes and producing grape wines since time immemorial. The ancient Greeks are considered to be the progenitors of winemaking in this region. That was they, in the VI-II century BC, who founded on the shores of the Black Sea settlement of Tira (later – Ackerman) and the first to plant vineyards here. And it was neither more nor less – more than 2,5 thousand years ago. Later Tatar, Turkish, Armenian and Moldavian settlements, which cultivated grapes, started to be built in the region. The first governor of Odesa encouraged the development of viticulture and winemaking in the region. By 1821 there were 804 vineyards. The beginning of cultural winemaking in the region is associated with the Swiss settlers, who founded the winemaking settlement Shabo in 1822.

There are many wine bars, tasting centers and specialty stores in the city. There are also more than 15 wine-related projects, the largest of which are: **Odesa Wine Week**, a road trip on the trail to the history of Ukrainian winemaking and the phenomenon of Odesa cuisine.

Wine Fest “The road of wine and taste of Ukrainian Bessarabia” is like a vine, on which branches form a coherent system of tourist enogastronomic routes.



Photo: Department of Culture and Tourism of the Odesa City Council



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SHABO's wine culture center

#146

One of SHABO's important social projects is the Wine Culture Center established in 2009. Its goal is to give everyone the opportunity to personally see where noble drinks are made, and to feel like being a part of Ukrainian winemaking.

The bicentennial Swiss cellars, contemporary art objects, museums, cinemas, a musical fountain, production and professional tastings of wines that have been conquering the world: this is a whole range of experiences and tastes, which are available here. And, here, everyone can appreciate the achievements of the Ukrainian winemakers.

The amazing House of Sparkling Wines. This is a historical object, which was completely restored in 2013. Here, the winemakers from SHABO company produce the best sparkling wines of Ukraine (according to two Charmat technologies and the classic method of champagnization in bottle).

House of Cognacs. Since 2005, the company has been producing cognac and brandy, and since 2013, Shabo's grape vodka, which was created using the exclusive technology. Department of micro winemaking with the best equipment in Europe. It produces premium wines using the best technologies in the world. Qvevri Hall. Our guests can see how unique wines are made according to the Kakhetian technology, which is more than 8 thousand years old (it is included into the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List). Exclusive wine hall. It contains a family collection of Great Wines, which SHABO has been creating for over 13 years.



Photo: SHABO's wine culture center



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Morabianca restaurant #144

Morabianca is a fine dining restaurant located within the Radici Resort. The menu emphasizes the strong link with the territory, through the use of Irpinia extra virgin olive oil from ravece and ogliarola – the precious Soleyon made by Mastroberardino – mushrooms and truffles, cheeses and local vegetables, homemade pasta as well in the area.

Well assorted wine list, which features the famous representation of the family jewels, integrated with a selection of wines from various regions of the world. Every detail is cared for: from the elegant atmosphere of the environments to the innovative and original kitchen. This all contributes to give an unique sensory experience and complete a journey into the heart of the aromas and flavors of Irpinia.



Photo: Morabianca restaurant



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Radici Resort

#142

Radici Resort, in Mirabella Eclano (Avellino), is a new resort, built in a classical and refined style, where you can enjoy a combination of luxury comfort and peaceful accommodation in the heart of Irpinia. The Resort is completely surrounded by vineyards, and a place where your relaxation is our focus. Let Radici Resort be the starting point for your journey to that place you have seen in your dreams.

Radici Resort, in the middle of Mastroberardino Winery's 150 acre estate, is located in the production area of Taurasi DOCG, the great wine of South Italy. It sits on a hill roughly 400m above sea level in a valley surrounded by vineyards of Aglianico, Greco di Tufo, Fiano di Avellino, and Falanghina. All these indigenous grapes are used for the production of the region's best wines such as the impressive Radici Taurasi DOCG, Greco di Tufo DOCG and Fiano di Avellino DOCG. Mastroberardino is one of the oldest producing wineries in Southern Italy and has owned the estate at Mirabella for generations. The resort facility is comprised of guest rooms, a fine restaurant, golf course, swimming pool and various amenities.



Photo: Radici Resort



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Mirabella Golf Club #141

Mirabella Golf Club was founded in February 2008 by the will of Mastroberardino family, that with a group of friends decided to establish a place for sharing the common passion for the game of golf and at the same time encourage the disclosure in its own territory, up to that moment not equipped with structured investments suitable to allow the rooting of this sport. Piero Mastroberardino took over the Presidency. As a first step the family decided to allocate part of its prestigious farm in Mirabella Eclano, inside the center of the area of production of Taurasi DOCG, a settlement for wine tourism that would be able to respond to the expectations of wine lovers that for centuries are the core business of the

The course of Mirabella Golf Club, a double tees nine-hole with standard approval of the Italian Golf Federation, is mainly due to the creativity of nature that designed in the hills of Irpinia terracing, ripples, walkways of great beauty, a land vocated for centuries to excellent viticulture and olive-growing production.

In this beautiful frame the Mastroberardino family intended to create its own golf course, following these natural paths, in order to make it as compatible as possible with the environment of the Irpinia hills landscape.



Photo: Mirabella Golf Club



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Museo d'Impresa Mastroberardino Atripalda #140

MIMA is the Business Museum – Museo d'Impresa Mastroberardino Atripalda, a new cultural project that Piero Mastroberardino, the head of the winemakers' family business, is extremely passionate about. Nowadays, the heir to the winemaking traditions demonstrates numerous talents: in winemaking, pedagogy, and poetry. And here is one of his latest creations – the MIMA Museum.

The vaults of this repository are still decorated with frescoes by many artists, including works of antique themes by Raffaele De Rosa and Maria Micozzi here, and bacchanalia of Bacchus, and satyrs, and dancing girls with vines. The cellar has become a repository of both art objects and the winery's oldest bottle, Taurasi 1928.

"Thanks to my father Antonio and his love for historical artifacts, which are meticulously cherished, nowadays, this museum is a real treasure that I wanted to renovate in order to preserve the dynasty's history in the memory of the young members of our family and a wide audience" – Piero Mastroberardino explains.

Antonio Mastroberardino (Piero's father) earned the nickname of the archaeologist in winemaking: due to the renovation work in the vineyards of the Pompeii museum complex.



Photo: Museo d'Impresa Mastroberardino Atripalda



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Pago de Carraovejas #135

Pago de Carraovejas has grown in the heart of the Ribera del Duero, in Peñafiel. In the 30 years of the winery's existence, it has reached 180 hectares in production with more than 20,000 square meters of social buildings and winery. The estate includes two very special areas where its two plot wines originate: El Anejón and Cuesta de las Liebres.

Pago de Carraovejas Wine Tourism experiences were born in 2013 to offer visitors a complete vision of the project's concept of viticulture and winemaking. Pago de Carraovejas develops an offer of unique visits: the real protagonists are the wine and the knowledge provided by the viticulture and winemaking applied in each project. A time in which the visitor is transported with passion as the driving force.

Pago de Carraovejas marks the origin of Alma Carraovejas in 1987, when the winery was born with its first 9 hectares and the dream of becoming a reference in the Ribera del Duero. After thirty years of experience, quality, attention to fine detail, sustainability and innovation are the driving forces of the company.



Photo: Pago de Carraovejas



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Château Lascombes #126

Château Lascombes, 2nd Classed Growth classified in 1855, is one of the largest estates of the Medoc, which has about 40 plots at its disposal. The total vineyard area is 130 ha with a large diversity of soils: 120 ha located in Margaux Appellation and 10 ha in Haut-Médoc Appellation. The estate bears the name of its first owner, Chevalier de Lascombes, who was born in 1625.

All wines of Château Lascombes (100%), produced since 2001, are created using the Oxoline system, which rotates wine barrels at a certain interval. In this way the estate manages to produce full-bodied wines with a deep tannic finish.

Château Lascombes is open to group and individual visits for tourists all over the world!



Photo: Château Lascombes



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Château Mukhrani #124

Château Mukhrani represents an iconic part of Georgian history, featuring as an ancestral home of Prince Ivane Mukhranbatoni, a renowned member of the Georgian Royal family Bagrationi. Built in the XIX century, the palace and surrounding gardens were designed by French architects. The construction of the palace took 12 years to complete. Both the palace and grounds captured visitor's attention. It became a cultural and political center for the Georgian and foreign elite, a focal point of European and International influence. Prince Ivane Mukhranbatoni hosted many guests, including public figures, writers, poets, and artists.

Château Mukhrani's mission is to develop a dynamic wine and hospitality business on the foundation of the Georgian Royal family estate, a center of history, winemaking and culture. Our company strives to warrant the highest standards of execution of all our products and services, extending the gracious and royal hospitality along with our core values – Nobility, Excellence and Authenticity to each employee, guest and customer.



Photo: Château Mukhrani



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Tbilvino #112

At the foot of the picturesque Caucasus Mountains, you can find the modern wineries of Tbilvino company, surrounded by its own vineyards. Under this brand name, wine has been produced since 1962, but over the years, the company has been modernized, and now, it creates wines that have gained the highest world's awards. These wines are born in a beautiful, fertile, and hospitable land, a visit to which will turn into one of the most vivid impressions in your life.

The production is based on a combination of European technologies and ancient Georgian traditions, including those applied for the aging process. Right you are – we are talking about clay vessels called “qvevri”. The qvevri wine cellar, called marani in Georgia, is located in Kvareli. The Tbilisi winery is using French oak barrels for the premium line of Special Reserve wines. The symbiosis of traditions and innovations gives the best result.



Photo: Tbilvino

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Csányi Pincészet Zrt

#104

The wines of the Villány Wine Region are considered to be both of excellent quality and of commercial success by experts and consumers. Even the first full origin protection system of Hungary was developed out here. While the nature around is truly beautiful, the wine remains the best attraction of the whole region.

Csányi Winery plantations are stretching over the best vineyards of Villány Wine Region. Our annual sales of 2 million bottles carry the message that we are on the right track and our wines are widely favoured.

During your visit to Csányi Pincészet winery, you have a chance to see the greatest vineyards, where the wine making takes its first steps. The longest cellar labyrinth of Villány is located right under our winery building and stretches deep into the ground, and we welcome our guests to take this memorable walk to feel the spirit of the wine process making and history. The winery visit includes the guided tour to production and cellars facilities.



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Vinuri de Comrat #96



The winery Vinuri de Comrat is included in the Moldova Wine Road “RO-MD Cross Border Wine Tourism Cluster Development”.

The winery project of Comrat started in 1945 with ambitions and enthusiasm. Even though the oldest building dates from 1894, the facilities have now been carefully restored. Everyone had their hands full to clean and restore the stone to its original grandeur.

The Museum of forgotten things has a wide range of different things of the Soviet period, collected in wine cellars during the reconstruction. It includes furniture, musical instruments, typewriters and other objects of the first half of the XX century.

Restaurant “Bessarabian Province” – a unique example of a modern restaurant in old cellars of the XIX century. It symbolizes an unforgettable experience of marriage between local Moldovan and Gagauzian cuisine and outstanding Southern wines. Being an excellent location for events of all kinds, the restaurant has its total capacity of nearly 200 seats.



Photo: Vinuri de Comrat



Cricova Winery #86

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“Cricova” is a unique underground complex that got renowned throughout the world for both its huge labyrinths and its excellent wines. “Cricova” is the first Moldovan company that manufactures sparkling wine by the method of the famous monk Dom Pierre Perignon – “Méthode Traditionnelle”. Furthermore, “Cricova” manufactures sparkling wines obtained by secondary fermentation in stainless steel reservoirs, and the resulting sparkling wine possesses a full fruity taste and freshness.

“Cricova” is the most valuable brand in Moldova, renowned far beyond its borders. It is the first and only company awarded the highest state distinction, the Order of the Republic. By virtue of the Law of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, the “Cricova” Associated Wine Factory has been declared the National Cultural Heritage.



History of “Cricova” Winery began in 1952, when for the first time in the Republic of Moldova was produced sparkling wine using the classical French method “Methode Champenoise” in the former underground galleries of the limestone mine. The underground city is situated at a depth of up to 100 m underground and over 120 km of underground streets with independent infrastructure. The streets are named according to the wines that are stored in barrels: “Cabernet”, “Chardonnay”, “Sauvignon”, “Aligote”, “Feteasca”. Cricova underground City represents the National-Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Moldova, with underground tasting rooms, wine museum, underground theater, and a collection of high-quality wines with over 1.000.000 bottles of rare renowned wines gathered from all over the world.



Photo: Cricova Winery



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Crama Mircești

SRL #84



Crama Mircești SRL is located in the village of the same name in Ungheni district. This region, the village of Mircești, has a historical importance and has a good terroir for wines with a strong character. Therefore, Arcadie Fonea, the owner of the winery, laid the foundations of a winery and began the renovation of the boyar mansion nearby, keeping its specific symbols. Recently, the winery has been equipped with a meteorological data generation station, and employees are applying modern strategies for cutting vines and testing them against disease, using drones. Mircești Winery is also the host of experiments and wine demonstrations within the project “The best grapes”, which aims to identify best practices for growing grapes in the national context.

Besides the restaurant, Mircești Winery provides 13 delightful rooms at the hotel. They are all designed to make you feel the comfort you dream of, when you want to experience a get-away weekend, a breath of fresh air and a good wine, away from the rush of the city.



Photo: Crama Mircești SRL

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Château Smith Haut Lafitte #77

Château Smith Haut Lafitte is the authentic place with 6 centuries and a half of history. The current owners of the Château, Daniel and Florence Cathiard, devoted over 30 years to their passion – making wine in this marvellous estate located south of the city of Bordeaux.

Château Smith Haut Lafitte constantly uses new technologies, such as tests with drones and the satellite imagery, to better monitor the vine growing cycle and the ripening of the grapes all year long. An even sharper tool is the on-board NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetative Index) that is use on its entire vineyard.

Les Sources de Caudalie is a luxury 5-star hotel surrounded by vines and next to Château Smith Haut Lafitte Grand Cru Classé.

5-star hotel, Vinothérapie Spa, 2-Michelin star restaurant, La Grand Vigne, country-inn restaurant, La Table du Lavoir, wine bar and delicatessen, Rouge.



Photo: Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte



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Sherwood Winery #60

Sherwood Winery is a joint, licensed project of the multiple winners of the All-Ukrainian tasting wine contests – “KSV” House of Wine and the winner of the “The 2021 Highest Quality Services and Goods” contest in the nomination “Hotel and Restaurant Complex”, finalist of the Ukraine Tourism Awards 2021 in the nomination “Best Country Complex” – Hotel and Restaurant Complex – “Forest Club Sherwood” located in the central part of Ukraine, in the ancient city of Uman; the city is famous for Sofiyivka Park, a dendrological park, which is a world-class masterpiece, as well as incredibly beautiful light and music fountains glorifying Uman, which is sometimes called “little Israel”, because it is also a center of the Hasidic pilgrimage. This is a city of Cossack glory with its mysterious dungeons. In addition, this is a city, where craft natural wines are produced from grapes grown in the Uman land, the quality of which is not inferior to foreign ones. The project was created with the support of the Association of Cavists of Ukraine, the Sommelier School “Master-Class” and Drinks+ Media Group. Author and coordinator of the project is Serhiy Kovalenko – vine grower and winemaker.



Photo: Sherwood Winery



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Father's Wine VB #59

The winery Father's Wine VB was founded by Vladimir Buyachek in 2010. After the death of Vladimir Buyachek (2018), his wife Nadezhda and children – Taras and Oksana – continued the family business.

The winery's credo, which was voiced out by its founder, has remained the same: "To make wines for everyone as if you are creating them for yourself!". Today, the volume of production is 12,000 bottles per year.

The winery conducts tastings in restaurants, so potential partners can learn about "the daddy's wines"; it receives small groups of visitors at its production facilities. "These are primarily wine lovers who come to us, and these people are interested in everything that is Ukrainian – they are tourists who have visited our country, buyers whom we meet at various festivals and, certainly, our friends. There are many tourists who would like to visit our winery, particularly, during the period of closed borders. Shortly, the estate will set up a tasting area and will be ready to open its doors for a full-scale wine tourism.



Photo: Father's Wine VB



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Cité du Vin #58

Located in Bordeaux, the Cité du Vin is a cultural place, unique in the world, where wine is presented in its cultural, civilisational, heritage and universal dimensions. The Cité du Vin showcases vineyards from around the world through a permanent tour, temporary exhibitions, wine tasting workshops and numerous events. The Cité du Vin is a place accessible to the greatest number and open to all.

Newcomers or connoisseurs, amateurs or not, professionals, families and young public, people with disabilities, international tourists (1,3 million visitors from 180 nationalities have been welcomed since the opening)... immediate boarding for a spectacular trip around the world, through the ages, in all cultures!

Thanks to digital and interactive technologies, the Permanent exhibition traces, in an innovative way, the epic story of wine culture, which has inspired people and shaped their lives as well as their territory for millennia.

Visitors choose from a selection of 15 world wines, regularly changing, and from partnerships with organisations and associations from around fifty wine regions around the world. The youngest enjoy a glass of organic grape juice.



Photo: Cité du Vin



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The Shumi Winery #55

"SHUMI" means "the best wine" in ancient Georgian. A 1.5 hours drive from the capital, in the beautiful and historically famous part – Kakheti, the Shumi winery was founded in 1997. It borders the National Park-Museum of the Georgian princes Chavchavadze. The territory at different times belonged to the Georgian and Kakheti kings, the family of Alexander Chavchavadze himself, and then was the summer residence of the Russian emperors. The Shumi winery is a continuation of the traditions of the 8000-year history of Georgian viticulture and winemaking.

The company offers guests original packages of vertical tasting, combining a wide range of popular white and red wines, exclusive lines of wines and spirits that have no analogues in the world.

Shumi Winery offers guests an unforgettable day in a tourist complex that has no analogues in the world. 38 locations – infrastructure in the same space offer the guest an educational tour that allows you to get acquainted with many samples of Georgian culture.



Photo: The Shumi Winery



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Vinaria Purcari #32



Chateau Purcari – a combination of wine, tradition and hospitality. Located 120 km from Chisinau and only 30 km from the Black Sea, Chateau Purcari is the first wine castle in the Republic of Moldova. Built in 2003 in the style of French castles, it includes the historic cellars of Purcari, dating from 1827. The uniqueness of the cellars is not marked only by their antiquity – they hold the title of the oldest wineries in the Republic of Moldova, but also by the national importance of their heritage – the legendary collection of Purcari Vintage wines from 1948.

At Chateau Purcari, great wines naturally meet with great gastronomic experiences. The à la carte dishes, accompanied by the infallible Purcari wines, will be appreciated even by the most gourmet guests. Lovers of European cuisine will appreciate the house specialties – Black Flank Steak and Foie Gras, and those who prefer traditional cuisine can enjoy Moldovan culinary masterpieces – cottage cheese pies, zeama (chicken soup), polenta with fried pork and sarmale – rice-stuffed cabbage rolls. At Chateau Purcari you discover that wine is, indeed, a poem with flavor and taste.

Vinaria Purcari is a member of National Inbound Tourism Association of Moldova (ANTRIM) and Employer's Association of the Tourism Industry of the Republic of Moldova. It is included in the cultural tourist route “Voivode Stephen the Great and Saint”.



Photo: Vinaria Purcari



Prince Trubetskoi Winery #31

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One of the most famous and ancient wineries, founded by Prince Trubetskoi in 1889, today creates the best terroir wines in the country. Over 120 years of history – starting with the Grand Prix in Paris in 1902 – have brought a unique collection of gold and silver medals to international competitions. Wines “Pearl of the Steppe” (Perlyna stepu), “Naddnipryanske”, “Oskamyt of Ukraine” (Oksamyt Ukrainy) became not only the hallmark of Ukraine but were also supplied to the British royal court.

In the 21st century, the company continues the traditions of high-quality, one might say aristocratic, winemaking of the Northern Black Sea region. A unique terroir, including an ideal slope for vines of 15 degrees, descending to the Kakhovka Sea, allows for the production of top-quality wines.

The Prince PN Trubetskoi Winery is spending the second century of its life, as befits a historic chateau with a noble name. Here wines are created – ready to be in line with the best wines in the world. A comfortable hotel with a swimming pool allows all fans of the local wine to enjoy it in luxury worthy of the highest status.



Photo: Prince Trubetskoi Winery

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Castel Mimi #25



Castel Mimi was founded in 1893, renovated and opened to visitors on 17th September 2016. It is included in the Wine Road of Moldova, which is the first cultural-tourist route certified by the Council of Europe as part of ITER VITIS Les Chemins de La Vigne en Europe. Castel Mimi is located in the district of Anenii Noi, village Bulboaca, only 40 km from Chişinău and 35 km from International Airport.

Castel Mimi invites you to discover the taste of real wine, accompanied by delicious dishes, and to take part in guided tours through the underground galleries and gardens of the Castle for an unforgettable experience.

A guided tour of Castel Mimi will shed light on many events and historical details that have been kept secret for decades and will lead you to another era, in those times when the great winemaker Constantin Mimi himself was working on creating recipes. During the tour, guests take walks through the courtyard, gardens, castle cellars and timetable where they will discover the story behind the only chateau in Moldova.



Photo: Castel Mimi

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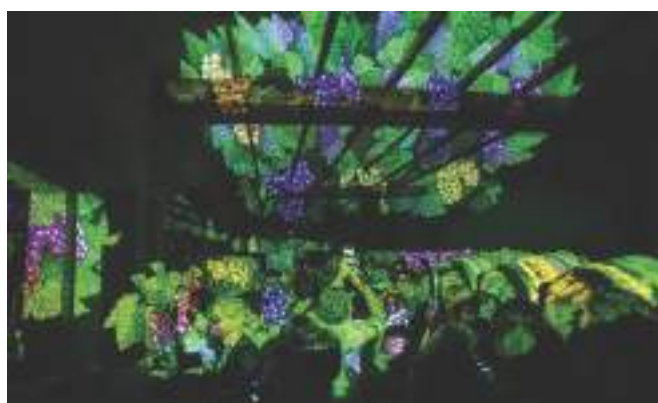
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Château Vartely

#19

Château Vartely winery was established in Moldova, Orhei in 2008. It is included in the Wine Route of Moldova (Drumul Vinului din Moldova) along with the best of the Wine Heritage sites in the country. These routes offer authentic experiences for wine lovers and travelers who prefer “off-road” destinations. Château Vartely is a tourist complex with a Hotel, Restaurant, Tasting Rooms, Wine shop, Cellars, Plant.

Local and international tourists can discover the region with an interactive map showing the attractions and activities near the Château Vartely winery. Traditions are reborn in a harmonious blend at Château Vartely Winery. Thanks to Artcor talents, Taraboste's home enriched its experiences. Cellars Augmented Reality and light projections on the oak barrels presents the Moldova's wine legend to the world. With Asociatia Nationala pentru Turism Receptor, Château Vartely project applied and won the “Most Innovative Wine Tourism Practice” at the Phoenicians' Route and Iter Vitis awards, Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe programme.



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Beykush Winery

#13

Beykush Winery is a family winery located close to the Black Sea in the Mykolaiv region, Chernomorka village. Eugene Shneyderis is the founder of the winery. The vineyards are literally located in a few hundred meters from the sea and are surrounded from three sides by water, they are constantly touched by breeze.

Beykush vineyards grow in the unique place, on Cape Beykush, whose shores are washed on one side by Berezansky Liman, on the other by Bekush Bay. The vineyards consist of 11 hectares of French and Italian clones of white varieties of grapes – Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Rkatsiteli and red varieties of grapes – Pinot Noir, Merlot, Saperavi, Cabernet Sauvignon. In addition, there is an experimental vineyard with white varieties, such as Telti-Kuruk, Alvarigno, Timorasso, and red varieties, such as Tempranillo, Malbec, Pinotage, etc. Beykush Winery is of particular interest for advanced wine and gastronomic tourists, because thanks to the small-scale production and creative approaches of the owners of Beykush Winery, the line of wines is constantly replenished with experimental samples.



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Bodega Luce de La Luz #6



Toscana (11 DOCGs, 41 DOCs) is the best place for wine tourism lovers: the “stars” are virtually dropping at their feet here. If Tuscany located in the country’s center, is Italy’s heart, then Montalcino is Tuscany’s soul. The Italian masterpieces – Vinos de La Luz – are created just a 10 minute drive from the city of Montalcino, on the premises of an old plant. It should be emphasized that the plant required significant investments to ensure its transformation into a modern winery. Today, these are the modernized facilities with steel tanks for vinification, aging room with oak barrels and an exquisite tasting room. The winery is run by the talented oenologist Roberto Cipresso.

The vineyards are located literally 100 meters from the production facilities, in Val d’Orcia nature reserve. This green valley, which encompasses the Orcia river. The entire area is protected as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.



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Bodega La Luz de Rueda #5



DO Rueda covers vineyards in three provinces and consists of 72 municipalities 53 of which are located in the south of Valladolid, 17 in the west of Segovia and 2 in the north of Avila. Rueda's character is defined by three "load-bearing" elements: Verdejo variety (native to the area), the continental Mediterranean climate and gravelly soils.

Until 2019, Vinos de La Luz had produced its Spanish Verdejo white wines in three local wineries, choosing the best local vineyards. In 2020, we found the lands and opportunities to acquire another high quality winery for our portfolio. The small town of La Seca is considered to be the cradle of the highest quality Verdejo in Rueda.

We are currently producing Verdejo wines which will be a part of the 2020 Despertar, Valcerracin, Valpincia and Cinema lines. Launch of La Luz de Rueda winery, which includes 40 hectares of vineyards, is planned for the nearest future.





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Château Kurin

#4

Château Kurin is a real winery in ideal terms: it is a family winery where the Khalupenko family lives and works, putting their hearts and philosophy into each bottle of wine produced by them.

