

# Russia's Oldest Sparkling Wine Producer Begins Grape Harvest

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The Abrau-Durso vineyard on Russia's Black Sea has started its 2021 grape harvest. The winery was founded in 1870 and supplied the Russian Imperial Court in the 19th century. This year's vintage could be marred by a dispute that erupted in June when Russia turned the tables on France by passing a law that says only Russian bubbly can be called "Champagne," while French Champagne has to be labelled "sparkling wine." Take a look at our gallery of the production process.



During the first six months of 2021, Abrau-Durso sales rose 27% compared with the first half of 2020.

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