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Tariff Elimination and the Competitiveness of Wine-Exporting Countries in Japan

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Abstract

Bilateral trade agreements between Japan and major wine-exporting countries have resulted in tariff eliminations in Japan. This raises questions about how tariffs affect the competitiveness of wine-exporting countries. The generalized dynamic Rotterdam model was used in estimating Japanese wine demand by source. Estimates were then used to project the impact of tariffs on imports of Australian, Chilean, French, German, Italian, Spanish, and U.S. wine. Tariff reductions primarily benefit affected countries, with limited adverse effects on competing countries. The elimination of tariffs on U.S. wine should offset any losses from competing trade agreements.

Key words: demand; elasticities; imports; Japan; tariffs; trade agreements; United States; wine JEL Codes: F1; Q11; Q17

Introduction

In 2018, Japan ranked eighth among bottled wine-importing countries (approximately \$1.0 billion) and was the third leading market for U.S. bottled wine exports (\$68 million) (United Nations 2019; U.S. Department of Agriculture 2019). In addition to the United States, major wine exporters to Japan include Australia, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, and Spain. However, these countries have bilateral trade agreements with Japan and face zero (or significantly lower) tariffs (Zeller and Cole 2014; Paulson and Kurai 2018). Until recently, the United States was the only major supplier to face the 15 percent tariff that Japan imposes on World Trade Organization (WTO) members, making U.S. wine relatively less competitive when compared with major competing countries.

On October 7, 2019, the United States and Japan signed the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA), which entered into force January 1, 2020 (Cimino-Isaacs and Williams 2020). Under the agreement, Japanese tariffs on U.S. agricultural goods covering over \$7.0 billion are significantly reduced or eliminated on approximately 600

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Trade agreement	Enforcement date	Wine tariff policy
United States-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA)	January 1, 2020	Base tariff rate of 15.0 percent is immediately reduced to 8.5 percent upon enforcement and subsequently reduced in annual increments to 0 percent over a 7-year period.
Japan-Chile Economic Partnership Agreement	September 3, 2007	Base tariff rate of 15.0 percent is immediately reduced to 10.0 percent upon enforcement and subsequently reduced in annual increments over a 12-year period.
Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement	February 1, 2019	Base tariff rate of 15.0 percent is immediately eliminated upon enforcement.
Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA)	January 15, 2015	Base tariff rate of 15.0 percent decreases by 2.7 percent in 2015 and approximately 2.0 percent annually until eliminated in 2021.

Table 1. Japanese Free Trade Agreements and Wine Tariff Policy

Sources: USJTA, Office of the United States Trade Representative; Chile and EU EPA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan; and JAEPA, Australian Government FTA Portal.

agricultural tariff lines (Williams, Cimino-Isaacs, and Regmi 2019). Specific to U.S. wine, the agreement resulted in an immediate tariff reduction (15–8.5 percent), which is followed by successive annual reductions until the tariff is fully eliminated by the seventh year (Office of the U.S. Trade Representative 2019; Kurai and Satake 2020). This is similar to the tariff elimination schedule in the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) between Japan and Chile (entered into force September 2007) and Australia (entered into force January 2015) but different from the Japan-EU EPA, where the tariff was immediately eliminated upon enforcement in February 2019 (Table 1).

With the U.S. withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) in 2017, and the recent enactment of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) (TPP minus the United States) and EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement in 2018 and 2019, respectively, U.S. agricultural exports were at a disadvantage in the Japanese market relative to exports from the EU and CPTPP member countries like Australia (Williams, Cimino-Isaacs, and Regmi 2019). Since Japan is a leading market for U.S. agricultural exports, industry organizations and producer groups were particularly concerned about the competitiveness of their products in Japan. Although this study focuses specifically on U.S. wine, the importance of USJTA in counterbalancing the effects of competing trade agreements clearly extends to other U.S. agricultural and food sectors (Muhammad and Griffith 2018; Gaesser, Kobayashi, and Wilson 2020).

Japan's importance in global wine trade raises the question about the impact of tariff eliminations on major suppliers. Do tariffs significantly impact the competitiveness of wine-exporting countries in the Japanese market? Put differently, do tariff eliminations significantly benefit an exporting country and disadvantage competing countries? The United States was the last major supplier to negotiate a bilateral agreement with Japan. It could be argued that U.S. wine exports to Japan have suffered as a result. If so, can this recent agreement make up for any past losses?

To address these questions, we examine how bilateral trade agreements affect Japanese wine demand across exporting countries. The overall goal is to assess how tariffs affect the competitiveness of U.S. wine relative to wine from other supplying countries. We limit the analysis to the following Harmonized System Classification (HS) 2204.21: wine of fresh grapes (other than sparkling wine) in containers not exceeding 2 liters (bottled wine), which accounts for over 90 percent of all still wine imports in Japan (United Nations 2019).¹ We employ a system-wide approach to estimate Japan's demand for source-differentiated bottled wine. In this framework, wine from a particular country (e.g., Chilean wine) is treated as an individual good that competes with wine from other exporting countries. The generalized dynamic Rotterdam model developed by Bushehri (2003) is used in estimation, which can account for dynamic behavior such as habit formation and demand adjustment costs. This is particularly important because a product like wine is more likely to exhibit habit persistence and lags in consumer behavior. Using the model estimates, we derive short-run and longrun import demand elasticities and conduct policy simulations based on bilateral tariff eliminations.

This research contributes to a broader literature on the implications of free trade agreements and specific agricultural sectors (Lee, Seale, and Jierwiriyapant 1990; Muhammad, Amponsah, and Dennis 2010; Cardamone 2011; Muhammad, Countryman, and Heerman 2018). Muhammad, Countryman, and Heerman (2018) examined Japanese beef demand by source and the implications of tariff reforms in the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement. Cardamone (2011) examined the impact of preferential trade agreements on monthly exports of specific fruits to the EU and found that agreement effects varied by commodity. Muhammad, Amponsah, and Dennis (2010) analyzed the impacts of preferential arrangements for developing countries on EU demand for imported cut flowers. Lee, Seale, and Jierwiriyapant (1990) examined Japanese import demand for citrus and how more liberal trade could impact U.S. citrus exports relative to exports from competing countries like Brazil and Israel.

