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UK alcohol prices the fourth most expensive in Europe

Britain has been revealed as the fourth most expensive country in Europe when it comes to alcohol. Brits are paying 43% above the European average for their alcohol, beaten only by Sweden, Ireland and Finland, according to the latest analysis from the Office of National Statistics (ONS). In comparison, the data revealed the French pay 11% below the EU average for their alcohol, in Spain it’s 16% below and in Bulgaria 35% less than the EU average is paid. Sales of wine in pubs, bars and restaurants show an average priced 175ml glass of wine has gone up 20p to £3.74 compared to 2016.

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Major Wine Producing Countries

South Africa’s Signature Varietals

The South African wine landscape is worth taking a trip to see in person. The vineyards of the Western Cape are amongst the planet’s most beautiful. South African Chenin Blanc may just be one of the world’s next great wine styles. The vines have been planted here for centuries but for much of the 20th century, it was seen as a workhorse varietal, feeding mass white wine production. Over the last couple of decades, there has been a renewed interest in Chenin Blanc.

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Why the wine industry is raising a cautious glass to the drought
The drought may end up being a good thing for the wine industry, says Wines of South Africa CEO Siobhan Thompson. There will be wine, and good quality wine, but there will be less to supply in bulk at the lower end.

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$11.1 million to support Australian vineyards

Wine Australia and PIRSA’s South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) have signed a five year $11.1 million co-investment agreement. Through a dedicated research and development program in disease management, vineyard resilience and clonal performance, the agreement will support the profitability of the Australian grape and wine sector.

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