



Wines  
of  
Ukraine

DISCOVER THE TASTE OF UKRAINE

# WINES OF UKRAINE IN NUMBERS



**2,800**  
YEARS OF WINE HISTORY

**30 200 HA**  
VINEYARDS  
*(excluding temporarily occupied territories, due to the lack of reliable data regarding the condition of vineyards there)*

**160**  
WINERIES

**200**  
GRAPE VARIETIES

**44°-52°**  
NORTH LATITUDE

**66 MLN**  
LITERS ANNUAL  
PRODUCTION

**NO LIMIT FOR  
EXPERIMENTS**

Although Ukraine might not be the first country that comes to mind in wine discussions, viticulture and winemaking have long been integral to our national culture.

Ukraine boasts a variety of terroirs, extending from the south to the north and from the east to the west, catering to every imaginable wine style.

# Wines *of* Ukraine

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Winemaking on the territories of modern Ukraine has a rich history spanning over 2,800 years. The ongoing struggle for control of Ukrainian territory has lasted for centuries and persists to this day. This has also impacted on the evolution of winemaking in the area – leading to its decline in certain regions, complete disappearance in others, or flourishing with renewed strength in some areas.

Currently, Ukraine is embarking on a new historical journey that encompasses the search for lost terroirs, the rediscovery of indigenous grape varieties, experimentation with new technologies, and the reevaluation of traditional wine production methods. The full-scale war initiated by Russia has profoundly impacted the industry. Numerous wineries have been occupied, others have suffered damage and looting, and several vineyards have been mined and abandoned. Nevertheless, we continue our fight!

In recent years, Ukrainian wines have achieved remarkable success on the international stage, securing numerous awards and earning recognition from the most prestigious wine challenges and critics. We are increasing global awareness, and today, Wines of Ukraine are available in various countries, including the UK, USA, Japan, Poland, the Baltic states, and Nordic countries, etc.

Ukraine is an ancient wine-growing region of Europe, and we invite you to explore it from a fresh perspective, experience the diversity of our terroirs, and savor new flavors! We are confident that Wines of Ukraine will be the next big thing!

Bud'mo, world!



# HISTORY

**VIII BC**  
THE EARLIEST EVIDENCE  
OF VITIS VINIFERA  
IN THE CRIMEA

**VII BC**  
ANCIENT GREEKS

Greek colonists produced wines in the Crimea and the Black Sea region

**III BC**  
CELTS

Grape knives were found on the territory of Zakarpattia

**XII AD**  
KYIVAN RUS

The golden age of winemaking in the monasteries of Kyiv

**XIV AD**  
LVIV

Advancement of winemaking in Western Ukraine

**1900**  
GRAND PRIX AT THE PARIS EXPO

The wine from Prince Trubetskoï's winery in Kherson was awarded the Grand Prix at the Paris Exposition

**1991**  
INDEPENDENCE OF UKRAINE

The onset of a new chapter in the development of Ukrainian winemaking

**1948**  
ODESA BLACK ORIGIN

Cross of Alicante Bouschet and Cabernet Sauvignon created at the Tairov Institute of Winemaking

# Wines *of* Ukraine

## 2014 OCCUPATION OF CRIMEA

A distinctive region encompassing 17,000 hectares of vineyards cultivating both international and indigenous grape varieties

## 2006 THE ORIGIN OF CRAFT WINEMAKING

Modern technologies and growing production at family-owned wineries

## 2015-2016 ROBUST DEVELOPMENT OF WINE CULTURE

An upsurge of wine competitions, wine fairs, and award-winning Ukrainian wines

## 2022 START OF RUSSIAN FULL-SCALE INVASION IN UKRAINE

A pivotal moment in Ukrainian history that also impacted the wine industry, leading to occupied wineries, mined vineyards, and damaged production facilities

## 2023 WINES OF UKRAINE AT PROWEIN

For the first time, the National stand of Ukrainian wineries was introduced to the global wine community

## MODERN WINEMAKING IN UKRAINE

A significant trend in contemporary Ukrainian winemaking history is the emphasis on quality rather than quantity. Additionally, there has been a surge in the production of craft wines and the extension of vineyards into non-traditional (cooler) viticulture areas. There is also a notable rise in the local consumption of wines, indicating a shift away from traditional strong alcoholic beverages such as vodka and brandy, which have historically dominated Ukrainian beverage preferences, towards a greater appreciation of wines.





