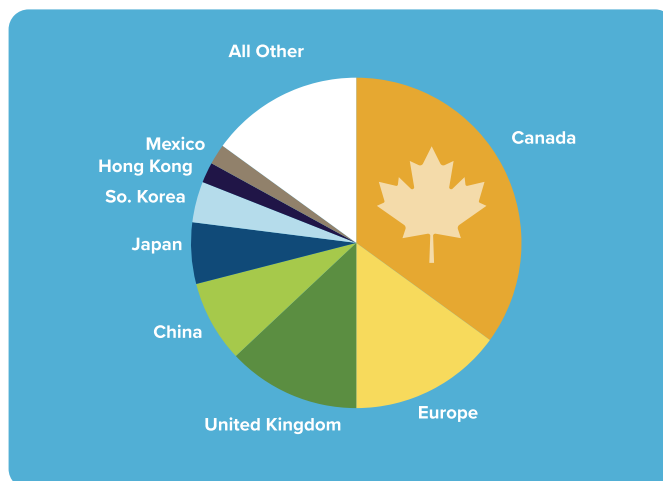




FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY: A U.S. WINE TRADE DEFICIT WITH CANADA

American wineries caught in the crossfire of a trade dispute they didn't start

On March 4, 2025, U.S. wine and other alcoholic beverages were hit with both provincial and federal retaliation in response to President Trump's IEEPA tariffs¹. Overnight, American wines were removed from store shelves and replaced with "Buy Canadian" signs or wine from global competitors.



A HISTORIC RECORD BROKEN

- A decades-long trade surplus flipped to a trade deficit² — the **most significant market disruption in decades**.
- There has been no comparable, immediate drop in wine sales of this magnitude in recent history.
- U.S. wine producers — **approximately 95% of which are family-operated**, small and mid-sized wineries — are collateral damage in a trade dispute that has nothing to do with them.

CANADA: #1 U.S. WINE EXPORT MARKET

- In 2024, Canada accounted for **36% of U.S. wine exports**, representing **\$459.5 million³ in shipments** and **CAD\$1.1 billion in retail sales⁴**.
- In 2024, exports to Canada were larger than the next three markets combined — EU, UK and China.
- Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia sell the most U.S. wine — yet only Alberta and Saskatchewan allow the importation and sale of U.S. wine.
- If the bans persist, the U.S. will cede its share of the market to the EU, Australia and New Zealand.



NEW YORK POST

US booze exports to Canada plunge more than 60% as fury over Trump tariffs sparks boycott

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

The U.S. Alcohol Industry Is Reeling From Canada's Booze Boycott

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Wine exports to
Canada are down

91%



HARM TO BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER

- U.S. and Canadian jobs are at risk, including U.S. vintners, Canadian sales reps and importers.
- U.S. wine producers have **lost an estimated \$161 million in export value** to Canada since March 2025⁷.
- The Canadian federal government is estimated to have **lost CAD\$29 million in tax revenue**, and provinces collectively lost **CAD\$144 million in provincial tax revenue** from lost U.S. table wine sales⁸.

2025 U.S. wine
exports to all
markets are down

28%



OTHER MARKETS CAN'T PICK UP THE SLACK

- Total U.S. wine market volume **declined 4% in 2024** and remains a highly competitive market⁵.
- State-by-state distribution laws limit expansion.
- National labeling rules make Canadian-labeled wine **unsellable without costly relabeling**.
- 2025 **U.S. wine exports are down 28%**, with key export markets in decline due in part to consumer backlash against U.S. products⁶.

4th
largest wine
producing country
in the world

France

Italy

Spain

U.S.

ABOUT U.S. WINE

- The U.S. is the **4th-largest wine producing country** in the world after France, Italy and Spain.
- Wine is produced in all 50 states and **generates more than \$325 billion in total economic activity** from production, distribution, sales and consumption⁹.

THE BOTTOM LINE: IT'S TIME FOR A SOLUTION

Restoring access isn't just about trade, it's about protecting family livelihoods, supporting economies and renewing a relationship that has benefited both nations for generations. Wine Institute stands ready with a plan to help U.S. wineries rebuild those relationships and return to Canadian shelves as quickly as possible.



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