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Consumer Countries/Markets

How new UK prime minister Theresa May might treat wine

The incoming prime minister of the UK, Theresa May, has shown a tough attitude to alcohol in the past, but is also a pragmatist by reputation.

May has exerted influence on the UK government’s policy towards alcohol and drinking since her appointment as home secretary in May 2010.

Her record in this area appears mixed, and the Wine & Spirit Trade Association will be looking for clues – especially on her attitude to duty tax rises.

• She spearheaded a Cabinet rebellion to reject the minimum pricing on wine, beer and spirits policy.
• May also criticised the previous UK government’s licensing law reforms for being too lax and carrying too much risk of crime and disorder.
• She has been a leading figure in a UK government that has consistently refused to legislate on alcohol – and in many areas of public health – preferring instead to create partnerships with industry.

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Major Wine Producing Countries

The State of the Australian Bulk Wine Market

The Australian bulk wine market is in a positive place, it’s in a pretty healthy state. With low volumes of back vintage stocks there has been an early interest in 2016 irrigated wines. This interest has been further driven by the 2016 yields across these warmer inland regions. With these irrigated regions producing only average crops for 2016, buyers have picked up volumes early. There looks to be a stabilising of price now and opportunity for a small increase as the stock levels reduce.

Demand for premium bulk wines also remains strong. Older vintages and Barossa reds are in
greatest demand, with other regions posting good interest in value parcels. There are very limited stocks of 2015 and older wines available. Sales of current vintage are slow as buyers look to pick up remaining parcels of the 2015 and older material. In addition, unlike the irrigated regions, the 2016 vintage yields across premium regions of South Australia were up, on average by 15%. There’s an increased volume of wine around however it’s certainly not excessive. Historically these wines tend to be sold domestically however this market is limited with low opportunity for growth. These wines need to be redirected away from the traditional domestic market routes [...] Full report on Australian Bulk Wine at IBWSS Blog.

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