This analysis also builds upon extensive literature that focuses on global wine trade and source-based competition. Past studies of source-differentiated wine demand include Muhammad et al. (2014), Muhammad (2011), Carew, Florkowski, and He (2004), and Seale, Marchant, and Basso (2003). Muhammad et al. (2014) used the absolute price version of the Rotterdam demand system to estimate foreign wine demand in China differentiated by source. Muhammad (2011) used the Rotterdam model to analyze the wine market in the United Kingdom and the competitive relationship between 12 exporting countries. Carew, Florkowski, and He (2004) used a source-differentiated Almost Ideal Demand System (AIDS) model to analyze domestic and import demand for table wine in British Colombia. Seale, Marchant, and Basso (2003) used the firstdifference AIDS model to estimate U.S. demand for imported and domestic red wine demand. Although Japan is a major destination for global wine exports, studies of Japanese wine demand are curiously absent from the literature.

¹Still wine imports (in containers 2 liters or less, containers between 2 and 10 liters, and containers >10 liters) in Japan were \$1.06 billion (179,000 liters) in 2018. That year, bottled wine imports (containers 2 liters or less) were \$978 million (167,000 liters).

Studies specific to wine trade and policy include Anderson and Wittwer (2018), Rickard et al. (2018), Dal Bianco et al. (2015), and Heien and Sims (2000). Anderson and Wittwer (2018) examined the effects of Brexit and found that a hard exit from the EU would be costly to UK wine consumers. Rickard et al. (2018) analyzed the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and found that wine tariffs were of limited interest in the negotiations. Dal Bianco et al. (2015) examined the impact of trade barriers on global wine trade and found that decreasing tariffs have largely been replaced with more stringent technical barriers. Heien and Sims (2000) examined the effect of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement on U.S. wine exports and found that non-tariff trade barriers were more important than tariffs. The primary takeaway from past research is that while tariffs are important to global wine trade, they may be subordinate to other determining factors.

Background

Japan does not have a long history of wine consumption. Traditionally, the Japanese have predominately consumed sake (Holden 1995). However, with the rise in income and westernization of diets, wine has become increasingly more popular in Japan over the last four decades. Japanese wine preferences are influenced by demographics with differences due to age, income, region, consumption frequency, and total expenditures (Bruwer and Buller 2013). Rod and Beal (2014) note that wine is viewed as an iconic symbol of globalization in Japan and consumers tend to favor French wine due to its global standing. The same associations and preferences for French wine are apparent among Chinese wine consumers (Muhammad et al. 2014). Economic growth in Japan has led to an increasing number of consumers who have traveled and studied abroad. These experiences have opened doors to Western cultures and food, specifically wine (Lee 2009). Although wine consumption in Japan has significantly increased, per-capita wine consumption in Japan continues to be relatively low when compared to Western countries. In 2006, Japanese wine consumption was 1.9 liters per capita but rose to 2.6 liters per capita in 2018. In Italy, for instance, consumption is 45 liters per capita (Rod and Beal 2014; Aoki and Negishi 2019).

Figure 1 shows Japanese wine imports over the last 26 years (1994–2019), in both value and volume. In 1994, Japanese wine imports were 66 million liters, valued at \$272 million. By 2014, the volume increased to over 180 million liters (approximately \$1.1 billion), which is a 175 percent increase in volume and a 288 percent increase in value. During this time, there was a spike in imports in 1998 linked to a boom in red wine demand after a series of studies alluded to the health benefits of consumption (Rod and Beal 2014; Aoki and Negishi 2019). The subsequent fall was due to the Asian financial crisis (Corsi, Marinelli, and Sottini 2013).

Table 2 shows Japanese wine imports and exporter market share from 1994 to 2019. France has consistently dominated the market (54 percent), followed by Italy (15 percent), and more recently Chile. Note that Chilean wine accounted for less than half percent of all imported wine in Japan in 1994, but increased to 16 percent by 2017. In terms of the volume, Chile was actually the leading supplier in 2018. The average market shares for all other suppliers are 3.1 percent (Australia), 4.9 percent (Germany), 4.2 percent (Spain), and 7.9 percent (U.S.).

Table 3 shows the price of Japanese wine imports by source from 1994 to 2019 and indicates that consumers are now purchasing more expensive wine. For instance, the



Figure 1. Japanese Wine Imports by Value and Volume: 1994–2019 (Source: Global Trade Atlas, IHS Markit®)

average price of U.S. wine was \$2.84/liter in 1994, but increased to \$16.14/liter in 2018. Other noted increases during this period include French wine (\$5.26/liter to \$9.75/liter), German wine (\$3.15/liter to \$6.00/liter), and Italian wine (\$2.98/liter to \$5.05/liter). The price of Spanish wine has been relatively stable (around \$3.00/liter), while Chilean wine prices have actually decreased to less than \$3.00/liter in recent years. The significant increase in U.S. wine prices could be due to factors other than preferences for more expensive wine. While the tariff on Japanese wine imports is typically 15 percent, the actual policy is 15 percent or 125 yen/liter, whichever is less (Kurai and Satake 2020). Note that this specific tariff component discourages imports of inexpensive wine.

The observed price and import changes over time are, in part, due to sourcebased promotional activities by organizations and governments in the exporting countries. In Australia, for instance, a \$50 million export support package was created through a public-private partnership to promote Australian wine in Asian markets (Clark 2019). EU wine promotion has been funded through the Common Organization of Agricultural Markets, with nearly \$4.8 million allocated to wine promotion in markets such as Japan in recent years (Wine Business International 2017). In the United States, the Wine Institute received almost \$10 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2019 to promote U.S. wine in Japan and other markets (Todorov 2019). Chile has also created public-private partnerships dedicated to global wine promotions and international wine tourism (Coelho and Montaigne 2019).

