



# INTRODUCTION

## **Executive Presentation**

*“Grape Capital – Wine Investment Thesis”*

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# Agenda

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# Problem Summary

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## The client

- Grape Capital
- VC firm investing in high growth industries
- Looking to acquire a stake in wine industry
- Capital fund of \$10M in wineries in next 5 years with 20% ROI

## The problem

- Lack of wine knowledge in areas:
  - Quality of wine
  - Wineries
  - Wine countries
  - Effect of climate change

## The project:

- Research wine industry:
  - Wine quality understanding
  - Wine ratings, points, and price foundation
  - Wine varieties & country locations
  - Effect of climate change
- Recommendations for which wineries to invest in based on thorough data analysis





# Key Insights & Recommendations

## Recommendations

- Split the \$10M in two investment groups of short and long-term investments:
  - Short-term – Invest 70% in four wineries based in the US and Portugal between 2021 and 2025
  - Long-term – Invest 30% in three wineries based in Argentina, Spain, and Australia
- Advise wineries of nuances in wine variety preferences for red/white wine to help better market wines
- Consider creating another investment fund if wineries perform above expectation

## Key learnings

- Creating high quality red and white wine requires a delicate balance of variables, with density as the main driver
- American wines have more ratings and a lower price points than French wines, which stand out with a high average price
- Wine varieties produced in small regions in a complex climate tends to differ by country and has a higher average price point
- Red wine varieties seemed more popular than white wines based on wine ratings
- Most wineries are in the US followed by France and Italy. Other EU countries are up and coming
- The top 3 winery locations also score most wine review points followed by Mediterranean countries
- A higher wine price does not ensure higher point reviews by (experienced) tasters
- Typically, countries with a Mediterranean climate are a better choice to operate wineries
- Countries not known as a wine country are hosting more wineries, which could prove to become an opportunity eventually
- Europe is well suited for producing wine based on average temperature
- The average climate temperature is set to reach 20 degrees Celsius by 2025, which may provide some countries with a better climate to produce wine while other countries climate could become disadvantageous

## Problem

- Grape Capital wants to invest \$10M in wineries that it thinks can generate an ROI of 20%
- Grape Capital doesn't have extensive knowledge about the global wine industry and which wineries are successful
- A data analyst is hired to perform data analyses across three datasets: wine quality (1), wine ratings (2), and climate change (3)
- The goal is to make recommendation for which wineries Grape Capital should invest its money to achieve its ROI

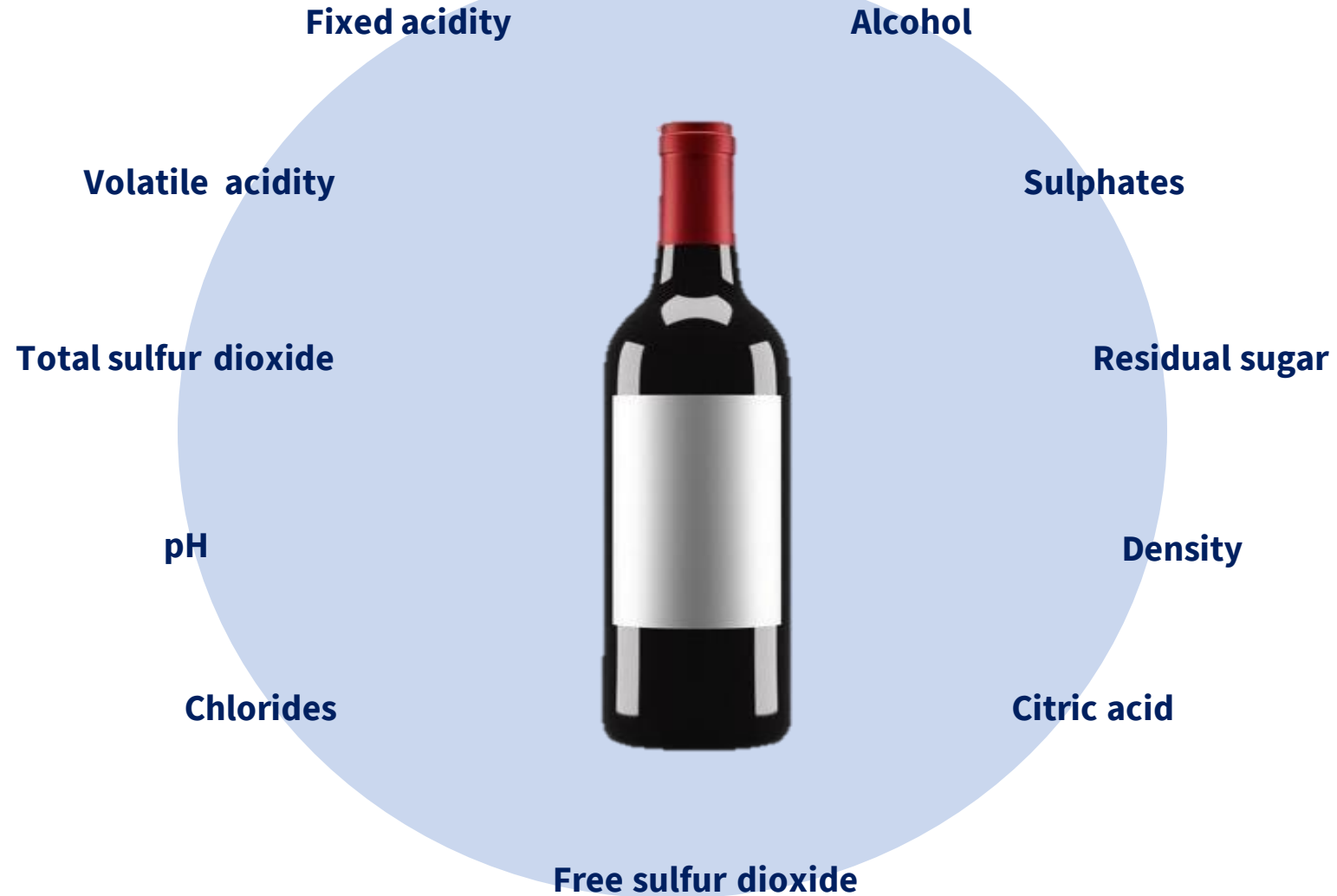
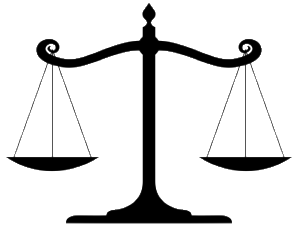