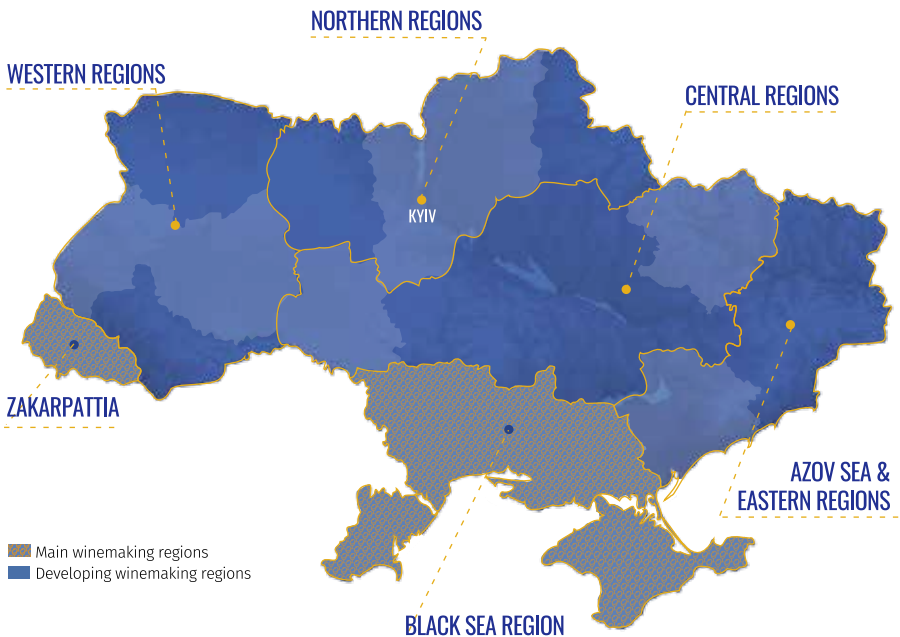
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# GEOGRAPHY

Ukraine is located between the 44th and 52nd latitudes in the Northern Hemisphere. The landscape is primarily flat, interspersed with occasional hills, featuring the Carpathian Mountains to the west and the Crimean Mountains on the Crimean Peninsula in the south.

The climate of Ukraine varies significantly between the mainland and the Crimean Peninsula. The mainland experiences a mostly continental climate, characterized by hot summers and cold winters, often accompanied by significant frost risk in early spring. This continental climate becomes less pronounced in the west, particularly in the Zakarpattia region, where summers are less intense and winters are milder. Annual rainfall ranges from 350-400 mm in the south to 1200-1500 mm in the Carpathian Mountains. Conversely, the southern coastal regions of the Crimean Peninsula are dominated by a Mediterranean climate, featuring mild winters and moderately hot, dry summers.

In addition to rich black soils, Ukraine has limestone, volcanic rocks, loam, and sandy soils. Myriads of rivers and lakes, two seas (Black and Azov), slopes and mountains, add to the creation of unique terroirs.





# Wines *of* Ukraine





## VITICULTURE ZONES

Commercial viticulture primarily focuses on the southern regions of the country, where the warmest climatic conditions are conducive to traditional viticulture. Although various styles of wines are produced in these areas, red wines are a benchmark here.

However, with the recent growth of craft winemaking, vineyards have emerged throughout the country. Many new wineries established in the last five years are situated in cooler climate zones, where excellent white and sparkling wines are predominantly produced. Nevertheless, in the northern regions, vineyards require frost protection, which can significantly increase labor costs for maintenance.



**WINTER**



**SPRING**



**SUMMER**



**AUTUMN**

# ZAKARPATTIA

An important viticultural and winemaking region of Ukraine with a rich historical and cultural heritage. Zakarpattia, bordering Hungary and Slovakia, has traditionally been known as a region for white wines. However, in recent years, there has been a significant trend towards red varieties. The climate of the region is favorable for winegrowing, since the territory is closed from the northern cold winds by the Carpathian mountains, creating a special microclimate. There is a lot of sunshine here, and vineyards grow mostly on the slopes.



## LATITUDE

47° – 49° parallel



## SOILS

mix of soils clay, volcanic, tuff



## TOPOGRAPHY

hilly/high altitude, with Carpathian mountains covering 2/3 of the territory



## CLIMATE

moderate with milder summer and winter temperatures than in the rest of Ukraine

## COMMON GRAPES:



Cabernet Sauvignon  
Pinot Noir



Traminer, Riesling,  
Muscat Ottonel

## SPECIAL AND LOCAL GRAPES:



Zweigelt, Blaufrankisch



Bakator, Furmint, Leanka,  
Cserszegi fűszeres, Hárslevelű

ZAKARPATTIA



# NORTHERN REGIONS OF UKRAINE

This area hosts fewer vineyards, and winemaking in the northern regions poses considerable risks. Winter temperatures can drop to as low as -27 degrees Celsius, necessitating protective measures like covering the grapevines to shield them from frost. This significantly impacts the labor costs associated with maintaining the vineyards. To counteract these challenges, winemakers are exploring the use of PIWI grapes. Additionally, some wineries purchase grapes from southern regions to produce their wines.



