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FranceAgriMer Says France’s Wine Market Remained Steady After an Uneven Harvest

Domestic consumption edged higher, but cost and logistics pressures continued to weigh on producers.

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FranceAgriMer on Thursday published its September 2026 monthly market note on France’s wine sector, outlining a market that remains broadly steady after a harvest season marked by uneven weather, with modest support from domestic demand and

continued strength in exports.

The French agency said recent vineyard production volumes were generally stable compared with the previous year, even after a growing and harvest campaign shaped by contrasting climate conditions. That assessment points to a supply picture that, for now, has not shifted sharply from last year’s levels despite weather-related pressure in parts of the season.

On the demand side, FranceAgriMer said the domestic market showed a slight increase in consumption. The agency linked that movement to a recovery in demand after the summer season. While the note did not describe a major rebound, the increase suggests that the French market has provided some support to producers and sellers as the sector moves into the fall.

The export picture remained favorable, according to the agency, with Asian markets standing out as an area of strength. FranceAgriMer said overseas sales continued to show a positive trend despite currency fluctuations, a sign that international demand for French wine has held up even as exchange-rate moves complicated trading conditions.

At the same time, the agency said producers are still dealing with higher operating pressure from input costs and logistical strains. Those issues remain a challenge across the sector and continue to weigh on margins and day-to-day planning, even in a market where output is stable and export demand is still improving.

FranceAgriMer also said the industry is placing emphasis on innovation and product diversification to respond to consumer expectations on quality and sustainability. That focus reflects a broader effort by wine producers to adapt not only to cost pressures and shifting trade patterns, but also to changes in what buyers want in both the domestic and export markets.

The monthly note is likely to be closely watched across the drinks business because it provides an official snapshot of supply, consumption and trade conditions in one of Europe’s most important wine markets. For grape growers, wineries, bottlers, importers and distributors, changes in producer prices, stock management and sales strategy can

depend heavily on whether domestic demand continues to improve and whether export channels remain open and profitable. A steady production outlook may help companies plan inventories, but persistent cost and transport pressures could still affect margins and pricing decisions.

The update also matters beyond France’s wine trade alone. Wine is a major part of the broader beverage economy, and shifts in consumption or export performance can influence purchasing, promotional activity and shelf space decisions across retailers and wholesalers that also handle beer, spirits and other drinks. If domestic demand firms while exports remain resilient, businesses may see room to adjust product mix and commercial strategy, though much will depend on how costs and logistics develop in the coming months.

FranceAgriMer’s September review did not signal a break in market direction. Instead, it described a sector balancing stable production, slightly stronger home-market consumption and supportive export demand against continued pressure from expenses and supply-chain friction. That combination leaves the French wine industry entering the next part of the marketing year with some areas of support, but still facing clear operational risks.