# Wine industry analysis

1. Wine variables
2. Wine quality
3. Wine countries
4. Wine ratings
5. Wine varieties
6. Wine price & points
7. Wine climate
8. Wine climate prediction

**Wine variables**– There are eleven variables that together make a wine, with its delicate balance determining the level of quality

*This balance is different for both red and white wine varieties*



# Wine Quality – Data shows density has a positive relationship while volatile acidity and chlorides have a negative relationship to wine quality

## 1. Wine variables significant (P- value >0.05) to quality

|        |                  |    |               |                      |         |                     |           |
|--------|------------------|----|---------------|----------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|
| Strong | Volatile acidity |    | Fixed acidity | Total sulfur dioxide |         | Free sulfur dioxide |           |
| Weak   | Alcohol          | pH | Sulphates     | Residual sugar       | Density | Citric acid         | Chlorides |

## 2. Influence of strong significance

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Volatile acidity                        | Density                                 | Chlorides                               |
| Negative relationship with wine quality | Positive relationship with wine quality | Negative relationship with wine quality |

## 3. What this means

|                                      |                                       |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| More results in a lower wine quality | More results in a higher wine quality | More results in a lower wine quality |
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*This data can be used by Grape Capital to advise wineries in their production process to increase the quality of their wine*

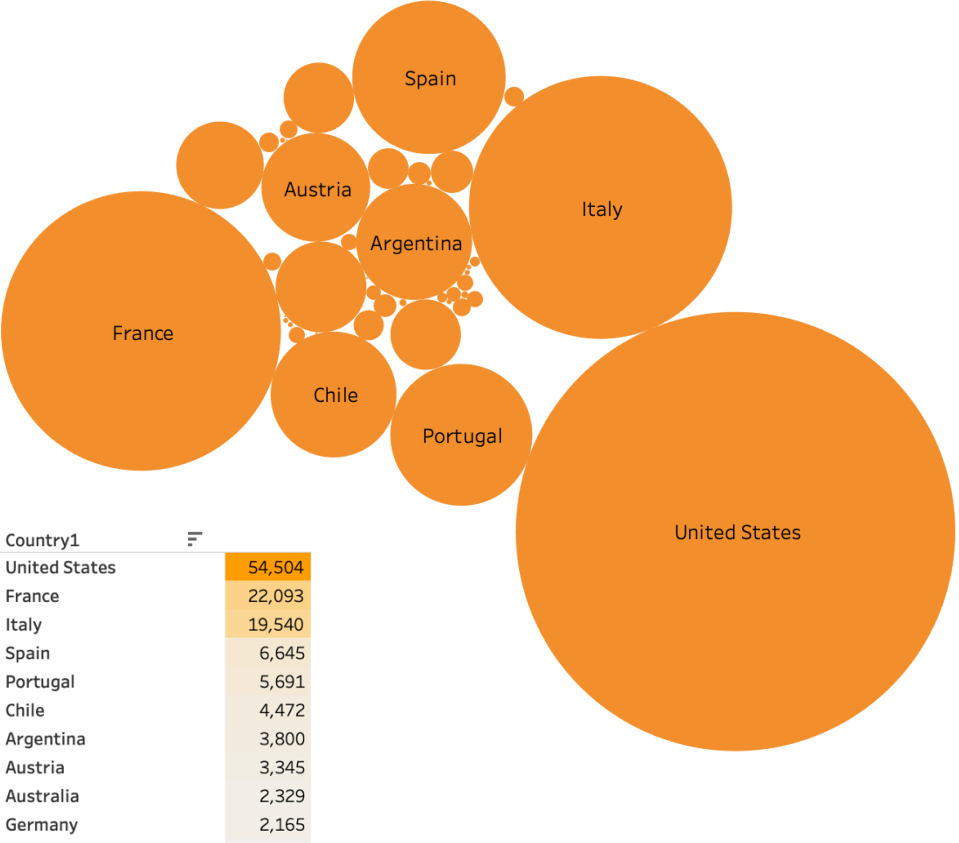


# Wine Countries – The United States, France, and Italy host most wineries and points globally

## Wine Countries

- The United States, France, and Italy are the top 3 winery destinations
- Other European countries are increasing the number of wineries

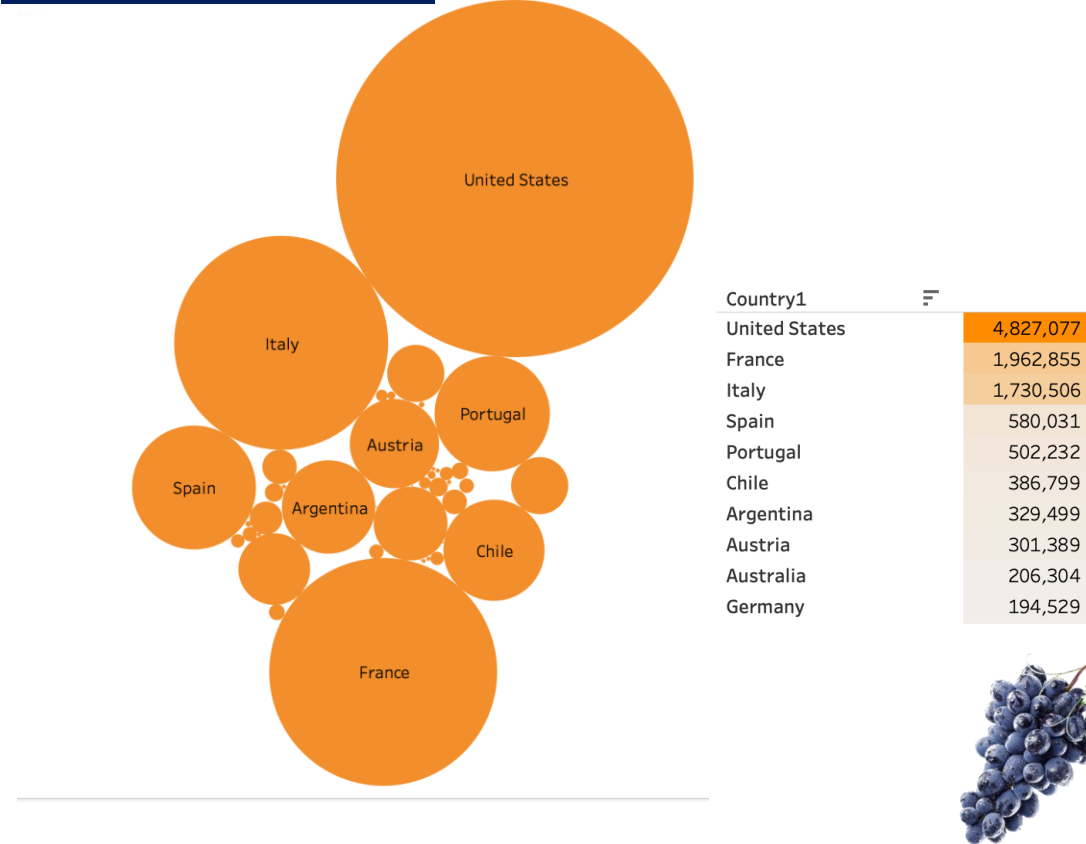
Countries with Most Wineries



## Wine Points

- The United States, France, and Italy scored the most wine points
- Mediterranean countries seem to pick up in points
- The US has almost 2.5X more points than France

