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Consumer Countries/Markets

UK: Budget: Chancellor announces freeze on all alcohol duty
Duty on wines, spirits and beers is to be frozen, allaying trade fears of another rise in line with inflation. The duty freeze will doubtless be welcomed by the wine industry in particular, which was singled out for a duty rise in the last Budget in 2018, although the freeze is short of the 2% cut called for by the WSTA. 
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Global and SA Trends

In the Era of Climate Change, is Old and New World Wine Obsolete?
As climate change ravages ecosystems and upends viticulture, a curious narrative has emerged in select corners of the wine world. Some say that traditional distinctions between Old World and New World wines will soon be obsolete.

"Wines have long been categorized as belonging to one of two worlds: Old or New," wrote Wall Street Journal columnist Lettie Teague earlier this year. "But I wonder how useful or, for that matter, accurate divvying up wines this way is today?"

It's a logical question. Although the climate crisis is catastrophic, it's not the only factor that's redrawing the wine map. Technology continues to advance, winemakers develop and exchange techniques and, crucially, global tastes and trade relationships evolve.

For some wine consumers, "New World" is shorthand for wines that are fruitier and higher in alcohol. They are labeled typically by grape variety. Old World wine, by contrast, is more concerned with place than grape. They are generally lighter and less fruit-driven. 
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Wine Intelligence: Global wine experts describe impact of turbulence ahead
Wine Intelligence's global expert network on the impact of Coronavirus: 'Christmas trading' in Italian supermarkets amid a gloomy outlook, calm in Brazil and South Africa, fewer Chinese tourists in Australia, silver linings in South Korea, growing concern in the UK and US 
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