



Great year for Lisbon wine region

The Lisbon Region Wine Commission estimates it will certify about 30 million bottles of wine this year, making it the best ever it said earlier this week.

"If we keep going at the current rate, 2015 will be our best year ever, with over 30 million seals", said Vasco d'Avillez, the commission's chairman.

The estimate is based on the fact that the consumption of Lisbon region wines (which includes the denomination areas of Alenquer, Arruda, Bucelas, Carcavelos, Colares, Encostas d'Aire, Lourinhã, Óbidos and Torres Vedras) which soared in the

first six months of the year, with the Commission certifying 16.3 million bottles with its seal are 26 percent up on the 2014 figures.

These figures are helped by the fact that 65 percent of the region's production is exported.

Lisbon is the second-largest wine growing region in the country after the Douro and normally produces about 100 million litres a year. *TPN/Lusa*