



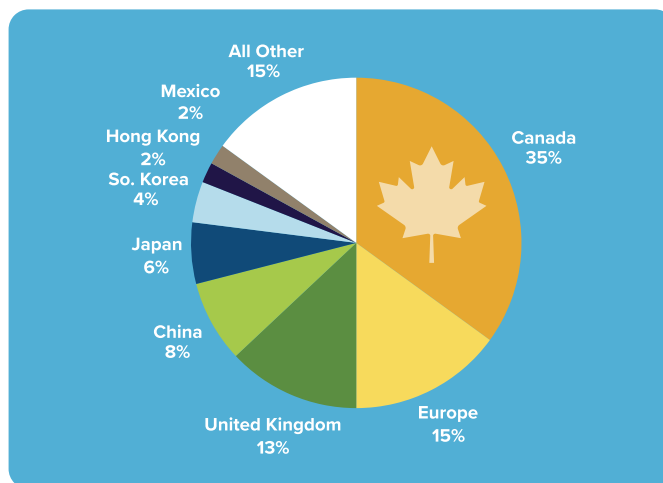
## FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 36 YEARS: A U.S. WINE TRADE DEFICIT WITH CANADA

*American wineries caught in the crossfire of a trade war 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 tariffs<sup>1</sup>. Overnight, American wines were removed from store shelves and replaced with "Buy Canadian" signs or wine from global competitors.



**U.S. alcohol is the only American product completely barred from import in nearly all Canadian provinces.**



### A 36-YEAR RECORD BROKEN

- A decades-long trade surplus flipped to a trade deficit<sup>2</sup> — 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 war that has nothing to do with them.

### CANADA: #1 U.S. WINE EXPORT MARKET

- In 2024, Canada accounted for **35% of U.S. wine exports**, representing **\$434 million<sup>3</sup> in shipments** and **\$1.1 billion in retail sales<sup>4</sup>**.
- 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 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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### OTHER MARKETS CAN'T PICK UP THE SLACK

- Total U.S. wine market volume **declined 4% in 2024** and remains a highly competitive market<sup>5</sup>.
- 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 30%**, with key export markets in decline due in part to consumer backlash against U.S. products<sup>6</sup>.

\$134  
Million

in lost export  
value



### 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 \$134 million in export value** to Canada since March 2025<sup>7</sup>.
- The Canadian federal government is estimated to have **lost \$27 million CAD in tax revenue** from lost U.S. table wine sales<sup>8</sup>.

4th  
largest wine  
producing region in  
the world

France

Italy

Spain

CA

### ABOUT U.S. WINE

- California is the **4th-largest wine producing region** 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 consumption<sup>9</sup>.

### 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 California wineries rebuild those relationships and return to Canadian shelves as quickly as possible.



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