			Australia	Chile	France	Germany	Italy	Spain	U.S.	ROW
Year	Volume (million liters)	Value (\$U.S. million)				Market share	(%)			
1994	66.2	\$273.5	2.2	0.2	59.4	18.2	8.0	2.6	5.6	3.9
1995	74.7	339.4	1.8	0.4	58.9	16.8	10.1	2.3	6.1	3.7
1996	74.0	381.5	2.1	1.6	52.7	15.1	16.0	2.8	6.1	3.6
1997	101.4	504.9	1.9	3.5	56.5	10.9	14.5	2.6	5.7	4.4
1998	243.5	1099.4	1.8	8.2	54.3	5.7	15.4	3.1	6.5	4.9
1999	126.1	669.4	2.5	3.6	56.7	7.8	13.3	3.0	9.4	3.7
2000	124.5	617.9	2.9	4.6	57.9	5.8	13.5	2.8	8.8	3.7
2001	131.6	612.7	2.3	4.9	58.3	4.8	15.3	2.7	8.1	3.5
2002	130.5	628.0	2.5	4.1	59.4	4.5	15.9	2.8	7.5	3.2
2003	124.0	694.3	3.0	3.7	60.0	4.0	15.9	3.2	7.1	3.2
2004	127.0	779.8	3.9	3.4	62.6	3.5	13.6	3.1	6.4	3.5
2005	119.0	744.9	4.8	3.5	61.1	3.5	13.9	3.5	6.4	3.4
2006	120.2	789.4	3.6	3.5	61.8	3.3	13.8	3.4	6.9	3.5
2007	119.9	844.4	4.2	4.2	60.7	2.4	14.3	3.8	7.1	3.2
2008	119.7	890.9	4.1	5.2	58.4	2.4	15.0	4.2	6.9	3.8
2009	128.5	773.4	4.3	7.2	54.8	2.3	14.9	5.2	6.7	4.4
2010	134.3	778.6	4.6	8.7	51.3	2.3	15.0	5.3	7.8	5.2
2011	145.1	884.7	4.0	8.7	51.5	2.2	16.0	5.6	7.5	4.6
2012	182.0	1046.2	3.7	9.8	49.7	1.9	15.7	6.6	7.7	5.0

Table 2. Japanese Wine Imports and Market Share by Exporting Country: 1994–2019

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Year	Volume (million liters)	Value (\$U.S. million)	Australia	Chile	France	Germany	Italy	Spain	U.S.	ROW	
			Market share (%)								
2013	181.0	1055.8	3.1	11.0	47.6	1.8	16.3	6.7	8.6	4.8	
2014	181.7	1059.9	2.9	12.9	45.3	1.6	16.7	6.6	7.7	5.3	
2015	186.4	949.1	2.9	16.1	43.2	1.5	15.7	5.8	9.5	5.1	
2016	173.2	921.7	3.1	15.8	42.7	1.4	15.6	5.6	10.4	5.4	
2017	180.0	978.6	3.0	16.2	42.2	1.4	15.7	5.7	10.6	5.2	
2018	167.1	978.4	2.9	15.1	42.1	1.5	15.6	5.5	11.8	5.5	
2019	176.9	1021.2	2.5	13.7	42.8	1.6	16.3	5.7	12.3	5.1	
Average	139.9	781.4	3.1	7.3	53.5	4.9	14.7	4.2	7.9	4.3	

Note: ROW is rest of world.

Source: Global Trade Atlas, IHS Markit®.

Table 3. Imported Wine Prices in Japan by Source: 1994–2019

	Australia	Chile	France	Germany	Italy	Spain	U.S.	ROW
Year				Germany Price (\$U.S./liter) Italy Spain U.S. 3.15 2.98 2.83 2.84 3.83 3.17 2.85 3.02 4.01 4.24 4.11 3.45 3.81 3.83 3.55 3.85 3.66 3.72 3.22 3.91 3.57 3.92 3.40 4.79 3.15 3.31 3.45 4.33 3.05 3.19 3.11 4.39 3.28 3.60 2.85 4.61 4.11 4.32 3.24 4.07 4.79 4.65 3.35 4.04				
1994	3.73	3.19	5.26	3.15	2.98	2.83	2.84	4.20
1995	3.98	2.96	5.80	3.83	3.17	2.85	3.02	4.09
1996	4.91	3.12	6.94	4.01	4.24	4.11	3.45	4.16
1997	5.10	3.19	6.55	3.81	3.83	3.55	3.85	3.93
1998	4.42	3.26	5.77	3.66	3.72	3.22	3.91	3.32
1999	4.52	3.79	7.07	3.57	3.92	3.40	4.79	4.14
2000	4.07	3.33	6.87	3.15	3.31	3.45	4.33	4.37
2001	3.92	3.31	6.14	3.05	3.19	3.11	4.39	4.34
2002	3.82	3.33	6.12	3.28	3.60	2.85	4.61	4.25
2003	4.17	3.42	7.45	4.11	4.32	3.24	4.07	4.90
2004	4.52	3.39	8.23	4.79	4.65	3.35	4.07	5.26
2005	4.30	3.44	8.47	5.08	4.75	3.50	4.44	5.71
2006	4.58	3.49	8.84	5.24	4.79	3.66	4.89	6.32
2007	4.92	3.35	9.74	5.72	5.31	3.75	6.03	5.89
2008	4.94	3.47	10.41	6.30	5.83	4.17	7.96	5.63
2009	4.00	3.21	8.71	6.00	4.87	3.22	6.41	5.10
2010	4.78	3.16	8.47	6.04	4.67	2.95	6.94	5.17
2011	5.50	3.17	9.02	5.52	4.99	3.10	7.12	5.94
2012	5.38	3.24	8.65	5.44	4.73	2.76	7.59	5.70