Countries with most Points





# Wine Ratings – The top 15 wineries all have 100+ reviews but cost less than \$135 avg while the top 15 most expensive wineries have <30 reviews

## Winery Reviews

- The United States has a lot of wineries that have a lot of reviews compared to other countries
- France still maintains its presence as a large wine country

### Wineries with Most Reviews

| Winery1               | Country1      |     |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----|
| Wines & Winemakers    | Portugal      | 222 |
| Testarossa            | United States | 218 |
| DFJ Vinhos            | Portugal      | 215 |
| Williams Selyem       | United States | 211 |
| Louis Latour          | France        | 199 |
| Georges Duboeuf       | France        | 196 |
| Chateau Ste. Michelle | United States | 194 |
| Concha y Toro         | Chile         | 164 |
| Columbia Crest        | United States | 159 |
| Kendall-Jackson       | United States | 130 |
| Siduri                | United States | 126 |
| Gary Farrell          | United States | 125 |
| Lynmar                | United States | 118 |
| Montes                | Chile         | 117 |
| Albert Bichot         | France        | 117 |

## Winery avg Prices

- 93% of the top 15 most expensive wineries by avg price is France
- Each of the top 15 wineries has less than 30 reviews overall
- Wineries with the most reviews cost on avg cost less than \$135 a bottle

### Wineries with Highest AVG Price

| Winery1                       | Country1 |       |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Château les Ormes Sorbet      | France   | 3,300 |
| Château Pétrus                | France   | 2,250 |
| Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair | France   | 1,489 |
| Château Cheval Blanc          | France   | 825   |
| Château d'Yquem               | France   | 800   |
| Masseto                       | Italy    | 588   |
| Château Laville Haut-Brion    | France   | 580   |
| Château Haut-Brion            | France   | 572   |
| Château La Mission Haut-Brion | France   | 546   |
| Château d'Ausone              | France   | 507   |
| Château Mouton Rothschild     | France   | 479   |
| Château Lafite Rothschild     | France   | 473   |
| Armand de Brignac             | France   | 469   |
| Château Margaux               | France   | 448   |
| Château Latour                | France   | 437   |

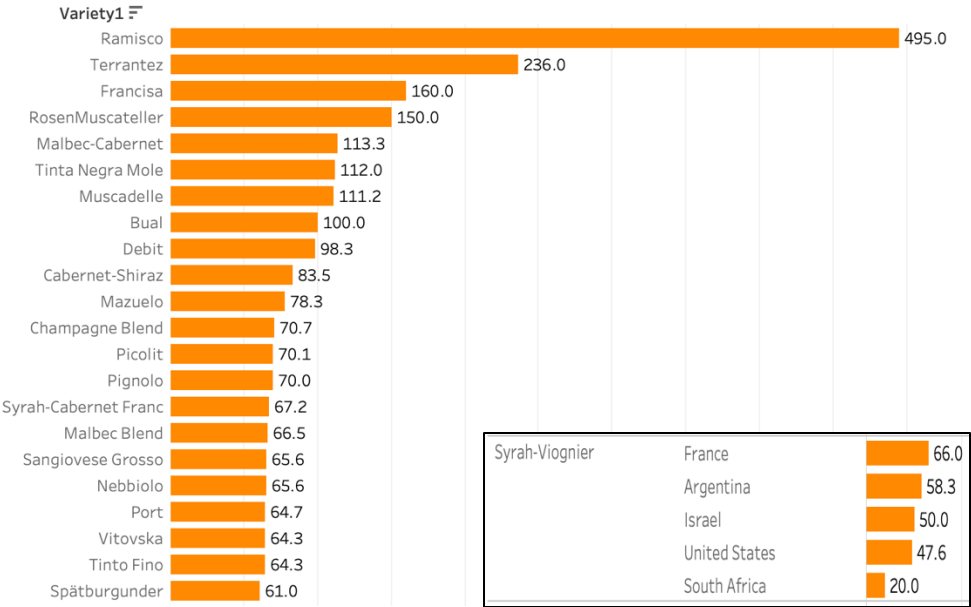


# Wine Varieties – The most popular wine varieties are red wines, and there seems to be a large price difference by wine variety due to scarcity

