Global Trends - Beverages

SA brandies praised at London’s International Wine and Spirits Competition

At the International Wine and Spirits Competition in London, South African brandies won 27 medals and the trophy for Worldwide Best Brandy went to for KWV for its 15 Year Old potstill brandy.

This year, the challenge saw increased competition with more entries in the World Brandy class, including more countries represented as well. Nonetheless, double the number of Gold and Gold Outstanding medals were awarded to the South Africans, more than the entire category of Cognac, with the latter having far more entries than South Africa.

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Global Trends - Wine Industry Key Elements

BFAP Baseline Outlook 2017 to 2026 - Wine grapes and wine

The South African wine industry has shown good progress towards its strategic targets, set as part of the Wine Industry Strategic Exercise (WISE). However, continued collective focus is required to sustain the momentum needed to achieve the shift towards a truly market and value driven industry. This review focuses on some of the key indicators in this regard, namely a brief market and trade update as well as production characteristics. It also examines producer returns.

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Major Wine Producing Countries
In a continuing trend of positive increases for the Australian grape and wine sector, the national crush is estimated to be 1.93 million tonnes – an increase of 5 per cent from the 2016 vintage – and the national average purchase price increased by 7 per cent $565 per tonne – the highest since 2008.