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Year	Australia	Chile	France	Germany	Italy	Spain	U.S.	ROW			
		Price (\$U.S./liter)									
2013	4.79	3.19	8.86	5.85	5.17	3.01	7.83	5.59			
2014	4.54	3.13	9.06	5.86	5.20	3.28	9.55	5.42			
2015	4.00	2.97	7.96	4.97	4.30	2.68	9.74	5.43			
2016	4.09	2.88	8.61	4.79	4.47	2.65	14.53	5.60			
2017	4.10	2.86	9.07	5.34	4.56	2.77	15.07	5.82			
2018	4.17	2.87	9.75	6.00	5.05	3.05	16.14	5.94			
2019	4.10	2.97	9.27	4.80	4.67	2.84	15.97	5.85			
Average	4.43	3.22	7.96	4.74	4.40	3.21	7.06	5.08			

Note: ROW is rest of world.

Source: Global Trade Atlas, IHS Markit®.

Model and Methods

Dynamic Demand Model

The generalized dynamic Rotterdam model is used in estimating imported-wine demand in Japan. The model is similar to the static Rotterdam model developed (Theil 1980) but can also account for trends and lags in consumer behavior. Let q and p denote the quantity and price of imported wine in Japan, i and j denote the country of origin, and n denote the number of exporting countries. Given these terms, the demand for wine from country i is expressed as follows (Bushehri 2003):

$$\bar{w}_{it}\Delta q_{it} = \gamma_i + \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{ij}\Delta q_{jt-1} + \theta_i \Delta Q_t + \sum_{j=1}^n \pi_{ij}\Delta p_{jt} + \varepsilon_{it}.$$
 (1)

Note that Δ is the log-difference operator where for any q and p, $\Delta q_t = \ln q_t - \ln q_{t-12}$ and $\Delta p_t = \ln p_t - \ln p_{t-12}$. Monthly data are used for the analysis and the 12th-period difference is used to correct for seasonality (Lee 1988). $w_{it} = (p_{it}q_{it}/\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_iq_i)$ is the average import share for the *i*th country and \bar{w}_{it} is the two-period average of w_{it} : $\bar{w}_{it} = 0.5(w_{it} + w_{it-12})$. ΔQ_t is the finite version of the Divisia volume index, which is a measure of aggregate import expenditures in real terms and is derived as follows: $\Delta Q_t = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \bar{w}_{it} \Delta q_{it}$. $\theta_i = (\partial q_i/\partial Q)$ is the effect of aggregate expenditures on an import (marginal share) and π_{ij} is the Slutsky price coefficient (conditional price effect), which measures the impact of the price of wine in country j on wine imports from country i, holding real expenditures constant. ε_{it} is a random disturbance term.

 γ_{ij} is the impact of past imports from the *j*th source on present imports from the *i*th source. A positive own-lag estimate ($\gamma_{ii} > 0$) suggests habit persistence, indicating that imports of a product increases preference for that product in the future. A negative estimate ($\gamma_{ii} < 0$) suggests stocking behavior, which is also possible given the storable nature of bottled wine. The sign and magnitude of the cross-lag estimates (γ_{ij}) depend on the cross-price relationship between products (substitutes versus complements) and the adjustment behavior of buyers (habits persistence versus stocking behavior) (Pollak 1970). γ_i is a constant, which is a measure of imports trends not due to prices or real aggregate expenditures. Note that a trend term in levels is represented by a constant term in a differenced model.

 γ_i , γ_{ij} , θ_i , and π_{ij} are treated as fixed parameters for estimation. Demand theory requires the following parameter restrictions for adding-up, homogeneity, and symmetry:

$$\sum_{i} \theta_{i} = 1; \qquad \sum_{i} \gamma_{i} = \sum_{i} \gamma_{ij} = \sum_{i} \gamma_{ij} = 0 \text{ (adding up)}$$
(2)

$$\sum_{j} \pi_{ij} = 0 \quad \text{(homogeneity)} \tag{3}$$

$$\pi_{ij} = \pi_{ji} \quad \text{(symmetry)}. \tag{4}$$

Given the parameters in equation 1, the short-run expenditure and compensated and uncompensated price elasticities are, respectively, as follows (Seale, Sparks, and Buxton 1992):

$$\eta_i^{\text{SR}} = \frac{\theta_i}{\bar{w}_i} \tag{5}$$

$$\eta_{ij}^{\text{SRc}} = \frac{\pi_{ij}}{\bar{w}_i} \tag{6}$$

$$\eta_{ij}^{\text{SRu}} = \eta_{ij}^{\text{SRc}} - \eta_i^{\text{SR}} \bar{w}_j. \tag{7}$$

Setting $\Delta q_{jt} = \Delta q_{jt-1}$, we can also derive the long-run expenditure and compensated and uncompensated price elasticities, respectively, as follows (Bushehri 2003):

$$\eta_i^{\rm LR} = \frac{\theta_i}{\bar{w}_i - \gamma_{ii}} \tag{8}$$

$$\eta_{ij}^{\text{LRc}} = \frac{\pi_{ij}}{\bar{w}_i - \gamma_{ii}} \tag{9}$$

$$\eta_{ij}^{LRu} = \eta_{ij}^{LRc} - \eta_i^{LR} \bar{w}_j.$$
(10)

Data and Estimation

Monthly import data (1994:1–2019:12) were obtained from the Global Trade Atlas, IHS Markit[®]. As mentioned, Japanese wine imports are limited to the following product category: HS 2204.21 (bottled wine) *wine of fresh grapes (other than sparkling wine) in containers not exceeding 2 liters.* The countries included in the analysis are the major suppliers: (in alphabetical order) Australia, Chile, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the United States. These countries have consistently accounted for about 95 percent of bottled wine imports in Japan since 1994. All remaining suppliers are aggregated into the *rest of world* (ROW). Unit values (value ÷ quantity) are used as proxies for import prices, which are reported in the previous section (Table 3). To account for price changes due to tariff reductions during the data period, we adjusted the unit values according to the EPA tariff schedules. In the case of the EU, the full adjustment was immediately applied: February 2019–December 2019. We applied partial adjustments to the unit values for Chile and Australia based on their respective tariff schedules (Table 1).

