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Global state of conditions report: developments and trends

- **The size of the global area under vines remained at 7.5 mha in 2016, with China's vineyard surface area continuing to increase (+17 kha)**, confirming its place as the country with the 2nd biggest vineyard surface area.
- **World wine production declined by 3%** compared with the previous year, **falling to 267 mhl in 2016**.
- **Wine consumption stood at 242 mhl** in 2016, having stabilised after the 2008 economic crisis.
- **The world wine trade: a slight reduction in volume (104 mhl**, -1.2%) but increase in value (**29 bn EUR**, +2%).

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 2016 at the Organisation's headquarters in Paris on 11 April.

Stabilisation of the world area under vines[1] at 7.5 mha since 2008
The Chinese area under vines continued to increase in 2016 (+16.8 kha).

The vineyard surface area decreased in Turkey (-17 kha) and in Portugal (-9 kha).
In Europe, only the Italian area under vines grew by 8.2 kha. Spain remains a clear leader in terms of the cultivated surface area with nearly a million hectares ahead of China (0.85 mha) and France (0.79 mha).

World wine production in decline compared with 2015
Global wine production (excluding juice & musts) fell to 267 mhl in 2016, a decline of 3% compared with 2015 production.

Italy (50.9 mhl) confirmed its position as the leading world producer, followed by France (43.5 mhl) and Spain (39.3 mhl). Production levels remained high in the United States (23.9 mhl).
In South American countries and South Africa unfavourable climate conditions weighed on production.
Production dropped sharply in Argentina (9.4 mhl), Chile (10.1 mhl), Brazil (1.6 mhl) and South Africa (10.5 mhl).

[1] Area under vines destined for the production of wine grapes, table grapes or dried grapes, in production or awaiting production.

World wine consumption stabilised at 242 mhl
For 2016, global wine consumption is estimated at 242 mhl, remaining stable in relation to the previous year. This same trend towards stagnation has been seen since 2009.

With 31.8 mhl of wine consumed in 2016, the United States confirmed its position as the biggest global consumer country since 2011, followed by France (27.0 mhl), Italy (22.5 mhl), Germany (20.2 mhl) and China (17.3 mhl).

The significant decrease in Hungary, Argentina and Romania was compensated by a rise in consumption in the United States, China and Italy. Consumption in France and Spain remained stable.

International trade: a drop in volume and rise in value
In 2016, the world wine trade slightly decreased in terms of volume by 1.2% (104 mhl), yet continued its increase in terms of value with 29 bn EUR (+2% compared with 2015).

Early estimates of the 2017 harvest in the southern hemisphere
Production has generally been on the up compared with 2016, except for Australia and New Zealand, which have been seen roughly equivalent levels in relation to the previous year.

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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