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As the sixth largest market for still light wines in terms of volume, the UK is at the heart of the international wine industry. Despite a decline in consumption volume of still wine and possible implications of Brexit, the UK wine market is the seventh most attractive market worldwide according to Wine Intelligence Global Wine Market Attractiveness Model.

So, what does the future hold for the UK wine market? One can expect a market declining in volume, but increasing in value as consumers trade up for higher quality and more interesting wine styles within. Other key findings include:

- Still wine volumes continue to show consistent decline, sparkling wine remains strong
- Wine drinking population ageing and shifting to quality over quantity
- Increased involvement and adventurism amongst wine consumers

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Sweden´s imports of bulk wine plummet by nearly half in first half of year

Sweden’s spending on bulk wine has nearly halved in the first half of 2018, at the same time as bottled wines and bag in box wine sales have soared. South Africa and Chile both saw their bulk wine exports to Sweden drop by around 40%, though South African producers were compensated somewhat by the huge increase in their shipments of sparkling wine – up by over 167% in the first half of the year.

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