## Wine Varieties & Avg Price

- Ramisco, Terrantez, and RosenMuscateller have the highest avg price (rare Portugese/Australian grapes)
- Wine varieties range in price by geography

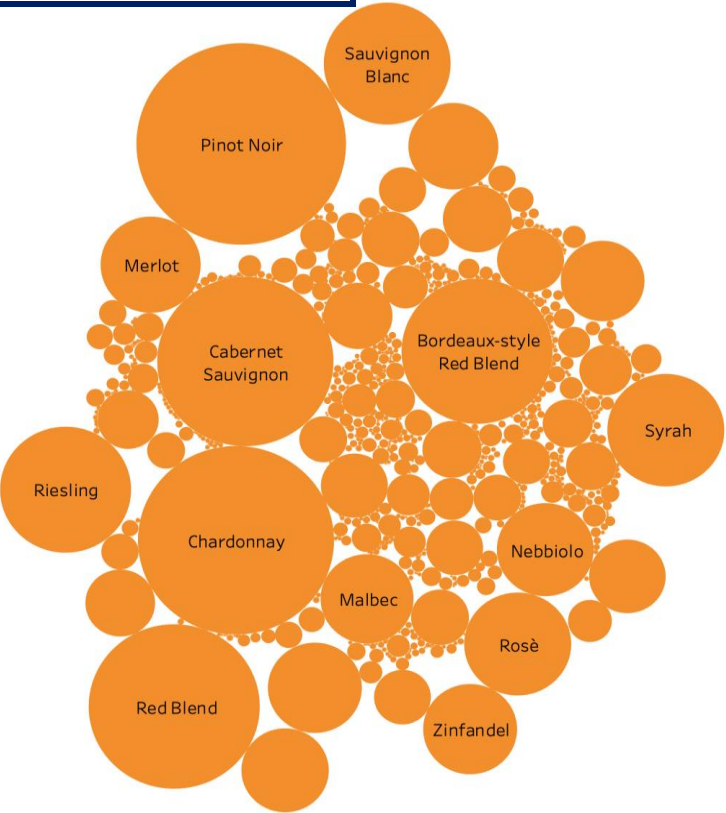
Wine Varieties with High Price



## Wine Varieties

- Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Red Blend, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Bordeaux-Style Red Blends are the popular wine varieties
- Red wine varieties seem to be more popular than white wine varieties

Most Popular Wine Varieties





# Wine Price & Points Comparison – A higher wine price does not ensure higher point reviews by (experienced) tasters

## Rating Count & Points by Taster

- Roger Voss, Michael Schachner, and Kerin O’Keefe gave out the most wine ratings from all tasters
- Roger Voss gave 1.7X more wine ratings than the 2<sup>nd</sup> closest taster in terms of wine ratings

Wine Rating Count and Points by Taster

| Taster Name                | Count of Wine ratings | Points    |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Roger Voss                 | 25,514                | 2,263,296 |
| Michael Schachner          | 15,134                | 1,315,258 |
| Kerin O,ÄöKeefe            | 10,776                | 957,641   |
| Virginie Boone             | 9,537                 | 850,828   |
| Paul Gregutt               | 9,532                 | 849,135   |
| Matt Kettmann              | 6,332                 | 569,935   |
| Joe Czerwinski             | 5,147                 | 455,696   |
| Sean P. Sullivan           | 4,966                 | 440,761   |
| Anna Lee C. Iijima         | 4,415                 | 390,355   |
| Jim Gordon                 | 4,177                 | 370,192   |
| Anne Krebiehl→†MW          | 3,685                 | 333,723   |
| Lauren Buzzeo              | 1,835                 | 161,002   |
| SUnited Statesan Kostrze.. | 1,085                 | 93,971    |
| Mike DeSimone              | 514                   | 45,798    |
| Jeff Jenssen               | 491                   | 43,365    |
| Alexander Peartree         | 415                   | 35,630    |
| Carrie Dykes               | 139                   | 12,009    |
| Fiona Adams                | 27                    | 2,346     |
| Christina Pickard          | 6                     | 527       |

## Comparing avg Rating Points With avg Price & Reviews

- Price does not seem to correlate to more review points
- A large percentage (50% of total) of wines receives a score of at least 86 points
- On average, Anne Krebiehl has given the most points for wine reviews while Virginie Boone reviews most expensive wines on average
- Michael Schachner and Roger Voss have reviewed most wines from all tasters

