

Wine Production in Crimea Drops 25% Amid Fuel Shortages and Supply Line Attacks

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Wine production in annexed Crimea fell by one-quarter in the first eight months of 2026 due to fuel shortages and logistical bottlenecks triggered by intensifying Ukrainian attacks, the newspaper Kommersant [reported](#) Friday.

Data from Russia's Federal Alcohol Market Regulation Service show Crimean still wine output dropped 24.7% year-on-year between January and August, while sparkling wine production fell 38%. In Russia, still wine output fell nearly 15% and sparkling wine dropped 14.5% over the same period.

Crimea, which Moscow annexed from Ukraine in 2014, is a major regional supplier, accounting for 20% of all still wine and 10% of sparkling wine sold in Russia.

Industry experts told Kommersant that the production slump was due to Ukraine [ramping up](#)

[its attacks](#) on the peninsula this summer, triggering an acute fuel shortage and disrupting shipping between Crimea and the Russian mainland.

Transporting essential production materials — including glass bottles, corks and packaging — has become increasingly expensive and hazardous, the experts said. Rolling power outages caused by strikes on energy infrastructure have further strained winemaking operations.

At the same time, [fewer tourists](#) have been traveling to Crimea due to deadly Ukrainian attacks, leading to a decrease in people making wine purchases while on vacation there.

Despite the current drop in output, winemakers anticipate a recovery later this year, buoyed by forecasts of a strong grape harvest expected to be the [best in a decade](#).

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