The winery was founded by Nikolay Khalupenko, and his son Denis also decided to continue his father's business: he gained a master's degree in winemaking. Now, they work together with his wife Oksana, who is an agronomist by education.

The winery welcomes guests and does a lot to make these visits exciting and memorable. Hotel, wine cellar, tasting room, and special location for photo shoots are available.

Now Château Kurin offers a range of more than 20 wines for tastings. In addition, Denis conducts commented tastings.



Photo: Château Kurin



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Bodega La Luz del Duero #3



From the terraces of Bodega La Luz del Duero vineyards in Peñafiel, a fabulous view of the majestic medieval castle and the wine museum opens up, and the entire tiny town of Melida, where only a bit more than 20 inhabitants are living, seems to peer into the windows of the winery itself. Bodega owns 44 hectares of vineyards, and an average annual wine production is 400,000 liters. The winery has 1300 barrels, which are partially renewed (from 200 to 300 per year). It produces such renowned wines as Iluminado Vinos de La Luz, Valpincia, Cinema, Pagos de Valcerracín, and Peñafiel Limited Edition.

Iluminado Vinos de La Luz is an iconic wine, a true world-class star. The first release took place in 2015, and the results obtained in 2019 were phenomenal: Iluminado Tempranillo Gumiel de Izan received 95 points from Guia Vinos Gourmets (Spain) and entered the country's TOP-100 best wines.



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Bodega La Luz del Vino #1

Argentina is the country with the highest and most southern vineyards in the world. There are about 2,000 wineries in the country, most are open to wine tourism. Mendoza is by far the largest province, producing 75,28% of all wine in Argentina, and is Argentina's spiritual wine region. With 149,226.9H, altitudes range from 450m in the east (by far Mendoza's biggest region) to 2000m in Uspallata, a new region to the north. Luján de Cuyo and Maipu form the 'Primera Zona', the heart of quality viticulture, and home to many of Argentina's famous Bodegas.

The Uco Valley is located at the north of the Tunuyan River at an altitude of 900 to 1200 meters above sea level and is surrounded by the Andes. Its total length is 17370 sq. km. It is a fertile region with an average rainfall and almost daily frosts in June, July and August. An ideal place for wine tourism: in winter, it is the other way roundt.

Bodega owns 120 hectares of vineyards, which are located in the highest places of the province, at the foot of the Andes. It should be emphasized that the vineyards Vinos de La Luz are the oldest in the Uco Valley. Despite its close proximity to wildlife, Bodega La Luz del Vino is a state-of-the-art company.



Photo: Bodega La Luz del Vino





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Honey Badger

#9

Honey Badger, a young company, has no location of its own for enogastronomic tourists yet, but the concept and philosophy of the brand results in each of the brand's bottle of nastoyanka and nalyvka having the Ukrainian flavor. Based on locations of their partners' yards and gardens, supplying the high-quality raw materials, the trademark owners have developed their own map of the country. So, today, Honey Badgers product range, including COSSACK'S OAK and BEE IN FUSED NASTOYANKA, BLACK CURRANT or CHERRY INFUSED NALYVKA, U.Gin (Ukrainian Gin) are the best souvenirs that one may bring from Ukraine.

Since 2020 the company established their own fruit farms in the village of Kalenske, Zhytomyr region, where one of the founders – Yulia Kalenska was born... indeed the surname and the name of the village is a strong coincidence that the company is still investigating. As the plantation expands and we revive the infrastructure, the company will open its doors to seasonal tourism.

As part of assimilation and adoption of new drink types on the international arena, the company is also working closely with the top bars and barmen the country has to offer in a quest to develop what one day might become a next classic cocktail.



Photo: Honey Badger

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HOLDVÖLGY

Cellar Experience

#187



Photo: HOLDVÖLGY Cellar Experience

HOLDVÖLGY grew out of a tiny birthday gift parcel. Today, all 30 parcels of the 28-hectare estate are located in 7 different, historically classified vineyards of the Mád basin.

We invite you to explore the Tokaj Wine Region Mád's most extensive historical cellar system! A unique complex of almost 2 km long hundreds of years old flights, 109 branches on 3 levels awaits the visitor for an adventurous wine tasting. A map will help you to find the

In 2018, the winery building won the A'Design Awards International Architecture Competition in Milan.

HOLDVÖLGY Cellar Visit was awarded the "Best Cellar Visit" twice by the VinCE Awards (2016, 2017); Tripadvisor also gave the upscale "Traveller's Choice" title in 2020 and 2021.

HOLDVÖLGY wines have won gold medals at the most distinguished Hungarian and international wine competitions and are on the wine lists of prestigious restaurants worldwide.

In 2019, the Estate received the "Producer of the Year" – annual award called Par Excellence, given by the Hungarian Sommelier Association.



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Tóth Ferenc Winery #183

The Tóth Ferenc Winery was established in 1983, one of the oldest family owned wineries in the Eger Wine Region.

Our aim is to preserve the old, traditional taste and flavour palate of Eger and to combine the most modern technologies with the traditional ones. This heritage is a treasure for us. Producing the highest quality wines especially from Leányka, Kadarka and Kékfrankos local grapes and the two iconic, traditional blends of the region, Egri Csillag and Egri Bikavér wines in different quality levels are the most important goals.

One thing that we can certainly write about ourselves



is: we are a FAMILY WINERY that works hard every day with the aim to create beautiful, quality wines. What does the FAMILY indicative mean to us? It means the founder, the company manager, the owners of the vineyards and the winery, but most importantly, it means independence, with all the VALUES and LIABILITY involved. We are proud of our success but at the same time we are humble and grateful, we take the responsibility, and the rest of the story should "be told by the wine ..."



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Stakhovsky Wines

#173



Photo: Stakhovsky Wines

Ace & W by Stakhovsky – author's wine from the legend of Ukrainian tennis. The former Ukrainian athlete decided to master winemaking at the end of 2015, after lengthy work in France. The outstanding tennis player rented 22.5 hectares of old vineyards in Transcarpathia, where they prepared the soil for more than two years, planted new vines of Merlot, Saperavi and Pink Traminer, and irrigated, to prepare the vineyard. Now the Stakhovsky Wines vineyards are one of the most beautiful and well-groomed in the region. The first harvest of the vineyard was in 2018.

Stakhovsky Wines wines are currently available in France, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Japan and Austria. In Bordeaux, the Traminer W and Saperavi ACE can be purchased at one of the most famous wine museums in France (and perhaps in the world) – La Cité du Vin.

The Stakhovsky Wines tasting room is located among the picturesque vineyards. More than 3,000 tourists visited the winery in 2 years.

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The Shumi Winery

#153

The Shumi Wine Company has a 25-year history in viticulture and winemaking. Its products are exported to more than 32 countries and have won more than 450 top awards at prestigious international competitions. Among them is the title of “Best Producer of Georgia” at MUNUDUS VINI in 2020. According to the legends, the Griffin (“Phaskunji” in Georgian mythology) has brought the first bunch of grapes to people, which gave birth to the cultivation of the very first vineyards on Earth. Therefore, it is the symbolic figurehead of Shumi.



Photo: The Shumi Winery

The concept, which was the basement of the company in 1997, focused not only on the quality production, but also on restoring forgotten traditions, planting vineyards in controlled microzones and finding and restoring the Georgian vine gene pool.

“Shumi” is a pioneer of Georgian wine tourism, which laid the foundation for the development of this field in 2002: created the Ethnographic Pavillion, where guests share with the Georgian traditions and taste the best Georgian wines. Today, the Shumi Tourist Complex has no analogues in the world, both in terms of infrastructure and service. Nowhere can you find as many examples of Georgian culture gathered in one space as there are in the Shumi Winery.





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Family Winery SHABO #145

The family business of the Iukuridze family — SHABO, is based on wine traditions that are almost 2,000 years old. The company was established in 2003 on the basis of the oldest Ukrainian wine production in the village of Shabo. Its structure includes “SHABO Wine House”, “SHABO Sparkling Wine House” and “SHABO Brandy House”.

SHABO has a unique terroir with 1,200 hectares of vineyards, most of which are European varieties from the best nurseries in Europe: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Muscat Ottonel, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Riesling Rhine, Sauvignon Blanc, Traminer, Chardonnay and others. The real landmark of SHABO is the autochthonous grape variety Telti-Kuruk. While creating wine masterpieces, the company has been collaborating with world-renowned expert Stéphane Derenoncourt from France for many years.

On December 17, 2021, on the 18th anniversary of the company, the teaser of the unique collection Iukuridze Family Wine Heritage was officially revealed to the public. It is characterized as the Great Wines of Ukraine – Only selected grapes from selected microparticles of the SHABO terroir. Exceptionally special years of harvest from vineyards whose vines are over 20 years old. Creation of the Iukuridze Family Wine Heritage was the dream of SHABO founder Vazha Iukuridze, which he had been working on since the company was founded.



Photo: Family Winery SHABO

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Awestruck Ciders

#129

The Awestruck team believes in good work, good times and good cider. They are devoted to crafting complex, delicious hard ciders by blending fresh-pressed New York State apples with natural herbs, spices, and a dash of ingenuity. At Awestruck they focus on innovation and creativity in crafting ciders that are more than just a drink – they strive to create a flavor experience!

Visitors are welcome in the cidery's two locations! The taprooms function as innovation hubs, where each week they release three new flavors for guests to taste and share their feedback on!

Their first taproom is located within their main production facility in Sidney, NY. Guests are invited to sit in a cozy curated space adjacent to the production floor, where they can seek all of the cidery's equipment. Or, they can sit aboard the 1973 Blue Bird School bus, situated across from the bar!

In September 2021, they launched their second location – Awestruck Mill – in Walton, NY. They Mill offers a local marketplace atmosphere, with bi-weekly farmer's markets and a retail shop with all of Awestruck's ciders along with a selection of local craft beers, wines, and spirits.



Photo: Awestruck Ciders



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WINExFOOD #120



Hola! ola! Winexfood is a family business that was founded in 2012 by Shukhrat Khakimov and Luis Campo de Azcarate. We are a small company but with big dreams and goals.

WINExFOOD is a wine and food producer and merchant from the sunny coasts of San Juan de Alicante, Spain. We produce and export more than 1000 wine brands from more than 70% of Spanish appellations.

Our mission is to create high-quality products using principles of organic farming. We want to inspire people for responsible consumption and production because it is simple, fun and healthy.

Our vineyards are mostly located in Planes (Alicante), Fuente la Higuera & Onteniente (Valencia), San Martín de Unx (Navarra), Sant Sadurní d'Anoia (Cataluña), Curiel de Duero (Valladolid).

Hidden in the Low Mountains of Navarra, our small terroir of Garnacha Tinta, Garnacha Blanca and Viura, give life to a delicate treasure -Mairu. In the mythology of our Land, Mairu are giant builders of stone monuments that we can find in the hidden mountain landscapes. A wine full of aroma and flavor thanks to the uniqueness of the land and dedication and love of our grape growers.



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Tbilvino #113

Georgia is the cradle of wine. The culture of winemaking originated here about 8,000 years ago. Tbilvino is one of the oldest companies in Georgia, and it is to celebrate its 60-th anniversary. Today, these are two super-equipped wineries in Tbilisi and Kvareli, as well as 355 hectares of well-groomed vineyards. These are 40 types of drinks sold in 30 countries of the world.

In the unique microzones of Mukuzani and Kindzmarauli, the company's vine growers are growing rare Georgian varieties: Kisi, Khikhvi, Aleksandrouli, Mujuretuli, as well as the popular Rkatsiteli, Mtsvane, and Saperavi.

What explains the uniqueness of Tbilvino's wineries? Perhaps, the secret consists in the approach chosen by the company's founders – the brothers Zurab and Giorgi Margvelashvili: control over the smallest details related to the entire production chain, from the selection of sites and soils for vineyards, to the supply of wines to the shelves of 30 countries in the world.

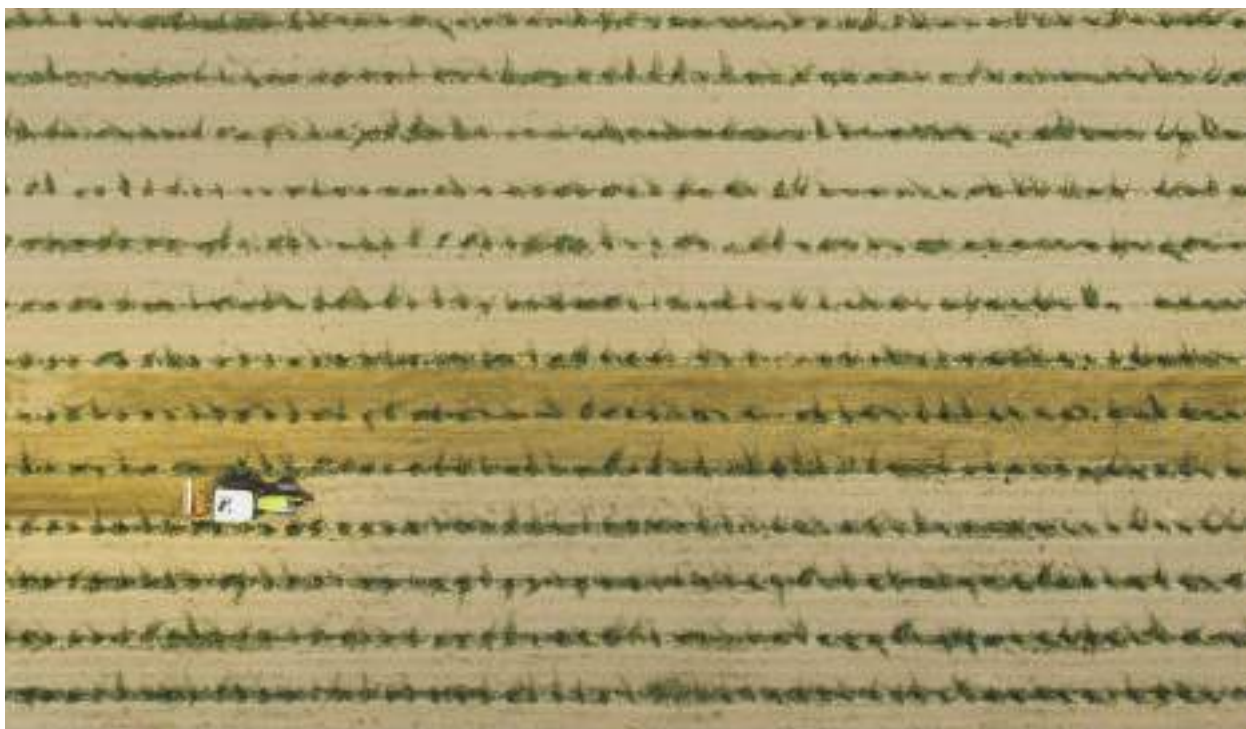


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Csányi Pincészet Zrt #103

«Fine wines cannot be made without devotion»
– these are the words of Zsigmond Teleki, the founder of Csányi Winery and since 1881 we keep up with this motto and are proud to use Teleki as our brand name.

The centre of our winery is located in the heart of Villány. Its impressive, modern building completely fits in the surrounding landscape. The processing plant is equipped with the most modern machinery, while our breathtakingly long cellar labyrinth is a silent shelter for our maturing wines and our treasures of old vintages.

Our collection of wines includes red, white and rose wines, however the red wines still remain our main focus. Csányi Winery has few selections to present: Teleki Gastro: a selection of international grape varieties of our acknowledged Teleki range, aimed at the HoReCa sector.

Teleki Selection represents three wines from the best vintages: Teleki Selection Villányi Merlot, Kékfrankos, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Wine lovers and enthusiasts are slowly starting to discover Hungarian wines and we are pleased to be a part of it, showing our pride –Teleki brand.



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Photo: Csányi Pincészet Zrt



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Cricova Winery

#87

The “Cricova” Associated Wine Factory has asserted itself due to its continuous innovation trend. The company applies the world’s most sophisticated technologies in winemaking, possesses the art of manufacturing diverse wines and meets the finest tastes and requirements of the market. It is the first and only company awarded the highest state distinction, the Order of the Republic. By virtue of the Law of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, the “Cricova” Associated Wine Factory has been declared the National Cultural Heritage.

“Cricova” Winery always drew the attention of wine tourism lovers and guests who are visiting the Republic of Moldova, becoming the business card of the country. “Cricova” Winery has been visited over the years by famous people, for example: Iurie Gagarin, Lara Fabian, Angela Merkel, John Kerry, and others. Many of these people keep their personal collections in the Golden Collection of “Cricova” Winery.

“Cricova” Winery sells over 10,000 bottles annually in over 30 countries worldwide. The highest appreciation of quality is represented by the over 500 medals won at world competitions over the years.



Photo: Cricova Winery



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Castel Mimi #72



The winery Castel Mimi features today one of the most advanced production facilities in Moldova, equipped with modern machineries that cover: grape processing, juice fermentation, storage, maturation and bottling.

The Classic – wine series is produced with deep respect for old Moldovan traditions that were successfully combined with last generation equipment. Wines from the Classic series are matured in high quality oak barrels, between 6 and 18 months.

The Reserve wine series – the highest form of perfection. Premium quality wines produced from selected grapes, harvested in 2012. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon Reserves were matured for 36 months each in Limited Edition French oak barrels.

Bright wines that express the vivacious and generous character of the Moldovan land and people. The label of each wine displays the drawing of an animal that belongs to local legends and stories, re-interpreted in a contemporary key. The colorful symbols describe wine bouquets, recall patterns from precious traditional Moldovan carpets, and pay tribute to specific locations, beliefs or historical events.



Photo: Castel Mimi



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SE QWC “Milestii Mici” #68



The State Enterprise Quality Wines Industrial Complex “Milestii Mici” was founded in 1969 and is situated near the Milestii Mici village, half-hour ride from Chisinau. A long time ago, the people who built dwellings from the limestone mined in underground galleries, settled here. The Small Milestii name is a symbol of respect for national traditions, historical roots, symbol classification undertaking socio-cultural and historical context of the country.

The Republic of Moldova has obtained the title of “a country with open doors to the paradise of wine” because wine production is the basic occupation of Moldavians. Everyone is welcome here. The underground wine city “Milestii Mici” is one of the most important tourist elements in Moldova and attracts visitors from all over the world. Every year, the galleries are visited by more than 20.000 tourists. In 2005, “The Golden Collection” Milestii Mici was registered in the Guinness Book of Records as the largest wine collection in the world, counting about 1,5 mln. Bottles. Milestii Mici is the place where You are always welcome!



Photo: SE QWC “Milestii Mici”



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Prince Trubetskoi Winery #54

Prince Trubetskoi Winery is a modern winery with a long history and a unique terroir in which the world's most famous grape varieties grow, some of which are unique to our country. Since the end of the XIX century, with the laying of the first vineyards and the construction of the Chateau by Prince Trubetskoi, the winery has come a long way in winemaking and gained expertise 120 years of experience can be sensed by tasting the wine "Riesling Rhine", which back in 1900 won the Grand Prix of the Paris Exhibition, and now this wine receives the highest awards in competitions. Vintage wines, developed back in 1949, are still our business card. In 2004, the winery received a new impetus in development, the world's best grape varieties were planted, and a state-of-the-art winery was built.

Today, the winery combines decades of experience and an innovative approach. In 2021, we began a new stage in the development of our winery. Moving at a fast pace, today we aren't staying away from the rapid development of all Ukrainian and world winemaking.

Prince Trubetskoi Winery received numerous awards for its wines in 2021:

Concours Mondial of Brussels 2021 – Oksamyty of Ukraine 2016 (silver medal).

Mondial des Vins Blancs Strasbourg 2021 – Rhine Riesling 2016 (silver medal 88.7 points).

All-Ukrainian tasting competition Odessa Wine & Spirit Awards 2021 – Rhine Riesling 2016 (gold medal – the best white wine of Ukraine 2021); Pearl of the Steppe 2017 (gold medal); Oksamyty of Ukraine 2016 (gold medal); Chateau Trubetskoi 2018 (silver medal); Cabernet Franc 2017 (silver medal).

Ukrainian Wine Festival 2021 – Rhine Riesling 2016 (gold medal); Chateau Trubetskoi 2018 (gold medal); Pearl of the Steppe 2017 (silver medal); Cabernet franc 2017 (silver medal).



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Photo: Prince Trubetskoi Winery



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Vinuri de Comrat #96



The winery project of Comrat started in 1945 with ambitions and enthusiasm. Before the history of the winery began, during the first half of the 20th century, vodka was produced in the same buildings. Even though the oldest building dates from 1894, the facilities have now been carefully restored. Everyone had their hands full to clean and restore the stone to its original grandeur. "But it is important to keep something from the old times, everything shouldn't be brand new", says general director Anatolii Hmelevschi for the BKWine Magazine. "We want to become an important tourist destination, unique for Moldova", he continues.

Vinuri de Comrat produces about 3mln bottles of wine per year, including red, white and rose, dry, semisweet and sweet wines.

We have 12 stores of our own products in Moldova.

Tourists souvenirs Vinuri de Comrat offers include Benim Sarabim – the possibility to create your own label for the wine you like and take it with you; the fair of handcrafted artisanal items.



Photo: Vinuri de Comrat



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Vinaria Purcari

#33



Chateau Purcari is the first wine castle in the Republic of Moldova. Built in 2003 in the style of French castles, it includes the historic cellars of Purcari, dating from 1827.

Vinaria Purcari is a member of National Inbound Tourism Association of Moldova (ANTRIM) and Employer's Association of the Tourism Industry of the Republic of Moldova. It is included in the cultural tourist route "Voivode Stephen the Great and Saint".

Visits to the Chateau represent opportunities to participate in wine tours of the winery, to taste the legendary wines of Purcari and to enjoy a moment of relaxation on the terrace of the Chateau. Lovers of active rest can choose to go for walks, by car or bicycle, through the vineyards, they can admire the landscapes and the aquatic world of the 2 lakes within the complex by taking a hydro-bike ride, but it is also possible to practice some sports, such as tennis or volleyball. Fishing enthusiasts are given the opportunity to try their fishing skills and luck, and the "trophies" can be cooked, if you prefer, right at the restaurant of the winery.

Guests who choose to spend the night at Chateau Purcari are provided with hotel rooms, designed in a chalet style. More daring visitors, who are not afraid of leaving their bubble and trying new experiences, can choose to sleep in a wine barrel, from whose window opens a formidable panorama over the vineyards.

Chateau Purcari also stands out for the multitude of events it hosts from holidays dedicated to wine, for example National Wine Day, to charity or sporting events such as ArtVin Purcari or Purcari Wine Run.



Photo: Vinaria Purcari

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46 Parallel Wine Group #28

46 Parallel Wine Group presented itself at the very beginning of 2020. The company was born out of the dream of Anna and Taras Gorkun: to create wonderful Ukrainian wines worthy of making Ukraine's sartorial statement in the world of winemaking.

Anna Gorkun, CEO of 46 Parallel Wine Group, applied the tactics of slashing drive in extreme conditions. Now, the market players declare that 46 Parallel has rapidly – within less than a year – become a real national brand. As to the company's credo – Proudly Ukrainian – it has been confirmed as a result of the company's recognition at the world level.

At the same time, one of our differences, that distinguish us from a number of other producers is that we create wines without being tied to one vineyard, which means that we have the opportunity to choose the best grapes every year and guarantee permanent quality. This does not, at all, imply the rejection of advantages offered by a terroir; it is quite the opposite: we have the opportunity to represent the best regions of Ukraine. In the Odessa Region, we are working on the entire group of sparkling wines and most of the white ones. The red wines of the Grand Admiral collection are created from grapes purchased in Kherson Region. In fact, we have covered two major regions at once.

The slogan of our company is Proudly Ukrainian. It should be emphasized that despite the "tender age" of 46 Parallel Wine Group and the turbulence of the first year of its operations, we already do have something to be proud of.



Photo: 46 Parallel Wine Group

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Erben #16



1964 was the year when the “ERBEN” brand was born. “ERBEN” the German word for “heritage” stands for the Langguth family tradition in producing excellent German wines. Just a few years later, Erben® became the best-selling wine brand on the German market. In 1976, ERBEN SPÄTLESE (late harvest) became the most popular Prädikat wine, so to say the highest quality wine, on the German market. With the extended product range, the success story continued unchallenged throughout the following decades. Erben Wines are exclusively obtained from quality-tested vintages from German wine growing areas. The Erben® product range includes 12 wines with maximum quality levels and a distinct flavour and provides with 3 Prädikat wines and 9 varietal wines enjoyment for every occasion and taste. F.W. Langguth Erben winery is delighted and proud that the brand ERBEN has won one of the most important international design awards, RED DOT AWARD: Brands & Communication Design 2020.

Today based in the heart of Europe, the F.W. Langguth Erben winery with its own steep sloped vineyards along the Moselle valley cultivates wines mainly in the famous German wine regions of Rheinhessen, Pfalz and Moselle.



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Kristinus Wine Estate #184



Wine and a better future – these two notions combined provide a great basis to any new cooperation. My name is Florian Zaruba, Winemaker and General Manager, please allow me to introduce to you our winery. Walking along the unbeaten path, sharing our passion, curiosity and open-minded approach – since day one, our aim has been farming high quality grapes and crafting exceptional wines in a biodynamic way. Our core value is to prove every day that nature is the better partner, both in the vineyards and in the cellar.

As far as biodynamic farming, we firmly believe that transparency is a key factor. That was exactly the main motive behind our transition in 2018 to become a Demeter-certified winery. Certainly the rockier road, but we wouldn't set our standards any lower.

The way we farm our grapes outside obliges us to treat our wines in the cellar as gently as it gets with the least intervention possible.

