

Press release: UK wine exports pouring into overseas markets

It's English Wine Week and with wine production last year reaching a record breaking 15.6 million bottles, vineyards across the country will be promoting England's burgeoning fine wine industry and celebrating international export success.

UK producers are taking the opportunity to capitalise on overseas demand by exploring exporting potential in new global markets. In 2017, Hattingley Valley's 'The Classic Reserve' became the first English wine to get a national listing with Whole Foods in the United States, after being sold in 420 stores across 40 states between November 1st and December 31st as part of its 'Holiday Wine Programme'.

Overall sales of English wine increased by 31% between 2015 and 2017 and by 2040, the industry is predicted to be producing 40 million bottles a year, equating to a retail value of £1 billion. The industry has also identified that exports of English wine could reach £350 million within the same time frame.

The Department for International Trade (DIT) have supported many notable UK wine producers on filling glasses overseas, most recently at the Nantucket Wine and Food Festival (15-20 May 2019), the premier showcase event for wine in the United States which proved to be a successful shop window for English wine.

Supported by the Food is GREAT campaign – the cross-departmental initiative between DIT and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), several UK vineyards exhibited at the event including Hattingley, Gusbourne and Chapel Down.

Nyetimber, another vineyard that came to DIT for advice and guidance and was also present at the festival, had its sparkling wine served to guests at Pippa Middleton's wedding; giving it a near-royal seal of approval.

It has been an amazing year for English sparkling wine as producers across the country have picked up prestigious international awards for the homegrown tittle, including wins at the Decanter World Wine Awards, the International Spirits Competition (IWSC) and The International Wine Challenge (IWC).

Overseas buyers are recognising the strength of the sector and are beginning to see the UK as an emerging premium wine region, with the potential to be among the finest in the world. The UK wine industry has identified a number of key markets, the biggest being the United States and Scandinavia which received 65% of total exports, and also emerging markets such as Japan.

International Trade Secretary Dr Liam Fox MP said:

It is such an exciting time for the English wine industry right now. The potential for exports is going from strength to strength due to the rapid growth of the sector and an increased demand from overseas markets for high quality British wine.

As vineyards across the country celebrate English wine and its export success, I would encourage other UK wine producers to take inspiration and consider exploring new markets overseas. My international economic department has a network of expert International Trade Advisers on hand to help businesses navigate the entire exporting process.

The Department for International Trade is helping British businesses succeed abroad in ways that never happened before. Many vineyards have already benefited from the services that we offer, and we aim to support many more to cement the UK as the new premium wine destination of the world.

WineGB Chairman Simon Robinson said:

WineGB's strategy sees export growth as a key part of the industry's future by cementing the premium quality position which English and Welsh wine holds.

The acknowledgement of that quality has driven a rapid growth in export volumes, particularly to the USA, Scandinavia and Japan, and we look forward to that continuing, in no small part due to the very active support of DIT, the Food is Great campaign run by DEFRA and other government departments.

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Notes to Editors

The Department for International Trade DIT helps businesses export, drives inward and outward investment, negotiates market access and trade deals, and champions free trade.

We are an international economic department, responsible for:

- supporting and encouraging UK businesses to drive sustainable international growth
- ensuring the UK remains a leading destination for international investment and maintains its number one position for international

investment stock in Europe

- opening markets, building a trade framework with new and existing partners which is free and fair
- using trade and investment to underpin the government's agenda for a Global Britain and its ambitions for prosperity, stability and security worldwide.
- Latest statistics from the ONS show UK firms sold more overseas in the 2018/19 financial year, £639.9 billion, than at any time since records began. The UK has now achieved 36 consecutive months of export growth on an annual rolling basis.
- Separate OECD data shows UK exports grew faster than Germany, France and Italy between 2016 and 2018.

Export Strategy

- The Export Strategy sets out how the government will support businesses of all sizes to make the most of the opportunities presented by markets around the world.
- A government-led collaboration with business, developed after extensive engagement with a range of UK firms – the Strategy sets a new ambition from government to increase exports as a proportion of UK GDP to 35%.
- It presents a streamlined and targeted offer for businesses of all sizes, set to raise productivity, boost wages and protect employment across the UK.
- This is just the start – in the months ahead DIT will lead work across government to assess what more we can do to support UK business to achieve a step change in their exporting performance.

WineGB

Wines of Great Britain (WineGB) is the national association for the English and Welsh wine industry. WineGB's mission is to advance the multiple interests of all its members to establish Great Britain as one of the world's great quality wine regions.