Due to limited data, domestic wine sales are not included in the analysis. This is not particularly problematic because imports account for the majority of consumption in Japan (approximately 70 percent) (Anderson and Harada 2018). There is also strong consumer differentiation between domestic and imported wine in Japan (Paulson and Kurai 2018). This suggests that preferences are such that the marginal rate of

substitution between domestic and imported wine is zero, or at the very least independent of the country of origin (i.e., domestic and imported wine are group-wise dependent). Theil (1980) shows that if this is the case, the Rotterdam model could be used to estimate import demand without accounting for domestic purchases.

The demand system represented by equation 1 was estimated using the generalized Gauss–Newton method in TSP (version 5.0), which is a maximum-likelihood procedure for equation systems (Hall and Cummins 2009). Due to the adding-up property, the demand system is singular and requires that an equation be deleted for estimation, but estimates are invariant to the deleted equation (Barten 1969). We tested for price and expenditure endogeneity using the Wu–Hausman procedure similar to Henneberry and Hwang (2007). The result indicated that endogeneity is not an issue. We also tested the parameter restrictions homogeneity and symmetry using likelihood ratio tests. We could not reject homogeneity at the 0.05 significance level, but we rejected symmetry given homogeneity. Both were still imposed on the model to improve the predictive power of the demand system (Kastens and Brester 1996). Elasticities and their corresponding standard errors were derived using the ANALYZ procedure in TSP.

Results

Import Demand Estimates

The demand estimates (marginal share and price coefficients) are reported in Table 4. The marginal share estimates (expenditure effect) for each source are positive and statistically significant at the 0.01 level. France has the largest marginal share estimate (0.58). This is expected given France's role as Japan's top supplier. The marginal share estimates indicate that for every dollar increase in total expenditures on imported wine, on average, \$0.58 was spent on French wine. Significantly less was allocated to Australian (\$0.02), Chilean (\$0.09), German (\$0.04), Italian (\$0.14), Spanish (\$0.04), U.S. (\$0.06), and ROW (\$0.03) wine.

The conditional own-price effects (π_{ii}) (presented along the diagonal in Table 4) are all negative, which is to be expected, and statistically significant at the 0.01 level. The own-price effects range from -0.100 (France) to -0.027 (Germany). The cross-price estimates (off-diagonal values) indicate how Japanese consumers substitute wine from one supplier to another supplier (holding real expenditures constant). Results show significant competitive relationships (substitutes) across suppliers: Australia and France (0.011), Australia and Italy (0.011), Australia and the United States (0.008), Chile and France (0.040), Chile and Spain (0.012), Chile and the United States (0.013), Chile and ROW (0.009), France and the United States (0.016), France and ROW (0.010), Germany and Spain (0.006), Italy and Spain (0.014), Italy and the United States (0.012), Italy and ROW (0.009), Spain and ROW (0.007), and the United States and ROW (0.004). There are no conditional complementary relationships. Note that these estimates are best understood when used to derive elasticities, which are reported later in this section.

The trend and dynamic adjustment estimates (lag coefficients) are reported in Table 5. The results indicate a negative trend for French (-0.005) and German wine (-0.003), and positive trends for Spanish (0.002) and U.S. wine (0.003). The significance of the lag coefficients indicates that import demand responsiveness is not instantaneous. The own-lag estimates are statistically significant and positive for Australia, France, and ROW, indicating habit persistence. The own-lag estimate for Spain is significant but negative (-0.004), indicating stocking behavior.

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				Price coe	efficients (π _{ij})				
Country	Australia	Chile	France	Germany	Italy	Spain	U.S.	ROW	Marginal share (θ _i)
Australia	-0.043 (0.004)***	0.003 (0.004)	0.011 (0.006)*	0.003 (0.003)	0.011 (0.005)**	0.003 (0.003)	0.008 (0.003)***	0.004 (0.003)	0.023 (0.005)***
Chile		-0.072 (0.011)***	0.040 (0.011)***	0.002 (0.005)	-0.006 (0.008)	0.012 (0.004)***	0.013 (0.005)**	0.009 (0.004)**	0.094 (0.011)***
France			-0.100 (0.021)***	0.006 (0.006)	0.014 (0.011)	0.003 (0.006)	0.016 (0.007)**	0.010 (0.005)*	0.576 (0.016)***
Germany				-0.027 (0.005) ***	0.008 (0.005)	0.006 (0.003)**	0.002 (0.003)	0.001 (0.003)	0.036 (0.005)***
Italy					-0.062 (0.011)***	0.014 (0.004)***	0.012 (0.005)**	0.009 (0.004)**	0.141 (0.009)***
Spain						-0.046 (0.003)***	0.002 (0.002)	0.007 (0.003)**	0.040 (0.004)***
U.S.							-0.057 (0.005)***	0.004 (0.003)*	0.059 (0.008)***
ROW								-0.042 (0.004)***	0.031 (0.004)***
Equation R ²	0.37	0.54	0.94	0.34	0.78	0.60	0.53	0.71	

Note: Standard errors are in parenthesis. Homogeneity and symmetry are imposed on the estimates. ***, **, and * denote significance levels 0.01, 0.05, and 0.10, respectively. ROW is rest of world.