Our general goal with the vessels was to minimize their impact on our wines' intensity and character, and to ensure an ideal micro-oxidative environment. The past five years, our main focus has been on amphoras from Hungary, clay eggs from Italy and large, neutral barrels. The cohesion of our Kékfrankos and our 1200 l Stockinger barrels for instance is something that keeps us on the edge of our seat.



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Incubateur Bernard Magrez Start-Up Win #178

Bernard Magrez opens the doors to wine, vines, wine tourism and digitization, to the most promising start-ups in the sector, thanks to the first incubator entirely dedicated 100% to this field of activity.

“Bernard Magrez Start-Up Win” is thus the only start-up incubator to be located in the heart of the vineyards, on a working property, and near many other renowned Bordeaux wine estates.

Bernard Magrez:

“To remain a leader, it is essential to innovate. It is for this reason that I have endowed my properties with a Scientific Research center directed by a Doctor in oenology several years ago. Supporting young start-ups today in order to reinvent the wine world of tomorrow is the continuity of this approach, and it is a fascinating experience!”



Photo: Incubateur Bernard Magrez Start-Up Win

Fully privately funded by the Bernard Magrez house, without appeal for public subsidies, the “Bernard Magrez Start-Up Win” incubator is in line with the philanthropic actions of the Bordeaux owner who already strongly supports the fight against cancer, contemporary artists and classical musicians and which fully subsidizes an orphanage of 80 children.

The exceptional setting in which the incubator is located also reinforces the uniqueness of this project. Château le Sartre is surrounded by hundreds of hectares of forest and nature, including 50 hectares of high quality vines in the Pessac Léognan appellation. It thus provides the selected start-ups with a unique working environment allowing exceptional concentration, absolute serenity and inspiring communion with nature and its secrets of resilience, meditation and knowledge.



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Frank John winery

#160



In 2002, we bought the Hirschhorner Hof, a former tithe house and ecclesiastical estate. We put much love to detail, as well as energy and endurance into the renovation of the 400 year old renaissance building with an impressive cross vault cellar. Today, you may discover the estate in all its new splendour. Since 2003, we have run our family business with our two children Sebastian and Dorothea: the Hirschhorner Hof wine cellar true to the motto: “great wines of old tradition”.

Our new top floor 120 m2 holiday flat with high standard furnishing invites you to enjoy relaxed days in the Palatine region. By following the aspects of feng shui and those of building biology, the flat has been turned into an oasis of well-being for all senses.

Inspired by the work with traditional aging methods and processing techniques we manage to produce elegant wines full of finesse.

Since our first vintage we have only been using grapes of biodynamic cultivation. With our Riesling 2006 and our Pinot Noir 2005 we have achieved the Naturland certification. With the vintage of 2012 we have achieved the DEMETER certification. We are promoters of slow food and member of the “Traditionelle Sektmacher”.



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The Shumi Winery #155

Highly qualified specialists working on the basis of the Shumi Collection Vineyard for many years rediscovered many varieties in the collection. To return them to production, the company planted industrial vineyards. The company offers customers unique wines made from this rare grape variety. Some of them, revived by Shumi, were moved to the richest Georgian ampelographic gene pool along with unique wine grape varieties as completely individual varieties with great oenological potential. For the preparation of the exclusive Shumi's alcoholic beverages in some cases more than 450 varieties are used, and the Shumi Wine Company produces wine from 16 varieties of grapes.

Work on the best wine production in the vineyards begins with diligent care of the vineyards, where most of the work is done manually throughout the year – every decision made in the management of the vineyard is further reflected in the quality of the wine. Shumi has a modest attitude to the environment, so it makes only small interventions in the local ecosystem and helps to preserve the natural flora and fauna. The use of pesticides is minimized, while some vineyards use bio- and biodynamic methods.

Shumi is the first company in Georgia that produces bio-wine and uses a biodynamic method of grape care. Also, for the first time in the history of Georgian viticulture, the “green vintage” method was used.



Photo: The Shumi Winery





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Shukhrat Khakimov & Viticultores #121

"SHUKHRAT KHAKIMOV & VITICULTORES" introduces special Freaky & Crazy wines, such as garage wine, natural wines without sulfites, non-commercial indigenous varieties, ancestral wines, biodynamic, etc.

SK&V is an association of winemakers, oenologists, people who are passionate about wine and everything related to it. The main winemaker is our CEO and Founder Shukhrat Khakimov, he is from Kazakhstan and moved to Europe when he was a student.

Our goal is to produce non-conventional wines from the unique vineyards of autochthonous varieties in different areas of Spain (mostly Levante). We take care of the vineyards in a natural / biodynamic way, all the processes are carried out manually and all wines are vinified naturally.

At the moment we produce 5 brands of wine: 031/TEO, GGaspi, La Bella Ancestral, Villana Llevame al huerto and Orange.

It's our first project of biodynamic / no added sulfites / natural wines from Planes, Alicante. We are talking about little parcels of Alicante Bouschet, Viognier, Cabernet Sauvignon, Garnacha Tintorera. All plots are cultivated in SECANO with no irrigation by the human only from the rainfall. We are located in EL COMPTAT, in the north of the province of Alicante.



Photo: Shukhrat Khakimov & Viticultores



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Soalheiro #41

Located in Monção & Melgaço (Portugal's northernmost territory), in the Minho River valley, it is protected by a range of mountains that create the conditions necessary – temperature, hours of sunshine, rain – for the best ripening of Alvarinho grapes.

Soalheiro started in the family's garage in 1982, and the winery took the place of the family's red Ford Escort. Today, we are exactly in the same place, at the center of the Alvarinho valley – we modernized our winery to a more eco efficient building with a natural cover that allows us to save around 26% energy a year. Our tasting room is on top of our winery and has an impressive panoramic view of our Territory.

Soalheiro, a pioneer in the creation of Alvarinho wine in Melgaço, is an international benchmark for the wines of this grape variety, blending perfectly into the distinctive Minho landscape surrounding it. In the nineteen seventies (1974), a passion for winemaking led João António and Palmira Cerdeira, with the support of the parents, to plant the first Alvarinho vine in Melgaço, 1974, which would give the name, in 1982, to the first brand of Alvarinho in Melgaço – Soalheiro. Today the company is run by the third generation, siblings António Luís, winemaker, and Maria João, vineyards and herbal teas manager, with help of their mother, Palmira.

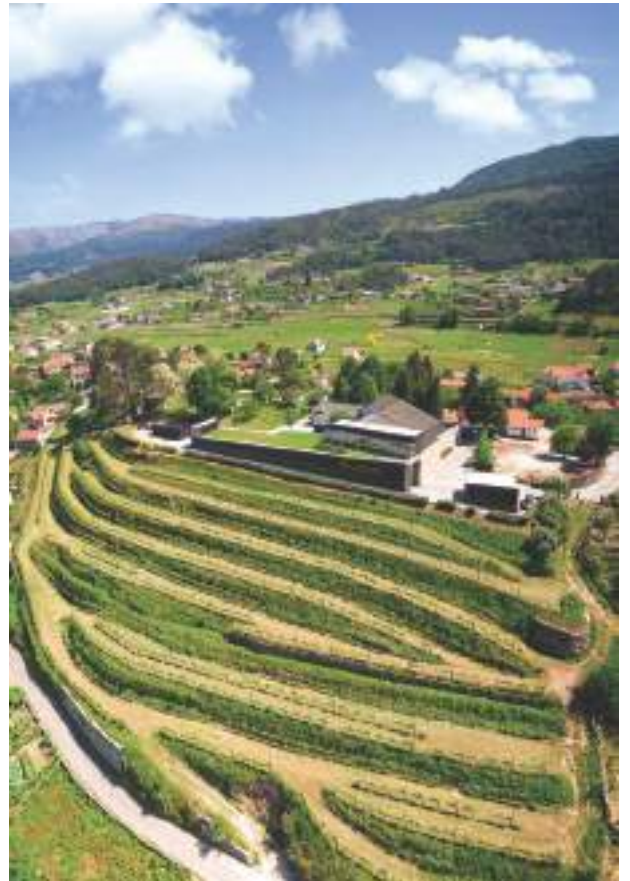


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Château Smith Haut Lafitte #14

Château Smith Haut Lafitte is surrounded by 78 hectares of a single block planted with the 7 red and white grape varieties that will be blended to create Château Smith Haut Lafitte wines.

Château Smith Haut Lafitte owes its reputation as “le plus Graves des Graves” (the Crus Classés) to its characteristic smoky notes and its gravelly rises (la fitte and la fite mean “hill” or “rise”) of river stones and semi-precious stones deposited by the Garonne millions of years ago.

At Château Smith Haut Lafitte, traditional viticulture techniques are implemented, such as earthing-up the vines or horse-ploughing the fragile white wine plots. There are already 8 horses for the vineyard in the Château’s stable. The use of chemical products is totally prohibited, and organic methods are favoured to fight the various dangers that threaten the vine.

For instance, the Château’s team induces “mating confusion” in the grape moths through pheromone cocktails, uses typhlodromus mites to prey on the red spider mites, and prevents grey rot through the bacillus subtilis, which naturally prevents the development of botrytis.

A hedge plantation programme (more than 500 meters a year) and the installation of several beehives serve to strengthen the faunal diversity of the vineyard.



Photo: Château Smith Haut Lafitte





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Wine History Museum of Armenia #165



One of the leading centers of viticulture and winemaking is the Near East, where the Armenian Highland is part of the Asian border. In that location, around 8000 years ago human beings domesticated wild grapes by means of natural selection.

The idea to present the Armenian wine history, rich in centuries-old-tradition of growing grapes and making wine in a comprehensive study, has matured over the years. Various materials discovered in archeological sites, bibliographic data, and findings of ethnographic studies became the basis for creating the Museum of the history of winemaking in Armenia.

Highlands is presented in the museum not only by interpreting facts, but also by interactive and innovative solutions. The exhibits related to viticulture and winemaking give the visitor an opportunity to get a certain idea of the centuries-old Armenian culture in general.

The main exhibition hall of the museum is located at the level of 8 meters deep underground basalt rocks, where the chronological stages of wine development in the Armenian Nature, as well as the connection of wine with different spheres of Armenian history and culture are presented in detail.



Photo: Wine History Museum of Armenia



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Museo d'Impresa Mastroberardino Atripalda #164

Nowadays, the heir to the winemaking traditions Piero Mastroberardino demonstrates numerous talents: in winemaking, pedagogy, and poetry. And here is one of his latest creations – the MIMA Museum.

“The choice of the museum’s name – Piero Mastroberardino explains – is a hallmark that I grew up with and that is alive again today. In fact, these are the initials of my grandfather – Michele Mastroberardino, who introduced this abbreviation at the turn of the thirties, during one of the decisive moments of our company”.

The first period – up to 1914, traces the company’s establishment and its first steps, the history of Angelo Mastroberardino, who was appointed the Knight of the Order of the Crown of Italy by King Vittorio Emanuele III.

Covering the period from 1914 to 1932, the second section is presented, and it is dedicated to the first winemaking experience of Angelo’s son, Michele Mastroberardino, who at the beginning of the 20th century, as the family’s representative, was developing trade relations in various countries of Europe, North America, and colonial Africa.

The fascinating journey of the family business ends with a story about events between 1933 and 1945. The death of Michele and the end of the war, the post-war renovation work that was carried out by Antonio Mastroberardino (Piero’s father). It is not surprising that they began to call him Cavaliere al Merito del Lavoro. In addition, he earned the nickname of the archaeologist in winemaking: due to the renovation work in the vineyards of the Pompeii museum complex. He deserves the gratitude of his descendants for having revived the family’s history, and the brand of wines that are loved and recognized all over the world.



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Tourist complex Shumi #162

Today a unique Tourist Complex has been built on more than 9 hectares, which has no analogues in the world both in its infrastructure and in terms of maintenance. You will not find so many examples of Georgian culture collected in one space as in Shumi: the world's largest private Comprehensive Varietal Collection Vineyard, the First Wine Museum in Georgia, the Decorative Garden, which presents sculptures made by famous Georgian and international artists, the Marani, the Enoteca, the Georgian Ethnographic Pavilion, the Gastronomic zone with a restaurant, cafes, terraces, tasting areas and much more.

Tourist complex Shumi includes 38 locations and works of art here will be found at every turn. The statue "Gate Keeper" meets guests at the entrance. This is a bronze statue by a modern sculptor based on a painting by the great Georgian artist Niko Pirosmani. Here is the waiting area "Beauty Spring", in the center of which is a stone fountain, which is topped with a bronze statue of birds, and around it there is a small pond. The work belongs to the contemporary Georgian artist Gela Durujeli. One of the oldest fruit-bearing vines in the world grows in the village of Tsinandali, In the estate of N. Nikolaishvili. Scientists managed to determine its age – more than 300 years, and the grape variety has not yet been determined. The wine company Shumi and N. The Nikolaishvili family collectively named the vine "Genesis".



Photo: Tourist complex Shumi

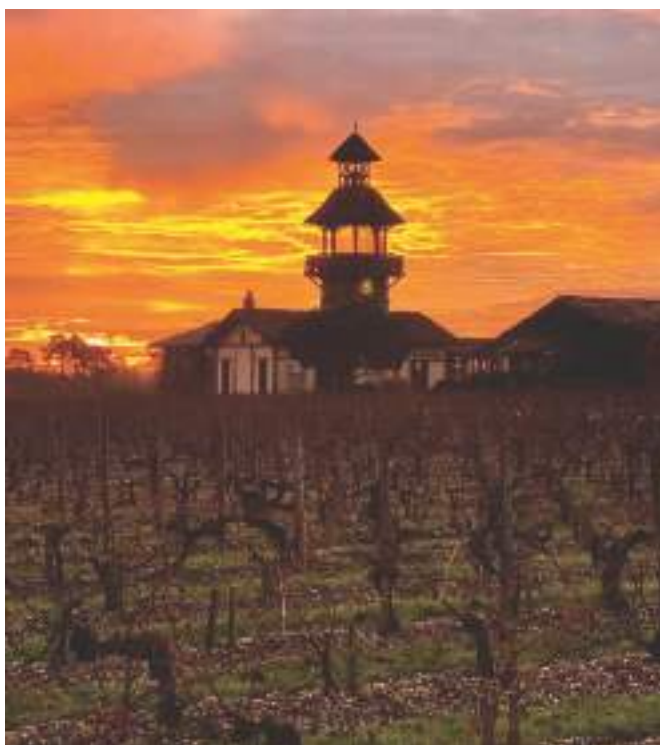


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Château Smith Haut Lafitte #76



This 10-hectare open-air museum awakens the mind and the senses. Dotted with contemporary artworks, mainly by local Bordeaux artists, this immersive walking trail is sure to delight everyone.

Tree houses and sculptures in harmony with or juxtaposed against the surrounding landscape, viewpoints, a medicinal herb garden and honey house are just a few of the highlights.

The Château offers to its visitors “Forest of the Senses” trail where a tasting with two of the estate’s wines is at the program. The forest walk culminates in a wine tasting (fruit juice is offered to children). The Château is open from May to October. No booking required from 1 June onwards.

Les Sources de Caudalie is a luxury 5-star hotel surrounded by vines and next to Château Smith Haut Lafitte Grand Cru Classé.

Located amidst the Grand Cru vineyards of Château Smith Haut Lafitte, Les Sources de Caudalie has been welcoming guests since 1999.

5-star hotel, Vinothérapie Spa, 2-Michelin star restaurant, La Grand’Vigne, country-inn restaurant, La Table du Lavoir, wine bar and delicatessen, Rouge.



Photo: Château Smith Haut Lafitte





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Castel Mimi #73



Enjoying wines in one of the most beautiful wineries in the world! The winery features today one of the most advanced production facilities in Moldova, equipped with modern machineries that cover: grape processing, juice fermentation, storage, maturation and bottling. All these stages are carefully monitored and coordinated by professional Moldovan oenologists that gained experience in the USA, Australia and Romania. Maturation takes place in the historical cellars of Castel Mimi.

Wines from the Classic series are matured in high quality oak barrels, between 6 and 18 months.

The Reserve wine series – the highest form of perfection.

Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon Reserves were matured for 36 months each in Limited Edition French oak barrels.

Dessert wines produced from frozen grapes at temperatures between -6°C... -10°C through a special technique.

Animaliens series features young unoaked wines with fresh and persistent characters. Bright wines that express the vivacious and generous character of the Moldovan land and people. The label of each wine displays the drawing of an animal that belongs to local legends and stories, re-interpreted in a contemporary key. The colorful symbols describe wine bouquets, recall patterns from precious traditional Moldovan carpets, and pay tribute to specific locations, beliefs or historical events.



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Pannonhalma Archabbey #190



The Benedictine monks who settled on the Sacred Mount of Pannonia in 996 have always been closely connected with the viticulture introduced by the Romans. For centuries, they have applied the highest prevailing standards of wine growing and vinification.

A new winery with a floor space of 2000 m² and a storage capacity of 3000 hectolitres was established in 2003. The Pannonhalma Archabbey, since 1996 part of UNESCO World Heritage, is the majority owner, in partnership with the MKB Bank.

Taking a professionally guided tour, visitors can familiarize themselves with the history of Benedictine viticulture, view the building complex, follow through winemaking processes, and taste the wines in a tasting room furnished in the classic cellar wing, which seats nearly 50 people comfortably.

Our Tasting Terrace, open daily weather permitting from the beginning of May to the end of August, and on weekends in September, commands magnificent views of the monastery's lavender fields and vistas far into the east. As a supplement to our wine-related attractions, we also host periodic jazz and folk music concerts and other cultural events for a truly unforgettable visit.

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Laposa Winery

#186

A family, a winery, an estate and lots of gastronomic experiences from beach food, through panoramic restaurants to modern bistro cuisine. We are proud to show all the flavours and values of the Balaton Uplands through our wines.

Our family mainly cultivates traditional grape varieties, which are situated in the best-suited sites of the surrounding volcanic buttes. Our four gastronomic units were built around our wines, where besides tastings we welcome our guests all year round with exciting flavours and interesting programmes. In Hableány, which is situated in the centre of Badacsony, wines are made at your fingertips. You can even get into the life of the winery during lunch or dinner, since you can see the tank room from the restaurant but if you really want to experience the process of winemaking, you can also sign up for a guided winery tour. We strive for sustainable development that is in harmony with the rhythm of nature.

Estate headquarters, wine bar, restaurant and a spectacular winery where you can even get into the life of the winery during lunch or dinner, since you can see the tank room from the restaurant but you can also sign up for a guided winery tour.



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Barta Winery

#182



On your way from Szerencs to Mád the spectacular view of one of the most imposing and steepest vineyards on King's hill (Király-hegy) is bound to catch your attention: Old King vineyard (Öreg Király-dűlő). Not only its exceptional position, but also the continually constructed terraces built stone by stone over the centuries make it stand out in the beautiful landscape.

The grapes grown here were always of special quality but, as they did not satisfy the needs of quantity-driven grape production, this vineyard was abandoned after World War II, and was gradually reclaimed by the black locust forest. Most of the area was purchased by the Barta family in 2003, and then began the replanting that continues to this day. The Barta Winery owns 17-hectare south-, southwest-facing, mostly fallow, plot in the Kővágó vineyard, 3.5 hectares of which was brought back to production in 2017.

Along with wine tastings, we also offer guided vineyard walks to give you an insight into the history and characteristics of the Öreg Király Vineyard, as well as local grape varieties and vine training methods. You will be driven in the guide's car, or alternatively, you may drive your own car, to the bottom of the vineyard, and then we take a walk from there to the stone-walled terraces.



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The Shumi Winery #151

The Shumi Winery is located in the historical region of Georgian winemaking – in the village of Tsinandali, Kakheti. The village of Tsinandali is well known in Georgia and abroad as a cultural and wine center. Until the 19th century, wine in Georgia was produced only by the old traditional Qvevri method and aged in clay jugs. In 1841, Alexander Chavchavadze produced the first classical wine according to European standards from the Georgian grape. The Shumi Winery was founded in 1997 and continues the centuries-old traditions of viticulture and winemaking. The company exports its products to more than 32 countries around the world. Among the more than 450 highest awards received at prestigious international world competitions, there is also the title of The best producer of Georgia, awarded at MUNDUS VINI – one of the most important and prestigious wine competitions in the world in 2020.

In 2020, Shumi became the winner in the category The Best Location for Gastronomic Regional Tourism in the framework of WELCOME TO GEORGIA National Tourism Award, which is considered the 'Oscars' of tourist and hospitality industry in Georgia. In 2020 the Shumi Company was awarded as The Travelers' Choice by Tripadvisor. In 2021, for the first time in the history of Georgia, the Shumi Wine Company became the winner in the nomination The Best Practice Related to Archaeobotanical in Wine Tourism at the international competition in Sicily organized by the Council of Europe.



Photo: The Shumi Winery



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Areni-1 Cave

#175



Areni-1 (also known as Birds' Cave) is a three-chambered karstic cave located on the left-hand side of the Arpa River basin, a tributary of the River Araxes, within the eastern portion of the modern village of Areni in the Vayots Dzor Region of Southern Armenia. The major significance of the site was abundantly clear during the initial excavations when very well preserved Chalcolithic (4300–3400 Cal. BC) and Medieval (4th–18th centuries AD) occupations were exposed. Chalcolithic finds within the first gallery of the cave include numerous large storage vessels, some of which contain human skulls of adolescent males and a female.

Grape remains and vessels typical of wine storage, associated with chemical analyses of the contents of the vessels point to Chalcolithic wine production at the site. It appears that from the end of the 5th millennium BC onwards, people used the cave for different purposes as a habitation, for keeping animals and storing plant foods, for the production of wine, as well as for ritual purposes.

Areni-1 cave is considered as the primary archaeological source, the investigation of which makes evident the process of formation of complex societies from the mid of 5th Millenium BC. The cave has a world heritage importance in its picturesque environment with excellent preserved archaeological remains.



Photo: Areni -1 Cave



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Villa dei Misteri: the wine of Ancient Pompeii #143

This unique project was started by prominent winemaker Antonio Mastroberardino, whom friends jokingly called a grape archeologist.

The business of Antonio Mastroberardino was continued by his son Piero, a winemaker and teacher at the Wine Academy, who revived the vineyards of ancient varieties right in the territory of the museum complex in Pompeii. Now, in this historic place, grapes are grown, from which the legendary wine Villa dei Misteri Pompeiano IGT is thereupon created that has become the pride of that great family. It should be emphasized that this wine has no analogues in the world.

Back in 1996, the family of winemakers was granted permission to conduct research in the territory of Pompeii, covered with ashes.

Finally, in 2001, Villa dei Misteri, the wine named after a magnificent villa, where ceremonies were held in honor of Bacchus, the god of wine, was created as a result of implementation of a long-term unique project!

The first release of Villa dei Misteri wine took place under the patronage of the President of Italy. The release consisted of just over 1,700 bottles. In addition, it should be emphasized that visiting Pompeii vineyards closed for mass tourism is an incredible, unforgettable attraction.



Photo: Villa dei Misteri



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Crama Mircești SRL #85



Crama Mircești SRL is located in the village of the same name in Ungheni district. Although it was only a few years old when it was created, the winery has become a role model for small wineries in Moldova, thanks to the modern approach to wine production. This region, the village of Mircești, has a historical importance and has a good terroir for wines with a strong character. Therefore, Arcadie Fonea, the owner of the winery, laid the foundations of a winery and began the renovation of the boyar mansion nearby, keeping its specific symbols.

Mircești Winery is also the host of experiments and wine demonstrations within the project “The best grapes”, which aims to identify best practices for growing grapes in the national context.

Homemade juice, delicious old-school pies that only the most skilled housewives used to make, sarmale (stuffed grape leaves) like you have never eaten before – all of them, accompanied by wines, will make you have experiences you’ll miss. If you have a family event, spend it nicely at CRAMA MIRCESTI! Besides the restaurant, Mircești Winery provides 13 delightful rooms at the hotel. They are all designed to make you feel the comfort you dream of, when you want to experience a get-away weekend, a breath of fresh air and a good wine, away from the rush of the city.



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Photo: Crama Mircești SRL



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Momik Wine Cube #137



Nestled beneath the mountains in the Areni village of Vayots Dzor region, Armenia, the family – owned Momik Wines (or Momik Wine Cube) offers an immersive and authentic Armenian wine experience with fine wine, locally sourced food, and khachkar (cross-stone) making master classes. Wine Cube is an innovative wine tourism business model in Armenia: it is an authentic tasting facility in the heart of a vineyard based on the “farm-to-bottle” concept.

The name of the “Momik Wines” originated from the famous Armenian architect and sculptor, Momik, who constructed the magnificent Noravank Monastery in the 14th-century: the Wine Cube is located near this cultural monument.

“Momik” wines are served personally by the owners combined with local food and accompanied by masterclasses in stone-carving held by Nver’s wife Narine. The grapes are grown by the farmer – owner of “Momik” Nver Mnatsakanyan – while the wine production is outsourced to a professional winemaking company.

If you’re looking for an authentic, local wine experience in Armenia, Momik Wines is the place to go! Not only does Momik make high-quality fine wines using indigenous grape varieties, but the location of their WineCube in their village where you’ll taste their wines is nothing short of magical. You won’t regret coming here!



Photo: Momik Wine Cube

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Cricova Winery

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“Cricova” is the most valuable brand in Moldova, renowned far beyond its borders. It is the first and only company awarded the highest state distinction, the Order of the Republic. By virtue of the Law of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, the “Cricova” Associated Wine Factory has been declared the National Cultural Heritage.

