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Global state of conditions report: developments and trends

- **The size of the global area under vines** rose to **7534 kha** in 2015: **China's vineyard surface area continued to increase** (+34 kha), confirming its place as the country with the 2nd biggest vineyard surface area.
- **World wine production increased by 2.2%** compared with the previous year, reaching **274.4 mhl** in 2015.
- **Global wine consumption** has stabilised since the 2008 economic crisis: it is estimated at **240 mhl** for 2015.
- **The world wine trade continued to grow in volume and especially in value:** 104.3 mhl (+1.8%), 28.3 bn EUR (+10.6%).

The Director General of the OIV, Jean-Marie Aurand, presented information on "the potential wine production, assessment of the harvest, and state of the market and international trade in 2015" at the Organisation's headquarters in Paris on 18 April.

Development of the world area under vines: a slight decline of 7000 hectares

It was mainly in China and in New Zealand that the vineyard surface area continued to increase. However, EU vineyards continued to decrease slightly (-26 kha between 2014 and 2015). Spain remains a clear leader in terms of the cultivated surface area with over a million hectares (1.021 mha), ahead of China (0.82 mha) and France (0.78 mha).

World wine production: an increase of 5.8 mhl

Global wine production (excluding juice & must) was relatively strong in 2015. It reached 274.4 mhl, equating to +5.8 mhl compared with 2014 production. With growth of 12% compared with the previous year, Italy is the biggest producer in the world (49.5 mhl), followed by France (47.5 mhl) and Spain (37.2 mhl). The United States recorded a high level of production (22.1 mhl) for the third year running. In the Southern Hemisphere, production (excluding juice & must) declined in Argentina (13.4 mhl), increased in Chile (12.9 mhl) and remained stable in Australia (11.9 mhl). Production fell slightly both in South Africa (11.2 mhl) and in China (11 mhl).

World wine consumption: a slight rise in 2015

Global wine production in 2015 is estimated at 240 mhl, corresponding to a slight growth (+0.9 mhl) compared with the previous year. It has been stable since the beginning of the 2008 economic and financial crisis. With 31 mhl, the United States confirmed its position as the biggest global consumer country. Consumption was relatively stable in Italy (20.5 mhl) and in Spain (10 mhl), yet continued to erode in France (27.2 mhl) compared with that of 2014. The level of consumption in China is estimated at 16 mhl: a slight increase of 0.5 mhl compared with 2014.

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International trade: growth in terms of volume and value

In 2015, the world wine trade increased by 1.8 % in terms of volume (104.3 mhl) yet particularly in terms of value with a growth of 10.6% (28.3 bn EUR) compared with 2014.

Note for editors:

The OIV is the intergovernmental organisation of a scientific and technical nature of recognised competence for its work concerning vines, wine, wine-based beverages, table grapes, raisins and other vine-based products. It is composed of 46 Member States.

In the framework of its competence, the objectives of the OIV are as follows:

- to inform its members of measures whereby the concerns of producers, consumers and other players in the vine and wine products sector may be taken into consideration;
- to assist other international organisations, both intergovernmental and non-governmental, especially those that carry out standardisation activities;
- to contribute to international harmonisation of existing practices and standards and, as necessary, to the preparation of new international standards in order to improve the conditions for producing and marketing vine and wine products, and to help ensure that the interests of consumers are taken into account.

*Abbreviations:

kha: thousands of hectares

khl: thousands of hectolitres

mhl: millions of hectolitres

bn: billion

EUR: euros

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