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- **South Africa: Lack of grape security ‘a threat to SA wine’**

A lack of grape security is the biggest threat to the future of South African wine, a leading estate producer has said.

Despite a marked upturn in the quality of wines being produced in South Africa and growing international attention on the country’s premium wine output, the supply of top quality fruit was still a concern.

A growing trend for emerging South African winemakers is to produce critically acclaimed wine despite not owning vineyards. Their success is largely dependent on establishing strong relationships with farmers and securing long-term leasing of prized vineyard sites.

Such a working model presents its own challenges, however. Not only is there increasing competition for the best vineyard sites in South Africa, but farmers often choose to replant vineyards to produce more profitable crops.

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  To own a piece of the choicest land on the valley floor, a buyer will have to pay an average of $310,000 per acre, compared to $270,000 in 2014.
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