Table 5.	Trend and L	ag Coefficients	for Japanese	Wine Imports	by Source
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					Lag coefficie	nts (γ _{ij})			
Country	Constant (γ _i)	Australia	Chile	France	Germany	Italy	Spain	U.S.	ROW
Australia	-0.001	0.005	0.001	-0.012	-0.005	0.000	0.002	0.003	-0.002
	(0.001)	(0.002)***	(0.001)	(0.004)***	(0.002)**	(0.004)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)
Chile	0.003	0.000	0.003	0.002	0.011	0.003	0.001	-0.000	0.006
	(0.002)	(0.004)	(0.003)	(0.011)	(0.006)*	(0.009)	(0.005)	(0.005)	(0.005)
France	-0.005	-0.003	-0.011	0.042	-0.025	-0.019	0.001	-0.015	-0.010
	(0.003)*	(0.006)	(0.004)***	(0.015)***	(0.008)***	(0.012)	(0.007)	(0.007)*	(0.007)
Germany	-0.003	0.003	-0.006	-0.011	0.000	-0.001	0.002	-0.001	0.003
	(0.001)***	(0.002)	(0.001)***	(0.005)**	(0.003)	(0.004)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)
Italy	0.001	-0.005	0.011	-0.019	-0.000	0.011	-0.001	0.006	0.003
	(0.001)	(0.004)	(0.002)***	(0.009)**	(0.005)	(0.007)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)
Spain	0.002	0.000	-0.000	-0.011	0.005	0.005	-0.004	0.002	0.001
	(0.001)***	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.004)***	(0.002)**	(0.003)	(0.002)**	(0.002)	(0.002)
U.S.	0.003	-0.002	0.001	-0.000	0.015	0.001	-0.001	0.005	-0.007
	(0.001)***	(0.003)	(0.002)	(0.008)	(0.004)***	(0.006)	(0.004)	(0.004)	(0.004)*
ROW	0.000	0.002	0.001	0.009	-0.000	-0.000	0.002	0.000	0.004
	(0.007)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.004)**	(0.002)	(0.003)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)**

Note: Standard errors are in parenthesis. ***, **, and * denote significance levels 0.01, 0.05, and 0.10, respectively. ROW is rest of world.

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The expenditure and own-price elasticities for Japanese wine demand are reported in Table 6. The expenditure elasticities are statically significant at the 0.01 level. Chilean wine has the highest expenditure elasticity in both the short-run and long-run (1.26 and 1.31), indicating that for every percentage increase in total expenditures on imported wine, imports of Chilean wine increases by about 1.3 percent. The demand for French wine in Japan is also expenditure elastic in both the short-run and long-run (1.10 and 1.20). Other than the long-run expenditure elasticity for Italian wine (1.00), all other estimates are less than one. The compensated own-price elasticities, which accounts for the substitution effect of a price change, are statically significant at the 0.01 level for all countries. The demand for Australian wine in Japan is the most elastic in both the short-run and long-run (-1.30 and -1.51). In the short run, the compensated own-price elasticities range from -1.30 (Australian wine) to -0.19 (French wine). In the long-run, the range is -1.51 (Australian wine) to -0.21 (French wine). The short- and long-run uncompensated own-price elasticities, which account for the substitution and income effect of a price change, are larger in absolute value but follow a similar pattern as the compensated own-price elasticities.

Tariff Reform and Policy Simulation

We conducted policy simulations (import demand projections) using the long-run uncompensated price elasticities (Gustavsen and Rickertsen 2003) and expected price changes based on the tariff schedules in each agreement. The cross-price elasticity estimates used for these projections are reported in the Appendix (Table A1). Since the EPA with Chile has been in place since 2007, we do not consider this agreement in the simulation procedure. The first simulations are based on the following: full tariff elimination for EU wine and elimination of the remaining tariff (approximately 4 percent) for Australian wine. The impacts of the EU and Australian agreements are assessed separately and compared to the baseline (3-year average imports: 2017-2019). We also address the issue of USJTA making up for any losses that U.S. wine may have experienced from existing agreements. To address this issue, we updated the baseline using the projection results from the EU and Australia EPAs. We then assessed the impacts of the initial tariff reduction for U.S. wine as specified in USJTA (15-8.5 percent). We also considered the outcome of full elimination (8.5-0.0 percent). Using the ANALYZ procedure in TSP (Hall and Cummins 2009), Monte Carlo simulations were used to derive 95 percent uncertainty intervals (UIs) using the standard errors of the elasticities. This provided a "high-low" range and allowed for assessing the statistical significance of each projection.

Results for the EU and Australian agreements are reported in Table 7. The impact of Japan-Australia agreement reflects the fact that Japanese importers are highly sensitive to Australian wine prices. When the tariff (approximately 4 percent) on Australia is eliminated, Japanese imports of Australian wine are projected at \$31 million, which is an increase of \$1.8 million and 6.1 percent when compared to the baseline. The UI indicates the following range with 95 percent confidence: \$1.4-\$2.2 million, indicating that the projected change is statistically significant. The projected changes and Ul's indicate that the impact of this agreement on competing suppliers is negligible and/or insignificant. U.S. wine is the only exception, which is projected to decrease by \$0.38 million [-0.70, -0.06].²

²The 95 percent UI (also in \$ millions) is in [brackets].

		Short-run elasticities		Long-run elasticities				
Country	Expenditure	Own-price ^a	Own-price ^b	Expenditure	Own-price ^a	Own-price ^b		
Australia	0.70 (0.14)	-1.30 (0.13)	-1.32 (0.13)	0.81 (0.16)	-1.51 (0.17)	-1.54 (0.17)		
Chile	1.26 (0.14)	-0.96 (0.14)	-1.06 (0.15)	1.31 (0.15)	-1.01 (0.15)	-1.10 (0.15)		
France	1.10 (0.03)	-0.19 (0.04)	-0.27 (0.04)	1.20 (0.04)	-0.21 (0.04)	-0.30 (0.04)		
Germany	0.74 (0.10)	-0.55 (0.10)	-0.58 (0.10)	0.74 (0.11)	-0.55 (0.10)	-0.58 (0.10)		
Italy	0.92 (0.06)	-0.41 (0.07)	-0.54 (0.07)	1.00 (0.07)	-0.44 (0.08)	-0.59 (0.09)		
Spain	0.93 (0.10)	-1.05 (0.08)	-1.09 (0.08)	0.85 (0.09)	-0.96 (0.08)	-1.00 (0.08)		
U.S.	0.72 (0.10)	-0.70 (0.06)	-0.76 (0.06)	0.76 (0.11)	-0.74 (0.07)	-0.80 (0.07)		
ROW	0.71 (0.09)	-0.96 (0.09)	-0.99 (0.09)	0.80 (0.11)	-1.07 (0.11)	-1.10 (0.11)		

Table 6. Expenditure and Own-Price Elasticities for Japanese Wine Demand by Source

^aCompensated. ^bUncompensated.

