



Speaking  
of **Wine**

# ACTIVITIES

## CHAPTER 1

### THE VINEYARD

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Have a look at these 2 pictures and describe the conditions in each of the vineyards using the vocabulary learned in chapter 1.



For example:

Where are the vines located?

How does this affect which varieties of grapes are planted?

How does the location affect how the grapes grow and ripen?

How are they planted?

How do you think the vines are cared for?

What kind of jobs do you think they carry out?

How are the grapes harvested in each of the pictures?

# Activity 2

## The Vineyard



Think about a vineyard that you know and love. It can be your own if you work at or own a winery.

What makes the location unique? Why do the vines survive there? Are there any real problems that the vines face each year?



# Activity 3

## The Vineyard



Read the questions and answer using the notes from Chapter 1 on the vineyard.

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Spring frost	can produce bitter flavours in the skins of the grapes.
Drought	if the temperature is below $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ the vines are at risk of freezing and dying.
Cold temperatures	leads to small yields and if severe and prolonged, underripe grapes. Some water stress can be good for the vines, leading to more concentrated flavours.
Hail	can have a devastating effect on the yield if it damages the newbuds and early shoots.
Excess of water	can damage the crop if it's later in the season.
Sunburn	the vine will grow vigorously into the growing season leaving less sugars to ripen the grapes. Waterlogging can cause roots to become saturated and die.

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