Global Trends - Wine Industry Key Elements

Component of red wine, grapes can help to reduce inflammation, study finds

A component of red wine and grapes can help control inflammation induced by a bacterial pathogen that is linked to upper respiratory tract inflammatory diseases such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD) and middle ear infection (otitis media), according to a study.

The findings, published in the online journal Scientific Reports, identify a novel mechanism that resveratrol, a compound found naturally in some plant foods such as grapes, uses to alleviate inflammation in airway disease. The results suggest this compound could offer health benefits and be used to develop new, effective anti-inflammatory therapeutic agents.

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Major Wine Producing Countries

Is the SA wine industry too segmented?

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I suspect that if we really want to innovate our industry across all the aspects the seminar touched on, this attitude of playing only in your own wheelhouse should be reconsidered. How can we expect grape prices to ever improve when the marketing/sales arm is unaware of a problem? How will we successfully demystify off-the-shelf buying if retailers aren’t aware of the problem with being cultivar obsessed? Who will add their voice to the public debate around the propose liquor laws when nobody even realizes there’s a debate they can add to?

To change the status quo, we obviously need to be innovative in our thinking. Going forward, what this may very well require of us is that we are more aware of – nay, involved in – aspects outside the scope of our daily jobs. If we don’t, we are most likely no more than an industry full of amateurs.
NZ: Wine industry to benefit from $6m in research funding

New Zealand wine industry to benefit from $6 million in Government research funding for the development of a new tool to assist New Zealand's wine industry with better grape yield forecasting.

"The innovation will be that growers can accurately assess differences in yield not only between regions or vineyards, but with new sensor technologies, they will also be able to assess differences between blocks and rows. Over the long term, site-specific yield prediction will help reduce costs by enabling better planning both in the vineyard and in market."

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