Reviews

An excellent place to have a nice time with your family. A business or partnership meeting can be held on the territory of the complex in the best Moldovan traditions. Excellent cuisine, delicious dishes, and the unforgettable taste of wine with Plăcintăfried in a pan will stay in your memory for a long time.

Lyudmyla Zhdanaya

A very interesting excursion!!! To see those wine and champagne storage facilities is an unforgettable experience. I want to come back again and again.

Elena Zahrevelnaya



Cricova underground city (120 km of streets) has a unique microclimate with a constant temperature of 12-14 degrees, humidity of 97-98%. Cricova has underground avenues, squares, road signs, traffic lights. And every street is named after wine: Codru, Cabernet, Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Pinot. There is also a collection of more than a million bottles from many countries of the world, including the Goering collection (Mosel, Burgundy, Sicilian, Portuguese wines) in Cricova. Some of them are over a hundred years old. The most expensive bottle is Jewish Passover wine from Jerusalem, produced by winemaker Modit David in 1902. Release - 1 copy.

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Vinuri de Comrat #36



An ambitious wine tourism project of Comrat started in 1945. Even though the oldest building dates from 1894, the facilities have now been carefully restored. Everyone has worked hard to clean and restore the stone to its original grandeur. “But it is important to keep something from the old times, everything shouldn’t be brand new, says general director Anatolii Hmelevschi for the BKWine Magazine. – We want to become an important tourist destination, unique for Moldova”.

Reviews

One of the most beautiful and cozy places in Comrat! The territory of the “Wine Compound” pleases tourists and residents of Comrat with its picturesqueness. An abundance of plants, a beautiful fountain, tasting rooms with good wines and, of course, awesome cuisine will not leave anyone indifferent! On the territory of the Wine Manor in the largest historical basement there is a restaurant Bassarabian Province, which was built of sandstone in 1895-1897. Today you have the opportunity to touch the history and celebrate your event in such the historical place of Gagauzia.

Nicolae (Moldova)



Photo: Vinuri de Comrat

Reviews

Wonderful atmosphere, helpful staff, very nice waiter Irina, professionally advised and guided. Incredibly delicious food, quiet, not intrusive music. Gozlemy with lamb is a masterpiece! Delicious wine and delicious desserts. The prices are reasonable! By advice. to all relatives and friends.

I was especially impressed by the attitude of the staff towards the guests and admired by the director, who personally inquired whether everything was satisfactory. Thank you, good luck and prosperity! We will definitely come back.

Olga (Moldova)



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Castel Mimi SRL

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Castel Mimi is recognized as the visiting card of Moldova, one of the most important tourist attractions in the country. Listed within the top 15 most beautiful wineries in the world, it has managed to gather guests from over 100 countries around the world. Castel Mimi is a gem of Bessarabian wine tourism.

The first Castle in Moldova, originally dedicated to winemaking, has a rich history of events that eventually led to the creation of perfect wines. Castel Mimi invites you to discover the taste of real wine, accompanied by delicious dishes, and to take part in guided tours through the underground galleries and gardens of the Castle for an unforgettable experience. The underground galleries of Mimi Castle are more than a century old. The cellars made of brick and limestone have a special charm. The impeccable historical architecture and the inviting smell of the wine from the barrels will take you to another era, in those times when the great winemaker Constantin Mimi, the last governor of Bessarabia, himself was working on creating the recipes.

Castel Mimi has a refined restaurant “Bufnița Albă” – created for guests to feel at home, it makes its food and wine an extraordinary experience that is accompanied by traditional Moldovan cuisine with refined contemporary flavours. Moreover, the company launched a hotel Castel Mimi Boutique in the area – a unique project that combines traditional and contemporary design and a semi-Olympic swimming pool, ideal for spending some quality time in the hot summer days, and wine spa.



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Domaine de l'Évêque #8

Pierre Richard, the legendary actor, became an owner of the Domaine de l'Évêque, located in France, Aude and reshaped it in 1986. It is situated between two ponds and the sea in Gruissan and the territory widens over 50 ha. Outside activities, such as hiking and bicycling, are included for visitors: different species of birds, including the emblematic pink flamingo as well as archaeological remains dating back to the Roman era can be discovered by having a walk or cycling freely around the site. Tourists can also visit the Cathedral of Narbonne XIII century, Fontfroide Abbey XI century, Cité de Carcassonne, the Cathar castles as well as numerous vestiges of the Gallo-Roman era which are situated nearby.

The possibility to talk to Pierre Richard opens twice a week, in August, when the owner of the Domaine de l'Évêque personally meets visitors during the bottles' signature. It's his own way of appreciating his guests, customers, and wine-lovers. Besides, a special percentage discount is offered depending on the purchase.

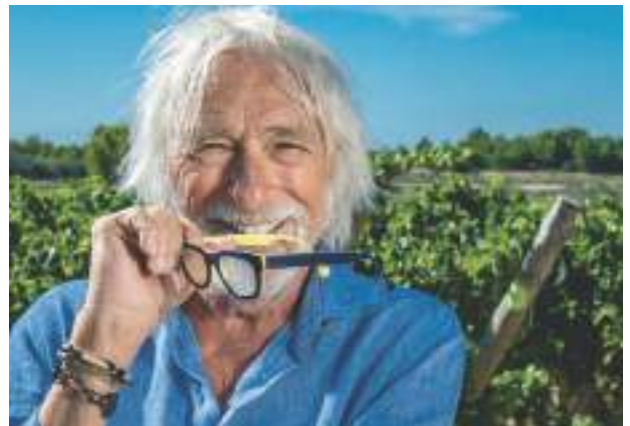


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United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has been supporting the development of sustainable tourism in Moldova since 2012, empowering Moldova to emerge as an authentic experiential travel destination in the heart of Europe.

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With the support of Moldova Competitiveness Transition Activity, a USAID EDGE Buy-in project (MCTA), National Inbound and Domestic Tourism Association of Moldova (ANTRIM) is promoting the image of Moldova as an international tourist destination and is developing a tourism-friendly environment.

ANTRIM (National Inbound and Domestic Tourism Association of Moldova) is a non-profit organization representing the voice of the private sector in Moldova’s inbound tourism industry.

Therefore, our mission is to help the country gain international recognition as a tourist destination.

With the help of our strategic partners we collaborate with stakeholders to create and deliver high-quality services and authentic touristic experiences by supporting traditional Moldovan values when it comes to hospitality, culture, gastronomy and quality wine production.

The mission of Invest Moldova Agency represents the implementation of state economic policies in mandated areas of activity that contribute to the growth of the national economy by establishing public-private partnerships. Invest Moldova Agency (IMA) is acting as the Country Brand Ambassador, positioning Moldova on the global economic map, mandated for investment attraction, export facilitation, and tourism promotion. Moreover, IMA is a reliable cooperation partner for domestic and foreign investors in development projects that expand globally. Being the administrator of the Country Brand for good positioning on the international economic radar, it is of outmost importance to provide tailored services throughout the investment decision process and supporting existing investors in extending their operations.

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Sonal Holland

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Master of Wine, Sonal Holland is India's most accomplished wine professional. The first Indian to be conferred with the prestigious global title, she has won numerous awards in her incredible journey to become the first and only Master of Wine in a nation of over one billion people. Sonal is the Founder Director at Vine2Wine, purveyors of modern and sophisticated wine retail stores across the country. Her entrepreneurial ventures also include the SoHo Wine Club, where Sonal and her team design and curate exceptionally bespoke food and wine experiences for senior corporate and the trade. A certified wine educator, her eponymous Sonal Holland Wine Academy founded in 2009, has established itself as India's foremost institution providing world-class education of wines and beverages through online and WSET certified classroom trainings.

An award-winning broadcaster, Sonal is a distinguished writer, wine judge and an in-demand international speaker with diversified entrepreneurial ventures in wine & beverage education, consultancy, club, awards and retailing. A domain expert on the business of wine, saké and spirits in India, Sonal is passionate about drawing global attention to the country's young and exciting beverage industry. Her vast cultural knowledge has made her a sought-after strategic consultant to international brands seeking a foothold in India's complex marketplace.



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Vine and Wine Foundation of Armenia #157

Millennia of testimonies of Armenian wine-centred culture are all over the country. The sound scientific data in the Areni-1 cave complex, many millennia-old wine presses, jars and karases (Armenian clay vessels), charred remnants of grape seeds, cuneiform inscriptions of the Araratian Kingdom era, testimonies of neighbours and much more evidence prove that Armenia is the cradle of winemaking and viticulture.

The Vine and Wine Foundation of Armenia was established in 2016 by the decision of the RA Government for the efficient and coordinated development of the sector, as well as for the introduction of new strategies of state policy and developmental programs. Preserving over 6100-year-old Armenian winemaking traditions, Armenia's rich culture and historical heritage are nowadays combined with excellent opportunities for development of viticulture and winemaking, climatic conditions, rich diversity of grape varieties, modern technologies and scientific potential, strengthening the basis of sustainable development of the sector.



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Wine Paths #133



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On winepaths.com, our discerning wine customers can plan their next wine trip through our local travel expert of the region they'd like to visit for a bespoke, fully customizable program. Wine Paths benefits also from the expertise of shareholders specialized in the digital sector and the wine business with Michel Rolland, the famous French flying winemaker. You can find his selection of preferred wineries on the website.

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Cav. Subhash Arora #127



Cav. Subhash Arora is a prolific wine writer, author, journalist, international judge, speaker, consultant, educator and a wine club promoter of international repute. He is the Editor and major content provider of delWine. He has mailed 903 issues of delwine.com to 33,000 subscribers in 71 countries.

Cav. Subhash Arora was knighted by the Italian President in 2009 and awarded the official title of Cavaliere for his meritorious service in building friendly ties between India and Italy through wine promotion and education. He is an Advisor and Conference Chairman for Vinexpo India that debuted in India in December 2021 and will be organised next at Mumbai on 16-18 August, 2022.

Under the leadership of Cav. Arora, the Delhi Wine Club, he founded in 2002, successfully organized 300 events till July, 2020. He founded Indian Wine Day in 2017. Since then, Pan India is celebrated every 16 November with wineries, restaurants and wine clubs participating in it.



Photo: Cav. Subhash Arora



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The company was founded in 1995 as outbound tourism oriented, and then later in 2009 created the inbound department, thus ever since it has been providing high-quality services to companies (tour operators and travel agencies) from all over the world, meeting the international standards and the expectations of thousands of tourists every year. Visit Moldova is a member of ANTRIM (the National Association of Inbound Tourism in Moldova), and IATA (International Air Transport Association).

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Tania Olevska

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Tania Olevska is a brand ambassador of the restaurant of modern Kyiv cuisine Hlek which opened in Kyiv in 2020. Hlek is located in the heart of Kyiv, surrounded by historical places, monuments and ministries: St. Sophia square and Cathedral, St. Michal's square and Cathedral, monument to Bohdan Khmelnytsky and princess Olga, Andriyivskyy Descent with multiple handicrafts and Andriyivska Church, beautifully reconstructed "Peyzazhna alley". Close to Independence square "Maidan" and to the great Kyiv symbol "The Golden Gate".

The main objectives for Tania were to develop wine and gastronomic culture among the guests; to attract new clients to the restaurant; and popularize Kyiv cuisine and Ukrainian wines and spirits. Due to the strategic and creative approach, Tania managed to achieve it – each week Hlek welcomes both new and regular guests. Hlek keeps its reputation as a beautiful, cozy and modern restaurant with a variety of traditional Ukrainian dishes, drinks from the house and a great wine list.



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Solomiia Begun #51

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Solomiia Begun is the Brand Ambassador of wine company Raymond Mayhelyn Et Fils, France (founded in 1972). In 2021, in France, Solomiia Begun was nominated for the title “Les Compagnons du Beaujolais”, thus joining the ranks of the oldest order of the Beaujolais region, sharing their ideals, secrets, history, and traditions. She represents the interests of French winemaking and culture.

In addition, Solomiia Begun promotes the culture of wine diplomacy and gastronomy of Ukraine around the world. Solomiia specializes in organizing enogastronomic and wine evenings with the best sommeliers and winemakers in Ukraine, Europe, and Malaysia. Solomiia organizes exclusive tours to wineries in France, Italy. Her expertise and experience enable her to prepare special programs for both educated audience and wine lovers, who love to travel along the wine routes of leading wine-making countries. Next year, she plans to win the Chinese audience as a wine guide.



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María Isabel Mijares #12



María Isabel Mijares was the first woman winemaker in her country and became the number one Spanish winemaker. And it was the King of Spain himself who granted her the status of Ambassador of Spanish wine. Now, Isabel Mijares (this is how the entire Spanish- and French-speaking Western world is calling her) is even compared to the Queen of Great Britain, who has been ruling her country – authoritatively and successfully – for many years.

Isabel Mijares, now 80, has dedicated her life to wine. She was secretary general of the International Union of Oenologists, president of the Valdepeñas Denomination of Origin, as well as head of projects at the United Nations, advising governments on wine-growing practices. She traveled through different countries in Latin America and Europe. During more than fifty years of working in the field of winemaking, Isabel Mijares has contributed to the development and promotion in a global context of about 800 wineries in Spain, France, and Latin America. Many of them have now become the world's renowned wineries.



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Roberto Cipresso #11



The brilliant oenologist Roberto Cipresso is a participant of the grand international project Vinos de La Luz and Pangea wine (which comes from the wines of five continents and is expected to be the sensation of the year!), the founder of Winemaking (consulting group in the fields of oenology, agronomy), innovative project Winecircus – an experimental cellar, where research is conducted, and aspects of viticulture are studied. Among the achievements of Winecircus is a special cuve created especially for Pope John Paul II in 2000. In addition, Roberto Cipresso is the owner of boutique winery Fattoria La Fiorita producing Brunello and La Fiorita wines, which have won many prestigious awards, and have 99, 98, and 97 points according to Parker.

While working in Argentina, Roberto Cipresso met Dr. Ricardo Nunez, who put forward a revolutionary idea to unite different wineries in Argentina, Spain, Italy, and California due to a single philosophy and unified protocols. Thus, Vinos de La Luz became a new leaf in the life of the Italian oenologist. He took over the leadership of the company's team of oenologists, whose mission is to produce high-quality wines under the existing brands in each country where Vinos de La Luz is produced, to create iconic wines based on local varieties.

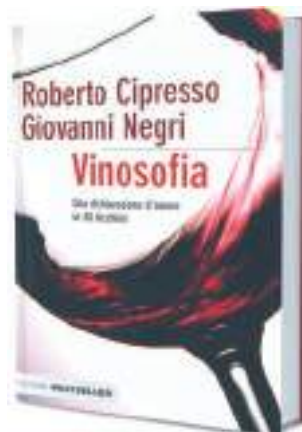


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Wines of Armenia #138



As part of the activities aimed at visibility and promotion of Armenian wines in the European market, GIZ in cooperation with Vine and Wine Foundation of Armenia and ACBA Federation initiated “Wines of Armenia: EU Logistics Hub” project comprising of 3 components:

- * an online e-commerce platform for direct sales of Armenian wines in Europe – www.winesofarmenia.store
- * a single warehouse where all the wines presented in the platform will be stored – based in Berlin.
- * a service centre for providing information and guidance on Armenian wines, how to get them, at what prices etc.



The online platform www.winesofarmenia.store and the single warehouse address several issues for especially small and medium-sized Armenian wine producing companies:

- * www.winesofarmenia.store enables small and medium-sized producers to sell their products online in new markets which is almost vital in times of the pandemic, given the limited market opportunities and decreased tourist flow in Armenia.
- * The platform gives an excellent opportunity for those wine companies having no representation in Europe to sell their wines to the market. Because of small volumes of production, it is often difficult for Armenian companies to find partners willing to import their wines into the given market.
- * It encourages tourists visiting Armenia and trying Armenian wines to buy them in their home countries in Europe through the platform. This will indeed enhance visibility of Wines of Armenia brand outside of Armenia's borders making the platform a unique Ambassador of Armenian wines in the EU.
- * The platform gives comprehensive information about Armenian winemaking and wine industry attracting potential tourists and wine lovers to the country, rich in tradition and currently seeing a revival of winemaking.
- * Through the single warehouse the small companies optimise their transportation/logistics costs in Europe (e.g., while taking part in international competitions, expos). Based in Berlin, Germany, the warehouse gives Armenian wine producers a chance to transport their wines throughout Europe in a more accessible and affordable way, thus saving their time and resources.

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Vinuri de Comrat #97



If you hit the road to the very south of Moldova, in the Gagauzia region, you will notice the road signs are written in Cyrillic letters. It is also a wine region called Valul lui Traian where Vinuri de Comrat is located. The winery is included in the Moldova Wine Road “RO-MD Cross Border Wine Tourism Cluster Development”.

The Museum of forgotten things has a wide range of different things of the Soviet period, collected in wine cellars during the reconstruction. It includes furniture, musical instruments, typewriters and other objects of the first half of the XX century.

Restaurant “Bessarabian Province” – a unique example of a modern restaurant in old cellars of the XIX century. It symbolizes an unforgettable experience of marriage between local Moldovan and Gagauzian cuisine and outstanding Southern wines. Being an excellent location for events of all kinds, the restaurant has its total capacity of nearly 200 seats.

Vinuri de Comrat produces about 3mln bottles of wine per year, including red, white and rose, dry, semisweet and sweet wines.



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Our clients stay in centrally located and elegant hotels; authentic agro-pensions; enjoy intimate wine tastings at top wineries; dine in the most exclusive restaurants; and take in the captivating scenery of lush vineyards and charming villages. Taste our most famous Purcari wines at their birthplace, the Stefan Voda region. Experience the culinary creations of local artisans. They learn about the Moldavian wine regions and their fascinating history.



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Due to the sponsorship of Vinos de La Luz, it became possible to bring together influencers from different countries and continents - Great Britain, Canada, United States of America, Poland, Italy, Sweden, France, Japan, Ukraine, Hungary, Spain, Armenia, Romania, Germany, Moldova, Israel, India, Georgia - into the WTA community.

Vinos de La Luz is an international wine group owned by Dr. Ricardo F. Nunez. It includes wineries in the most renowned regions of the Old and New World:

- ✦ Ribera del Duero, Peñafiel, Spain;
- ✦ Tuscany, Siena, Italy;
- ✦ Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina;
- ✦ Santa María, California, United States.

These wineries produce great wines with the DNA of Vinos de La Luz under the guidance of an all-star team of talented winemakers, including Poberto Cipresso, Pablo Navarette and Noelia Mena.

It produces such renowned wines as Iluminado Vinos de La Luz (Argentina, Spain, Italy and USA, California), Callejón del Crimen, Pagos de Valcerracín, Peñafiel Limited Edition, Valpincia, Cinema (Italy and Spain).

Vinos de La Luz wines gain the highest awards at the world competitions, including Best in Show Decanter 2019 where Iluminado Vinos de La Luz Malbec Paraje Altamira 2015 got 97 points.

CEO of Vinos de La Luz Dr. Ricardo F. Nunez enjoys great prestige in the world of wine and is actively involved as a speaker at international events.

Along with the «Wine & Food Influencer» nomination, Vinos de La Luz sponsored the nominees for the «Visiting Card of the Country» and «Ambassador».

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Ania Smolec is a wine journalist, wine taster, and wine communicator. She has been working in the wine industry for more than fifteen years. During her years of career, she has judged in several wine competitions: Vinitaly Concurso Enologico, Concours Mondiale de Bruxelles, Citadelles du Vins, Vinos de La Cordillera, Selezione Nazionale Vini da Pesca, Granache du Monde, Rose Championship, Antepima Amarone and others.

Ania's latest project is the website www.pink-mode.com dedicated to rosé wines, rosé lifestyle, and promotion of wine culture. She writes mostly in Polish thus she is a Pole. But her Instagram profile she manages in English for her followers from other countries. She is also an editor in chief of the review "Restauracja" which is a bimonthly magazine dedicated to restaurants, chefs, and HoReCa industry in Poland www.e-restauracja.com

She has been living for ten years in Chile. Her base is in Warsaw but the wine activities she conducts are in different countries: South America, Australia, China, Thailand. In her work, she organizes wine tours for professionals and private clients to Chile, like the Vitis Wine Tour for Master Sommeliers.



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Åsa Kristina Johansson

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Åsa Kristina Johansson is a wine journalist and a wine educator specialized in Italy. Åsa came to Italy in 2001 because she loved Italian films from the fifties and sixties and wanted to learn Italian. It was love at first sight. Following a degree in political science and journalism at the University of Florence, she now writes about wine, food, and travel for Swedish, Norwegian and Italian magazines such as Decanter (England), Quench Magazine (Canada), Allt Om Vin (Sweden) Food & Wine Italy (Italy), Espresso (Italy), Wine Table (Sweden), Svenska Dagbladet (Sweden), Vagabond (Sweden), Expressen (Sweden), Apéritif (Norway) and others.

Thanks to her many press assignments she visits hundreds of wineries every year. She has visited all twenty Italian regions and travels a large part of the year. Åsa comes to Sweden on a regular basis to hold courses and seminars on Italian wines. She is also in charge of the Italian section with teaching and writing a textbook at a new school of sommeliers in Sweden, The Wine Hub.



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Nello Gatti #130



Nello Gatti is a multilingual wine professional with an in-depth knowledge of the hospitality and marketing sectors. Along his path he developed an unparalleled level of communication awareness thanks to his proven history at some of the most iconic events and the education given by very recognizable wine experts. Co-founder of the successful format “Autoctono Campano” as a writer, event coordinator and wine selector Author and Reporter at Foodclub.it with his own series “Wine Star Wars” and “Wine Disasters”. Founder of lambasciatore.com the official Log-book where all the most exciting wine experiences are explained with several connections to art and society. Strategic Consultant, PR and Brand Ambassador for some of the most awarded wineries and Consortia in 7 countries and more than 20 wine regions Marketing advisor for hospitality groups and high-end venues for a better developing and understanding of all the things around wine Export Specialist in charge of a Wine Network with a long performance history of success with individual importers, chains, investment groups and monopolies. Author and contributor for wine podcast, virtual tasting and media content. Board Member of “Artisti del Gusto” and associate to non-profit organizations.



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Solomiia Begun #122

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In 2020 I was in charge of the international project "BOOKS SAVE CASTLES". Reviving the tradition of castle libraries, I organize cultural social events that bring together artists, historians, designers, hoteliers, tourism industry workers, winemakers, sommeliers, businessmen, philanthropists, etc. Together, we support and increase the culture of world heritage and try to make our world a better place.

Being an expert on Michelin star restaurants (I have been studying and visiting restaurants of the world with haute cuisine for 8 years), I am writing a book about Michelin and enogastronomy. I am passionate about wine and good food. I got a diploma of a wine expert from a branch of the London International School WSET Level 2. Books, history, art, opera, antiques, education are my elements. All of the above led me to journalism. I want to share information and knowledge with as many people as possible.

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Eleonora Scholes #118

Drop the rocketing international wine career and write solely about Italian wines and lifestyle. I made that decision in 2012 to create spaziovino.com. Visiting the world's finest vineyards, speaking at prestigious wine business events, attending rare and exclusive tastings, was exchanged for setting up an online Russian language resource that would concentrate on the beautiful wines, many of them still little known, of bel paese. I never regretted it.

This year spaziovino.com is celebrating a milestone – its first ten years. Being based in Italy for the past 17 years helped me to keep abreast of its wine developments. Travelling the Italian peninsula from Aosta to Sicily, visiting all wine regions from famous to obscure, meeting all sorts of Italian wine people and tasting thousands of wines, I am doing my best to report it all on spaziovino. And I am having fun doing I've been writing about wine for over twenty years. I am also an official ambassador for the Langhe wines (Barolo and Barbaresco) and part of the team of authors of the international bestselling wine guide Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book.

Before making Italian wines my beloved topic at spaziovino.com, I was writing on fine wines for numerous publications in Ukraine, Kazakhstan, UK, USA and other countries. My articles appeared in Forbes, Decanter, Falstaff, The World of Fine Wine. I translated Nicolas Joly's From Sky to Earth into Russian, as well as co-authored several wine books in Russian and in English, including The Wine Opus (published by Dorling Kindersley).



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Per Karlsson

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Per Karlsson has been communicating on wine for a long time. In 1996 he launched, together with his wife, the first wine web site in Sweden, equally one of the very early wine sites on the internet globally. The couple went on to launch one of the early wine blogs that with time morphed into an online magazine. Having been an amateur wine lover ever since his youth, he created in 2004, together with his wife Britt, BKWine AB, a company focussing on wine writing and on organising wine tours. It has since become one of the world's leading wine tour operators.

Today, he is writer, journalist and editor-in-chief at BKWine Magazine, an English-Swedish bilingual online wine magazine widely read all over the world, with a monthly newsletter called the BKWine Brief.

Since 2015 he has been a regular contributor to Forbes.com on wine. He has also co-authored 11 books on wine together with Britt Karlsson. The subjects range from technical, for example winemaking and wine growing, over regional wine and travel guides to wine course literature. Per is also a photographer specialising in wine and travel photography. His pictures have been published in magazines and books all over the world, as well as in the Karlssons' own books and articles.



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Masakatsu Ikeda #105



Masakatsu Ikeda was born in 1967 in Tokyo. After working at Kateigaho magazine as an editor, he moved to Florence, Italy in 1998. Specialized in food, wine and cuisine, he works for Japanese magazines, newspaper, web and TV. Since 1998 he published more than 15 books as an author and the latest work is "Osteria Francescana". The first book is about Massimo Bottura and Osteria Francescana. Masakatsu is also an Italian-Japanese interpreter of the cooking shows "Italian top chef", as Massimo Bottura, Enrico Cerea and others. Contributing photographer in Getti Image. Director of the web magazine Saporita.

