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Winemakers welcome EU FTA negotiations

The Winemakers Federation of Australia (WFA) has welcomed the announcement that Australia and the European Union (EU) have entered into negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Click here to read more

Major Wine Producing Countries

New Zealand Wine: Warm summer boosts 2018 vintage

New Zealand Wine reports that 419,000 tonnes of grapes (+6% on 2017) have been harvested during Vintage 2018, with a warm summer benefiting the country’s wine-growing regions. Click here to read more

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More on Cape wine’s increasing yields

By Tim James - June 25, 2018

It is clear to me, however, that the drive to higher yields for bulk-wine producers just points to the growing bifurcation in Cape wine, and how it is happening. For there’s also a small group of high-quality wine producers that are doing extremely well on the international market – not infrequently with low-yielding vineyards rescued from the vast blending tanks of the bulk-wine system that so dominates the Cape wine industry. Click here to read more
Planting begins at first UK Pinotage vineyard

The first commercial Pinotage vines in the UK have been planted at Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens, in Horsham, Sussex, with a view to producing a still red wine. The 0.75ha vineyard is planted with Pinotage vines from a Swiss nursery. Click here to read more.