



Vino Mex

Wine region – Laguna

History

In 1568, Spanish conquistadors looking for gold, and priests on a mission to convert Mexico's indigenous people to Christianity, came to the valley of the Tlaxcaltecas, in the state of Coahuila.

Drawn by the wild grapes and fresh spring water, they settled 10 years later. Among them was Spanish Capt. Don Francisco de Urdiqola, who started the first vineyards in 1593 at his El Rosario Hacienda, today the town's shopping center.

In 1597, King Philip II issued a land grant to Don Lorenzo Garcia to start the first official winery for the New World, establishing San Lorenzo Hacienda.

But in 1699 the King of Spain, alarmed by competition from the rapidly growing winery, banned production in the Americas except by the church. The ban lasted until Mexico's independence in 1810. Don Evaristo Madero, grandfather of ex-president Madero, bought the winery in 1893.

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