## LATITUDE

50° – 52° parallel



## SOILS

clay, black-soils



## TOPOGRAPHY

mostly flat



## CLIMATE

moderate-continental  
with high risk of frosts

## COMMON GRAPES:



Pinot Noir



Riesling, Silvaner,  
Sauvignon Blanc

## SPECIAL AND LOCAL GRAPES:



Solaris, Johanniter,  
Bianca



Citron of Magarach,  
Bukovynka

NORTHERN REGIONS







# Wines of Ukraine



# BLACK SEA REGION

The primary viticultural and winemaking zone in Ukraine, housing the majority of vineyards and wineries. This encompasses the administrative regions of Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson, and Crimea\*, lying between 44 and 48 parallel. Wine-making in this region has a rich history, dating back 2500 years during the colonization by ancient Greeks. And even earlier, 6000 years ago, these territories were inhabited by the representatives of Trypillya culture, who also cultivated vines.

The area features numerous salty estuaries, bays and lakes, with large territories covered in steppes. Droughts are not uncommon in the southern part of the Odesa region.

Some of the finest full-bodied red wines in Ukraine are crafted here, and the region boasts a rich diversity of local and indigenous grape varieties.

There are 4 Registered Geographical Indications in the area: PDO Yalpuh, PDO Chabag, PGI Acha-Abag, PGI Prydunaiska Bessarabia

*\*Crimea has been occupied by Russia since 2014.*



## COMMON GRAPES:



Merlot,  
Cabernet Sauvignon,  
Saperavi



Aligote, Sauvignon Green, Sauvignon  
Blan, Traminer, Rkatsiteli, Chardon-  
nay, Riesling, Irsai Oliver

## SPECIAL AND LOCAL GRAPES:



Odesa Black (Alibernet),  
Magarach Bastardo,  
Ekim Kara (Kefesia)



Telti-Kuruk, Sukholiman-  
sky, Citron of Magarach,  
Kokur

# BLACK SEA REGION - ODESA

Odesa is the largest winemaking region in Ukraine, where most of the wineries are concentrated. The region boasts old viticultural traditions and a highly favorable climate. Southern part of the administrative Odesa region bears a special etno-geographical name - Bessarabia, which is commonly used by local winemakers on their labels.



## LATITUDE

45° – 48° parallel



## SOILS

black soils, sandy soils, sandy-clay soils, wetland and limestone



## TOPOGRAPHY

mostly flat with some hills on the North of the region



## CLIMATE

moderate-continental



# BLACK SEA REGION - MYKOLAIV

An important winemaking and viticulture region, Mykolaiv is home to some of the largest wineries, while in recent years, numerous smaller winemakers have emerged in the area.



## LATITUDE

46° – 48° parallel



## SOILS

black soils, sandy soils, clay



## TOPOGRAPHY

mostly flat and low altitude



## CLIMATE

moderate-continental

MYKOLAIV



# BLACK SEA REGION - KHERSON

Kherson is defined by its sun-drenched, mostly flat vineyards, where lots of local and international grapes are grown. Kherson region was occupied in 2022. After the liberation of Kherson, part of the Kherson region remained under occupation — including some viticultural areas.



## LATITUDE

46° parallel



## SOILS

black soils, clay



## TOPOGRAPHY

mostly flat



## CLIMATE

moderate-continental

**KHERSON**





# BLACK SEA REGION - CRIMEA

The Crimean Peninsula boasts a diverse range of microclimates and elevations, offering extensive possibilities for producing a variety of wine styles. The region has a profoundly rich winemaking history, and some of Ukraine's most notable wineries are located here. Since 2014, Crimea has been under Russian occupation.



## LATITUDE

44° – 46° parallel



## SOILS

black soils, clay, limestone, slate



## TOPOGRAPHY

flat in the north with Crimean Mountains on the South



## CLIMATE

mediterranean

CRIMEA



# WESTERN&CENTRAL REGIONS OF UKRAINE

The viticultural and winemaking map of western and central Ukraine is constantly changing, encompassing various ethno-geographical subregions such as Halychyna, Bukovyna, and Podillia. Despite their cooler climates, wine-making has a long historical presence in these areas dating back to hundreds of years. However, during Soviet times, many vineyards were removed due to the labor-intensive nature of cultivating hilly vineyards. Presently, there is a resurgence in viticulture and winemaking in these regions. The focus often lies on producing excellent high-acid and aromatic whites, along with vibrant rosés. Additionally, many winemakers are experimenting with amber, sparkling wines and PIWI grapes.

The most developing wine regions in the west are Lviv, Ternopil and Khmelnytskiy, in the center are Vinnytsia, Dnipro and Kharkiv.



## LATITUDE

48° – 51° parallel



## SOILS

limestone, slate, clay,  
black-soils



## TOPOGRAPHY

hilly with up to 450 m altitude



## CLIMATE

moderate-continental

## COMMON GRAPES:



Pinot Noir



Traminer, Riesling, Muscat  
Ottonel, Chardonnay

## SPECIAL AND LOCAL GRAPES:

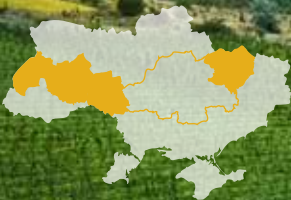


Cabernet Cortis



Citron of Magarach, Solaris,  
Johanniter, Muscaris,  
Souvigner Gris

WESTERN&CENTRAL REGIONS



# AZOV SEA & EASTERN REGIONS OF UKRAINE

A developing winemaking zone with highly favorable climate conditions for viticulture, especially near the Azov Sea coast. This is a historical region, it was here that the Zaporizhian Sich, the main center of the Ukrainian Cossacks, was located.