Note: Standard errors are in parenthesis. All estimates are significant at the 0.01 level. ROW is rest of world.

			Projection (\$ million)	Market share (%)	Δ [95% UI] (\$ million) ^a	$\%\Delta^{a}$
Country	Baseline (\$ million)	Market share (%)		Japan-Australia EPA	(4% to 0%)	
Australia	28.86	2.9	30.63	3.1	1.77 [1.41, 2.18]	6.1
Chile	148.79	15.0	148.78	15.0	-0.01 [-0.71, 0.70]	-0.0
France	420.54	42.4	420.83	42.3	0.29 [-0.11, 0.68]	0.1
Germany	14.96	1.5	14.94	1.5	-0.02 [-0.10, 0.05]	-0.1
Italy	157.54	15.9	157.27	15.8	-0.27 [-0.69, 0.15]	-0.2
Spain	55.95	5.6	55.89	5.6	-0.06 [-0.31, 0.19]	-0.1
U.S.	114.90	11.6	114.52	11.5	-0.38 [-0.70, -0.06]	-0.3
ROW	51.17	5.2	51.00	5.1	-0.17 [-0.47, 0.14]	-0.3
Total	992.71	100.0	993.87	100.0		
				Japan-EU EPA (15 ⁰	% to 0%)	
Australia	28.86	2.9	27.60	2.6	-1.26 [-2.68, 0.13]	-4.4
Chile	148.79	15.0	155.51	14.7	6.72 [0.53, 13.04]	4.5
France	420.54	42.4	450.30	42.5	29.76 [26.58, 33.10]	7.2
Germany	14.96	1.5	16.31	1.5	1.35 [0.90, 1.84]	9.0
Italy	157.54	15.9	177.00	16.7	19.46 [16.27, 22.99]	12.4
Spain	55.95	5.6	64.14	6.1	8.19 [6.70, 9.79]	14.6
U.S.	114.90	11.6	117.47	11.1	2.57 [-0.49, 5.70]	2.2
ROW	51.17	5.2	51.05	4.8	-0.12 [-1.79, 1.57]	-0.2
Total	992.71	100.0	1059.38	100.0		

Table 7. Long-Run Import Projections Based on Australia and EU Agreements with Japan

^aChanges are projections relative to the baseline values. Note: Baseline values are 3-year averages (2017–2019). ROW is *rest of world*.

Country	Baseline (\$ million)	Updated Base (\$ million)	Market share (%)	Difference (\$ million)	Projection* (\$ million)	Market share (%)	$\Delta \ [95\% \ UI] \ (\ million)^a$	$\%\Delta^{a}$
			Ye	ar-one reduction (15% to	9 8.5%)			
Australia	28.86	30.63	2.9	1.77	30.11	2.9	-0.52 [-0.97, -0.09]	-1.7
Chile	148.79	155.51	14.7	6.72	154.69	14.7	-0.82 [-2.57, 0.92]	-0.5
France	420.54	450.30	42.5	29.76	452.48	42.5	2.18 [1.14, 3.24]	0.5
Germany	14.96	16.31	1.5	1.35	16.33	1.5	0.02 [-0.13, 0.16]	0.1
Italy	157.54	177.00	16.7	19.46	176.99	16.7	-0.01 [-0.95, 0.93]	0.0
Spain	55.95	64.14	6.1	8.19	64.31	6.1	0.17 [-0.33, 0.67]	0.3
U.S.	114.90	114.52	10.8	-0.38	121.42	10.8	6.90 [5.72, 8.18]	6.0
ROW	51.17	51.17	4.8	0.00	51.00	4.8	-0.17 [-0.66, 0.31]	-0.3
Total	992.71	1059.59	100.0	66.88	1067.34	100.0		
Country	Updated Base (\$ million)	Projection* (\$ million)	Market share (%)	Difference (\$ million)	Projection (\$ million)	Market share (%)	$\Delta \ [95\% \ CI]$ (\$ million)^b	$\%\Delta^{\rm b}$
			F	ull elimination (8.5% to)	0.0%)			
Australia	30.63	30.11	2.9	-0.52	29.57	2.7	-0.54 [-1.01, -0.09]	-1.8
Chile	155.51	154.69	14.7	-0.82	153.82	14.3	-0.87 [-2.71, 0.98]	-0.6
France	450.30	452.48	42.5	2.18	454.82	42.3	2.34 [1.22, 3.48]	0.5
Germany	16.31	16.33	1.5	0.02	16.35	1.5	0.02 [-0.14, 0.18]	0.1
Italy	177.00	176.99	16.7	-0.01	176.98	16.4	-0.01 [-1.01, 0.98]	0.0
Spain	64.14	64.31	6.1	0.17	64.49	6.0	0.18 [-0.36, 0.72]	0.3
U.S.	114.52	121.42	10.8	6.90	129.23	12.0	7.81 [6.47, 9.25]	6.4
ROW	51.17	51.00	4.8	-0.17	50.82	4.7	-0.18 [-0.70, 0.34]	-0.4

Table 8. Long-Run Import Projections Based on the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement

^aChanges are projections relative to the updated base values. ^bChanges are projections relative to Projection* values.

Note: Baseline values are 3-year average imports (2017-2019). Updated Base is the baseline updated to reflect the significant changes in Table 7. ROW is rest of world.

