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### Natural / Physical Resources

#### Something Strange And Terrible Is Happening To France’s Wine Grapes

Harvest dates for wine around the world have been progressively shifting earlier and earlier, as the warming climate gives us warmer and warmer cold seasons. In a new paper out today in Nature Climate Change, researchers at Columbia University and Harvard University looked at the historical data for early harvests over the last 400 years in France and Switzerland.

They found some years over the last centuries that also had the same unusually early start dates we’ve been seeing recently. And what happened in those years gives us a glimpse into what the wine of the future could be like.

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#### Other Wine Producing Countries

##### Swiss Wine

Switzerland may not be the most famous of wine-producing nations, but this small, mountainous country in western Europe has been making wine for more than two thousand years. Swiss wine's lack of fame is not due to any lack of quality or quantity, but because it is produced mostly for (and consumed happily by) the Swiss themselves.

Things are gradually changing however; the world beyond the Alps is now discovering the high quality of much Swiss Pinot Noir, and white wines made from the national flagship grape, Chasselas. Top-end vineyards can be found in almost every corner of the country, but the vast majority are located in the alpine Valais and around Lake Geneva in La Cote and Lavaux.

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