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Tbilisi, Georgia

Stalin's wine: The Georgian government unsealed a cobweb-filled wine vault this week that houses a collection once owned by the country's most infamous son, Joseph Stalin. The 40,000 bottles *Oenophile's delight* hoarded by the Soviet leader include rare French and Georgian vintages dating as far back as the early 1800s. Some of the wines hail from famous estates in Bordeaux that were owned by Russia's Czar Alexander III and his son Nicholas II before the 1917 Russian Revolution. Stalin later added some of his favorite Georgian wines. The government plans to auction off the collection and use the proceeds to establish a wine education school. Wine executive Irakli Gilauri, who's collaborating with the agriculture ministry on the auction, said the trove would "put Georgia on the collectors' map."