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Jane MacQuitty: Should you drink wine from China? Of course

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This year could be the start of something big for Chinese wine. Sainsbury's, Wine Rack, Tesco and Berry Bros have taken delivery of the latest vintages, and there will be plenty more coming our way soon. Sceptical? You shouldn't be: China has the second largest area under vine in the world and its 2,000 wineries pump out a billion litres a year, with consumption expected to rise by almost 40 per cent in value over the next five years.

Unsurprisingly, big boys such as Pernod Ricard, Moët & Chandon and Château Lafite have all set up shop in China, joining Changyu Pioneer Wine Company, the country's oldest producer, famed for its Noble Dragon wines.



The Shanxi-based Grace Vineyard

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