**WINES AROUND THE WORLD**

The most famous wine from the old world is Champagne. It comes from a district east of Paris. Also from France there are the Muscadet and Sancerre wines of the Loire Valley. Further south-west we have the Medoc, St. Emilion and Graves wines of the Bordeaux region. In the Rhone Valley we find the Burgundy wines such as Beaujolais /ˈbəʊʒəleɪ/ and Mâcon [mɑ.kɔ̃].

Italy produces around 25% of the world’s wine. Two famous wines are Chianti from the Florence region and crisp *(живой, свежий (о вкусе вина; живость и свежесть вкуса обеспечивается достаточно выраженной кислотностью, это положительная характеристика в особенности белых вин)* white Frascati produced near Rome.

Portugal is most famous for port which comes from Oporto in the north. Spain is well-known for sherry, a fortified wine from the south. Rioja comes from an area north of Madrid and is very popular too.

New world wines are improving all the time. South Africa produces wine in the Stellenbosch and Paarl vineyards in the south of the country. Australia is now famous for its Chardonnay and Shiraz. New Zealand’s Sauvignon Blanc is becoming very popular. California now produces some of the world’s finest Cabernet, Merlo and Zinfandel. The Merlo and Shiraz wines from Chile and Argentina are also very good.