When the Covid-19 exploded all over the world in March 2020 pasta and rice disappeared from the shelves of the supermarket flooded with people, but sales of Italian wine increased. Drinking Italian wine means surrounding the table with your family and friends, and the moment of unplugging is the moment of joy. Italian wine is a joy and it is an integral part of the Italian lifestyle that Italians always need.



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I started working in the wine industry in 2011 as a journalist for Vinofest, a magazine about wine and gastronomy (Kyiv, Ukraine). For the Vinofest magazine, I organized tastings with wine experts of Ukraine, and composed wine ratings. I also wrote articles about wine and wine regions, and did interviews with wine experts. In 2012, I became the editor-in-chief of the magazine.

In 2018 I became the Head of the PR department of the Alcomag wine store chain (a company that imports wine to Ukraine, PE Shevchenko S.A.). Collaborated with the press, organized and conducted tastings, meetings with winemakers, prepared content for social networks and a chain store website. In 2019, I became the editor of the Wine & Spirit department at PostEat. Now I am in charge of preparing analytical articles on the alcohol market of Ukraine, doing interviews with experts of the Ukrainian wine market, and acting as a wine expert for the publication.

Other activities I provide are private wine tastings, educational wine workshops, preparation of advertising campaigns for Ukrainian and foreign wine brands.



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Laura Hadland

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Laura Hadland have been volunteering at Rothley Wine and giving wine tasting sessions there for 7 years and I also give private tastings. She has been blogging and writing about wine for over a decade. Her publications on wine can also be found detailed at Muck Rack as well as her blog. During Covid she has featured the activities of the Rothley Wine Estate through her writing and social media to help bring the story of English wine to a new audience. She has also supported the winemaker, the only employee at the vineyard, by adapting the ticketing system and wine tasting sessions that she delivers there in order to help the micro-business to survive and thrive during lockdown. Laura's unique delivery of these unique English wines has not just promoted sales, but their tastings have received only 5* ratings across platforms in 2020 and 2021.

Extremehousewife Laura Hadland has her own style, pure English humour, incredible curiosity, and openness to the world, including the world of wine and gastronomy. Her book "50 Years of CAMRA – the Campaign for Real Ale" is a finalist for the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards 2022.



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Ágnes Németh #40

Ágnes Németh has been spreading the word about wine for more than 15 years. The creator of the most prestigious Hungarian wine event, editor-in-chief of a wine magazine for a decade, a tireless wine writer publishing at least one piece a day, the brain behind Hungarian Web Wine Writing – a contest that has moved wine writers from India to Greece in the past 4 years.

Hungary has great wines that deserve attention, we know it, because having been involved in the local wine industry for more than a decade, we have deep knowledge of Hungarian wines and their producers. Due to consecutive changes in wine marketing boards in Hungary, the official information website still does not exist, thus some ambitious wine experts decided to create a so-called 'civil' informational website. At the moment it is not backed by any governmental body, the work is voluntary, supplemented by a small subscription fee from wineries. We are passionate about wine and we strongly believe that Hungary deserves a spot in the map of the world of wine.

Have you ever been impressed by a Hungarian wine? In what circumstances did you taste it? Why was it special? What did you learn about that wine, the winemaker, the wine region, the country? Tell us your story and send it to us. The most exciting, the most well written piece will get the most scores from our jury members. There are no restrictions, you can write about any wine from any wine region – provided it is from Hungary.

As for the genre, again, there are no restrictions, what we would like to read the most, is an article that makes the readers thirsty for Hungarian wines.



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Ilya Kirilin #35



I started my career as a graduate in international spirits companies and planned to stay there developing new brands, new products, new markets. But suddenly wine has become my passion. From a simple drink made of grape juice it turned into something much more complicated, something that I couldn't understand but wanted to know more. So I lost almost all my interest in spirits, left my well paid job full of opportunities and started as a junior editor in a wine magazine Simple Wine News.

In 2020 I left for Spain, Barcelona. For the next year and a half, there was no chance to travel, meet the wine people from all over the world and experience it all over again. But even without travelling there was a chance to stay connected. Instagram literally saved me as every evening I was hosting a live interview with different people.

And it was just the beginning. After this, I was a part of a wine start-up, where I pushed Spanish wines to be the top priority, kept writing for Simple Wine News magazine, giving classes on Spanish wines and finally started to travel again. So Spain is a country which is still revealing itself, and I'd like to welcome everybody to that journey.



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Alder Yarrow

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Alder Yarrow is a writer and founder of one of the most influential wine blogs, Vinography.Com.

Vinography began on January 15th, 2004, as a personal project for founder and editor Alder Yarrow. The site is now a respected source for non-mainstream wine writing, and one of the most influential wine blogs on the Internet. Featuring wine and sake reviews, restaurant reviews, editorials, book reviews, wine news, and wine event coverage, Vinography publishes new content daily to a global readership. The site was nominated for a James Beard Award in 2013. Alder works hard to create an alternative to the traditional sources and styles of wine journalism, partially through its emphasis on the stories, the people, and the passion behind wine, all told from a decidedly down-to-earth perspective.

San Francisco Magazine has called Alder "The Wine World's Brightest Cyberstar" and he is widely accepted as a pioneer of wine blogging. Since November of 2011, Alder has been a columnist for Jancis Robinson on her website jancisrobinson.com. His "Alder on America" column focuses on current events, trends, and happenings in the world of American wine.



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Arsen Fedosenko #24



My name is Arsen Fedosenko, I am a photographer. I want the world to fall in love with Ukrainian wine through art photography. I have been doing art and advertising photography for 25 years. When I found out that there is a vacuum of information and images of domestic grapes and winemaking, I wanted to fix the situation. Now I know that there are such artists in the world and they make very creative pictures. I became one of them, but with my own creative approach. No matter what, photography is a document, and I try to convey to the audience the real beauty, not fictional.

Ukrainian wine should be known all over the world, not only as a product but also as a cultural phenomenon. It is already being formed, I see it and know how to convey it to the world. In recent years, I have held six photo exhibitions at thematic festivals and forums, helping winemakers with design and market entry strategies (my experience as an advertiser comes in handy). My goal is to create a new image of Ukrainian wine. The original modern image is an integral part of the country's export strategy, as well as the development of Ukrainian wine culture.



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Wine consumption study #159

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According to the study “Wine consumption study and development of marketing strategy for promotion of wine culture in Armenia”, Armenia ranks lower in the list of wine consuming countries, while consistently having high indicators among the countries consuming alcohol. However, over the recent years, there have been changes in the general structure of alcohol consumption in Armenia – the share of wine is increasing. Wine consumption per capita has increased significantly over 2018-2019. Thanks to high quality wine producers, festivals, tastings, specialised shops, restaurants and bars, the culture of drinking wine is becoming popular in the country.

Thus, it was imperative to study the wine consumption culture and habits in Armenia to identify the motives for wine drinking in the Armenian market to further develop a marketing strategy and action plan for more effective internal promotion of wine consumption culture. The quantitative research was conducted by Breavis (commissioned by GIZ) among 1638 people throughout Armenia. As a result, a marketing strategy and action plan based on the study of the quantitative and qualitative peculiarities of wine consumption in Armenia has been developed and handed over to the Vine and Wine Foundation of Armenia (VWFA).



Photo: Wine consumption study



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WineStatistics is a wine tasting non-profit community, meant to describe modern wine by quantifying its subjective organoleptic qualities into comparable data indexes, so that the end result is an easy-to-read and quite detailed, so that it is a 100% comparable wine rating system, that can be used by a wide range of wine enthusiasts. There are numerous wine rating systems in the world of wine (the Robert Parker's Wine Advocate and the Decanter World Wine Awards are amongst the best known) and one can use any of them as an empiric measure of wine quality, as long as they fit the needs. WineStatistics offers one more approach on the wine rating system, that has been applied successfully for 11 years, and with much research has been made on its base. You can check all the details on the WineStatistics.com webpage.

The beauty of WineStatistics rating system is that you can replace the original rating with your own, based on your observations and taste. Simply replace the default marks with your rating and then make a sum of the obtained results and you will get your own wine rating. There are no rights or wrongs, nor perfect evaluations – everyone has their own sensory profile and taste preferences.



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Andrei Cibotaru is the founder and author of the blog www.finewine.md. The resource is managed by Fine Wine Media SRL. The blog is kept in the Romanian language, and contains information about the leading wines of Moldova, presented in different parts of the world. Andrei Cibotaru is a journalist with over 15 years of experience, including in television journalism and online media. He is a wine expert and sommelier who was admitted to ASI (The International Sommelier Association).

Andrei is an expert in wine issues, and for this very reason, he is also a regular judge of such international competitions as Berliner Wein Trophy, Concours Mondial de Bruxelles, International Wine Contest Bucharest, Eurasia Wine & Spirits Competition, etc. Andrei Cibotaru was awarded with such honorary titles as the Best Blogger of 2016 according to VIP Magazine, as well as the Best Wine Journalist of 2016 according to the organization "Wine of Moldova".

For many years, this journalist has been a regular observer of the country's leading wine events, in particular, the Day of Moldova's Wine. The journalist is expanding upon the most secluded nooks in Moldova, where excellent wines are made, upon the capital's wine bars, food and drink venues, where you can taste wines in glasses, as well as upon the people – winemakers and vinegrowers – whose work has glorified this land.



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San Francisco Magazine has called Alder “The Wine World’s Brightest Cyberstar” and he is widely accepted as a pioneer of wine blogging. Alder regularly speaks and presents at wine events around the world including Symposium for Professional Wine Writers at Meadowood in Napa Valley, Flavor! Napa Valley, and the Aspen Food and Wine Classic. He has also appeared as a panelist and speaker for events and organizations such as Wine 2.0, The Commonwealth Club, and the Churchill Club. Since November of 2011, Alder has been a columnist for Jancis Robinson on her website jancisrobinson.com. His “Alder on America” column focuses on current events, trends, and happenings in the world of American wine. He also occasionally contributes to other publications such as the World of Wine, Club Oenologique, or Fine Cooking Magazine. Alder has long been a judge for the World of Fine Wine’s annual Global Restaurant Wine List awards, and occasionally judges other wine competitions around the world. He was also a judge for the James Beard Restaurant awards for many years.



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After countless oenological and culinary tours, all over the world, we've decided to create a company that specializes in presenting you with the best and most beautiful wine regions. To fill your senses at the pace you want through wine, food and people. What do we do? Wine tourism for groups and FITs in 20 different leading wine destinations.

Creators of the book: Wine Journey – An Israeli Adventure – with over 11,000 copies sold in the first 10 months since printing. Representing Israel around the world, including at the IWINETC 2021 event. Founders and managers of the leading wine podcast in Hebrew: Wine is Basic. The book 'Wine Journey – Israeli Adventure' features over 200 wineries that cover the land of Israel from the snow-covered Mount Hermon in the north, down to Eilat on the Red Sea. It highlights the wineries giving all the relevant details and also gives local information on craft brewers, artisan cheese producers and nearby restaurants. It is published in Hebrew of course, but also in English providing a much needed insight into Israeli wine for wine lovers and connoisseurs worldwide. Israel is a meeting place between Europe, North Africa and Asia, and it contains the most dynamic, fastest developing wine industry in the Eastern Mediterranean.



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La La Wine

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La La Wine is a video format on the enogastronomic world, with a focus on wine, which speaks to the public in a new way: we tell about current events, cuisine, producers and the world of women in a professional and reliable way, but with a fast pace and a sparkling and exciting tone of voice.

The name La La Wine is the manifesto of the idea: a refrain and a film that make you want to dance with a glass of good wine in your hand. The logo represents the face of a somewhat dreamy woman, from whose mind a glass and a bottle come out: the chats around wine have a female eye, but also and above all a female mind.

All is always with a light but not trivial style, to tell the mosaic of food and wine in the world. Beyond this, the advertorials continue, where wineries, chefs and producers of Made in Italy excellence can tell their stories. The heart of the program are 4 sections on food and wine, where themes and voices are often found outside the chorus. The 4 original columns are joined by La La VIP on the passions of the stars for wine and food, and La La Tour, where we interview ambassadors of Italian wine abroad, foreign producers, sommeliers and importers in English.



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Cav. Subhash Arora is a prolific wine writer, author, journalist, international judge, speaker, consultant, educator and a wine club promoter of international repute. He is the Editor and major content provider of delWine. He also writes for several newspapers and magazines in India and abroad. He is an Advisor and Conference Chairman for Vinexpo India that debuted in India in December 2021 and will be organised next at Mumbai on 16-18 August, 2022.

Cav. Arora was knighted by the Italian President in 2009 and awarded the official title of Cavaliere for his meritorious service in building friendly ties between India and Italy through wine promotion and education. He founded Indian Wine Day in 2017 – now celebrated Pan India every 16 November with wineries, restaurants and wine clubs Pan India participating.

The Indian Wine Academy was launched in 2003 by Cav. Subhash Arora, Founder President of Delhi Wine Club, assisted by Sourish Bhattacharyya, a food and wine journalist with 35 years of relevant experience behind him. IWA launched delWine, the country's first online eNewsletter on wine, food business, and retail and hospitality sectors in April 2006. The complimentary India-centric weekly eNewsletter is sent to 33,000 subscribers in 71 countries – 845 issues have been sent till June 2020. It disseminates useful information about the Indian wine industry while briefing about the world markets too.



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The Wine Republic of Italy #114



The Wine Republic of Italy is a WEB TV channel uploaded on Facebook, created in 2018 by Antonio Sferlazzo, an Italian wine journalist based in Tuscany; the project aims to communicate the Italian best wines to an international audience of wine loves; the FB page presents quick video interviews to wine producers or wine journalists, recorded during wine trade fairs such as Vinitaly, often broadcasted alive via FB; or else extended video portraits of wine producers and their wineries.

In both case Antonio Sferlazzo, editor-in-chief of the TV channel, tries to rise the interest of the audience, being creative, spontaneous, fresh, entertaining, even provocative and possibly never boring or commercial; his previous 30 years career as photojournalist, helps him creating documentaries about wine where images, words and music melt, in order to transmit to the audience the magic and the "flavor" of the wines, and of course the history, the culture of the territory.

Antonio regularly contributes articles about the Italian wine world to wine magazines from Eastern Europe such as Sommelier (Czech Rep), Vinoteka (Slovakia), Drinks+ (Ukraine).



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Anghelina Taran #81

I was lucky to become a chronicler of the modern history of Moldavian winemaking, which, in fact, began with renewal and revival at the turn of the millennium. Since I am thorough in everything that I am dealing with, before going to the first full-cycle winery built from scratch, I had read a winemaking manual. This enabled me to continue communicating easily with winemakers and to quickly win their favour and respect.

Thus, in 2004, I became a wine journalist, specializing in viticulture and winemaking. Unfortunately, other media outlets in Moldova could not (and still cannot) afford maintaining such employee, so until this day, I have been the only professional wine journalist in my country. In 2016, with technical support of USAID, a specialized website wine-and-spirits.md was launched. Initially, I was cramped within the blog's framework, which implied that my journalistic turn of mind would win the victory. Being aware of the particularities of the Moldavian winemaking and world trends, as well as working with high-quality sources, enable me to express an opinion at the expert's level about the most promising vectors for the industry's development.



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Yair Kornblum Koren is an Israeli journalist who worked for four decades as correspondent, senior news editor and head of the news department of the Israeli public radio (IBA). He is also a wine & spirits journalist and an experienced judge in international competitions. Yair is known as a wine broadcaster and writer contributing for 20 years to the main Israeli radio station Reshet Bet and The Israeli Wine & Gourmet Magazine – WINET. Yair Kornblum Koren is the owner and Editor-In-Chief at The Drinks Explorer www.yairkoren.co.il. He is co-author and editor of The Comprehensive Guide to Israeli Wines, published in 2016 in Hebrew and English. The book was well received by the public and the trade. For his activity as a journalist, Yair was awarded the decoration of Cavaliere by the President of Italy.

Talking about historical roots of wine in Israel, Yair Kornblum Koren notes in one of his interviews: "In Israel, the modern wine industry started only at the end of the 19th century with [Edmond de] Rothschild, because all the vineyards were destroyed during the Muslim period. They left them for religious purposes in some monasteries. This is why we don't really know what the varieties were in Israel when our ancestors made wine. Now, there is a lot of research into it and ancient varieties are being rediscovered."



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Olimpia Pleșa Brandhuber is a professional wine event creator, manager, wine communication specialist, champagne expert, wine judge, master class presenter. A pioneering promoter of the „Romanian sparkling wine” which she aspires to become a national brand #romaniansparkling #spumantromanesc. Her mission is to make the good quality sparkling wine made in Romania known (to Romanians and foreigners). She highlights by events and social media the good Romanian sparkling wines and inspires the people to appreciate it's national value. “Let's value the name it deserves, that of Romanian sparkling wine different from prosecco, champagne, spumante or bubbles and create a national Romanian brand.” The objectives of the project are to help Romanian producers and sellers to present this wine as a distinct category, with its own identity, history, method.

Within the Romanian sparkling wine project, Olimpia initiated a series of interviews with oenologists which create the bubbles of happiness. She considers that the role of the winemaker in obtaining sparkling wine by the traditional method is vital. Olimpia invited the oenologists to the conversation to reveal some of the secrets of the Romanian bubbles. The purpose: to make known by their voice the sparkling wine made from local grape varieties or international ones.



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Allison Levine is owner of Please The Palate, a boutique agency specializing in marketing and event planning for the wine and spirits industry. With over 20 years of experience in communications, marketing and event planning, Allison is passionate about the world around her and the diverse people in it. Allison holds a master's degree in International Communications with a focus on cross-cultural training from the American University School of International Service. She also holds a WSET Level 3 Certificate from the Wine & Spirits Education Trust (WSET), an Italian Wine Specialist Diploma from the North American Sommelier Association, a Certified Meeting Professional Certificate (CMP), and is BarSmarts Wired certified.

As an industry expert, she works with wine regions around the world, organizing trade and media events around the United States. She has traveled extensively and has lived abroad in Italy, Spain and Mexico where she developed her passion for food and wine. Her work allows her to live life to the fullest and, as a freelance writer, Allison communicates her experiences into articles, as well as in her blog (pleasethepalate.com/blog). Allison is the host of the podcast WineSoundtrack USA where she interviews winemakers and winery owners who share their stories, insights and some humorous anecdotes. Allison can also be found on YouTube where she regularly reviews wines in one-minute videos for the Wine Weirdos and hosts a weekly chat about wine on Crush On This.



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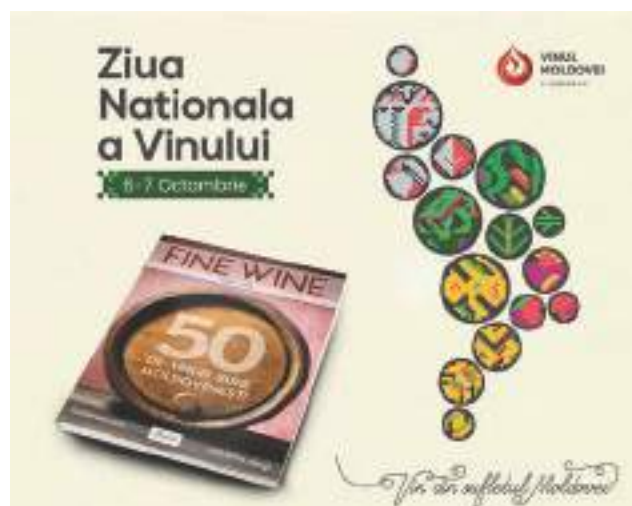


For many years, Andrei Cibotaru has been a regular observer of the country's leading wine events, in particular, the Day of Moldova's Wine. The journalist is expanding upon the most secluded nooks in Moldova, where excellent wines are made, upon the capital's wine bars, food and drink venues, where you can taste wines in glasses, as well as upon the people – winemakers and vinegrowers – whose work has glorified this land.

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Margaret Swaine #177



Margaret Swaine has visited over 130 countries researching and writing about wine, spirits, food, restaurants and travel. Her debut in the wine field was as a winner of blind tasting competitions. In 1978, when Margaret entered her first Toronto competition, she captured both the first prize and the “women’s prize”.

An Honours Journalism graduate of Carleton University, Margaret spent over two decades as the wine and drink columnist for both Toronto Life and Chatelaine magazines. For 16 years, she wrote for the National Post, starting with features and then the weekly Wine & Spirits Picks column and later the weekly culinary travel column “Forks & the Road”. Her bi-weekly column under the banner “Global Gourmet” in www.travelindustrytoday.com



won first prize in the 2018 Travel Media Association of Canada awards for best travel column/blog. She is a principal critic and partner with Wine Align, covering spirits. Margaret founded and was the first president of the Wine Writers Circle of Canada and is a member of the Wine Writers Circle in England. She is a founder, director and first treasurer of The Travel Media Association of Canada. She is the recipient of the 2003 Life Achievement Award of the Ontario Imported Wine-Spirit-Beer Association. Among the titles she’s been honoured with are Dame de la Jurade de Saint Emilion, Dame de Floc de Gascogne and Commandeur d’Honneur de Commanderie du Bontemps de Médoc et des Graves.

Photo: Margaret Swaine



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Monique Soltani #148



In what feels like our first event coverage in 5000 years, we serve up a snapshot of the sizzling Southern California wine and food scene with Wine Oh TV's Monique Soltani at the 17th annual San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival!!! The festival isn't just for fun, to date it's raised over \$450,000 for culinary, oenology, and hospitality scholarships and grants.

In 1968 the late Vincenzo Cilurzo and his wife Audrey planted Temecula's first modern commercial vineyard. Temecula Valley received formal recognition as an American Viticultural Area in 1984. Temecula Valley is known as Southern California's Wine Country due to its proximity from the millions of people who inhabit Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego; the Temecula Valley sits in western Riverside County. Temecula Valley grows and produces over 50 different varietals of wine; from Cabernet Sauvignon to Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot to Mourvedre, Viognier to Chardonnay.



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Pavel Platonov is a certified European photographer, a photographer at Georgian SHUMI Winery. He was engaged in 20 exhibitions and 7 curatorial projects. Main activities: photography of nature, portrait, subject photography, creative art projects, photo tours in Asia and the East, design of space with photographs of a specific theme. Pavel has a photobank from more than 300 cities of the world. It is being replenished. Pavel seized the first place in the international photo contest ADMe Photo Awards in the nomination "Everyday life" (2014).

Traveling: a quarter of the globe has already been visited. For four years, I have been studying viticulture in Kakheti, Georgia. The journey from a grape seed to wine still brings new discoveries that I try to photograph. Probably in twenty years I will begin to understand something more precisely. Among the photographs, there is the most ancient vine of the region (and possibly the world), it is about 250 years old. And here is a bottle of wine made from its grapes. Isn't it miraculous?



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I'm Sofia Nikabadze, a wine blogger. Wine is my hobby and I travel a lot around Georgia to discover some interesting small family cellars and introduce them to wine lovers. I have been interested in Georgian wine making for 8 years. I graduated from the Wine School and Studio KabisToni "Wine Connoisseur" and the Georgian Wine Guild "Wine and Grape Origin Alcoholic Beverage Tasting".

Kakheti is the main viticulture and wine-making region in Georgia. High-quality European and Kakhetian traditional wines are made from grapes grown in Kakheti. There is no analogue to Kakhetian wine-making technology in the world. It includes crushing grapes in a winepress and pouring the sweetness (brags) into a qvevri. After exhaustion, the full amount of chacha and clair is added to the sweetness of the grapes placed in the qvevri. After the end of alcoholic fermentation, the chacha begins to sink and the qvevri are closed, and after lactic acid fermentation, the qvevri are hermetically sealed. There is 18 sort of local wine are producing in Kakheti: Tsinandali, Gurjaani, Vazisubani, Manavi, Kardenakhi, Tibaani, Kakheti, Kotekhi, Napareuli, Mukuzani, Teliani, Kindzmarauli, Akhasheni, Kvareli, Khashmi Saperavi, Akhmetis Mtsvane, Tsarafi, Akhoebi, Magranis Kisi. Kakheti wine is distinguished by high extraction, high content of phenolic compounds and tannins, pleasant bouquet, varietal aroma and taste.



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Chris & Allison Wallace are avid lovers of both travel and wines. They have visited more than 85 countries and tasted wines from across the globe. Their blog, AdVINetures, shares the stories of their travels and the wines tasted along the way. In this blog, they hope to bring alive the excitement felt when visiting fascinating places through telling winemaker and winery stories accompanied by high quality photos and videos. They focus on a background about the region, the grapes, tasting notes, and the people behind the wine.

Allison is the VP, Communications & CSR for the Flight Centre Travel Group (www.flightcentre.ca), a regular travel contributor for CTV, and a published author and photographer. Chris is a former Private Equity Fund Manager and is a published author on www.seekingalpha.com & www.investedcentral.com. Both have attained WSET (Wine & Spirit Education Trust) Level 2 certificates, along with Canadian Wine Scholar designations (CWS). In 2018, AdVINetures was named a finalist for the Millesima Blog Awards and was shortlisted for a Born Digital Wine Award in 2019. A trip to Portugal, including the wine regions of the Douro Valley, Alentejo, Dao, Bairrada and Lisboa, is the focus of our article titled "The Wines of Portugal: A Primer".



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Anghelina Taran #80

Winemaking made its way into my life quite naturally. It is probably impossible to be an economic journalist in Moldova, who is employed by the government's daily (The Independent Moldova) and not to refer to the wine industry. Indeed, in our country, viticulture and winemaking have always been considered to be a strategic industry, in which a huge number of people are involved.

I was lucky to become a chronicler of the modern history of Moldavian winemaking, which, in fact, began with renewal and revival at the turn of the millennium. Since I am thorough in everything that I am dealing with, before going to the first full-cycle winery built from scratch, I had read a winemaking manual. This enabled me to continue communicating easily with winemakers and to quickly win their favour and respect.

