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## Postcard From... 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 wine.

It's hard work under the sun and the professional pickers watching on 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 grapes in bunches and deposit them into wooden crates at the Viu Manent winery.

Chile is the world's ninth-

largest wine producer, with an output of about 800 million litres last year.

It was the world's fourth-largest exporter by volume, and the leader among "New World" producers.

Visitors pay up to £63 for the tour of Viu Manent, which includes riding on horse-drawn carriages or bikes in the Colchagua Valley, one of Chile's best-known wine regions.

And they get to enjoy the grape-picking experience.

While the tourists don't get to keep the grapes, they top off their work with grilled steak, fermented grape juice and a glass of Malbec at the vineyard's visitor centre, which this year was named best in the world by British magazine *Drinks International*. AP

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