



# They Grow Grapes in That Country?!?

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Eastern European Wine Tour

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# Ukraine



Kyiv

Artemovsk Winery

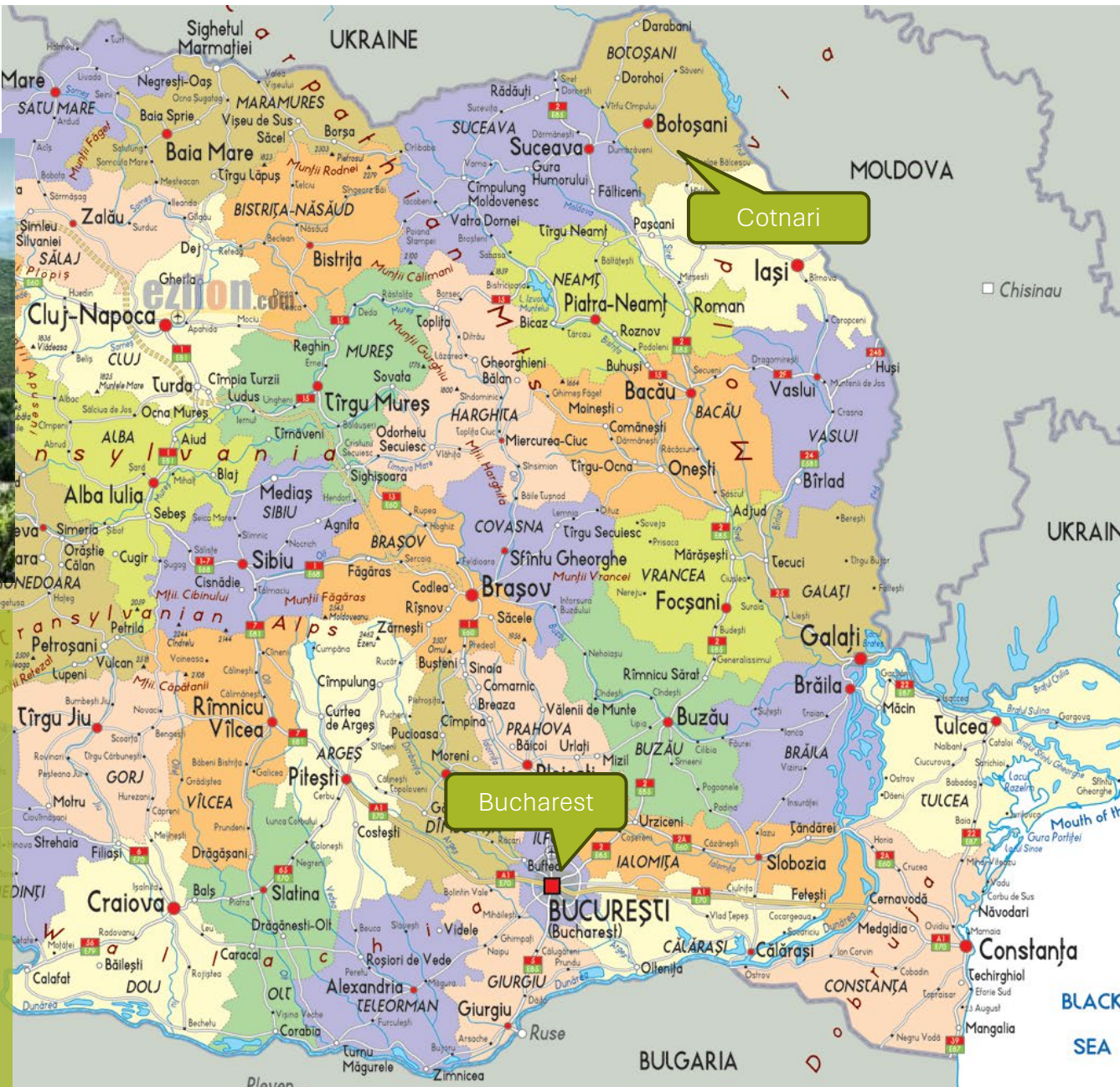
Crimea

**Capital:** Kyiv  
**Population:** 37.8 Million  
**Wine regions:** Black Sea Region, Zakarpattia (Transcarpathi), Crimea, Bessarabia  
**Fun fact:** Crimea houses a wine research center specializing in breeding cold-hardy grape varieties.  
**Today's wines:** 2020 KrimSekt Semi-Sweet Red Sparkling - \$18.95 and 2018 KrimSekt Semi-Sweet White Sparkling  
**Paired with:** Golden beet borscht, served in small cups with fresh dill and creme fraiche (vegetarian) and Crispy potato pancakes with smoked salmon and lemon chive sour cream





# Romania



**Capital:** Bucharest

**Population:** 18.6 Million

**Wine regions:** Transylvania, Moldova Hills, Muntenia and Oltenia, Dobrogea

**Fun fact:** Cotnari (or Grasa de Cotnari) was once synonymous with a botrytised dessert wine and was famous across Europe.