While eastern regions are not traditionally associated with winemaking, some new wineries are experimenting in this area. Today this zone is partially occupied by Russia.



## LATITUDE

46° – 50° parallel



## SOILS

black soils, clay, granite



## TOPOGRAPHY

mostly flat with some hills in the east



## CLIMATE

moderate-continental

## COMMON GRAPES:



Cabernet Sauvignon, Saperavi, Merlot



Odesa Black (Alibernet)



Aligote, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Muscat, Rkatsiteli, Riesling



Sukholymansky, Citron of Magarach

AZOV SEA & EASTERN REGIONS



# GRAPES

## POPULAR INTERNATIONAL GRAPES:



Cabernet Sauvignon  
Merlot  
Pinot Noir  
Saperavi



Aligote  
Chardonnay  
Pinot Gris  
Riesling  
Sauvignon Blanc  
Rkatsiteli  
Traminer

## SPECIAL AND LOCAL GRAPES:



Odesa Black  
Kefesia  
Ekim Kara



Telti-Kuruk  
Sukholymansky  
Citron of Magarach  
Kokur

**EXPERIMENTS:** Some Ukrainian wineries successfully grow and produce wines from Tempranillo, Timorasso, Albarino, Pinotage, Zweigelt, Blaufränkisch, etc. Also, with the development of winemaking in more northern and central-western regions, Johanniter, Solaris, Jupiter and other frost-resistant varieties became quite popular.





## MUST-TASTE LOCAL GRAPES



### TELTİ-KURUK

*Descriptors:* white flowers, citrus fruits, honey notes

Telti-Kuruk is a rare *Vitis vinifera* variety belonging to the group of varieties of the Black Sea basin. It's indigenous to Ukraine and can only be found here. Telti Kuruk was brought to the territory of modern Ukraine by the Turks in the 5th century. The grape's name means "foxtail" in Turkish — it was called so because of the clusters of a specific shape, resembling a fox's tail. Telti-Kuruk is used for the production of dry white wines and, at some point, was actively used as a grape for sparkling wines.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF WINES:** young wines have a pale straw color, medium-pronounced aroma with notes of white flowers and citrus fruits. As it ages, it develops notes of honey and sweet fruit. It possesses medium to above-medium acidity. The finest examples can be aged in a bottle for up to 6-8 years.



### SUKHOLIMANSKY

*Descriptors:* herbal notes, white flowers,

Originated by the crossing of Chardonnay and Plavay grape, Sukholimansky grape variety was created in the second half of the 20th century by Tairov Institute of Viticulture and Winemaking based in Odesa.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF WINES:** Wines from this variety have a light golden color, rich fruity aroma with tones of pear and white flowers, light notes of nutmeg. It has a harmonious taste with notes of melon, white plum and pleasant sourness in the aftertaste.

TELTİ-KURUK

## MUST-TASTE LOCAL GRAPES



### CITRON OF MAGARACH

*Descriptors:* orange, lime, sweet tropical fruits

White grape variety created by Magarach Institute of Viticulture and Winemaking in Yalta. Due to its good frost resistance, it is also popular in northern wine-growing regions of Ukraine.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF WINES:** The color of the wine is from light straw to amber yellow. The aroma has pronounced citrus tones with a predominance of orange and lime, with vivid notes of banana and pineapple. The palate is quite full and round with low acidity and a lengthy and fresh finish.

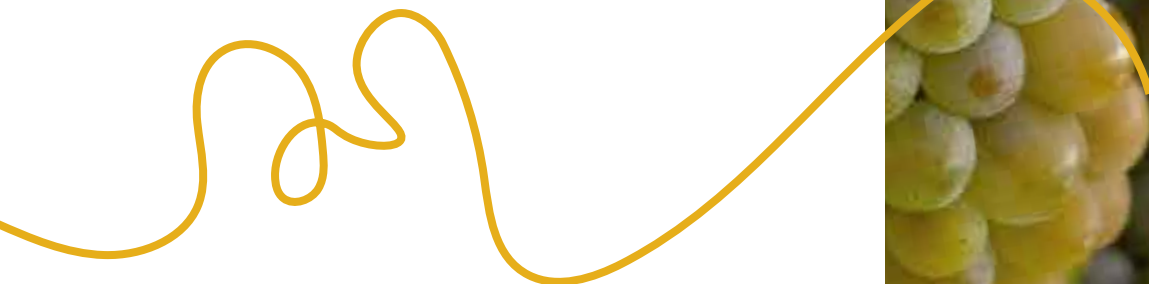


### BAKATOR

*Descriptors:* apple, pear, mineral

In the mid-20th century, this grape held significant importance in the Zakarpattia region for wine production. However, it has nearly vanished since then. Only a handful of enthusiasts are endeavoring to breathe new life into this grape. It needs time to ripen, so sunny slopes are the best for it. Bakator is an ideal grape to produce sparkling wines.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF WINES:** Exhibiting a light straw color, with notes of green and stone fruits on the nose, and boasting refreshing acidity.





