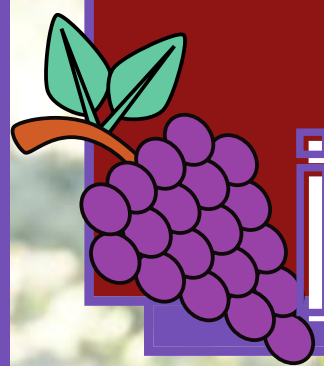


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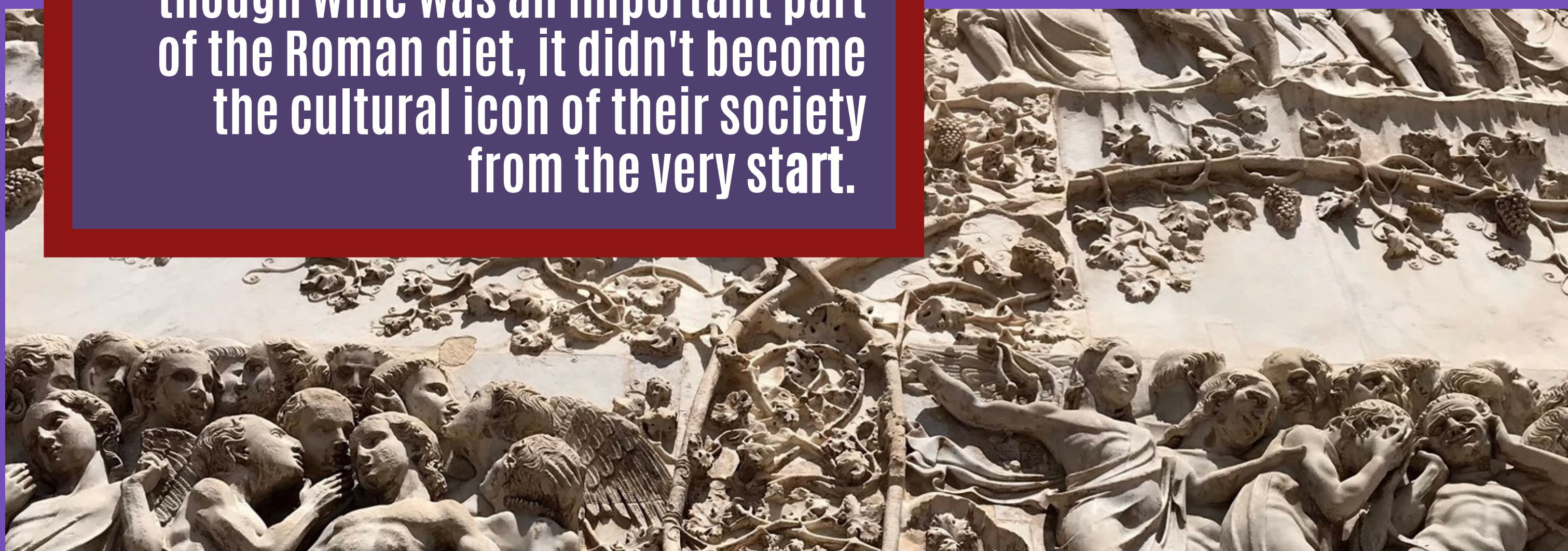


in ancient Rome

Of the many contributions the Romans made to the world - both ancient and of those passed on to modern society - perhaps the most lasting was the art of wine (vinum) making.

Wild grapes, though now nearly extinct, grew in abundance throughout the Mediterranean and were cultivated in earnest throughout the region.

The Etruscans and Greeks were the preeminent wine consumers in Italy prior to the rise of Rome, and though wine was an important part of the Roman diet, it didn't become the cultural icon of their society from the very start.



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