**Today's wine:** 2022 Cotnari Frâncusa - \$13.95

**Paired with:** Chicken paprikash bites



# Bulgaria



**Capital:** Sofia

**Population:** 6.7 Million

**Wine regions:** Danube River Plains, Thracian Valley

**Fun fact:** In the 1970s Bulgarian Cab Sauv was known even in the West to be good value. Gorbachev's campaign in the 1980s to cut alcohol consumption in the USSR devastated domestic wine producers.

**Today's wine:** 2021 Villa Yambol Kabile Chardonnay/Sauvignon Blanc - \$14.75

**Paired with:** Cheese blintz with fresh cherry compote



# Armenia



Capital: Yerevan  
Population: 3 Million  
Geography: Over 90% of Armenia is mountainous  
Wine regions: Vayots Dzor, Ararat, Armavir, Aragatsotn.  
Fun fact: Armenia is home to what is believed to be the world's oldest winery, dating back 6000 years. A cave in village of Areni found remains of pressed grapes, a rudimentary press and a large clay vat for fermentation.  
Today's wine: 2020 Karas Red Blend - \$22.95  
Paired with: Glazed kielbasa with dijon mustard



# Georgia

**Capital:** Tbilisi

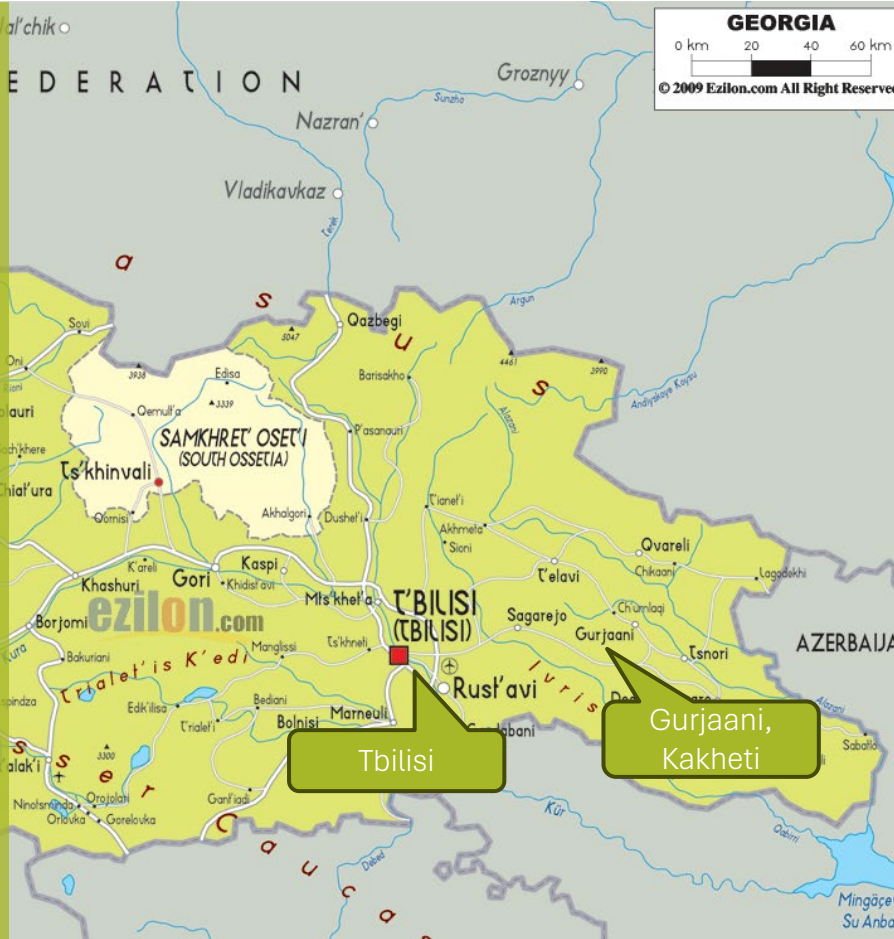
**Population:** 3.8 Million

**Wine regions:** Kakheti, Kartli, Imereti

**Fun fact:** Georgia is considered the birthplace of wine, with a winemaking tradition that dates back over 8,000 years. The country is famous for its unique method of making wine in qvevri, large clay vessels buried underground