Given the tariff elimination on the EU, Japanese imports of French, German, Italian, and Spanish wine are all projected to increase. French wine is projected to increase to \$450.3 million, an increase of \$29.7 million [26.58, 33.10] or 7.2 percent. Imports of German wine are projected at \$16.3 million, an increase of \$1.4 million [0.90, 1.84] or 9.0 percent. Italian wine is projected at \$177.0 million, an increase of \$19.5 million [16.27, 22.99] or 12.0 percent. Spanish wine is projected to increase to \$64.1 million, an increase of \$8.2 million [6.70, 9.79] or 14.9 percent. The EU agreement does not have a significant impact on non-EU countries except Chile. Imports of Chilean wine are projected to increase by \$6.7 million [0.53, 13.04] or 4.5 percent, primarily due to the significant and negative uncompensated cross-price elasticity between Chile and Italy (Table A1). Although insignificant, the projected increase for U.S. wine (\$2.57 million) indicates that the United States could actually benefit from the Japan-EU EPA, primarily due to an uncompensated complementary relationship between U.S. and French wine (Table A1).

Import projections for USJTA are reported in Table 8. The purpose of these simulations is to assess if tariff reductions on U.S. wine could negate any negative changes from existing agreements. Note the updated baseline in Table 8, which is derived using the significant outcomes from Table 7. The United States is the only country where the updated baseline value is less than the original baseline value (-\$0.38 million), primarily due to the impact of the Australia EPA on imports of U.S. wine. Given the first-year tariff reduction (15-8.5 percent) as specified in USJTA, Japanese imports of U.S. wine are projected at \$121.4 million. This is an increase of \$6.9 million [5.72, 8.18] or 6.0 percent, far exceeding the projected losses from the existing agreements. Australia is the only country negatively impacted by USJTA (-\$0.52 million, -1.7 percent). French wine is actually projected to increase (\$2.2 million, 0.5 percent). This is due to the significant and negative uncompensated cross-price elasticity between French and U.S. wine (Table A1). To examine the full tariff elimination outcome, we use the results from the partial tariff reduction (Projection*) as starting values. Full tariff elimination on U.S. wine results in an increase in imports of \$7.8 million [6.47, 9.25], which is in addition to the increase from the initial tariff reduction. Other than Australia, and France to a lesser degree, the effects of USJTA on competing countries are negligible and insignificant.

Conclusion

In this study, we estimated the demand for imported wine in Japan by source assuming a dynamic framework. The overall objective was to obtain estimates to simulate the impact of trade agreements on Japanese wine imports and assess the relationship between tariffs and exporter competitiveness. From the simulations, we can conclude the following. First, tariff reductions primarily affect countries a party to an agreement. In all instances, imports from each country are projected to significantly increase under their respective agreements. Second, bilateral agreements such as Japan-EU EPA, JAEPA, and USJTA marginally impact competing countries. A noted exception was the impact of USJTA on Australian wine. For the EU agreement, the most significant change for a competing country (Chile) was actually positive.

The main takeaway from this study is that tariff reductions clearly benefit wineexporting countries in Japan, but substitutions across wine-exporting countries are minimal. This would suggest that the overall concerns raised by U.S. producers about loss competitiveness in the Japanese market due to existing and recent trade agreements do not fully apply to the wine sector. This may be due to the nature of foreign wine preferences, which are likely different from relatively homogenous commodities like wheat, rice, or corn. There is some evidence that the Japan-Australia EPA might have negatively affected U.S. wine exports to Japan, but this effect is small when compared to the positive effect of Japan removing tariffs on U.S. wine. USJTA counterbalancing the effects of recently existing trade agreements countries is clearly important. However, in the case of U.S. wine, USJTA should lead to significant increases in exports that appear to be the result of an increase in overall sales, as opposed to a reallocation of existing demand across exporting sources.

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Appendix

The long-run uncompensated cross-price elasticities are reported in Table A1. These estimates along with the long-run uncompensated own-price elasticities in Table 6 were used for the trade policy projections in Tables 7 and 8. Note that these estimates include both the substitution and income effect of a price change.

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Table A1. Long-Run Uncompensated Cross-Price Elasticities

Country	Australia	Chile	France	Germany	Italy	Spain	U.S.	ROW
Australia		0.05 (0.15)	-0.04 (0.20)	0.07 (0.11)	0.25 (0.17)	0.06 (0.10)	0.23 (0.10)**	0.10 (0.11)
Chile	0.01 (0.06)		-0.13 (0.16)	-0.04 (0.06)	-0.28 (0.11)***	0.10 (0.06)*	0.07 (0.08)	0.11 (0.06)*
France	-0.02 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.02)		-0.05 (0.01)***	-0.15 (0.02)***	-0.05 (0.01)***	-0.06 (0.02)***	0.02 (0.01)
Germany	0.04 (0.07)	-0.02 (0.13)	-0.26 (0.13)**		0.06 (0.11)	0.09 (0.06)	-0.01 (0.06)	-0.05 (0.06)
Italy	0.04 (0.03)	-0.12 (0.05)**	-0.42 (0.08)***	0.01 (0.04)		0.06 (0.03)*	0.00 (0.04)	0.06 (0.03)*
Spain	0.02 (0.06)	0.18 (0.09)**	-0.37 (0.12)***	0.09 (0.06)	0.17 (0.09)*		-0.04 (0.05)	0.11 (0.06)**
U.S.	0.08 (0.04)**	0.11 (0.07)	-0.19 (0.10)*	-0.01 (0.04)	0.04 (0.07)	-0.01 (0.03)		0.04 (0.03)
ROW	0.08 (0.08)	0.17 (0.11)	-0.17 (0.14)	-0.06 (0.08)	0.11 (0.12)	0.13 (0.07)**	0.04 (0.06)	

Note: Standard errors are in parenthesis. ***, **, and * denote significance levels 0.01, 0.05, and 0.10, respectively. ROW is rest of world.