## MUST-TASTE LOCAL GRAPES



### ODESA BLACK (ALIBERNET)

*Descriptors:* black pepper, blackberry, jammy notes

This red grape called Odesa Black, or Alibernet, originates from the crossing of Alicante Bouschet and Cabernet Sauvignon. This variety was created in 1948 by Tairov Institute of Viticulture and Winemaking in Tairovo village. Odesa Black is grown in Ukraine as well in Slovakia, Czech Republic and Hungary. Most winemakers claim that this variety is not easy to work with, as it needs a lot of attention to reach proper ripeness.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF WINES:** Odesa Black produces dark, intense and fruity red wines with distinct mint and black berry aromas and velvety jam notes.

ODESA BLACK





ZAKARPATTIA

1 000 000 BOTTLES  
ANNUAL PRODUCTION

272 HA OWN  
VINEYARDS

Chateau Chizay was founded in 1995. It has a deep connection to the local wine-making tradition. The chateau stands at the spot where an old winery of the 17th century was once located, in the middle of a winemaking valley named Chizay.

Zakarpattia (Transcarpathia) is a famous wine region of the Western Ukraine, bordering Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. Here mild sunlight is wonderfully combined with optimal rainfall, and Carpathian Mountains protect the vineyards from northern winds. Soil, full of minerals, adds unique aromas and taste to the grapes, producing the wines with a very special terroir character. Chateau Chizay owns 272 hectares of the most beautiful and well-kept vineyards, as well as a modern wine making complex consisting of an up-to-date winery, a wine-tasting hall, a museum of wine history, a nice restaurant and a mini hotel.

Traditional and kosher wines by Chateau Chizay are exported to the United States, Canada, Japan, Israel, UK, China, Nigeria, Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Finland and other countries.

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**ZAKARPATTIA**

**30 000 BOTTLES  
ANNUAL PRODUCTION**

**10.3 HA OWN  
VINEYARDS**

Stakhovsky Wines is a craft family winery founded by the famous Ukrainian tennis champion, Serhiy Stakhovsky, who decided to engage in winemaking in 2015. He rented a plot of 20 hectares in Zakarpattia, one of Ukraine's most famous wine regions. For two years the team of Stakhovsky Wines was working really hard, cleaning the parcels and reviving the land, uprooting and replanting the vines and planting the new ones. Nowadays, Stakhovsky can boast one of the most beautiful vineyards in Zakarpattia.

Grape varieties: Traminer, Riesling, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Saperavi, Zweigelt. Planning to grow Tokaji Furmint and Pinot Noir.

The first collection of wines by Stakhovsky was created from the 2018 vintage. Their style is elegant, restrained and at the same time powerful. Stakhovsky Wines wines are currently available in France, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Japan, Estonia, United Kingdom and Austria. Traminer W, Saperavi ACE 2018 and Cabernet Sauvignon Ace 2019 can be purchased at La Cité du Vin, Bordeaux.

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ODESA REGION

8 000 000 BOTTLES  
ANNUAL PRODUCTION

144 HA OWN  
VINEYARDS

Located only 20 km away from Odesa, one of the biggest wineries of Ukrainian South – VINTREST, was founded in 2004 and is now one of the technological leaders in the industry. Modern equipment (Bucher Vaslin, Zip Technologies, Velo, Della Toffola) and cooperation with the best wine consumables suppliers (Enogrup, Lallemand, IOC) ensure European level quality of wine production at all stages.

VINTREST is a family-owned full-cycle winery, engaged in viticulture on their own vineyards and in the production of Grande Vallée wines. A perfect combination of ancient winemaking traditions and French winemaking technologies ensures the company's production of more than 5 Mio bottles of still wines and 3 Mio bottles of sparkling wine per year. Run by a family, VINTREST is not just a business, but rather a winery with its own heart, philosophy, and family warmth.

The brand name of Grande Vallée originates from a unique geographic spot in the Odesa region, Grand Valley, where the company's vineyards are located. The winery produced still and sparkling wines (Charmat method and Methode Traditionelle) of exceptional quality and bright terroir character.


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ODESA REGION

100 000 BOTTLES  
ANNUAL PRODUCTION

Tiras Winery as well as a “my Wine” brand is the story of a fourth-generation winemaker Eduard Gorodetsky. He has devoted his entire life to winemaking. For 20 years Eduard worked at Odesa Cognac Factory, of which the last 5 years he held the position of CEO.

But the dream of establishing his own family winery and making his own wine never left him. That’s why “my Wine” was created in 2021, which became an extension of Eduard as a winemaker, as a dreamer, as a person, as an enthusiast.

