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The UK wine trade after Brexit

Quite a lot of bulk wine comes into the UK, is bottled and labeled there, and goes to other parts of the northern hemisphere. For example, a company like Accolade Wines certainly considers the UK its headquarters, or its hub, in the northern hemisphere. The Accolade Park [bottling plant] bottles about a third of all still wine on the UK market, which is enormous. It’s one of the most efficient state-of-the-art complexes in the world.

As Miles Beale, chief executive of the UK Wine & Spirit Trade Association (WSTA) continues, looking forward: “If we’re not in the single market, but there are no tariffs and standards remain the same as at the point of departure... there would be no particular need to change the model. But if there was a really big difference between the UK and the single market, there’d be increasing pressure to have that hub somewhere else.” How much would that kind of impact would that have on the UK? I don’t think anyone has an exact view about how it might work next,”

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