

# 2017 WINE PRODUCTION



The 2017 vintage was generally very low in quantity. Spring frosts across much of Europe followed by heatwaves saw volumes down by up to 30%, whilst Californian wildfires caused problems further afield. The quality of the wines however was generally very good from most of the major regions.

## USA

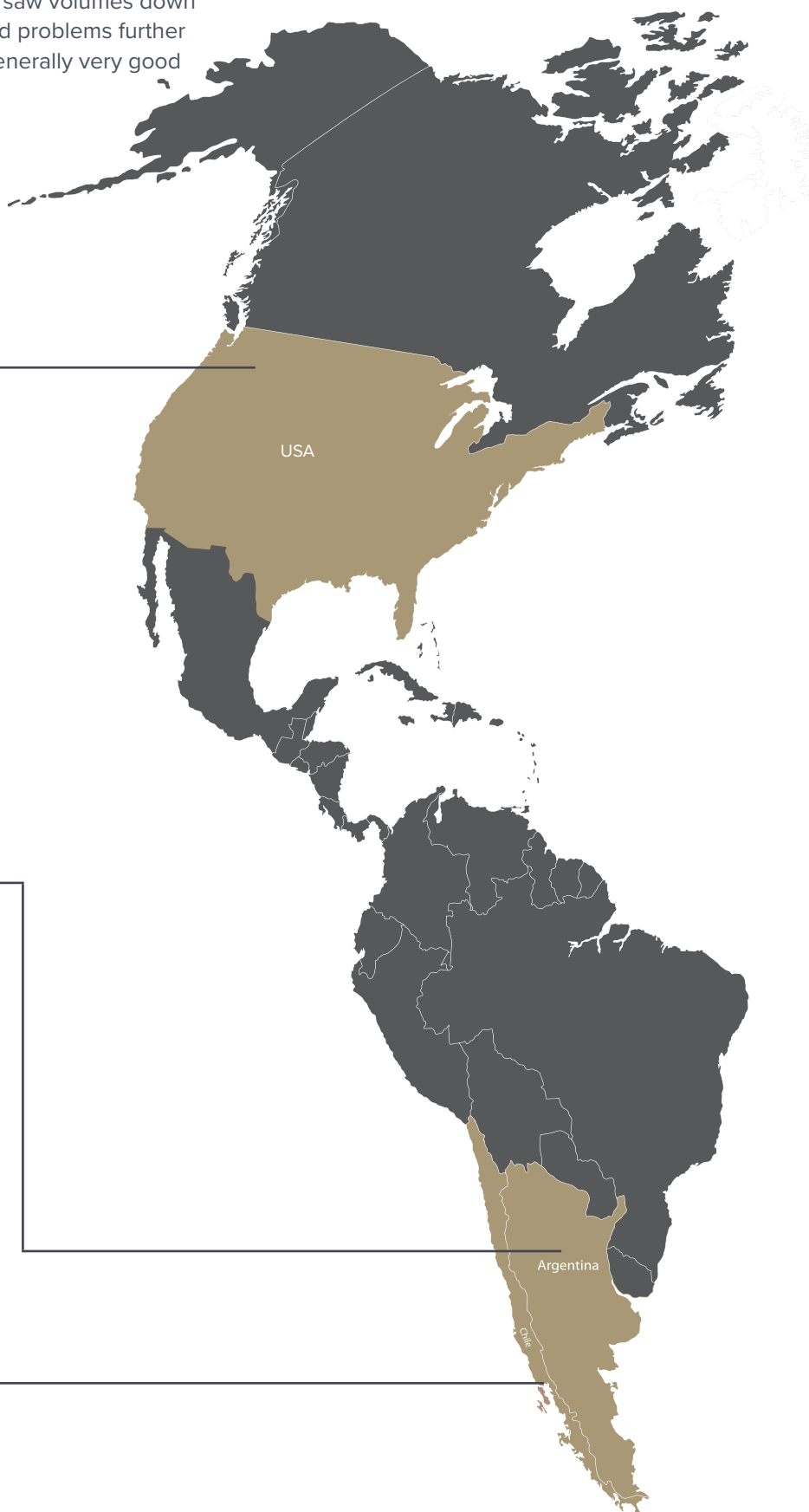
- The end of a five-year drought meant volumes were up slightly
- In California, smoke taint from forest fires may be an issue

## ARGENTINA

- Low yields caused by particularly cool Spring
- Second smallest harvest in last 50 years in Mendoza
- Excellent quality, with very concentrated reds

## CHILE

- A warmer than average summer coupled with drought resulted in an early harvest
- Resulting yields were lower than average, however quality was good
- Volume estimated to be down 22%



## FRANCE

- Smallest harvest since Second World War
- April frosts coupled with August heatwave caused significant problems
- Worst affected regions – Bordeaux, Chablis, Languedoc & South West
- Despite low yields, quality generally very good

## SPAIN

- Spring frosts followed by heatwave resulted in vastly reduced volumes
- Production down by 6.5 million hectolitres

## SOUTH AFRICA

- Excellent quality – one of the best in recent years
- Hot days and cool nights led to great concentration of fruit

## ITALY

- Frosts in late April in Piemonte, Veneto and Abruzzo caused 25% drop in volume compared to average
- High temperatures and prolonged heatwave led to early harvest
- Quality generally very high in North East Italy, pressure on Pinot Grigio (volume down 30%) and Prosecco (down 15%); quality remains high

## AUSTRALIA

- Average temperature, though cooler than last year meaning harvest was a few weeks later than recent years
- Volume up 5%
- Extended growing season has resulted in high flavour ripeness

## NEW ZEALAND

- Cool temperatures in most key areas led to low yields but high quality
- Volume down 9%
- Wines showing good acidity & minerality



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