The winery is located on the unique and picturesque territory of the high, steep easter bank of the Dniester Estuary near the Dniester Canyon in the Roksolany village.

Gorodetsky makes wines from grapes that grow in Bessarabia, Izmail and Bolgrad regions: there’s a lot of sunshine there, and the grapes ripen best. My Wine brand works with the following varieties: Pinot Noir, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Riesling and local Odesa Black.

Awards: my Sparkling Wine Rose Brut - Platinum medal from Ukraine Wine&Spirits Awards 2023. Chardonnay and Rose Brut represent Ukraine at La Cité du Vin museum in Bordeaux.

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ODESA REGION

1 000 000 BOTTLES  
ANNUAL PRODUCTION

500 HA OWN  
VINEYARDS

Vinhol Oksamitnoe Winery is a family estate founded in 1998 in the village of Oksamitne, (Bolgrad district, Odesa region). Villa Tinta is the company's flagship wine brand, while they also produce Charmat sparkling wines under the brand name of Tintarella.



Vinhol Oksamitnoe's vineyards grow in the unique plots of the Danubian Bessarabia, the shores of which are washed by the Karakurt river on one side and lake Yalpus on the other side.

The vineyards covering 500 hectares grow French and Italian white varieties produced from European clones — Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, as well as red varieties — Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Bastardo and the famous Georgian Saperavi.

The winery's signature wines are produced from the local grapes: Sukholiman-sky (white), and Odesa Black (red). These varieties are unique and very important for the region.

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**ODESA REGION**

**16 000 000 BOTTLES  
ANNUAL PRODUCTION**

**1 200 HA OWN  
VINEYARDS**

SHABO Family Winery is based on more than 2,000-year-old winemaking traditions. It was founded in 2003, evolving from the oldest Ukrainian wine factory located in the village of Shabo to one of the best Ukrainian wineries producing still and sparkling wines, brandy and grape vodka. SHABO Winery now includes SHABO Wine House, SHABO Sparkling Wines House, and SHABO Brandy House. The company owns 1200 ha of exquisite vineyards, growing top-notch European and international varieties, as well as the unique indigenous grape Telti-Kuruk, of which they have the only native root stock plots in Ukraine.

SHABO wines have won more than 500 awards at from prestigious competitions, such as IWC London, Decanter, Mundus Vini, Concours Mondial de Bruxelles, Berliner Wine Trophy, also including Ukraine's first "gold" from Decanter World Wine Awards in 2021 for Chardonnay Grande Reserve 2015 and Cabernet Grande Reserve 2017, as well as first "platinum" in 2023 for Muscat Ottonel Limited Edition 2016.

SHABO wines are exported to many countries in Europe and Asia, represent Ukraine in the famous Wine Museum in Bordeaux, and are included in the wine lists of Michelin-starred restaurants in London and Paris. Ukrainians have the right to be proud of their country's wine. The company's goal is to ensure this right.

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**FRUMUSHIKA-NOVA**  
family winery  
1813



ODESA REGION

50-75 000 BOTTLES  
ANNUAL PRODUCTION

10 HA OWN  
VINEYARDS

Frumushika-Nova is a Family winery, as well as a tourist complex and a unique eco-system reviving ethnographic traditions of the Danube Bessarabia, and boasting one of the biggest sheep farms in Europe. The winery was built in 2006 and has 10 ha its own vineyards, growing European classic varieties such as Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon, Muscat Ottonel, Aligote, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, as well as the famous local whites – Sukholymansky and Citron of Magarach, and Ukraine’s flagship red variety, Odesa Black.

Frumushika-Nova produce their wines from organically grown grapes harvested by hand. Some wines are aged in oak. Besides still wines, the winery also produces sparkling wines by Methode Traditionnelle and Methode Ancestral (Pet-Nats).

Frumushika-Nova currently export their wines to Estonia and Bulgaria.

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ODESA REGION

300 000 BOTTLES  
ANNUAL PRODUCTION

33 HA OWN  
VINEYARDS

Kolonist is a family winery situated in a famous Ukrainian wine producing appellation – Danubian Bessarabia (Odesa region). The 33 hectares of vines grow on loam soils rich in minerals, with deep layers of lime. Low yields, manual harvesting, unique terroir with perfect climate conditions combined with modern equipment from France, Germany and Italy and the traditional French 100-year-old oak barriques gives the Kolonist a right to be proud of its high-quality wines.

Kolonist wines have been represented twice in the Parliament of the UK, in the Embassies of Belgium, France, Poland, Bulgaria, Greece and Germany, in the Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. In December 2011 an outstanding world wine expert Oz Clarke and top UK wine journalists highly estimated Kolonist wines. In 2013 at the World Wine Exhibition in London, organized by famous wine critics M. Bettane and Th. Desseauve, Kolonist wines signed in to the TOP three wines in the Wine Premier nomination. Kolonist wines were awarded with honorary title "Commended" by the judges of one of the most influential competition "International Wine Challenge" which takes place annually in London: Cabernet Merlot 2013 and Chardonnay 2016 «Haut de gamme», and Cabernet Merlot LX.

