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## Anatolian "Old World Wine" and its Place in the local and national Economy

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According to the known history, east of Anatolia (Turkey) is considered as the birth place of wine in the world. Mainly non-muslim wine production of Ottoman area is replaced by modern Turkish Republic's state owned and promoted alcohol production. For about 70 years, alcoholic drinks (excluding wine) had only been produced by state. However the wine production had always been produced by both private and public companies. After the recent privatization there are more small and bigger scale wine producers are entering into the market. Is Anatolian wine (Old World Wine) claiming its title back?

This paper examines the possible impact of recent high taxation policy (moderate islamic fiscal policy on alcohol) on Anatolian wine production. The historical roots of the Old world wine are also investigated.

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