Average Points & Price per Wine Review by Taster

| Taster Name                | Avg. Points | Avg. Price | Cou nt .. | Percen tile (S.. |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Roger Voss                 | 89          | 39         | 25,514    | 88               |
| Michael Schachner          | 87          | 25         | 15,134    | 87               |
| Kerin O,ÄöKeefe            | 89          | 42         | 10,776    | 89               |
| Virginie Boone             | 89          | 47         | 9,537     | 90               |
| Paul Gregutt               | 89          | 34         | 9,532     | 89               |
| Matt Kettmann              | 90          | 39         | 6,332     | 90               |
| Joe Czerwinski             | 89          | 35         | 5,147     | 89               |
| Sean P. Sullivan           | 89          | 34         | 4,966     | 89               |
| Anna Lee C. Iijima         | 88          | 30         | 4,415     | 88               |
| Jim Gordon                 | 89          | 27         | 4,177     | 89               |
| Anne Krebiehl→†MW          | 91          | 31         | 3,685     | 90               |
| Lauren Buzzeo              | 88          | 24         | 1,835     | 88               |
| SUnited Statesan Kostrze.. | 87          | 23         | 1,085     | 87               |
| Mike DeSimone              | 89          | 28         | 514       | 89               |
| Jeff Jenssen               | 88          | 22         | 491       | 89               |
| Alexander Peartree         | 86          | 29         | 415       | 86               |
| Carrie Dykes               | 86          | 31         | 139       | 87               |
| Fiona Adams                | 87          | 31         | 27        | 87               |
| Christina Pickard          | 88          | 29         | 6         | 88               |

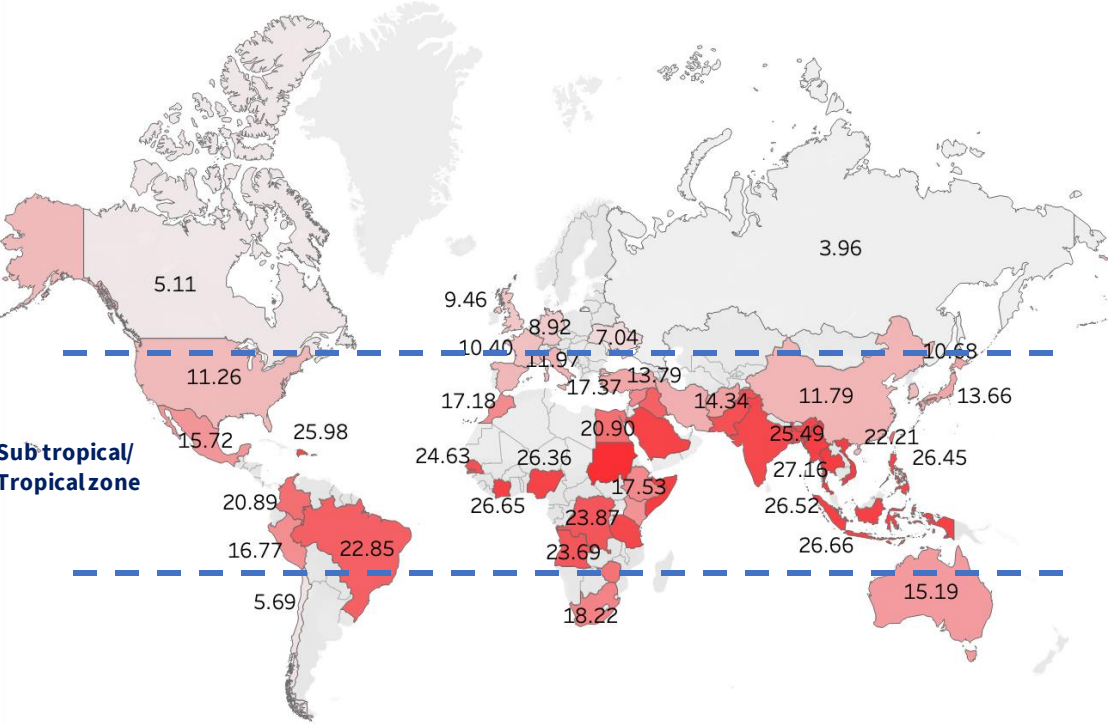


# Wine Climate – Countries in Africa and South America have a better wine climate despite more wines coming from moderate climates

## Country Climate

- The AVG temperature differs by country but follows the general equator climate zones

Countries and AVG Temperature



## Country Climate Filter

- Filter list of countries with AVG temperatures to match countries from the wine ratings dataset