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ODESA REGION

12 000 000 BOTTLES  
ANNUAL PRODUCTION

800 HA OWN  
VINEYARDS

Bolgrad Winery, established in 1998 by two winemaking families, Marushevsky and Maslennikov, is yet another good example of winemaking traditions and new technologies combined.

The vineyards of Bolgrad are located in a favorable climate zone with low rainfalls and hot summers, ideal for growing powerful grape varieties, especially red varieties, resulting in wines with full extractability and pronounced tannins that get well-rounded and soft after at least 1 year of ageing. The unique terroir combines the salinity from the Black Sea and the freshness from the Lake Yalpug. Controlled yields are limited to a maximum of 5 tons per hectare, without irrigation. Due to high fertility of soils the number of vines per hectare ranges from 2 to 3 thousand. Varieties: Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Saperavi, Sukholimansky, Odesa Black, Pinot Grigio, Muscat Ottonel.

Bolgrad is exporting their wines to Sweden, Lithuania, Moldova, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Japan, Poland, Estonia, Nigeria, India, and the United Kingdom.

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MYKOLAIV REGION

75 000 BOTTLES  
ANNUAL PRODUCTION

14 HA OWN  
VINEYARDS

Beykush Winery is a family winery located next to the Black Sea in Chernomorka village, Mykolaiv region. It was established in 2010 as the adventure of a family who have chosen to love the land beaten by winds and drenched in sunshine.

The 14 hectares Beykush vineyards grow in unique plots of the Beykush peninsula, the shores of which are washed by the Berezan estuary on one side and by Beykush Bay on the other.

Grape varieties: Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Rkatsiteli, Saperavi, Tempranillo, Pinotage, Timorasso, Albariño. The winegrowers of Beykush also expertly work with the Ukrainian indigenous white grape Telti Kuruk, which is the most important and unique for this region.

The winemakers of Beykush are well-known for their successful experimenting with blends. They use clay and concrete amphorae, as well as oak barriques, for fermentation of our wines.

Beykush wines have won the highest awards at international competitions - Decanter Awards, IWSC, Ukraine Wine&Spirits Awards.

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**KYIV REGION**

**35 000 BOTTLES  
ANNUAL PRODUCTION**

**17 HA OWN  
VINEYARDS**

Biologist Winery is based in the village of Lisnyky near Kyiv. For several years, they have been practicing organic and biodynamic methods of viticulture and winemaking. Biologist wines are produced with minimal interference, spontaneous fermentation and strict temperature control. The winemakers are also using gravitational technology.

Biologist Winery owners have two plots of vineyards in Lisnyky and Bezradychy, in Kyiv region, as well as one in Odesa region. To increase the immunity of the vine and soil, the Biologist winegrowers avoid using artificial chemicals, such as herbicides and pesticides, while using natural herbal and mineral preparations instead. Their plots can boast a remarkable collection of grape varieties. You can find international grapes like Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Grüner Veltliner, Müller-Thurgau, Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc), Gewürztraminer, Riesling, Chardonnay, Aligote. As well as famous Ukrainian indigenous grape, Telti-Kuruk, which, until now, has been grown only in the south of Ukraine, in Odesa and Mykolaiv regions.


Sulfites are used very moderately. Most wines undergo long maceration (6-10 days) with the addition of dried cluster stems. Some wines are made with spontaneous fermentation.


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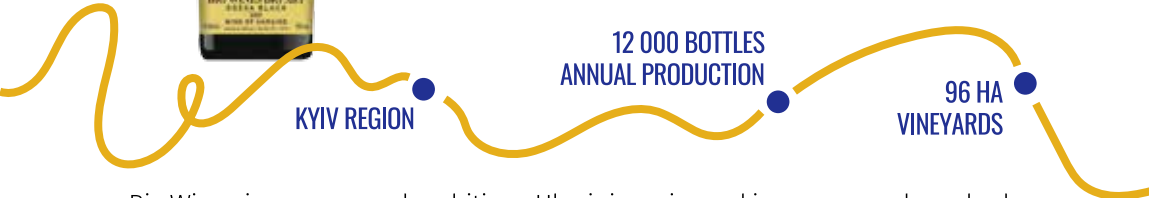
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Big Wines is a young and ambitious Ukrainian winemaking company launched under the umbrella of Vinos de La Luz, a big winemaking group which has production facilities in Argentina, two DOs of Spain, Italy (Tuscany) and the USA (California). The company was founded in 2019 by a Ukrainian wine enthusiast Natalia Burlachenko and an Argentinian winemaker and businessman Ricardo Nunes. Big Wines philosophy is part of the large Vinos de La Luz family, created by Ricardo Núñez, which is known for its careful attitude to the terroir and places of origin of the grapes.