My job as a wine journalist involves traveling to wineries. I admire writing about them not only as tourist attractions that are alluring visitors, recommending them to people, I am also writing about how they are equipped, how they are operating, and what kind of quality production potential they are possessing.



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Nataliia Burlachenko #79



For many years, Nataliia Burlachenko has been working as a brand ambassador for the international company Vinos de La Luz. In addition, for a couple of years, she has been an active columnist for Drinks +. Author of a number of materials in the media group's resources: about wines and regions of Spain, Argentina, about Malbec and Tempranillo varieties, about talented oenologists, and wine producers.

Nataliia has conducted many commented tastings, travelled thousands of kilometres along the wine routes, and wrote dozens of articles on wine and gastronomic topics. Her blog nataliiawines.com.ua is a new project, toward which Nataliia is currently devoting a lot of time and effort.



Photo: Nataliia Burlachenko

Having a sommelier diploma and bearing in mind the mission of the brand ambassador of Vinos de La Luz, I had the opportunity to travel around the country, participating in tastings, listening to different opinions, and getting questions about the wine industry. I arrived at the conclusion that I simply should join the company of enthusiasts who teach, explain, write, conduct, organize, film – and it's all about wine! In my blog nataliiawines.com.ua, I share with wine connoisseurs not only tasting notes and the best travel itineraries. I want to share the stories about exceptional examples of wines that I managed to find... About wineries creating unique products as well as all particularities of production, consumption, and collection of wines. Here, you will find not only selected brands, but unbiased ratings, too.



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Please The Palate: more than a job. Allison Levine is owner of Please The Palate, a boutique agency specializing in marketing and event planning for the wine and spirits industry.

Prior to launching Please The Palate, Allison worked at The Tasting Panel Magazine/Blue Lifestyle, running the marketing and events division and focusing on organizing over 75 trade events each year across the United States. Always passionate about wine and serious about making her passion her career, she started out at LearnAboutWine where she built and ran the start-up wine education business, organizing classes and private events throughout Los Angeles.

Allison Levine works with wine regions around the world, organizing trade and media events around the United States. She has traveled extensively and has lived abroad in Italy, Spain and Mexico where she developed her passion for food and wine. Allison communicates her experiences into articles, as well as in her blog (pleasethepalate.com/blog). Her work has also appeared in Wander with Wonder, Daily Ovation, ATOD Magazine, Wine Industry Advisor, Drizly, WineTouristMagazine, Thrillist, LA Weekly,



Caviar Affair, LAPALME Magazine, FoodableTV, Drink Me Mag, WeSaidGoTravel.com, Wine Country This Week, SommJournal, and The Tasting Panel. Allison can also be found on YouTube where she regularly reviews wines in one-minute videos for the Wine Weirdos and hosts a weekly chat about wine on Crush On This.

Allison sits on the Board of the non-profit Vintage Hollywood and is the Wine Committee Chair for its annual food and wine charity event.

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Solomiia Begun's educational experience in the alcohol industry is 10 years, and work experience is more than two years. Solomiia is a permanent member of tastings, international conferences, round tables, symposia, and festivals.

Solomiia Begun is the Brand Ambassador of wine company Raymond Mayhelyn Et Fils, France (founded in 1972). In 2021, in France, Solomiia Begun was nominated for the title "Les Compagnons du Beaujolais", thus joining the ranks of the oldest order of Beaujolais region, sharing their ideals, secrets, history, and traditions. She represents the interests of the French winemaking and culture. In addition, Solomiia Begun promotes the culture of wine diplomacy and gastronomy of



Photo: Solomiia Begun

Ukraine around the world. Solomiia specializes in organizing enogastronomic and wine evenings with the best sommeliers and winemakers in Ukraine, Europe, and Malaysia. Solomiia organizes exclusive tours to wineries in France, Italy. Her expertise and experience enable her to prepare special programs for both educated audience and wine lovers, who love to travel along the wine routes of leading wine-making countries. Next year, she plans to win the Chinese audience as a wine guide.



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Tanisha Townsend #44



Tanisha Townsend has cultivated a community of wine enthusiasts through an unyielding passion for oenology. As Chief Wine Officer of lifestyle agency Girl Meets Glass, Tanisha leads wine classes and pairing experiences in Paris and the regions beyond. Tanisha aims to empower individuals with an advanced knowledge of wine & spirits in order to build confidence in their tastes and make choices as a better-informed consumer. A Girl Meets Glass wine tasting ensures that each guest completes a wine flight equipped with valuable information as well as fond memories of their experience. Southern Italy, Puglia to be precise. This region isn't as well known for tourism (I'm definitely hoping to change that) but its grapes are definitely popular among Italian wine aficionados. You know Primitivo, Nero d'Avola, and Negroamaro right? Well, you should also get to know Bombino Bianco, Bombino Nero and Fiano. We visited different wineries to understand and get to know the grapes, producers, and also foods, sights and sounds of this region. Being near the sea makes for some of the freshest seafood you'll ever taste. You can even enjoy an oceanside dinner and see the docked boats where your seafood was caught earlier in the day!



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Jeff lives in Minnesota. During the day, he worked as a research and development leader in a large medical equipment company. His field concerns the development of new pacemaker products. In his spare time, he likes to spend his evenings and weekends creating food and wine pairings and sharing his work and photography on his blog. With a natural taste for travel and discovery, he crosses the winegrowing regions of the United States and of Europe with his wife and children. Walking on the soils of the properties, meeting the producers, immersing themselves in the vineyards, these moments nourish his passion for wine. Open-minded and thirsty for knowledge, in 2016, he obtained his level 3 certification of the WSET (Wine and Spirit Education Trust).

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Alder Yarrow is a writer and founder of one of the most influential wine blogs, Vinography.Com.

Vinography began on January 15th, 2004, as a personal project for founder and editor Alder Yarrow. The site is now a respected source for non-mainstream wine writing, and one of the most influential wine blogs on the Internet. Featuring wine and sake reviews, restaurant reviews, editorials, book reviews, wine news, and wine event coverage, Vinography publishes new content daily to a global readership. The site was nominated for a James Beard Award in 2013. Alder works hard to create an alternative to the traditional sources and styles of wine journalism, partially through its emphasis on the stories, the people, and the passion behind wine, all told from a decidedly down-to-earth perspective.

San Francisco Magazine has called Alder "The Wine World's Brightest Cyberstar" and he is widely accepted as a pioneer of wine blogging. Since November of 2011, Alder has been a columnist for Jancis Robinson on her web site jancisrobinson.com. His "Alder on America" column focuses on current events, trends, and happenings in the world of American wine.



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Olga Verchenko

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Olga Verchenko is a wine professional living in Barcelona and working in the wine business since 2012, when she graduated from the Msc Wine Programme at Burgundy School of Business. Today she is a founder of ViniComm wine project: having a wine job title, she also shares her wine passion and knowledge on the blog @vinicomm and conducts wine tastings in Catalonia. The issue which is in the focus of her interest is the Azores islands.

This summer I had an enormous pleasure to visit a true Atlantic gem – the Azores, an archipelago composed of 9 islands that used to be ancient volcanoes. It is small wonder that a myriad of local wines was tasted, still exotic and rare for many wine fans. We all heard that volcano wines have special and recognizable notes. In Azorean wines, however, not just volcano terroir, but the Atlantic influence makes the difference.

The local Terrantez is the saltiest and the most resin expression of the terroir. Add some tropical flowers, hazelnuts, marzipan plus amazing crispness and you will have the idea. In Verdelho, the mineral notes remind me of basalt stone and iodine ocean breeze coming right from the glass. The palate varies depending on the style: fresher samples amaze with vibrant acidity, salty almond and pear, while aged in bottle wine develops notes of ripe stone fruits and biscuit. Arinto dos Açores is a very versatile in styles and can surprise you with orange confiture, baked apples, lemon blossom and honey in combination with aromas of the wet stone, sometimes reminding a high-level Riesling, yet with a salty touch.



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Marina Mayevska #17



Marina Mayevska has started her writing career in Kyiv's leading city guide of the time – Afisha magazine, as a restaurant observer, food and wine writer, and continued as a regular contributor to national glossy magazines, such as Cosmopolitan, Pink, Harper's Bazaar Ukraine and more. Chief editor of Drinks+ international magazine and Drinks.Ua website (2016 – 2019); contributing author at Harper's Bazaar, Buro 24/7, Meininger's Wine Business International. Food and wine, lifestyle writer, Head of SEO at NV.UA, one of Ukraine's leading and highly reputable news media.

Some of Marina's works:

- ✦ New peaks. Why is it time to rediscover Armenia, the oldest wine country in the world?
 - ✦ Primordial tastes and wines. What you need to know about the wine and gastronomic sights of Armenia.
 - ✦ Feast of Young Wine. History, traditions and eight great Beaujolais to taste in 2021.
 - ✦ From bats to convicts. What wine to choose for Halloween.
 - ✦ Variety and wine machine. What is the secret of the wine bar's success and which Ukrainian wines can be called premium? – tells the sommelier.
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Wine tourism in Austria

“When someone makes a journey, he will have tales to tell...” This is a famous saying in the German language sphere, and it’s even more valid when (s)he has had Austria as their holiday destination. The traveller will have tales to tell about the breathtaking landscapes of Austria, its castles, palaces and picturesque villages; stories about the fabled Austrian hospitality and her distinctive regional culinary specialties – and most of all about the Austrian wines, which issue a warm invitation to connoisseurs the wide world over to come visit and stay awhile.

It’s not just in summertime that the wine country of Austria entices folks to come visit – the wineproducing regions work their charming ways throughout the entire year. In spring, more than 1000 cellar lanes in Niederösterreich (Lower Austria) get underway with their merry activities, pampering guests with the new vintage wines, regionally typical culinary treats and a widely diversified programme based in various expressions of Austrian culture. Focal points here in the nation’s largest Qualitätswein region – where the daily routine, architecture and landscape have been shaped by hundreds of years of winegrowing traditions – include the Wachau valley (a UNESCO world heritage site), the Weinviertel with its countless romantic cellar lanes (Kellergassen) – affectionately called “villages without chimneys” –, the ancient Roman archaeological discoveries of Carnuntum, the “world of wine” experience at the Loosium in Langenlois, the event series Literature & Wine – and somewhat later in the year the Thermenregion’s “longest bar in the world”.

Steiermark (the “green heart of Austria”) is also well equipped for year-round comfort and accessibility in wine tourism. The vintage presentations during the first warmer days of the year have developed into a significant magnet for visitors, inviting guests to spend an extended weekend tasting

the freshly bottled, typically lively, fruit-forward Styrian wines, while the eyes and soul refresh themselves on the reawakening landscape of vineyards spreading themselves out over gently rolling hills. Quite capable where the culinary arts are concerned, the Styrians tempt their guests in every season with delicious tastes of the local heritage like the Styrian Volcanic Country Ham or pumpkin seed oil. And especially in autumn it is particularly pleasant to combine a visit to Steiermark’s wine country with a relaxing and soothing visit to one of its countless thermal springs.

When the days are the longest and nights the shortest – that is when Burgenland plays a hot hand: extended bicycle touring or relaxing days spent swimming in Europe’s westernmost steppe lake, Lake Neusiedl, promise a renewal of energy in the summer warmth. In the evenings, nearby municipalities provide an enjoyable and convivial retreat with the traditional cuisine of Burgenland and an excellent selection of wines – red, white, and sweet. And a bit further south, Mittelburgenland (known locally as “Blafränkischland”) and beyond it the Eisenberg offer vinous treats of magnificent variety and satisfying flavour, particularly for lovers of red wines.

And Vienna? Of all the world’s capital cities, Vienna remains unique as the only one with a significant presence of viticulture within the city limits, a presence which has also engendered its living tradition of the Heurigen, the city’s inviting and pleasant wine taverns. The wines of Austria’s charming and history-laden capital combine in a unique and distinctive fashion with the famous Viennese cuisine, putting the crown on any sojourn in the Danubian metropolis.

The fascinating world of Austrian wines has opened its doors wide, avidly awaiting the arrival of visitors.





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The Academy, established in 2009 by India's first Master of Wine, Sonal Holland, sets the gold standard in the education of wines and beverages through the uncompromised delivery of global expertise and remains committed to the expansion of the burgeoning wine and beverage culture of the country. Our courses are designed for professionals in various stages of their careers, hospitality students, entrepreneurs and enthusiasts.

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Le Bistrot du Sommelier #168

From the first days of opening, Le Bistrot du Sommelier restaurant has won the favor of the public, Philippe FAURE-BRAC welcomes his customers in a warm atmosphere, advises them with care and ensures the supply of the cellar. It is a wine restaurant, a place dedicated to the harmony of wines and dishes. It is at 97 Boulevard Haussmann that Philippe Faure-Brac wrote the first page in the history of the Bistrot du Sommelier and this had an impact on the whole French sommellerie world!

Philippe challenged himself being one of the first sommeliers to launch his own restaurant around wine, with thousands of wine references from all French and international vineyards on the menu. In 1987 Nadine Padovani Faure-Brac joined Philippe.

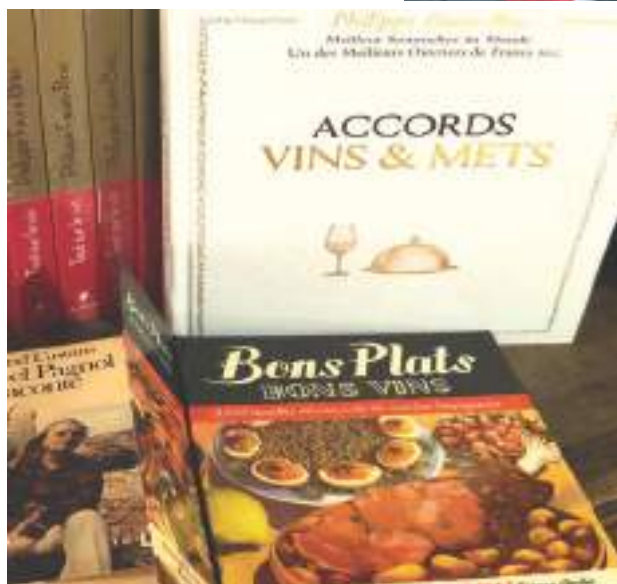


Photo: Le Bistrot du Sommelier

Even though Philippe has a lot of other activities as an expert, judge, consultant and media presenter, Le Bistrot du Sommelier is really a place where his heart is. This is a showroom demonstrating his vision on wine culture, service and hospitality. Le Bistrot du Sommelier is a point of attraction to many winemakers, sommeliers and wine enthusiasts, where they can freely share their passion. This is really the place of exchange of ideas and opinions. Place to gather together, to feel united, to meet new people.



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Anna Alekseyeva is an international wine and table etiquette expert. Honorary Member of the Italian Association of Masters of Ceremonies (ANCEP). Co-owner of the wine boutique "VIVAVINO" (Verona, Italy). Founder of the first Italian Academy of Wine Etiquette. Author of numerous publications on enogastronomic tourism. Knight of the Order of the Truffle and Wines of Alba.

Anna graduated from the State University of Trento (Trento, Italy) where she obtained a master degree. She has been a certified AIS Sommelier since 2012. She completed training courses at the Italian Academy of Etiquette, as well as wine programs in Burgundy, the USA and Australia. Anna studied the history of European etiquette and royal dynasties with Countess Barbara Ronchi della Rocca.

Anna holds consultations in Italian enogastronomy and table etiquette for influencers, public persons, journalists, bloggers, restaurateurs and other professionals. She is responsible for the organization of author's training programs and enogastronomic tours in the North of Italy.



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EVN Wine Academy's Enology and Wine Business Program #158



The first of its kind in Armenia, the Enology and Wine Business academic program of EVN Wine Academy equips students with an in-depth professional knowledge in viticulture and winemaking from scratch: from vineyards to wine bottling. The EVN Wine Academy, in cooperation with Geisenheim University in Germany, offers one of the most successful wine education programs not only in Armenia, but also in the region. An 18-month certificate-based program provides a professional specialization with intensive on-the-job training in viticulture, winemaking, and wine business. The program is intended for newcomers

and for those already involved in the industry. EVN students gain hands-on experience in many areas of the wine industry while learning from some of the most experienced professionals of the wine sector.

Through the internship programs and many field trips to vineyards and wineries, our students become very competitive in the local and global job market. Students residing in Armenia are required to pass a 4-week internship in September-October period and apply their practical skills in winemaking at the experimental cellar, conduct different experiments and upon graduation have their own wine.



Photo: EVN Wine Academy's Enology and Wine Business Program



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Tatrabis

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Tatrabis, as a leader in incoming tourism in Moldova, has already more than 15 years of experience in developing and promoting wine and gastro-tourism. It is the first company in Moldova that created and promoted gastronomic routes (Traveling to the roots of good flavours in Moldova) at the travel fair TTG Incontri Rimini 2018. Some cultural and gastronomic tours are placed, promoted and sold the official site: incoming.tatrabis.md.

Wine tours that we create are guided by a professional certified sommelier or a winemaker, so the tourists interested in wines have an opportunity not just to taste wines but also to learn the details of the winemaking process. Co-founder of Tatrabis, is also a certified sommelier and is a member of Sommelier Association in Moldova.

Tatrabis aims to develop culinary traditions based on local, ecological food; show culture differences from all regions of Moldova by gastronomic traditions and old recipes that came from different parts of the country. Our goal is to create a special, unique and recognizable worldwide wine and gastro image of Moldova.



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SE QWC “Milestii Mici” #69



The State Enterprise Quality Wines Industrial Complex “Milestii Mici” was founded in 1969 and is situated near the Milestii Mici village, half-hour drive from Chisinau. A long time ago, the people who built dwellings from the limestone mined in underground galleries, settled here. The climate of the zone is moderately continental. The Isnovet River washes the hills and the slopes of Milestii Mici village.

The Small Milestii name is a symbol of respect for national traditions, historical roots, symbol classification undertaken in the socio-cultural and historical context of the country. The State Enterprise Quality Wines Industrial Complex “Milestii Mici” produces collection, high quality, table and sparkling wines. All the wines, including the young wines, are matured in oak barrels, which are positively reflecting their properties.

The underground wine city “Milestii Mici” is one of the most important tourist elements in Moldova and attracts visitors from all over the world. Every year, the galleries are visited by more than 20.000 tourists. In 2005, “The Golden Collection” Milestii Mici was registered in the Guinness Book of Records as the largest wine collection in the world, counting about 1,5 mln. bottles. Milestii Mici is the place where you are always welcome!



Photo: SE QWC “Milestii Mici”



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Shumi Wine School #56



The Shumi winery, which has a 20-year development history, has the best scientific and educational base. Today it is used as a material and technical base for listeners and consumers. In particular, the tourist infrastructure, including 38 locations, offers its customers a cognitive tour in the field of viticulture, winemaking and wine tourism.

From the very beginning of its existence, Shumi Winery has sought to educate young people and raise awareness. Therefore, in addition to commercial activities, it began charitable activities – helping younger generations of farmers and other interested people in the region and beyond to get an education. To this end, the idea of creating a school arose and on the base of the SHUMI winery, the Shumi Wine School was established. Today, the school has a 5-year history and offers students an educational program aimed at comprehensive study.

The program is unique and includes a complete curriculum, with both a technical part and the elements of planning and wine tourism management. Students get familiar with 525 Georgian local grape varieties and the oldest wine making technology – Kvevri (amber) wine. The program is implemented by experienced professionals working on our base and is carried out in both Georgian and English.



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Château Vartely tourist complex

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Château Vartely tourist complex opened cellar's doors in 2008. It is arranged in a French Château style, which represents the traditions and architectural style of the North, Center, and South areas of Moldova. The 3 villas have a capacity of 14 rooms, each of them with a personal courtyard, with flowers and a terrace, where you can admire the wonderful landscapes with a morning coffee or a sunset.

Our restaurant can serve up to 160 people. The cuisine is represented by local and European delicacies. Our tourist complex welcomes guests to enjoy wine tastings with food pairings and why not stay overnight. On the territory of the winery, we offer excursions with a professional guide, through the production area.

Château Vartely aims to teach its visitors while having fun. We have wine tastings for beginners or professionals with food pairing. Also, wine blending is designated to people of any background.



Photo: Château Vartely tourist complex



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“Master Class”, the first som- melier school in Ukraine #15

Natalia Blahopoluchna and Nikolay Blahopoluchnyi, members of the WTA Advisory Board – the founders of the Ukrainian Association of Winemakers and Sommeliers, as well as the first Sommelier School “Master Class” in Ukraine. As they were hungry for knowledge about wine, they visited the variety of training programs in the best hotels of France, Germany, Cyprus. Additionally, they graduated from the Sommelier School in Bordeaux, France, the Hotel and Restaurant Business School in Bavaria, Germany, and the Center of Sensor Analysis (Marche, Italy). The decision to create something similar in Ukraine became a turning point, from which began the time at which the situation started to change in an important way. Having theoretical and practical training allowed the founders to launch the First Sommelier School in Ukraine and establish the Ukrainian Association of Winemakers and Sommeliers as well as the Association of Cavists. The Sommelier School “Master Class” is the first and the absolute pioneer in this field of business in Ukraine.

Natalia and Nikolay have been teaching for more than 20 years and, at the same time, have been studying the endless world of wine. They permanently visit numerous wine regions, collect soil samples, unique terroirs, as well as replenish the enoteca with rare wines and the extensive library with multiple specialized books, and, of course, accumulate knowledge. During the educational process at the “Master-class” school, Natalia and Nikolay accompany their students along the wine roads of the world – not only in theory, but also in practice.



Photo: “Master Class”, the first sommelier school in Ukraine



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Uman Winery, Ukrainian winemaker Igor Maksimenko #7



The winemaker Igor Maksimenko studied the art of making wines by resorting to the leading specialists in Ukraine and reputable European winemakers. In addition, the knowledge gained at the Sommelier School of the company “Master Class” (Kyiv) and the School of Restaurant Professions “MR.BAR School”, at numerous professional seminars and courses, helps to understand, and be knowledgeable in, a tremendous ocean of wines and beverages.

However, Igor Maksimenko relies on education and concurrently makes a career as a bright lecturer in the field of wines. For 5 years, he has been conducting numerous wine tastings of various Ukrainian winemakers and thematic comparative tastings of the European varieties from producers of the Old and New Worlds. He sees his mission as a wine enthusiast in the development of wine culture in the broadest sense of the word: Igor strives to ensure that his guests get to know the best samples of wines from well-known and little-known producers, to share knowledge in understanding wines and enogastronomy. During the interactive tastings, guests familiarize themselves with the methods of wine assessment, the principles of enogastronomy, and particularities related to the process of selection of glasses, for their further independent experiments with wines.



Photo: UmanWinery, Ukrainian winemaker Igor Maksimenko





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Cité du Vin

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Located in Bordeaux, the Cité du Vin is a cultural place, unique in the world, where wine is presented in its cultural, civilisational, heritage and universal dimensions. The Cité du Vin showcases vineyards from around the world through a permanent tour, temporary exhibitions, wine tasting workshops and numerous events. Managed and developed by the Foundation for Wine Culture and Civilisations (recognised as serving the public good) the Cité du Vin's aim is to safeguard wine heritage, to display and enhance its influence on past and present societies. Its resources come from the revenue of the Cité du Vin and private donations from patrons.

The Cité du Vin is creating the unmissable event of spring 2022 in Bordeaux, devoting a major exhibition to one of the most important artists of the 20th century: Pablo Picasso. "Picasso, the effervescence of shapes", running from 15 April to 28 August 2022, explores the influence of wine and popular spirits in the work of Pablo Picasso, through a wide variety of media (paintings, drawings, ceramics, films, etc).



Photo: Cité du Vin



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MOOC

“Story of a Wine: The Importance of Being Prosecco” #179

Since 2000 the University of Padova offers the bachelor's degree/1st cycle Degree in “Viticulture and Enology: Science and Technology” in the Campus of Conegliano, located in the city of Conegliano, capital of the Prosecco wine area, about 90 km north of Padova. In 2021 three Professors of Degree in “Viticulture and Enology: Science and Technology” decided to create a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) on Prosecco wine and history.

The MOOC was produced on the Future Learn platform because the story that is told has international relevance and we are convinced that many foreign students, but also producers, technicians or citizens, can find it interesting. The MOOC also aims to tell how the success of Prosecco wine was achieved, highlighting the positive aspects but also the critical issues that are linked to this success.

Furthermore, we have tried to accompany the students in a stimulating way through the various stages of Prosecco wine production: from the cultivation of Glera, the vine that occupies most of the hills between Conegliano and Valdobbiadene, recently recognized as a UNESCO site, up to vinification in the cellar and the tasting of the final product. The innovation lies both in the tool we used for our story and in the subject that had never been told in its entirety. With all these characteristics, and being available for free on the Future Learn Platform, the MOOC can be also a useful instrument to promote the territory and increase the knowledge about this unique wine.



Photo: MOOC “Story of a Wine: The Importance of Being Prosecco”



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The Shumi Winery #154

Shumi is located in Georgia, in the center of viticulture and winemaking, Kakheti. We share the oldest and richest cultural heritage in the world that our ancestors have been building for millennia. Georgia is the oldest settlement on the European continent, as evidenced by the excavated remains of people who lived here 1.8 million years ago. The mission served by the company Shumi – to introduce Georgian culture, vines and wine to the world, to share and popularize the historical past and the latest innovations created in Shumi.

