

From the cradle of civilization comes the vine...

7000-6000 BC China

- First archeological evidence of fermented beverages
- Most likely rice, honey and nut
- Grape seeds were also discovered but no clear ties to fermentation yet...

5400-5060 BC Iran

- Iran, neolithic “Hajji Firuz” archeological site amphorae found with evidence of wine production
- Zagros mountains, buffering the Taurus mountains and Eastern Turkey consistent findings to support
- Discoveries in this area create a confirmed timeline for viticulture proliferation

6000-5000 BC Fertile Crescent

- The first biblical reference to wine comes in Genesis during the story of Noah. He is said to have gotten drunk on wine after the flood. It is now theorized that Noah’s ark landed on Mount Ararat found in the Taurus mountains in Eastern Turkey.
- Fertile crescent (Iran, Turkey, Israel, Lebanon)
- Scientists suggest this is the birthplace of vine “domestication.”
- Pottery and agriculture flourish

ANCIENT WORLD

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Glass | Bottle

China

792 Ao Yun, Cabernet Sauvignon, Yunnan

379

Turkey

753 Karasakiz, Suvla, Reserve

45

759 Öküzgözü, Gulor, Şayeste

51

Armenia

495 Yacoubian-Hobbs, Areni Red, Rind Vayats Dzor

73

496 Yacoubian-Hobbs, Dry Red, Sarpina, Rind Vayats Dzor

77

3100 BC
Egypt

- Evidence of religious ceremony incorporating beverages made from grapes
- Phoenicians spread cultivation of the vine through maritime trade to mediteranean

4100 BC
Armenia

- Oldest winery on record (discovered by UCLA in 2007)

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Morocco

755 Alain Graillot, Syrah du Morocco, Syrocco, Zenata

67

Lebanon

822 Chateau Musar, Jeune Blanc, Bekaa Valley

61

1153 Chateau Musar, Musar Red, Bekaa Valley

115

Israel

498 Recanati, Marawi Reserve, Judea Hills

68

499 Recanati, Wild Carignan Reserve, Judea Hills

93

1036 Recanati, Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, David Vineyard, Upper Galilee

71

146 BC

Roman Empire

- Romans conquer Greece (replacing Dionysus with Bacchus)
- First records of celebrated vintage and terroir
- Viticulture spreads through Italy, France, Germany, Portugal, Spain and Central Europe

800 BC

Hellenistic Greece

- Rise of hellenistic Greece, spread through commercial trade with Phoenician
- Dionysus as God of wine
- Wine equated with trade, religion, and wealth as a status symbol
- Spread through Sicily, Southern Italy, and introduced into Rome

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OLD WORLD

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Greece

847 Moschofilero, Boutari, Pelopennese	11	45
884 Santorini (Assyrtiko), Boutari		53
867 Red Blend, Notios, Gai'a		58

Sardinia

816 Cannonau di Sardegna, Suelzu	20	91
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Sicily

543 Grillo, Donnafugata, Sur Sur	13	55
907 White Blend, Baglio di Pianetto, Ficiligno		62
544 Nero d'Avola, Feudo Maccari		66

Apulia

287 Chardonnay, Tormaresca	7	28
546 Primitivo, Negroamaro, Neprica		28
547 Masseria Maime, Negroamaro, Salento		62
552 Aglianico, Boca di Lupo, Castel de Monte		98

380 AD

Romans & Christianity

- 🍷 Rome embraces Christianity and wine becomes part of sacrament.
- 🍷 Monks throughout France and Italy become vintners.
- 🍷 Viticulture moves with the spread of the Roman Catholic Church.

