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Tourists pick their own grapes at Chile wine harvest fest

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In this March 24, 2018 photo, bottles of wine line the wall of the dining room at Viu Manet vineyard in Colchagua, Chile. Chile is the world's No. 9 wine producer, with an output of about 800 million liters last year, the world's fourth-largest exporter of wine by volume, and the top one among "New World" producers. (AP Photo/Esteban Felix)

VALLE DE COLCHAGUA, Chile — Dozens of tourists armed with sharp scissors and donning dusty gloves and aprons walk through rows of green vines, hand-picking dark purple grapes that will be turned into Chilean wines enjoyed around the world.

It's hard work under a scorching sun and the professional pickers watching them from a distance grin knowingly. But the tourists have paid for the hands-on experience at Chile's harvest, which draws thousands of visitors each year, so they carefully cut the precious grapes in bunches and deposit them into wooden crates at the Viu Manet winery.

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