Global Trends - Beverages

- Making Waves: The Meteoric Rise Of MCC

The number of MCC producers in South Africa has grown from around 50 in the inaugural MCC Challenge in 2002 to 220 MCC producers today with some 300 MCC labels on the market.

Comment: The 2016/17 Y-on Y domestic consumption is 3.3 m litres and the growth is 6.5%.

Socio-Cultural Environment

- Transformation is happening in the winelands

Education, Training, Upliftment, Empowerment - all words we bandy about, and it was such a pleasure to see it really working at the latest SKOP graduation, which was also a wonderful celebration of 30 years of making a difference in the winelands. Since 2006, 7,925 course participants attended programs including Technical Workshops, Marketing, Management and SAWIS. The SKOP component remains by far the single biggest short course with a total of 5,425 attendees, across all the modules. There is real change in the country and in the wine industry, but we need to see more of it, and not just see this change at one or two events in the year.

Technology

- The World’s First Floating Wind Farm Is an Incredible Feat of Engineering
Wind turbines are a valuable source of renewable energy, but it can be hard to find a good place to put them. Last week saw the launch of the world’s first floating offshore wind farm.
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