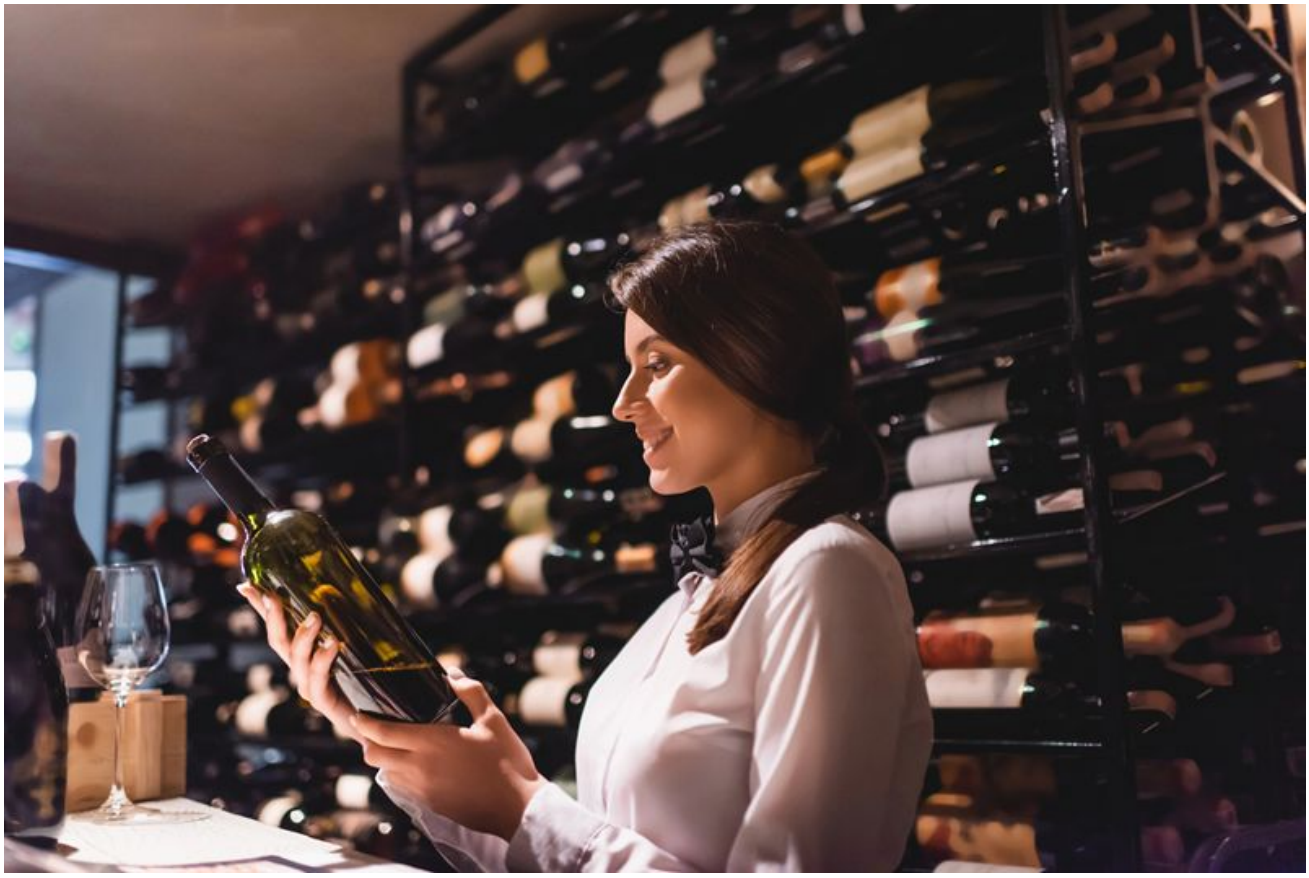
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Chile’s wine exports rose in August, but the country remained behind last year’s pace over the first eight months of 2026, according to a September bulletin published by Chile’s Office of Agricultural Studies and Policies, known as ODEPA.

