

## Bordeaux

Bordeaux (pronounced as "Bor-doh") is the wine capital of the world, famous for its grapes, and has been making top quality wine for more than 1900 years. It is home to the world's biggest wine fair.

In its early years, Bordeaux suffered attacks from various invading groups, including the Visigoths, the Arabs, and the Vikings. It did not join France until 1453.

Bordeaux was said to be the most beautiful city in France. When Paris was modernized in the late 1800s, the architect based the new design on Bordeaux.

Sitting on a wide river near the Atlantic Ocean, Bordeaux remains an important city. Its port, known as the Port of the Moon, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Bordeaux region is home to almost 300,000 acres of vineyards for growing grapes, and these produce 960 million bottles of wine every year.



Population: 832,605

947 kilometres to Paris!