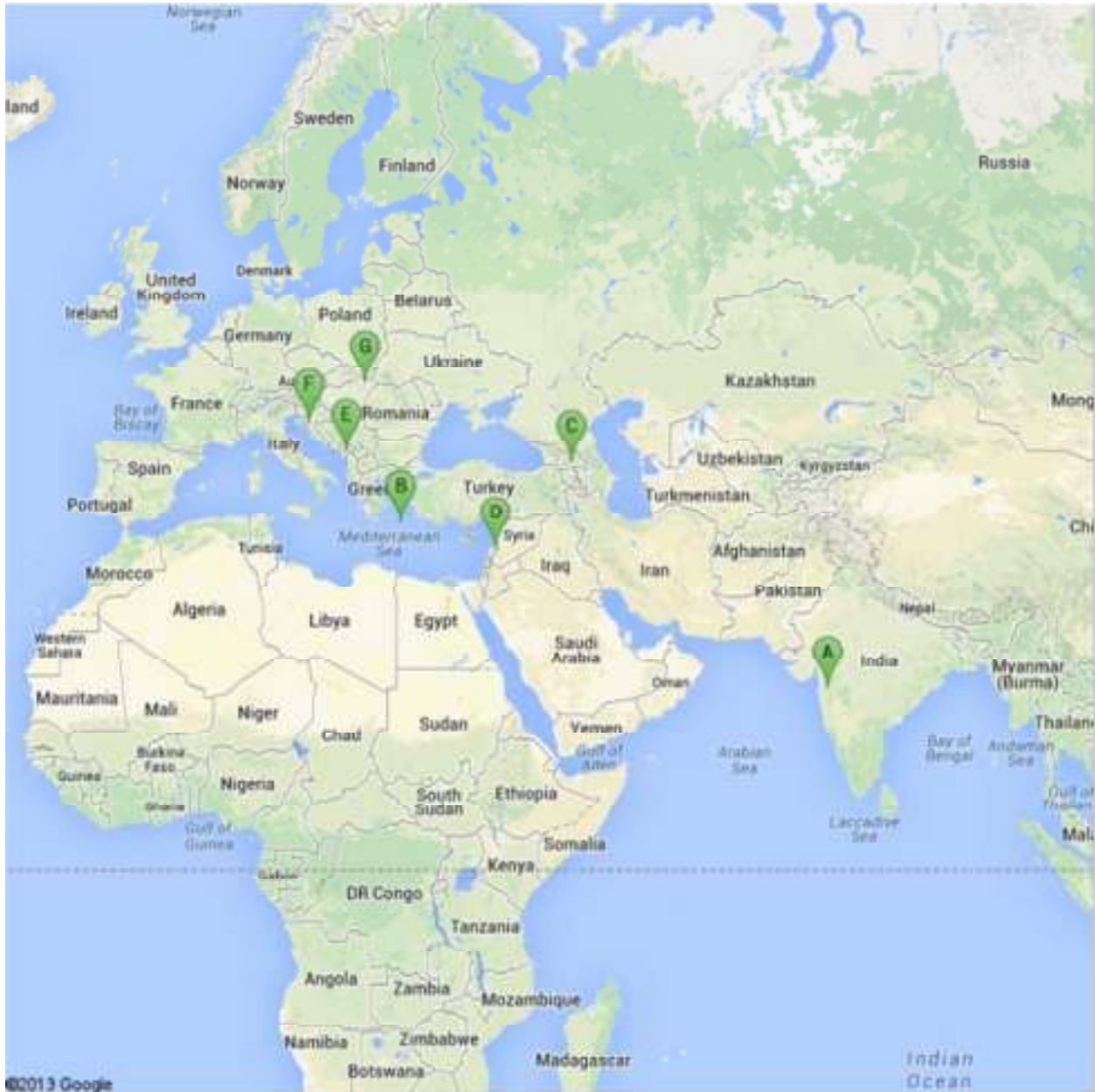


Wines from Unusual Places

November 2013



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INDIA



The region around Nashik is home to most of India's wineries – several dozen at last count, including SULA, the largest winery in India.

