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South Africa - Five wine trends to watch for in 2018

The South African wine industry is experiencing one of its most exciting phases in history. Overall wine quality has increased dramatically over the last five years, international recognition is at an all-time high and the consumer is now spoilt for choice, with a wealth of new producers, varieties and styles.

1. Premium rosé.
2. Sauvignon Blanc is back.
3. Drought will affect prices.
4. Buy the great vintages en primeur.
5. Online retail boom.

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Vegan trend raises questions for wine

Veganism is going mainstream and early signs suggest that wine could be one of the focal points for debate in 2018. The UK’s Co-op retailer has said it plans to expand its vegan wine range to 100 labels this year and has challenged all of its wine suppliers ‘to make wines vegan where they can’. Rival retailer Majestic Wine has added vegan and vegetarian symbols to the wine information on its relaunched website.

‘Vegan wines will not have been fined, filtered or come into contact with anything derived from an animal or dairy source,’ a Majestic spokesperson told Decanter.com. There were 32 vegan wines on the retailer’s website, although this varies month-to-month.

There are at least 542,000 people following a vegan diet in the UK, versus 150,000 10 years ago, according to the Vegan Society.

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