ODEPA said total wine exports reached 59.3 million liters in August, with a free-on-board value of USD143.4 million. That was up 18.4% in volume and 15.9% in value from the same month in 2025. The monthly gain was led by shipments of wine with denomination of origin, bulk wine and sparkling wine.

Wine with denomination of origin accounted for 34.5 million liters in August exports, valued at USD115.9 million FOB. ODEPA said that category increased 14.7% in volume and 14.2% in value from a year earlier. By volume, the main destinations were Brazil, the United Kingdom and Mexico. By value, exports were concentrated in Brazil, the United Kingdom and France.

Bulk wine exports reached 19.9 million liters in August, worth USD17.1 million FOB. That represented a 23.7% increase in volume and a 22.2% increase in value from August 2025. The leading destinations by volume were the United Kingdom, the United States and Spain. By value, the main markets were the United Kingdom, the United States and Denmark.

Sparkling wine posted the strongest monthly growth. ODEPA said August shipments of sparkling wine rose 77.5% in volume and 63.8% in value from the same month last year. The main destinations by volume were Colombia, Japan and Russia. By value, the top markets were Cyprus, Belgium and the United States.

Despite the stronger August result, cumulative figures for the year remained weaker than in 2025. From January through August, Chile exported 419.4 million liters of wine worth USD944.9 million, down 9.9% in volume and 7.4% in value from the same period last year.

ODEPA said wine with denomination of origin remained the country’s main export category in that period, with 238.6 million liters shipped for USD746.4 million. That was a decline of 5.4% in volume and 5.7% in value from the first eight months of 2025. Bulk wine followed with 148.9 million liters worth USD130.1 million, down 12.8% in volume and 4.7% in value. Sparkling wine exports for the January-August period fell 6.3% in volume to 2.6 million liters and 8.8% in value to USD9.5 million.

The bulletin also showed growth in pisco and aguardiente exports, though from a much smaller base than wine. In August, those exports totaled 70,500 liters with a FOB value of USD351,900. That was up 90.9% in volume and 89.7% in value from August 2025. Germany, the Czech Republic and the United States were the main destinations by volume, while Germany, the Czech Republic and China led in value.

On the import side, Chile brought in 719,000 liters of wine between January and August, with a cost, insurance and freight value of USD5.7 million, excluding reimports, according to ODEPA. Sparkling wine was the main imported category, with 554,000 liters and a CIF value of USD4.2 million. Italy, France and Argentina were the main countries of origin in both volume and value.

The new trade figures were released alongside updated inventory and production data that help frame supply conditions in Chile's wine market. According to a 2025 wine inventory report prepared by Chile's Agriculture and Livestock Service, known as SAG, total wine stocks excluding pisco stood at 1.1209 billion liters as of Dec. 31, 2025. That was down 13.3% from 1.292 billion liters a year earlier.

Of the reported stock, 983.9 million liters were wines with denomination of origin, 133.4 million liters were wines without denomination of origin, including common wines, and 3.6 million liters were wines made from table grapes. Lower inventories can matter for beverage producers, exporters, importers and distributors because official stock levels are often used to adjust purchasing plans, manage inventories and shape price negotiations in destination markets.

At the same time, SAG's 2026 production report pointed to a larger harvest. Total wine production in Chile reached 949.5 million liters this year, up 13.2% from the previous year. That included 790.8 million liters of wine with denomination of origin, 137.5 million liters without denomination of origin and 21.1 million liters made from table grapes.

Taken together, the data point to a market with mixed signals. Chile's exporters posted a stronger August after weaker earlier months, while total wine output increased and stocks from the previous year fell. For companies across the beverage sector, from wineries to international buyers and retailers, those official figures are closely watched

because they can influence supply expectations, inventory timing and contract discussions for wine and related drinks in the months ahead.