In Shumi, visitors have the opportunity to travel to the history of Georgia and get acquainted with its culture. Shumi not only introduces Georgian culture and traditional winemaking to the world, but also contributes to the creation of new ones. For example, the sparkling wine “Shobili”, which combines 8,000 years of Georgian winemaking and 400 years of French champagne history, ice wine “Barbale”, which is made from using the variety of 102 species of grape in Qvevri, “Zigu” – an exclusive drink, the specifics and technological features of which make it an absolutely unique and original drink rich in nutrients, Churchkhela “Tsinandali” and others.

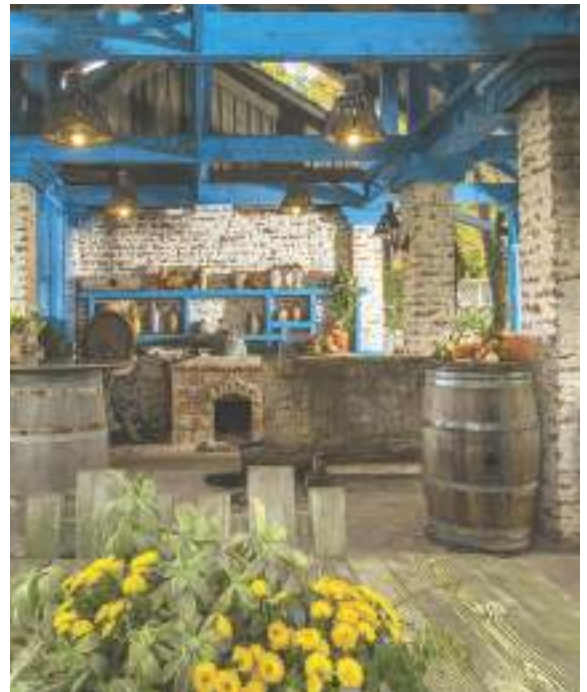


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GuideMASTER Wine Tour Guide Program #136



Wine tourism has seen significant growth over the past 5 years in Armenia. However, the country still has a large untapped potential in the field. The recent revival of the wine sector, establishment of small boutique wineries and improvement of the wine quality as well as the increasing number of tourists are creating excellent opportunities for wine tourism in Armenia. To fill in this gap, GIZ, in close cooperation with the Vine and Wine Foundation of Armenia and RA Tourism Committee, designed the Wine Tour Guide project. Implemented by ICARE Foundation, the project resulted in the development of a comprehensive training course including modules on Communication and Guiding Techniques, History of Armenian Winemaking, Geography, Viticulture and Winemaking. As a result, 20 tour guides have been trained and certified as Wine Guides to professionally serve the industry needs. The training includes classroom lectures and field trips to wineries, museums and historical sites related to winemaking. The certification is recognized by the state and private entities as an official trademark of quality.



Photo: GuideMASTER Wine Tour Guide Program



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Ways Travel

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Ways Travel is a Moldovan inbound Tour operator, which since 2008 has built a reputation as one of the leading specialists in designed private tours and tailor-made travel to the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Ukraine, Bulgaria and the surrounding regions of Eastern Europe. We use our passion and knowledge to create the perfect trip for you and deliver it with excellent customer service.

You can not express the quality of the holidays in the kilometres travelled or in the type of places visited... But you can express it in the experiences lived, in the unique things to do or see, and in the number of stories told to friends. That's why we do not offer a list of things to do... We offer special moments and experiences in which you can actively participate, becoming part of these experiences.

The Republic of Moldova is an European tourism market with a high potential and the most important thing is to choose the right tour operator to prove it. We are a highly professional team, starting with our certified guides and finishing with our general manager with over 25 years of experience in tourism. We move beyond the borders and reduce the distance by offering a trip to every taste and comfort, from "VIP" class tours to budgetary ones.



Photo: Ways Travel



Vinuri de Comrat #98

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If you hit the road to the very south of Moldova, in the Gagauzia region, you will notice the road signs are written in Cyrillic. It is also a wine region called Valul lui Traian where Vinuri de Comrat is located. The winery is included in the Moldova Wine Road “RO-MD Cross Border Wine Tourism Cluster Development”.

The winery project of Comrat started in 1945 with ambitions and enthusiasm. Before the history of the winery began, during the first half of the 20th century, vodka was produced in the same buildings. Even though the oldest building dates from 1894, the facilities have now been carefully restored. Everyone had their hands full to clean and restore the stone to its original grandeur. Now Vinuri de Comrat produces about 3mln bottles of wine per year, including red, white and rose, dry, semisweet and sweet wines.

Among the main facilities to visit we mention the Museum of forgotten things with a wide range of different things of the Soviet period, collected in wine cellars during the reconstruction and Restaurant “Bessarabian Province” – a unique example of a modern restaurant in old cellars of the XIX century.



Photo: Vinuri de Comrat

Wine Guide

Guide of the Year ★ Unique Route ★ Educational Tour of the Year



'A' About stories and aromas: ASTI SPUMANTE MOSCATO D'ASTI



Moments to remember are born of a few simple ingredients. They are born of a special grape with an inimitable aroma – Moscato Bianco – and from a land that is part of the UNESCO World Heritage. They are born of our desire to be together and enjoy every minute. Every sensation starts right here.



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Langhe-Roero and Monferrato's vineyard landscapes are a UNESCO World Heritage site





A journey through the scenic lands of Asti Spumante and Moscato d'Asti, discovering history, tradition, art and great food in an environment that is still unspoiled



If you're looking for an experience that takes you to the heart of the authentic spirit of an Italian winemaking region, you simply must visit the birthplace of Asti and Moscato d'Asti.

Situated in Piedmont, in the northwest of Italy, only a few kilometers from the foothills of the Alps, the shores of the Mediterranean and the flatlands of the Po valley, made fertile by Italy's most important river, the areas of Asti and Moscato d'Asti have for centuries been the home of the Moscato Bianco varietal. This is an ancient vine found in many parts of the world, but which shows a particular predilection for the climate and soil of Piedmont, yielding aromatic grapes that express rare and unique scents and flavors that lie dormant when the varietal is grown in other places.

The Moscato Bianco varietal, whose golden bunches are the only ones destined to become Asti Spumante and Moscato d'Asti, thrives on about 10 thousand hectares of vineyards stretched atop rolling hills in the provinces of Alessandria, Asti and Cuneo.

The origins of the local soil are stratified sediments of a primordial ocean basin, giving this area a special geological profile and resulting in a variegated environment that man's hand has shaped without infringing on its beauty.

A land of ancient hamlets and towns, dotted with castles and period residences, where cellars and tunnels dug into the earth are still in use, aging wines and spumante of excellent quality, appreciated worldwide. After all, it was

here that, over a hundred and fifty years ago, the first Italian sparkling wine was born: an Asti Spumante, naturally.

Among the marquee attractions in the land of Asti Spumante and Moscato d'Asti, which in 2014 was the first of Italy's premier winemaking regions to be declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, the 50th Italian site, there are Canelli's Cantine Storiche, in the province of Asti, amazing underground cathedrals of wine, winding for kilometers under the city.

Another must-see are the breathtaking panoramas of the hills, geometrically blanketed by the rows of grapevines, and the medieval towers and strongholds that are scattered throughout the countryside, as well as the natural splendors waiting to be discovered by excursionists.

Last but not by any means least, there is the famously delectable cuisine of the area, which pairs artisanal cold cuts and cheeses and Asti Spumante or Moscato d'Asti, as well as healthy, farm-fresh meat and vegetables and classic Piedmont dishes like vitello tonnato, cold slices of roast veal in a creamy tuna sauce; agnolotti with "plin", a traditional filled pasts in the shape of a classic candy, or old-time cakes like hazelnut torte and homemade pudding, made with eggs and cocoa.

Asti Spumante and Moscato d'Asti are therefore the ideal ambassadors for a land that boasts so many excellences and that fully meets the demands of eco-tourism: green, sustainable, up to date and mindful.

Alcohol abuse is dangerous to your health. Please consume in moderation.





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Wines of Armenia #149



To promote Armenia as a destination for wine tourism a mobile application was developed for devices working on IOS and Android operating systems. The trilingual mobile application is targeted at the incoming tourists and local consumers for receiving up-to-date news in the wine sector, on upcoming events, providing booking possibilities at the wineries and gastroyards, as well as general wine education. The branding elements of Wines of Armenia umbrella brand are used in the app, such as the logo, name and the fonts to ensure consumers identify and smoothly move across the online and offline marketing channels.

The mobile App includes sections of wineries, gastroyards, wine news and events, as well as provides opportunities to book visits to the wine producers. The booking can be scheduled by choosing date/time and number of guests intending to visit the venue. The request is reviewed by the wine producer and, if confirmed, the guests get approval within the application.

Also, to enhance the wine consumption internally and educate the consumers about the culture of wine, the application introduces a section of food and wine pairing, where more than 240 meals (that can be found in the country) are paired with the Wines of Armenia.



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Vini Armenian Wine Guide

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Vini.am is a project supported by GIZ with a unique philosophy aimed at promoting the wine culture in Armenia, popularizing this noble drink in Armenia and obtaining official recognition of domestic wines in the international arena. With the slogan “Every Armenian wine”, Vini’s ultimate mission is to familiarize consumers with every single wine and every wine producer irrespective of its size and capacities in Armenia in a professional manner, taking into account international experience and the cultural spirit of the country.

The project features a comprehensive wine guide, where you can find all the information about Armenian wineries disregarding of their sizes and production volumes, vineyards, wine events, etc. As part of the project, the website features main wine-growing regions of the country, with autochthonous and selective Armenian grape varieties, as well as presents the unique Armenian terroir as an exceptional area for professional winemaking.

The VINI project has become the main link between all segments of the wine industry in Armenia (producer, HoReCa, private consumer), thereby bringing them all together on one common platform for one common goal. The first interactive “Wine Map of Armenia” and “Wine Map of Yerevan” developed by us occupied an exceptional niche in the project.



Photo: Vini Armenian Wine Guide



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Miguel Leal

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Miguel Leal's link to the wine world dates back to his childhood on a small family wine estate run by his grandfather and father. After graduating from university in Porto with a degree in international relations, Miguel started his career working in the family businesses for many years. The wine world's siren call grew too strong to resist and in 2011 he decided to pursue his passion for a career in the world of wine and combine it with his other passion, automobiles and driving by founding ML-Private Tours. ML-Private Tours specializes in creating unique travel experiences for clients that are seeking out the best of what Portugal has to offer, particularly in regards to the best wine and gastronomy.

While Miguel specializes in the north, mainly Porto, the Douro, Vinho Verde, Dão and Bairrada, when the opportunity arises we can arrange premium visits to many other neighboring wine regions in Portugal and Spain. More than the quantity of tours, our focus is on their quality. In the year before the pandemic (2018), we had 2-3 tours per week from March to November, in terms of the number of people between 2 and 7 people. In 2019 (first year of the pandemic), we would have the best year ever, with a very large portfolio of reservations, but with the pandemic they were canceled. This year (2022) is a year of recovery, we already have some reservations and high expectations.



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Antonio Sferlazzo #115

The DiVine Wine&Gourmet Tours is a web wine tour operator created in 2019 and actually managed by Antonio Sferlazzo, long term experienced Italian journalist and wine expert, which, thanks to his professional knowledge, offers a full immersion, an emotional, unique experience in the magic world of Italian wine, totally different and of a higher level compared with what the many tourist agencies offer. Sferlazzo, who regularly contributes articles about the Italian wines to wine magazines from Eastern Europe such as Sommelier (Czech Rep), Vinoteka (Slovakia), Drinks+ (Ukraine), during the last 20 years, has been tasting the wines of at least a couple of thousands of Italian wineries all over Italy, many of them personally visited.

The tours aim to combine the discovery of the wines of a specific area, with the related regional gastronomy and cuisine, but also with the art, history, culture; therefore, the programs always include visits to the historical towns such as Cortona, Montepulciano, Montalcino, San Gimignano and of course Florence, Siena, just to talk about Tuscany. The DiVine Wine&Gourmet Tours offers its clients accommodation either in exclusive luxury private villas, 4*/5* romantic hotels de charme; charming country estates and resorts, or in some quiet and cozy stone farmhouses, country bed & breakfast with swimming pools, plunged in the deep green of the marvelous, enchanting countryside of Tuscany among the vineyards, the olives groves, the cypress roads; or in other regions of Italy.



Photo: Antonio Sferlazzo



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Britt Karlsson

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Britt Karlsson co-founded BKWine AB in 2004. The company has two main activities: wine writing and wine tourism (BKWine Wine Tours). It is today one of the world-leading specialised wine tour operators. Britt, and the company, is based in Paris (France), but of Swedish origin.

BKWine Wine Tours organises – in a normal year – around 30 wine tours to destinations all over the world. France and Italy are the two main destination countries, with most of the countries' wine regions on the list of travel destinations. Other countries that are regularly on BKWine Tours' programme are Spain, Portugal, South Africa, Chile, Argentina, and New Zealand. Britt has also on occasions planned and led tours in other wine countries, such as Croatia, Hungary, Germany. The destinations change each year.

Since the creation of BKWine, Britt is in charge of planning and organising all wine tours and has thus created many hundreds of wine tours across a dozen or more countries. She also personally leads the majority of the tour as a tour manager, guide and instructor. In a normal year, this means that she usually visits some two hundred wineries across the world on around 20 different tours that she personally handles, bringing several hundred wine lovers to the wine lands.



Photo: Britt Karlsson



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Veronica Tomescu is a co-founder of Winetours Moldova launched in 2016. The company Winetours Moldova creates authentic and delicious wine and gastronomic tours, with first class experience. Winetours.md is the most complete and popular online catalog of wine and gastronomic tours in the Republic of Moldova, available in 3 languages (RO, RU, EN). It includes a varied choice of complex tours of 1-5 days, as well as description, packages and special offers of wineries and agritourism pensions.

Since 2016, Winetours Moldova (SRL SILENUS) has offered tourist assistance and reservations for more than 5,000 travelers from around the world. We have always focused our efforts on excellent customer service and a high degree of customer satisfaction. TripAdvisor.com, the largest travel platform in the world, awards for 4 years in a row Winetours Moldova with Certificate of Excellence, and in 2020 offers us the Travelers' Choice Award, which means that we are part of the top 10% tourist attractions worldwide. Also in 2017, the Government of the Republic of Moldova decorates the company Winetours Moldova for special merits in the field of development and promotion of wine tourism. Medal of gratitude "Moldovan wine. A living legend." is handed over for the first time to a travel agency. Among other personal professional awards and distinctions of Mrs. Tomescu is 1st Prize Tourism Gala of the Republic of Moldova, Moldova Tourism Ambassador.



Photo: Veronica Tomescu



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Solomiia Begun #53

Solomiia Begun promotes the culture of wine diplomacy and gastronomy of Ukraine around the world. Solomiia specializes in organizing enogastronomic and wine evenings with the best sommeliers and winemakers in Ukraine, Europe, and Malaysia. Solomiia organizes exclusive tours to wineries in France, Italy. Her expertise and experience enable her to prepare special programs for both educated audience and wine lovers, who love to travel along the wine routes of leading wine-making countries. Next year, she plans to win the Chinese audience as a wine guide.

Solomiia Begun is the Brand Ambassador of wine company Raymond Mayhelyn Et Fils, France (founded in 1972). In 2021, in France, Solomiia Begun was nominated for the title “Les Compagnons du Beaujolais”, thus joining the ranks of the oldest order of Beaujolais region, sharing their ideals, secrets, history, and traditions. She represents the interests of the French winemaking and culture.



Photo: Solomiia Begun



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Laura Hadland #50

Laura Hadland has been volunteering at Rothley Wine and giving wine tasting sessions there for 7 years and she also gives private tastings. She has been blogging and writing about wine for over a decade. Her publications on wine can also be found detailed at Muck Rack as well as her blog. During Covid she has featured the activities of the Rothley Wine Estate through her writing and social media to help bring the story of English wine to a new audience. She has also supported the winemaker, the only employee at the vineyard, by adapting the ticketing system and wine tasting sessions that she delivers there in order to help the micro-business to survive and thrive during lockdown. Laura's unique delivery of these unique English wines has not just promoted sales, but their tastings have received only 5* ratings across platforms in 2020 and 2021.

Here's what she is saying, for instance, about her beloved Rothley Wine: What better way to understand the mechanics of wine than to volunteer at a vineyard? One of the real privileges has been hosting the wine tasting element of the Rothley Wine public tour and tastings for just over a year now. I get to meet some absolutely fantastic people. Some are hyperlocal – Rothley residents. Some have travelled great distances to come and find out more about Liz's wines. All have proved to be singularly fascinated by the vineyard and what Liz does there and it is my great pleasure to introduce them to wine tasting and to her wines. Laura Hadland loves to travel, but has a strong focus on the UK wine theme, and expertly accompanies tourists on their travels around the country.



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Einat Klein

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Einat Klein is a historian, a tour guide in African and Middle Eastern countries and a photographer. She also manages the Vino&Co project and makes wine. Einat is a deep and well-rounded personality, a great professional in her field. She says that she imagines herself as a kind of puzzle where all the pieces are put together in a single harmonious picture, where travelling and wine take the biggest part of it.

Einat Klein was born in Kyiv. After finishing the secondary school, she entered Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv to study journalism. When she graduated from the university she moved to Israel. Having returned to the ancestral land, Einat got a degree in history at Bar-Ilan University of Israel.

Seizing all the opportunities to travel, Einat has been to almost every part of the world. Besides, she can organise various extreme travels, such as trekking and rock climbing. Einat Klein is professionally engaged in photography. She works with such well-known magazines as “My planet”, “National Geographic” and some others.

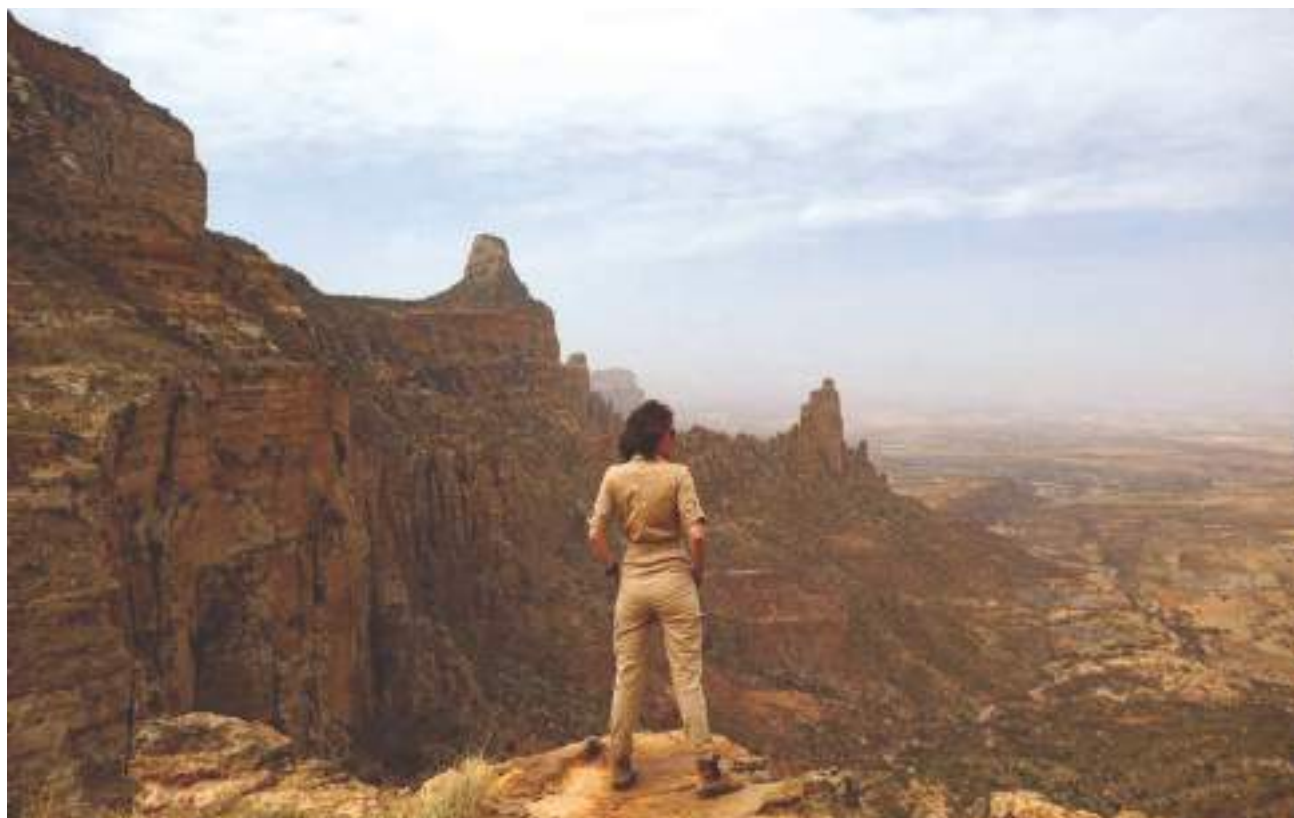


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Tania Olevska #21

My name is Tania Olevska and I am an owner of the Friends Wine Travel project, the only specialized wine travel agency in Ukraine, and a tour leader. I do love what I do: travelling with great company and good wines! I developed 6 guided tours to different regions of Ukraine: Kyiv, Chernihiv, Odessa and the Mykolaiv region, the Kherson region, the Transcarpathia region, the Khmelnytsky region. I'm always open to discover new wine destinations.

This year, we discovered Georgia, Sicily and Crete Island as new wine destinations. In 2022, we plan to travel to Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Georgia, Moldova and Armenia. In the summer, we travel to the sea or to the river, in the spring and fall



Photo: Tania Olevska



we have trips to the amazing mountains. Also, we like to visit wine festivals all over Ukraine and abroad.

As a tour leader and a guide, I'm always involved in all the processes: logistics, accommodation, wine and gastronomic locations, breathtaking views, historical and cultural background of the terrain. I like to collaborate with local partners who also love what they do. I collaborate with wineries that are hospitable and have tasty wines. I'm happy when my tourists are happy and satisfied. I am led by love – in every step and to all my tourists and partners.

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Visit Moldova

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The company was founded in 1995 as outbound tourism oriented, and then later in 2009 created the inbound department, thus ever since it has been providing high-quality services to companies (tour operators and travel agencies) from all over the world, meeting the international standards and the expectations of thousands of tourists every year. Visit Moldova is a member of ANTRIM (the National Association of Inbound Tourism in Moldova), and IATA (International Air Transport Association).

Every year we operate a number of 1500-2500 tourists, being a market leader in organizing cultural tours, wine tours, enogastronomic tours, eco tours, etc. We have carefully selected each of the local wine & spirits tours, wineries, distilleries, hotels, agro-pensions and restaurants featured on our website based on their superb quality standards, wine and dine expertise and guaranteed customer satisfaction.

Our clients stay in centrally located and elegant hotels; authentic agro-pensions; enjoy intimate wine tastings at top wineries; dine in the most exclusive restaurants; and take in the captivating scenery of lush vineyards and charming villages. Experience the culinary creations of local artisans. They learn about the Moldavian wine regions and their fascinating history.



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Moments & Travel #99



Moments & Travel is an advertising and marketing company which aims to promote and develop Inbound Tourism in the Republic of Moldova. Petru Costachi is currently the Director of Moments & Travel. Motto of the company: Travel. Discover. Develop!

Efficient standards and strategies for attracting and developing Wine Tourism were presented at the World Wine Tourism Day on November 14th, 2021, at the Cricova Tourist Complex. This outstanding visit left joyful memories and impressions in the hearts of the members of the visiting travel team. Also, we inaugurated the new reception (building) and a new menu (bold and fresh).

This holiday is welcomed for the efficient structure of this economically important side. The inauguration of the new reception building took place, the red ribbon was cut where we served classic sparkling wine for the success of the new building which became more spacious and comfortable both for the guests and for the staff of Cricova Winery. (Just as a reminder: Cricova is one of the most visited wineries by foreigners and local tourists). 5 items from the new Cricova menu served to the level, delicately matched with selected wines, will pamper tourists and guests.



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SE QWC “Milestii Mici”

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The State Enterprise Quality Wines Industrial Complex “Milestii Mici” was founded in 1969 and is situated near the Milestii Mici village, half-hour ride from Chisinau. The Small Milestii name is a symbol of respect for national traditions, historical roots, symbol classification undertaking socio-cultural and historical context of the country. The State Enterprise Quality Wines Industrial Complex “Milestii Mici” produces collection, high quality, table and sparkling wines. All the wines, including the young wines, are matured in oak barrels, which are positively reflecting their properties.

The Republic of Moldova has obtained the title of “a country with open doors to the paradise of wine” because wine production is the basic occupation of Moldavians. Anybody is welcome here. The underground wine city “Milestii Mici” is one of the most important tourist elements in Moldova and attracts visitors from all over the world. Every year, the galleries are visited by more than 20.000 tourists. In 2005, “The Golden Collection” Milestii Mici was registered in the Guinness Book of Records as the largest wine collection in the world, counting about 1,5 mln. bottles. Milestii Mici is the place where you are always welcome!



Photo: SE QWC“Milestii Mici»



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Tanisha Townsend #45

Tanisha Townsend (Girl Meets Glass) has been nominated to the WTA in the category The Unique Route for her work in the wine tourism space. In 2021, she travelled to several wine regions and documented the trips via Instagram and her podcast, Wine School Dropout. Her outstanding storytelling made us feel like we were there with her.

Her latest podcast season focused on the Puglia region in Italy. Tanisha spoke with winemakers, and sommeliers to give her audience a feel of what the region is like. We learned about wine making techniques, various native grapes of this southern Italian region, and what types of food to pair with the wines.