SANTORINI, GREECE



Santorini, Cyclades Islands, Greece

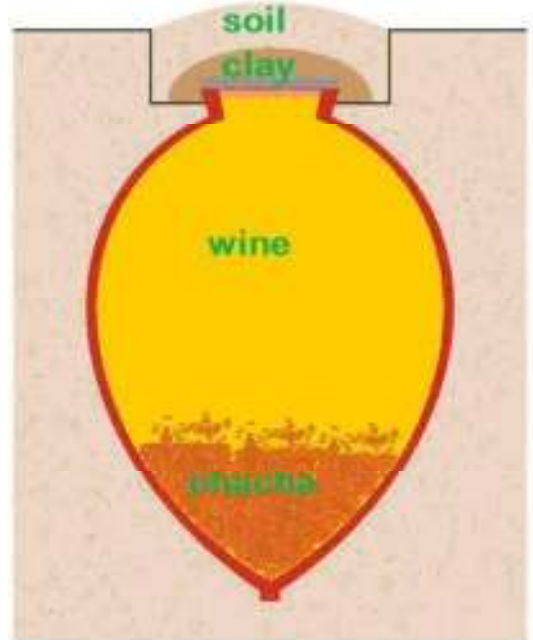


REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

Wine-makers in Georgia have been making wine in “qvevri” (clay jars) for thousands of years !



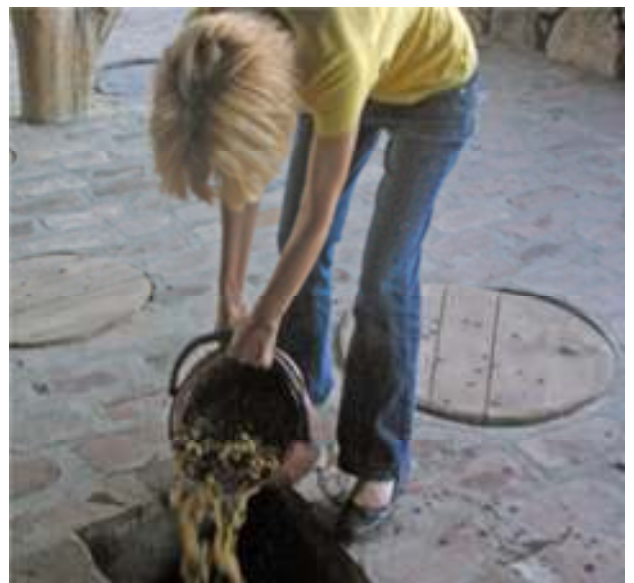
Rkatsiteli, ancient Georgian grape variety.



The “qvevri” tapers to a point on the bottom, where seeds settle.



New Qvevri, not yet installed.



Pouring crushed grapes into the qvevri.



Georgian Wine Cellar



Georgian wine maker, enjoying the fruits of his labors.

LEBANON



We tend to think of Lebanon as “war-torn”, and largely Arab or Palestinian. And there is some truth to that. But Lebanon is a very diverse country, ethnically and religiously. Outside of Beirut, there are areas that are rural and fairly peaceful, such as the Bekaa Valley.



MONTENEGRO

A tiny country, part of the former Yugoslavia, Montenegro is now independent of Serbia. It has a short, lovely stretch of coast on the Adriatic, between Croatia to the north and Albania to the south. The interior of Montenegro is mountainous.



Mountain lake in Montenegro's interior.



Resort of Sveti Stefan, an upscale hotel on the Adriatic coast of Montenegro.

CROATIA

Croatia, another part of the former Yugoslavia, is shaped like the letter “C”. The northern portion extends from the Adriatic coast into the interior, while the western and southern portions extend down the coast to the quaint medieval town of Dubrovnik.



Dubrovnik, on the Croatian coast.

HUNGARY



Hungary is at the center of eastern Europe. Being on the losing side in World War I, Hungary lost much of its earlier territory. Hungary is famous for two products – paprika, most of which comes from the region around Szeged in the south, and Tokay dessert wine, produced in the north-east area around the town of Tokaj. Interesting trivia: the capital city, Budapest, originated as two towns on opposite sides of the Danube – Buda on one side, and Pest on the other.