**Today's wine:** 2018 Qvevris Saperavi - \$18.95

**Paired with:** Cheftle (Romanian meatballs) with shredded vegetables and dill





# Hungary

**Capital:** Budapest

**Population:** 9.6 Million

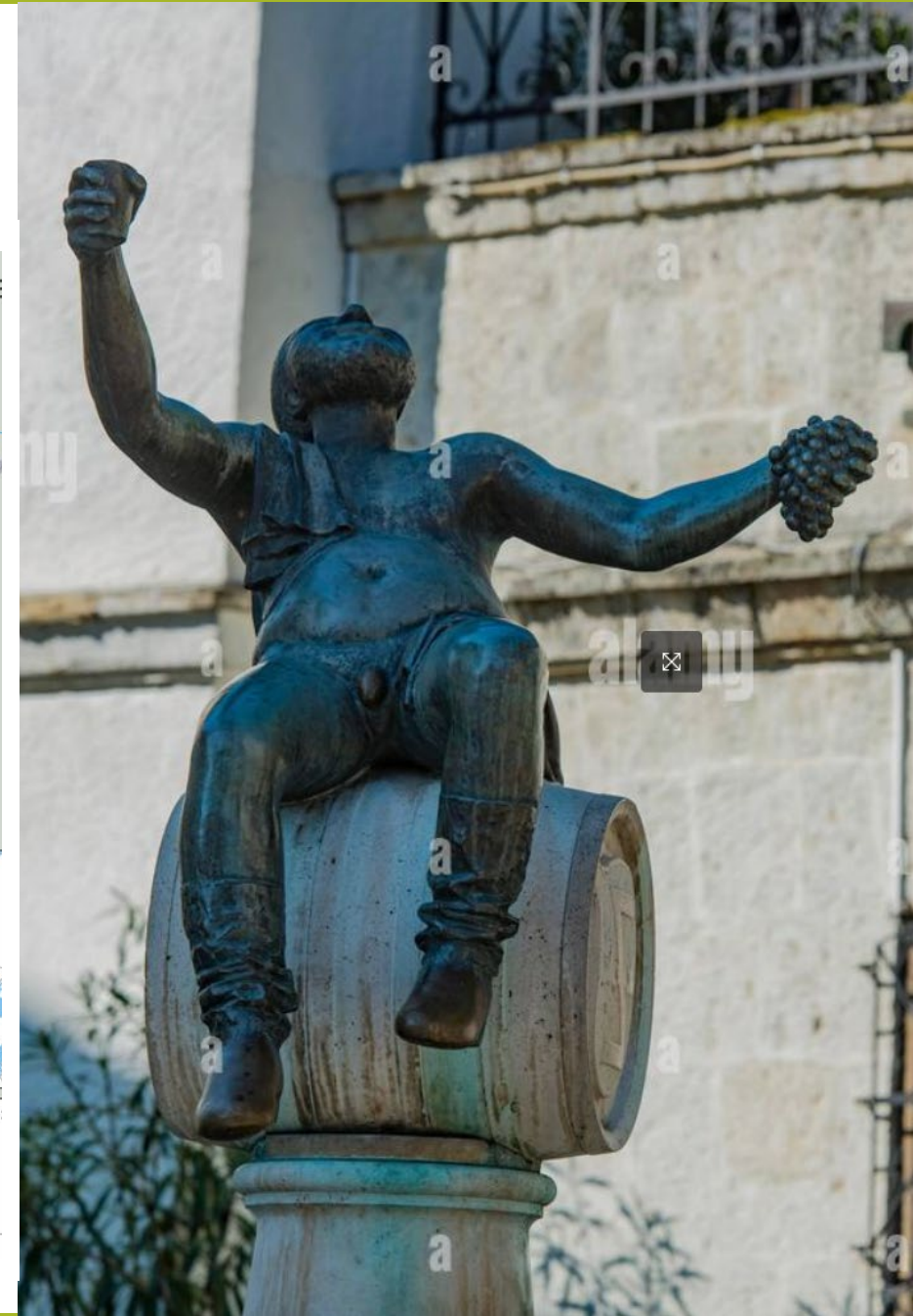
**Wine regions:** Tokaj, Eger, Villany, Balaton, Matra

**Fun fact:** Hungary's Tokaji wine, especially the sweet Tokaji Aszú, is world-renowned and has been enjoyed by royalty for centuries.

**Today's wine:** 2014

Pannon Tokaj 5 Puttonyos Tokaji Aszú - \$41.95

**Paired with:** Apple  
Sharlotka with local heirloom apples





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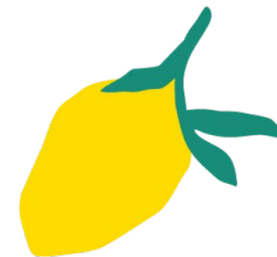
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