Country Climate Filter

## Ideal Country Climate

- India, Brazil, and Egypt are the top 3 countries based on AVG temperature
- Europe has most countries with ideal climate

AVG Temperature by Country

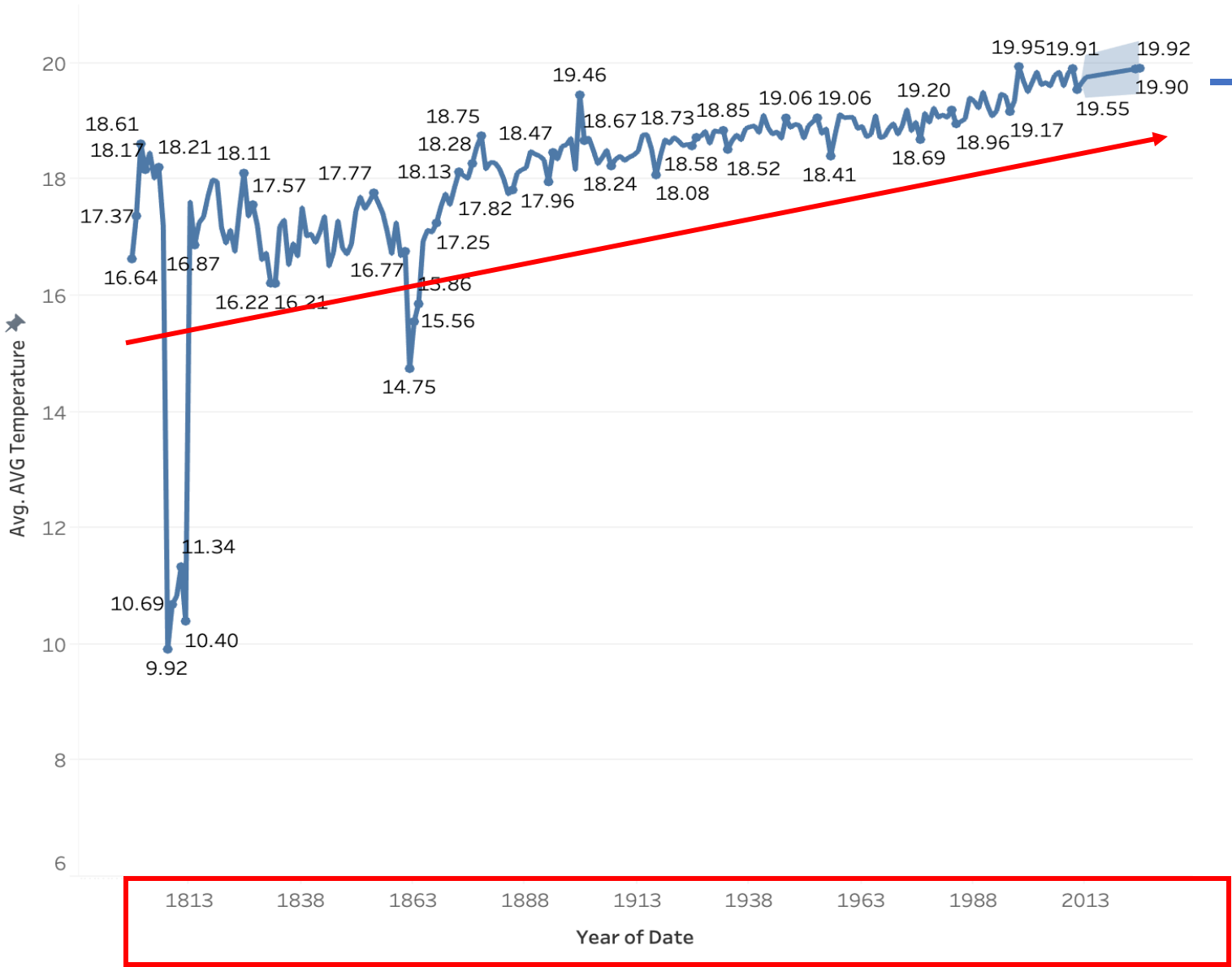
| Country1       |       | Continents    | Rank          | Score |
|----------------|-------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| India          | 25.81 | Asia          | Europe        | 7     |
| Brazil         | 22.85 | South America | South America | 3     |
| Egypt          | 20.90 | Africa        | Africa        | 3     |
| South Africa   | 18.22 | Africa        | North America | 3     |
| Morocco        | 17.18 | Africa        | Asia          | 2     |
| Peru           | 16.77 | South America | Oceania       | 1     |
| Mexico         | 15.72 | North America |               |       |
| Australia      | 15.19 | Oceania       |               |       |
| Turkey         | 13.79 | Europe        |               |       |
| Italy          | 11.97 | Europe        |               |       |
| China          | 11.79 | Asia          |               |       |
| Spain          | 11.45 | Europe        |               |       |
| United States  | 11.26 | North America |               |       |
| France         | 10.40 | Europe        |               |       |
| United Kingdom | 9.46  | Europe        |               |       |
| Germany        | 8.92  | Europe        |               |       |
| Ukraine        | 7.04  | Europe        |               |       |
| Chile          | 5.69  | South America |               |       |
| Canada         | 5.11  | North America |               |       |