The company's first wine, BIG WINES BIG ART 2020 Ivan Marchuk limited edition, was released in February 2023, and has already won several prestigious awards from the international contests, including gold medals from Mundus Vini 2023, Berliner Wine Trophy 2023, and Cervim-Viticultura Eroica 2023.

Big Wines is a company with a unique concept that combines Ukrainian resilience, perseverance and love for the native land together with international experience, world traditions and a high level of responsibility. For Big Wines each bottle is unique, it contains the genetic code of the area where the grapes come from.

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KYIV REGION

150 000 LITERS  
ANNUAL PRODUCTION

Medovy Spas Mead Brewery launched in 2018 is a modern industrial-scale technological enterprise based in the Kyiv region, and one of the first technological mead breweries in Ukraine. Natural meads made from honey are part of Ukraine's historical heritage. Medovy Spas Mead Brewery revives and brings to a qualitatively new level the tradition of mead-making with the help of modern technologies. Traditional Ukrameads almost went into complete oblivion. Medovy Spas is reviving this tradition, giving an opportunity to taste an authentic Ukrainian drink, combining ancient mead recipes and modern production technologies.

One of the company's flagship products is Cikera, historically known as "honey wine". Cikera is obtained by fermentation of honey, fruit and berry juices directly squeezed without adding sugar and alcohol. The harmonious combination of these components gives the drink a sophisticated floral aroma, fruity character, rich texture and distinct aftertaste.

The company's product range also includes bright sparkling meads and rich aged meads.

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KYIV REGION

100 000 BOTTLES  
ANNUAL PRODUCTION

Honey Badger is a Ukrainian producer of gins and liquors, launched by a young generation of Ukrainians who have spent most of their lives abroad and came back to Ukraine to start their own business.



The company's goal is to gather a collection of traditional recipes of fruit, plant and honey-based alcohol drinks from all regions of Ukraine and recreate them in up-to-date production.

The enthusiastic company founders traveled a lot and visited many internationally renowned producers whose products are based on awe-inspiring traditions reflected in the family recipes, the love of work and gratitude to their land and the surrounding nature, and craftsmanship which has grown from a small family business in the backyard into a prosperous company.

With the love for their own country and the desire to recreate traditional Ukrainian drinks, the idea of setting up Honey Badger's own production in Ukraine was born. The founders started with their own family recipes that they use for their production. The most famous Honey Badger products include Horseradish Nastoyanka (tincture), Bee Infused Nastoyanka, Honeycombs Infused Nastoyanka, Dubivka Kozatska, Porichka, as well as Troyandovy dessert drink.

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## PROFESSIONALS ABOUT UKRAINIAN WINES\*



**OZ CLARKE OBE** *British wine writer, actor, television presenter and broadcaster*

“Ukrainian winemakers are doing a really good job with Appassimento wines. Odesa Black and Saperavi, as well as Rkatsiteli, they were all so delicious! And they didn't taste like French wines, or Italian, Spanish or Portuguese — they tasted like Ukrainian wines!”- *during Three Wine Men tasting in London*



**SARAH ABBOTT MW** *founder of Swirl Wine Group*

“The wines, I must admit, are quite new to me but I've really enjoyed showing them to people. I would say that that is a characteristic of Ukrainian wines which is a certain freshness and brightness. So, they are actually very subtle, lively and the quality is really high. These aren't wines that you choose out of sympathy, I would say that they're really exciting. I'm rather ashamed that I haven't tried them before, but I'm very glad that I've tried them now” - *during London Wine Fair 2023*



**THOMAS BRANDL** *wine critic, Ambassador of Concours Mondial de Bruxelles and Vinexpo, owner of xenos.com*

“I'm impressed by the rise in quality of the wines especially now, considering the challenges of war. Odesa Black and Telti-Kuruk were well known to me from my previous visits to Ukraine, but they presented a completely new experience for most attendees of ProWein. For the future I would suggest you to focus as much as possible on Ukrainian indigenous grape varieties, they are what makes a difference” - *interview for Drinks+*



**MIQUEL HUDIN** *wine writer, Decanter World Wine Awards judge*

“The Ukrainians have shown how powerful the belief in one's right to exist is as they continue to fight for their survival as a nation. So too will the wine trade also endure, especially with the support of the international wine community” - *article for Decanter Magazine*

# ASSOCIATION OF CRAFT WINEMAKERS AND WINES OF UKRAINE TEAM

Wines of Ukraine is a brand initiated and founded by the Ukrainian Association of Craft Winemakers.

The Association was established in 2021 in order to coordinate and develop Ukrainian winemaking industry, as well as to enhance the competitiveness of Ukrainian wines internationally, and to promote the brand of Wines of Ukraine.

Besides that, we drive Ukraine's export strategy by helping wineries to reach their consumers at the major international markets by participating in international fairs, festivals, organizing tastings, seminars and hospitality programs.

Our mission is to establish a robust brand for Wines of Ukraine and to contribute to the international success of the national wine industry.

During the war in our country, we are also committed to assisting in the reconstruction of destroyed wineries and the demining of vineyards that have been liberated from occupation.



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