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Campania		
834 Greco di Tufo, Feudi di San Gregorio	21	93
559 Falanghina, Feudi di San Gregorio		44
561 Radici Taurasi (Aglianico), Feudi di San Gregorio		79
Latium		
562 Malvasia Principe Pallavicini Putinata, Roma		45
565 Frascati, Principe Pallavicini, Lazio		44
689 Est!, Est!!, Est!!! di Montefascione, Le Poggiere		44
France		
216 Vouvray, Saget, Marie de Beauregard	11	47
1247 Cotes du Rhone, Jean-Luc Colombo, Les Abeilles	7	29
219 Muscadet-Sur-Lie, Domaine Les Hautes Noelles		30
242 Chablis, Joseph Faiveley, Les Preusus		116

1659 AD

East Indian Trading Company

- ❖ Dutch East India trading company land in Cape Province, South Africa.
- ❖ Colony would be taken over by the English.
- ❖ Vines are planted to help merchant ships with long voyages.
- ❖ Originally intended to help prevent scurvy...other benefits ensued.
- ❖ 1718 UK fleet stops in South Africa on way to pick up vines and take to Australia.

1492-1600 AD

Conquistadors

- ❖ Vines are brought to the new world landing in Mexico and Brazil.
- ❖ 1554: Chile's first winery established
- ❖ 1556: Viticulture is taken from Chile to Argentina.

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Chile

538 Red Blend, Primus, Apalta	12	50
969 Carmenere, Arboleda, Aconcagua Valley		43
947 Cabernet Sauvignon, Casa Lapostolle, Cuvée Alexandre, Colchagua Valley		48

Argentina

1050 Pinot Noir, Bodega Chacra, 'Barda,' Patagonia	15	59
402 Torrontes, Tapiz Joven		34
978 Malbec Reserve, Alta Vista, Mendoza		54

1832 AD

James Busby

- 🍷 James Busby, considered the “father of Australian wine,” moved to New Zealand.
- 🍷 Instrumental in launching New Zealand’s wine industry

1769-1805 AD

James Busby

- 🍷 Spanish missionaries spread through California
- 🍷 1805 Sonoma’s first winery opens.

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South Africa

511 Red Blend, Glenelly, Estate Reserve, Stellenbosch

14

58

824 Chenin Blanc, Nederburg, The Anchorman

37

512 Red Blend (Pinotage) Kanankop, Kadette, Stellenbosch

59

New Zealand

398 Sauvignon Blanc, Wairau River, Marlborough

33

1080 Pinot Noir, Cloudy Bay, Marlborough

85

Australia

773 Viognier (Organic), Yalumba, South Australia

48

542 Grenache, Yangarra, Preservative Free, McLaren Vale

54

195 Shiraz, Gnarly Dudes, Two Hands, Barossa Valley

76

1848-1855

California Gold Rush

- California is officially off to the races. With the thirst for gold and riches came a thirst for wine.
- Zinfandel vines along with other European varietals begin to take hold.

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NEW WORLD (CONTINUED)

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United States

381 Sauvignon Blanc, Honig, Napa Valley	11	45
54 Pinot Gris, Willakenzie, Oregon	11	47
1000 Merlot, Kiona, Red Mountain, Washington	14	61
341 Riesling, Eroica, Washington		54
262 Chardonnay, Cakebread, Napa Valley		66

1870

Immigrants to South America

❁ Chile, to this day, remains one of the few places in the world where European vines live on their own rootstock instead of being grafted onto another root stock.

❁ Basque and Italian immigrants bring tannat to Uruguay.

❁ French and Italian vines are brought to Argentina and Chile before the outbreak of Phylloxera (devastating vine louse).

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925 Cabernet Sauvignon, Caymus, Napa Valley	120
928 Cabernet Sauvignon, Jordan, Alexander Valley	93
46 Bordeaux Blend, Chateau St. Jean, Cinq Cepages, Sonoma	119
1087 Pinot Noir, Penner-Ash, Shea Vineyard, Oregon	98
484 Syrah, L'Ecole No 41, Walla Walla, Washington	87
487 Pinot Noir, Goldeneye, Anderson Valley	137

1980-2013

China

- China reopens trade to foreign markets leading to a 30 year wine consumption boom.
- Premium wines, especially Bordeaux and Burgundy see prices skyrocket due to the new demand from China.
- Lafite Rothschild as well as other reputable producers now grow in China.
- And, We Have Come Full Circle.