The ideal wine climate is between 10 and 27 degrees Celsius





# Wine climate prediction – Globally the average temperature is set to rise 0.15 degrees Celsius by 2025



## Country Climate Prediction

### Avg Temperature Prediction

- Avg temperature is set to rise by 0.15 degrees Celsius between 2013-2025
- Not all countries experience the same change in avg temperature due to climate change, economic policies, or other factors

## Country Climate Effect

- Countries with historically lower avg temperature could suddenly bloom into a wine region
- Countries with increasing avg temperature due to climate change, economic policies, or other factors could negatively impact wine production





## Recap

*So far, we've discussed the following:*

- *Wine Capital problem*
- *Analysis & insights of various factors ranging from wine reviews, points, varieties, avg climate temperature, etc.*

**> Investment recommendations**





# Winery Investments – Grape Capital should consider investing 70% of funding in four wineries based in the US and Portugal short-term, and 30% of funding in three wineries based in Argentina, Spain, and Australia long-term

|                         | Country       | Winery   | Variety   | Investment              |
|-------------------------|---------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| Short Term<br>2021-2025 | United States | Testarossa<br>Williams Selyem<br>Chateau Ste. Michelle | Pinot Noir<br>Chardonnay<br>Zinfandel<br>White Riesling | \$6M                    |
|                         | Portugal      | Wines & Winemakers                                     | Portugese Red<br>Touriga Nacional                       | \$1M                    |
| Long Term<br>2025-2030  | Argentina     | Trapiche (AR)  | Shira-Viognier<br>Malbec                                | \$1M                    |
|                         | Spain         | CVNE (ES)  | Tempranillo<br>Tempranillo Blend                        | \$1M                    |
|                         | Australia     | D’ Arenberg (AUS)                                      | Shiraz<br>Riesling                                      | \$1M                    |
| ROI                     | 5 countries   | 7 wineries   | 12 varieties  | \$200K<br>(20% * \$10M) |





Q&A



# Image Sources

Slide 1: [Source 1](#)

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Slide 5: [Source 4](#)

Slide 5: [Source 5](#) (red wine glass), [Source 6](#) (white wine glass)

Slide 6: [Source 7](#)

Slide 6: [Source 8](#)

Slide 12: [Source 9](#)

Slide 14: [Source 10](#)

All slides' grapes: [Source 11](#)



# Dataset Limitations & Assumptions

## **Dataset 1 – Wine Quality for red and white wine:**

This dataset is related to red and white variants of the Portuguese "Vinho Verde" wine and is part of the UCI machine learning repository (UCI, 2015). The data was collected from May 2004 to February 2007, included 4898 wine samples for each wine variant, and was evaluated by a minimum of three sensory assessors through blind tastings. Each tasting was given a score on a scale that ranges from 0 to 10, that matches to very bad to excellent quality, respectively (white wine scores ranged between 3 and 9).

## **Dataset 2 – Wine ratings:**

The dataset is pretty large with 150K rows and contains 10 columns of wine reviews scraped from WineEnthusiast during June of 2017. Each record in the dataset represents a single wine review from an online user of [Wine Enthusiast Magazine](#).

## **Dataset 3 – Climate temperature**

This dataset was put together by [Berkeley Earth](#) for their Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature Study. It combines 1.6 billion temperature reports from 16 pre-existing archives.

## **Assumptions**

- Wine quality data was assumed to be general for the entire white and red wines available
- Wine reviews from 2017 are assumed to have stayed consistent in quality as to warrant the investment recommendations
- Climate temperature data from countries did not match most of the countries listed in the wine rating dataset. The wine rating dataset was chosen as the main dataset feeding into the recommendations
- The climate temperature dataset with bigger list of countries was primarily used to showcase and predict the average temperature changes over time and matched to countries from wine ratings dataset
- ROI is a projection and may not be generated by the projected date as mentioned

