

**Question for written answer E-002668/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU subsidy for South African winegrowing: more unacceptable mismanagement given the crisis in the European wine sector

The EU wine industry is facing a major crisis, with falling consumption, global competition and the potential closure of its main export markets. It is therefore beyond comprehension that the EU has decided to prop up the South African wine sector to the tune of EUR 15 million. Taken without any consultation of EU stakeholders, this decision shows complete disregard for the legitimate demands of European wine producers, who have for months been calling for concrete and urgent support.

Financing the development of direct competitors, while refusing to allocate additional resources to Europe's producers, is not only unfair, but also undermines the economic and cultural sovereignty of our wine heritage. With Europe refusing to adopt appropriate financial measures, this aid to South Africa is highly inflammatory.

Does the Commission intend to suspend this aid and immediately boost the financial support measures for the EU's crisis-hit wine industry?

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