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The Improvements in Results of the Wine Sector in Croatia

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The importance and perspectives of the wine sector in Croatia

Wine sector

important part of rural development
in the Republic of Croatia

organized through

- mixed family farming
- independent wine growing subjects
- small entrepreneurs
- wine companies, wine cooperatives...



The prospects of the wine sector in Croatia

- Significant wine growing areas – in present time vineyards have been neglected
- Favourable climate and pedological conditions – good perspective in cultivating of authentic grape varieties
- Domestic wine production does not meet domestic demands
- Centuries long tradition of wine growing
- Education of wine growers – vital for the development of this sector
- Croatia – a desirable tourist destination



Limiting factors

- Slow implementation of the Agricultural Land Act
- Unsettled land register records and property rights
- Slow judiciary and slow state administration



The improvement factors in the wine sector

Change of political system – transition to the market economy –
arrival of strong international competition

- 1995, 2003 – Wine regulations
- 2001 – Agricultural Land Act
- 2002 – Programme on establishing permanent plantation
- 2003 – Wine categorized as food
- 1996 – Establishing of Croatian Institute of Viticulture and Enology



The most important breakthroughs

**In the last decade a constant growth in quality of Croatian wines has been noted
and a decrease in production quantity**

Reasons for such trend:

- Strong competition in terms of quality and price of wines on the Croatian market
- Education of wine growers and wine producers – application of modern technologies
- Viticulture, viniculture – well-respected profession – profitable business
- Croatian Institute of Viticulture and Enology – excellent technical equipment and top professional personnel – objectivity, legality and promptness are hallmarks of its work



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The role and significance of the Croatian Institute of Viticulture and Enology

The chief tasks of the Institute are defined in the Wine Act and its regulations:

- Managing the main register of grape, wine and fruit wine producers
- Offering geographical indication protection
- Keeping the Vineyard Cadastre
- Establishing the wine quality



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Wine testing laboratory

- Accredited with ISO/IEC 17025 Certificate in 2002
- Croatian reference laboratory which organises comparative wine analyses in the country
- Application of wine analysis methods prescribed by EU regulations
- We are currently in the process of introducing isotope methods in wine analysis





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Organoleptic wine evaluation



- 80 certified wine sensory evaluators
- Excellent working conditions
- Computers for processing of wine evaluation data
- We are in the process of obtaining ISO/IEC17025:2006 Certificate





Data of grapevine producers

Vineyard areas ◀

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Vineyard Cadastre

- 2003 – Setting up and keeping vineyard cadastre
- Basic method - processing of orthographic photos, digitalized land register plans, digital relief models, in harmony with EC – Regulations 2393/86



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