She also travelled around her current country, France to visit Bordeaux, Champagne and Ventoux, just to name a few. For Tanisha, it's not only about production methods and grapes, but also showing how the people of that region live, what they eat, what they do for fun in the area, etc. Wine is to be shared with friends and drunk as a part of life, and Tanisha shows us that aspect of each region she visits.



Photo: Tanisha Townsend

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Ways Travel

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Ways Travel is a Moldovan inbound Tour operator, which since 2008 has built a reputation as one of the leading specialists in designed-made private tours and tailor-made travel to the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Ukraine, Bulgaria and the surrounding regions of Eastern Europe. We use our passion and knowledge to create the perfect trip for you and deliver it with excellent customer service.

Individual approach to each client, efficiency and professionalism of the personnel allow us to provide touristic services of high quality. You can not express the quality of holidays in the kilometres travelled or in the type of places visited... But you can in the experiences lived, in the unique things to do or see, and in the number of stories told to friends. That's why we do not offer a list of things to do... We offer special moments and experiences in which you can actively participate, becoming part of these experiences.

The Republic of Moldova is an European tourist market with a high potential and the most important thing is to choose the right tour operator to prove it. We are a highly professional team, starting with our certified guides and finishing with our general manager with over 25 years of experience in tourism. We move beyond the borders and reduce the distance by offering a trip to every taste and comfort, from "VIP" class tours to budgetary ones.



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WineStatistics

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WineStatistics is a wine tasting non-profit community, meant to describe modern wine by quantifying its subjective organoleptic qualities into comparable data indexes, so that the end result is an easy-to-read and 100% comparable wine rating system. WineStatistics is not just a blog with views and opinions. What founders are trying to achieve is to blend a science (mainly descriptive statistics) with wine, where the end result is a well-structured and easy to use wine rating system. The goal is to provide wine professionals and wine enthusiasts with a flexible tool that will allow them to compare wines side by side. The recommendation table is self-explanatory and offers insights on the current and future wine ratings. The purpose of our rating system is to guide throughout the multitude of wines available in the wine stores, or simply help to choose the right wine for a special dinner tonight, saving time and money in the process. WineStatistics ratings and reviews are a freeware product, you can use and share it without further notifications, as long as you mention the source. Furthermore, its users can change/edit its ratings according to their taste.

Behind the scene is a certified sommelier, with a WSET Level 2 Award in Wines, licensed in statistics, with a master degree in economics and hands-on experience in machine learning, a dedicated wine enthusiast, who seeks to explore the world of wine, trying to discover its most kept secrets.

Their mission is to spread wine knowledge and raise wine awareness without frontiers. By training ourselves to stop, take a breath, and pay attention to the subtle elements that distinguish one wine from any other, we learn an important lesson about life – that it's worth taking the time to slow down and appreciate things that pleases us, from a glass of wine to a great work of art. It's a simple way to learn to appreciate the little things in life that may in some small way enhance our enjoyment of every day".

Photo: WineStatistics



Wine Travel Awards Ceremony to take place at London Wine Fair 2022



The London international exhibition of wine, wine production and technologies has become the Official Exhibition Partner of the Wine Travel Awards (WTA), international awards of an innovative format in the wine tourism industry.

The 40th edition of London Wine Fair directly following the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations will take place between Tuesday, 7th and Thursday, 9th June 2022 at Olympia London. The eyes of the world will be on London in early June, when celebrations not seen since the 2012 Olympics will take place. This is a really exciting opportunity for The Fair and the wine industry at large.

Besides, the London Wine Fair 2022 is going back live! The show will feature outstanding tastings, unmissable industry sessions, meetings with winemakers and importers, networking opportunities and more, all back for one big wine trade reunion. This will be combined with online and digital experiences building on the hugely successful digital show.

In support of Ukraine, the London Wine Fair provides an opportunity for Ukrainian wine producers to be presented free of charge at the event at a joint stand. "Our hearts are with Ukraine. We stand in solidarity with our information partner Drinks+ and the organizers of the Wine Travel Awards," said LWF representatives.

One of the brightest events will be The First Wine Travel Awards Ceremony which will take place on June 8th, 2022, at 12.30-14.30 in the "Industry Briefing Room" at the London Wine Fair. During the event, the winners of the Wine Travel Awards (WTA) 2021-2022 will be revealed officially in the following nominations:

- * The Visiting Card of the Country
- * Ambassador
- * Education in Enotourism
- * Enogastronomic Events
- * Wine & Food Influencer
- * Wine Guide

In the framework of the Ceremony, the Drinks+ and Wine Travel Awards teams organize a walk-around tasting of wines produced by the WTA nominees and partners.

Please contact us via partnership@winetravelawards.com if you are interested in joining the tasting with your wines.

To attend the Wine Travel Awards Ceremony at the London Wine Fair, please register via our Facebook event or send us a request via contact@winetravelawards.com to obtain your confirmation.

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London Wine Fair celebrates 40th live event



This year's London Wine Fair will be a landmark show. It will be the 40th live event, of what is the most important UK based drinks exhibition. The show was founded in 1981, when it took place down the road from Olympia at what was the Kensington Exhibition Centre. Just 67 exhibitors from 14 countries took part with an audience of 410 members of the trade; a far cry from the 2022 event which will see several hundred exhibitors and tens of thousands of wines from over 30 countries taking part to an audience well in excess of 10,000.

2022 is also the first live London Wine Fair since 2019. The 2020 event was shutdown overnight when Lockdown was announced and the 2021 show took place entirely virtually, resulting in an award-winning event showcasing 3,435 wines and products from more than 200 exhibitors, with an audience of 2,608. The 2022 show will be a hybrid event for the first time, celebrating both the return to Olympia and the benefits an online event brings. As a hybrid event, The London Wine Fair is set to be the most intelligent wine event in the world, giving exhibitors access to a larger trade audience and will allow visitors unable to travel to either London or the UK, access to the exhibitors, their wines, and the show's content.

The live London Wine Fair will comprise the familiar, key elements of the show; the Trading Floor will host UK agents, international brands and generic bodies; Esoterica will return to the gallery level, with around 100 boutique importers expected to take part; Drinks Britannia will be a celebration of British Drinks, spanning wines, spirits, beers and ciders; Wines Unearthed will feature wineries looking to export to the UK for the first time; and The Discovery Zone will host products and services championing innovation within the drinks industry at large. Non-alcoholic and low alcohol products will be given a dedicated platform for the first time.

Several high-profile producers, agents and generic bodies will attend this year, either for the first time or returning after a significant break. Wine Australia will make a triumphant return, having not exhibited for more than a decade. ProChile will also return. The leading European countries – France, Italy and Spain – will all have a sizeable presence this year, with a noteworthy increase in French regions and producers including an all-new pop-

up, marketplace experience from Bourgogne and Chablis. Wines of Georgia will return and Greece will be also back, with Crete and Central Macedonia. Wines of Armenia, will exhibit for the first time, as will Portuguese region, Setúbal. The London Wine Fair has also invited Wines of Ukraine to exhibit – the first time the country will be at the show. The Fair is liaising with the generic body to create a special destination stand, free of charge, in the heart of the Trading Floor. Happily some high profile wine professionals have offered to help staff the stand should the producers not be able to attend. Distell, South Africa's leading producer of wines, spirits and ciders, will also return after a long absence. Domaine Bousquet, Argentina's leading organic winery, will also take a stand for the first time.

Hannah Tovey, Event Director of London Wine Fair, said: "To say we are excited about the 2022 London Wine Fair would be a massive understatement. From managing the impact of cancelling the 2020 show only two months out, creating a 100% digital show in a matter of weeks for 2021, to moving our 2022 event into June, the last two years have been something of a roller coaster. We are now looking forward to this year being a real milestone both for The Fair, celebrating its 40th live event, but also in terms of how physical and virtual elements can dovetail to make a truly trailblazing event."

Visitor registration is now open:

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Dates:

London Wine Fair Live: 7th – 9th June

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Somló Juhfark Celebration #189



Tornai Winery is the oldest continuously operating family estate on Somló Hill. Endre Tornai started his wine farm with 1.7 acres in 1946, and today we have grown to 172 acres. Our wines every year bring in gold medals from some of the world's biggest competitions. They have been awarded London's International Wine Challenge Trophy Award, the highest recognition of the world's most influential wine competition, four times since 2015.

The winery has a key role to play in reviving the Juhfark variety. In 1995, they purchased an old Juhfark plantation, where they carried out a variety selection with four years of work. From the vines that performed prominently in all four years, grafts were made. This is how the official Juhfark plantation (a state-recognized, uniform, variety-identical plantation, suitable for propagation) was established on Somló, and the variety was propagated from here.

Juhfark is one of the most exceptional, indigenous grape varieties in Hungary that, under Somló's soil and climatic conditions, gives globally unique wines. So the Somló wine producers gather each year and present their best Juhfark wines to the public. The event is a representative, largest-scale display of the variety: at the Tornai Winery's event hall, the winemakers themselves offer the wines, tell all relevant information about its making and characteristics and answer the guests' questions. It has been held every year since 2016, the seventh event will be held in October 2022.



Photo: Somló Juhfark Celebration



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Franc & Franc Forum and Tasting Day#188



Cabernet Franc is an international variety, but it rarely appears as a single varietal wine and then only in a few wine regions. It has a special place in the Villány wine region, where it has found its natural home, so the variety has become one of the wine region's key varieties. Thanks to the unique terroir, climate and creative winemakers of the wine region, wines produced from 100% Cabernet Franc – in the premium and super premium categories – are called Villányi Franc. We are honoured to have this elegant wine as the flagship of the wine region.

We would like to learn more about the variety as well as the wine regions and the winemakers working with it. At the same time, we'd also like the world to become better acquainted with our wines, which is how the idea of Franc & Franc came into being. As a sign of the Villány wine region's cooperation, we organised the first Franc&Franc International Conference and Tasting Day in 2015, when we hosted producers of Loire Cabernet Franc and their wines.



Photo: Franc & Franc Forum and Tasting Day



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The Shumi Winery #152

The Shumi Winery is the first company in Georgia, which in 2002 offered customers services of eno-gastronomic tourism. In 2020, within the framework of the national tourism award “Welcome to Georgia”, Shumi became the winner in the nomination ‘The Best Location for Gastronomic Regional Tourism’, in 2020 and 2021 – ‘The Best Award for Wine Tourism’. In 2020, the company received the “TripAdvisor” award – ‘Travelers’ Choice’.

The territory of the Shumi Tourist Complex was recognized as ‘the most beautiful avenue in Georgia’! The latest news is that at the annual international competition of the Council of Europe “Phoenician Route” and “Iter Vitis”, the Shumi Winery was nominated as the ‘Best Practice of Archaeobotanical Tourism’.

The mission of our team is to acquaint the world with Georgian vineyards and wine, its historical past, culture, unique drinks and food made in Shumi. The eno-gastronomic service offered by the Shumi Winery is at the heart of this mission. The Shumi Tourist Complex has no analogues in the world, both in its infrastructure and in service. Today you will not find a place where you can visit as many samples of Georgian culture collected in one space as there are in Shumi’s.



Photo: The Shumi Winery



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Winetours Moldova #91



Winetours Moldova provides genuine and delicious Wine & Culinary journeys to its customers all over the world. Winetours Moldova offers one-of-a-kind tours and exclusive dining opportunities, while engaging in real life experiences with wine & food. The company Winetours Moldova creates authentic and delicious wine and gastronomic tours, with first class experience. Winetours.md is the most complete and popular online catalogue of wine and gastronomic tours in the the Republic of Moldova, available in 3 languages (RO, RU, EN). It includes a varied choice of complex tours of 1-5 days, as well as description, packages and special offers of wineries and agritourism pensions. The main tasks of the tour operator are to promote the Republic of Moldova as a wine tourism destination among wine lovers all over the world; provide professional assistance in planning and running wine tours and host wine lovers in Moldova.

Hosting and bring the 10th anniversary of the largest digital #winelover community worldwide was a great success. It was a 3-day tour which included a visit to a winery and wine tastings, during which guests tasted more than 150 wines from 23 local wineries. It was the last large pre-pandemic wine event, just before the general lockdown. Posts, shares, videos on social media resulted in more than 28000 members of the #winelover community. Guests from 11 countries during the tour posted live stories which aroused the interest of travelers and increased the number of requests for the next tourist season, interest kept alive even during the lockdowns caused by the pandemic.



Photo: Winetours Moldova



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Cricova Must Fest #88



Cricova Must Fest is a unique event in the heart of Moldova, where the history of our land is harmoniously combined with the wine traditions. In September, we celebrate together the glory season of the vine. This event is a tribute to young wine, a celebration of the vine, wine and people who work hard to produce high quality wines.

We invite people from our country and bordering countries to celebrate the whole wine industry together. The celebration starts with a tasting of the young wine that we call – must (juice from wine grapes freshly squeezed) and traditional food specific to our country. Of course, we cannot celebrate without good music. We invite well-known bands or artists from Moldova that are famous not just in our country but all over the world.

Usually in the festival program:

Excursions through the famous underground galleries

Wine school with wine tastings, moderated by the most famous Cricova sommelier

Creative workshops, games and thematic competitions

Walk on the underground pedestrian street with live music, art performances, cinema and an art gallery

Traditional dishes

Fair of wines, souvenirs and handicrafts from the best folk craftsmen from Moldova

Good Moldovan music played by famous Moldovan bands!



Photo: Cricova Must Fest



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The Worldwide œufs en meurette Championship

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It is now an awaited event in the world of gastronomy: the Worldwide œufs en meurette Championship organized for the third consecutive year by the Château du Clos de Vougeot, the most emblematic place when it comes to this Burgundian recipe cooked throughout the world. Oeufs en meurette are elected the 5th best dish of all time by the Food and Wine Magazine. A true signature dish of the Château du Clos de Vougeot, oeufs en meurette – poached eggs in the red wine sauce – are served for each gala dinner organized within it, including the last dinner of Angela Merkel with French president Emmanuel Macron, the 3rd of November 2021. The resident chef of the Château – Alexandra Bouvret – and her team have developed a unique know-how in the preparation of this recipe and meet with chefs from Burgundy, France and abroad every year, at the beginning of October, at the Château du Clos de Vougeot to celebrate and enhance this emblematic dish.

The Château du Clos de Vougeot organized the third Worldwide œufs en meurette Championship in October, the 9th and 10th of 2021. During the amateur competition, the dish lovers were competing to create their best version of the oeufs en meurette. One recipe but many revisions of it!



Photo: Bénédicte Maniere



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The National Wine Day of Moldova #2



The National Wine Day of Moldova will give you a thousand more reasons to stay pleasantly amazed by Moldova's rich wine culture. More than 60 Moldovan winemakers from large and established wineries to small and emerging vineyards wait for you in the center of Chisinau. Over two days, winemakers encourage you to taste and appreciate their diverse blends. The festival spreads out from Chisinau to the wineries scattered across the countryside. Each winery prepares an attractive program with many exciting discoveries. October is the perfect time to visit Moldova, and each year you can see our national pride for our wine growing more and more.

The National Wine Day is a celebration centered on the product of national pride – Wine of Moldova, the countrywide umbrella brand, under which high-quality Moldovan wines are produced. Here visitors have a unique opportunity to get to know the Wine of Moldova, to enjoy it and to learn its legends, but also to get acquainted with the local culture and gastronomy. The event offers tastings, master classes, expert meetings and wine tours, so that participants can learn how to assess high-quality wine, learn its history and production process, and discover the people that stand behind the Wine of Moldova.



Photo: The National Wine Day of Moldova





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London Wine Fair #170

London Wine Fair will celebrate its 40th edition this year. It's one of the largest annual international exhibitions of wine, wine production and technologies that takes place in London. Our adaptability during the pandemic enabled us to create an unmatched digital event for the industry to meet and trade within, whilst Covid-19 restrictions were in place. Following the success of our digital edition in 2021, this year's event will provide you with a unique all-encompassing London Wine Fair experience. We are giving you the best opportunity to join over 14,500 drinks industry professionals at the UK's biggest digital and live wine trade reunion. Once again acting with flexibility and in the interests of our industry creates more opportunities for the trade at such a critical time of recovery for many.

We now have the London Wine Fair directly following the Platinum Jubilee celebrations which take place between Thursday, 2nd and Sunday, 5th June. The eyes of the world will be on London in early June, when celebrations not seen since the 2012 Olympics will take place. This is a really exciting opportunity for The Fair and the wine industry at large.



Photo: London Wine Fair





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The Shumi Winery #156

“SHUMI Winery” is located in the village of the historical region of Georgian winemaking Kakheti – Tsinandali. It borders the National Park and Museum of Al. Chavchavadze. The land, on which the winery and tour complex are located, at different times belonged to Georgian and Kakhetian kings, Prince Alexander Chavchavadze family.

Today “Shumi” tourist complex, located on 9 hectares of land, has no analogues in the world, both in its infrastructure and in service. You will not find a place where you can visit as many samples of Georgian culture collected in one space as there are in Shumi: the largest private collection vineyard in the world, the first wine museum in Georgia, a sculpture park, a cellar, an enoteca, an ethnographic pavilion, gastronomic zone with restaurant, cafes, terraces, tasting areas and much more.

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“VinOPERA” Castel Mimi #71



“VinOPERA” is a large-scale cultural event, which aims to promote classical music, to encourage artists, to cultivate in people a love for art and beauty, for Moldova and its traditions, to capitalize on places of cultural importance and to encourage tourism in the country. This event has become a tradition and is organized every year in the first week of September, under the open sky, and wine and music contribute to a perfect blend for a cultural evening.

The event aims to increase the cultural level in the national and international scale in the field of music and winemaking. By involving the human resources in the region, it contributes to the socio-economic development of the region. Also, with its international character, the elevation of Moldova in the international rating of tourist and educational attractiveness is pursued. We promote a responsible and balanced consumption of quality wines.

This is an event with a music recital. For a perfect evening outdoors, there is a blend of exceptional wines and lots of quality music! In this context, the guests, in addition to listening pleasure, are served with young wine.



Photo: “VinOPERA” Castel Mimi



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Italian Taste Summit #64

The Italian Taste Summit is an annual wine and gastronomic event presenting 50 Italian wineries and their terroirs to buyers and importers from different countries. ITS organizer Joanna Miro, Marketing Manager and CEO of the Wine Global Aspect Group, uses a strong strategy to promote Made in Italy wines abroad and to present the most interesting wineries and attractive regions to everyone interested in them.

The Italian Taste Summit is a strategic event conceived and implemented by a team of Italian and foreign export professionals with the aim of creating commercial links between operators from all over the world such as Japan, Hong Kong, USA, Mexico, Canada, Russia, Ukraine, UK, Switzerland and other countries. As a rule, 50 wineries from among the most representative in Italy are presented at the event. Three days of face-to-face meetings are dedicated to unique varieties, technologies and terrain. Italy confidently holds the lead among wine-producing countries – both in terms of imports and wine tourism. A country with 526 appellations of origin, including 74 DOCG, 334 DOC and 118 IGT, deserves close scrutiny.



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Budapest Wine Festival #185



Budapest Wine Festival is the largest celebration of European and Hungarian wine culture, located in the breathtaking World Heritage Site of Buda Castle. This parade of 200 wineries and 60 performances, where one of man's oldest cultivated products is embedded in the broadest interpretation of culture, is a wonderful combination of wine culture, performing and visual arts, cuisine, folklore and traditional craftsmanship. The event is visited by 40,000 people from around the world every year.

In 1992, Hungary's iconic wine festival opened its doors to the public on Vörösmarty square, in front of only a few hundred curious local visitors. At first, conditions were modest, a few winemakers trying to find their place, exchanging shy smiles with the wine-consuming public just beginning to discover the nascent wine culture. As the years passed, the demand for quality and knowledge grew: we began to pay attention to how we hold our wine glass; when, with what food and at what temperature do we open each wine; and how to pronounce those darn French expressions correctly.



Photo: Budapest Wine Festival



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Yerevan Wine Days #150



Our mission is to make Armenia one of the desired world tourist destinations. And we wholeheartedly believe that Armenian wine tourism is the tool to accomplish that mission. That is why we created a beautiful platform where wine and tourism are complimenting each other. That platform is Yerevan Wine Days. The Yerevan Wine Days is an ideal meeting point for wine lovers and winemakers. Each year several central streets of Yerevan get filled with positive emotions, music, colorful lights, and laughter of slightly tipsy people. During these 3 days, more than 35000 local and tourist visitors have a chance to taste Armenian wines made of the local grapes and not only, and to accompany them with tasty bites.

Yerevan Wine Days became some kind of wine expo for the international visitors and even professional distributors. Thanks to the festival, every individual or corporate tourist that visits Armenia and gets familiar with Armenian wine, its taste, and history, tries to look for Armenian wine in their country, tells about it to their friends and partners, generates demand for Armenian wine. Working even smarter we can make Armenia one of the favorite destinations for wine lovers of the world. And all that in the heart of Yerevan – around a glass of authentic Armenian wine.



Photo: Yerevan Wine Days



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Odessa Wine Week #116

Odessa Wine Week is a new but extremely promising player among the wine events of Eastern Europe. Odessa Wine Week was first held in 2021. It develops as a regular annual event. Participants of the event are experts in the wine industry, scientists, government officials, national and foreign wine associations, tourism industry, producers of wine-related products and technologies, marketers, wine experts, journalists. Audience consists of representatives of the professional wine community, HoReCa, retail; wine enthusiasts; mass audience (residents of the region, tourists). Odessa Wine Week unites the efforts of the Ukrainian wine businesses and initiatives aimed at the development of the wine market of Ukraine and enogastronomic tourism, the dissemination of knowledge, the development of wine and gastronomic culture, the creation of interregional and international relations, the promotion of the brand “Ukrainian wine”, the integration of Ukraine into the world wine community. In 2021, During the Odessa Wine Week's debut 87 speakers from 18 countries (from Austria to Japan) took part in 15 massive wine events.



Photo: Odessa Wine Week



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Italian Taste Summit #65

The Italian Taste Summit is an annual wine and gastronomic event presenting 50 Italian wineries and their terroirs to buyers and importers from different countries. Its organizer Joanna Miro, Marketing Manager and CEO of the Wine Global Aspect Group, uses a strong strategy to promote Made in Italy wines abroad and to present the most interesting wineries and attractive regions to everyone interested in them.

The Italian Taste Summit is a strategic event conceived and implemented by a team of Italian and foreign export professionals with the aim of creating commercial links between operators from all over the world such as Japan, Hong Kong, USA, Mexico, Canada, Russia, Ukraine, UK, Switzerland and other countries. As a rule, 50 wineries from among the most representative in Italy are presented at the event. Three days of face-to-face meetings are dedicated to unique varieties, technologies and terrain.

Italy confidently holds the lead among wine-producing countries – both in terms of imports and wine tourism. A country with 526 appellations of origin, including 74 DOCG, 334 DOC and 118 IGT, deserves close scrutiny.



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Must Fest #27



Cricova Must Fest is a unique event in the heart of Moldova, where the history of our land is harmoniously combined with the wine traditions. In September, we celebrate together the glory season of the vine. This event is a tribute to young wine, a celebration of the vine, wine and people who work hard to produce high quality wines.

We invite people from our country and bordering countries to celebrate the whole wine industry together. The celebration starts with a tasting of the young wine that we call – must (juice from wine grapes freshly squeezed) and traditional food specific to our country. Of course, we cannot celebrate without good music. We invite well-known bands or artists from Moldova that are famous not just in our country but all over the world.

Usually in the festival program:

Excursions through the famous underground galleries
Wine school with wine tastings, moderated by the most famous Cricova sommelier

Creative workshops, games and thematic competitions

Walk on the underground pedestrian street with live music, art performances, cinema and an art gallery

Traditional dishes

Fair of wines, souvenirs and handicrafts from the best folk craftsmen from Moldova

Good Moldovan music played by famous Moldovan bands!



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“VinOPERA” Castel Mimi #26



“VinOPERA” is a large-scale cultural event, which aims to promote classical music, to encourage artists, to cultivate in people a love for art and beauty, for Moldova and its traditions, to capitalize on places of cultural importance and to encourage tourism in the country. This event has become a tradition and is organized every year in the first week of September, under the open sky, and wine and music contribute to a perfect blend for a cultural evening.

The event aims to increase the cultural level in the national and international scale in the field of music and winemaking. By involving the human resources in the region, it contributes to the socio-economic development of the region. Also, with its international character, the elevation of Moldova in the international rating of tourist and educational attractiveness is pursued. We promote a responsible and balanced consumption of quality wines.

This is an event with a music recital. For a perfect evening outdoors, there is a blend of exceptional wines and lots of quality music! In this context, the guests, in addition to listening pleasure, are served with young wine.



Photo: “VinOPERA” Castel Mimi



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Strawberry Day

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The Strawberry Day at Château Vartely is the most fragrant summer festival. It is the best occasion to bring up family and friends together when the Strawberry season comes out. The event helps its visitors to discover its passion for wine and its beautiful story, right at his home, at Château Vartely.

A real château, in a fairy-tale setting, where the wine flows like at home, inspires you and tempts you in the most delicious sensations and feelings. It is the ideal place, the perfect opportunity to mark the new trends for the summer season in terms of wines and refreshing cocktails.

The first edition was unique in its way for both Chateau Vartely and Moldova; based on the purchased ticket, the guests have benefited from an all-inclusive package on the territory of the winery which included the following: tour of the complex, free access to the territory, wine in abundance, strawberry goodies and many other tasty dishes. The little ones enjoyed special attention as well, being entertained by cheerful animators headed by Capsoonel. During the event, which was dedicated to strawberries and white and rose wines, over 250 kg of strawberries and about 500 bottles of wine were consumed. The Strawberry Day became a popular – and favourite for lots of visitors – entertainment for all subsequent years.



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