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Why a Grape Turns Into a Fireball in a Microwave

The internet is full of videos of thoughtful people setting things on fire. Here’s a perennial favorite: Cleave a grape in half, leaving a little skin connecting the two hemispheres. Blitz it in the microwave for five seconds. For one glorious moment, the grape halves will produce a fireball unfit for domestic life. Even after millions of YouTube views and probably tens of scorched microwaves, no one knew exactly why the fireball forms.

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Global Trends - Wine Industry Key Elements

New Report: UK Consumers Want More Organic Everything

The Soil Association has reported this week on how current consumer trends in health and sustainability are rapidly driving the organic sector in the UK — almost £45 million a week is spent on organic products. The newly released 2019 Organic Market report demonstrates how products branded as organic are becoming the go-to products for the healthy, the environmental and the socially conscious.

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Major Wine Producing Countries

How Italy has beaten France to be No 1 on UK’s wine list for first time

Ask the average sommelier, restaurant or bar group to list the wines they are selling the most of then time and again it is the lighter, fresher, easy drinking approachable red and white wines from Italy that are being increasingly asked for by their customers. So it should really come as no surprise that
for the first time ever Italy – officially – has more listings on UK restaurant wine lists than France.

The latest analysis of UK wine lists shows that Italy has overtaken France for the first time in terms of the share of total listings, coming in at just over a quarter at 26% compared to France at 24%. A small but significant gap. But it also shows a remarkable turnaround over the last year as the same study at the beginning of 2018 showed France to be well out in front at 29% share of listings, compared to Italy at 24%. So Italy’s success this year is also just as much about how much ground France has lost over the last 12 months.

Ultimately, it is the styles of the wines that win. They are what restaurants and their customers want. Click here to read more