[News story: Science Minister thanks ITER staff for international fusion research endeavour](#)

- Science Minister Chris Skidmore yesterday (29 May 2019) thanked UK staff at ITER, a nuclear fusion megaproject in Southern France
- the minister addressed staff during a visit to the site and reassured them that the UK has put international science collaboration at the heart of its modern Industrial Strategy
- he said he will do whatever he can to safeguard what continues to be a successful and productive collaboration between the UK and ITER

International collaboration is a great global endeavour, Science Minister Chris Skidmore has said during a visit to a nuclear fusion megaproject.

Addressing staff in Southern France, he reiterated that the UK is keen to continue its work with ITER and thanked staff for their ongoing work.

The minister reassured staff and their families that he will work tirelessly to help safeguard the productive collaboration between ITER and the UK.

Science Minister Chris Skidmore said:

Science and innovation do not recognise borders, which is why we must always work as part of a global endeavour to solve challenges and seize the opportunities of tomorrow.

International science and research collaboration is at the heart of our modern Industrial Strategy. I want to do everything I can to help ensure that the UK continues its successful relationship with ITER and that employees and their families can continue to live and work here.

That is why I have been in France today, to ensure our close engagement with Professor Bigot and his team continues.

Both the EU and UK have shown commitment to ongoing collaboration in fusion research. In March, [a contract extension](#) for the world's largest fusion research facility, Joint European Torus (JET), was signed by the UK and the European Commission. The contract extension secures least €100 million in additional inward investment from the EU over the next 2 years for the JET facility and brought reassurance to more than 500 staff at the site in Culham, near Oxford.

Press release: April 2019 Price Paid Data

April 2019 Price Paid Data – GOV.UK

HM Land Registry Price Paid Data tracks land and property sales in England and Wales submitted to us for registration.



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In April 2019:

- the most expensive residential property sold in Kensington and Chelsea for £30,000,000
- the cheapest residential property sold in Burnley for £16,000
- the most expensive commercial sale was in City of Westminster for £78,000,000
- the cheapest commercial sales were in Bury St Edmunds, Waverley, Lewisham, Birmingham and Enfield for £500
- there was a 15% decrease in newbuilds compared with April 2018

Of the 74,683 sales received for registration, 23,133 took place in April 2019 of which:

- 394 were of residential properties in England and Wales for £1 million and over
- 242 were of residential properties in Greater London for £1 million and over
- 3 were of residential properties in West Midlands for more than £1 million
- 4 were of residential properties in Greater Manchester for more than £1 million

- there were no residential properties in Wales for more than £1 million

The number of sales received for registration by property type and month

Of the 74,683 sales received for registration in April 2019:

- 56,633 were freehold, a 1.8% decrease on April 2018
- 9,959 were newly built, a 15% decrease on April 2018

Property type	April 2019	March 2019	February 2019
Detached	16,137	19,119	18,468
Semi-detached	19,430	22,815	21,205
Terraced	20,041	23,435	16,121
Flat/maisonette	13,345	16,832	20,899
Other	5,730	6,330	5,575
Total	74,683	88,531	82,268

[Access the full dataset](#)

In the dataset you can find the date of sale for each property, its full address and sale price, its category (residential or commercial) and type (detached, semi-detached, terraced, flat or maisonette and other), whether it is new build or not and whether it is freehold or leasehold.

Background

1. Price Paid Data is published at 11am on the 20th working day of each month. The next dataset will be published on 28 June 2019.
2. [Price Paid Data](#) is property price data for all residential and commercial property sales in England and Wales that are lodged with HM Land Registry for registration in that month, [subject to exclusions](#).
3. The amount of time between the sale of a property and the registration of this information with HM Land Registry varies. It typically ranges between 2 weeks and 2 months. Data for the 2 most recent months is therefore incomplete and does not give an indication of final monthly volumes. Occasionally the interval between sale and registration is longer than 2 months. The small number of sales affected cannot be updated for publication until the sales are lodged for registration.
4. Price Paid Data categories are either Category A (Standard entries) which includes single residential properties sold for full market value or Category B (Additional entries) for example sales to a company, buy-to-lets where they can be identified by a mortgage and repossessions.

5. HM Land Registry has been collecting information on Category A sales from January 1995 and on Category B sales from October 2013.
6. Price Paid Data can be downloaded in text, CSV format and in a machine readable format as [linked data](#) and is released under [Open Government Licence \(OGL\)](#). Under the OGL, HM Land Registry permits the use of Price Paid Data for commercial or non-commercial purposes. However, the OGL does not cover the use of [third party rights](#), which HM Land Registry is not authorised to license.
7. The [Price Paid Data report builder](#) allows users to build bespoke reports using the data. Reports can be based on location, estate type, price paid or property type over a defined period of time.
8. HM Land Registry's mission is to guarantee and protect property rights in England and Wales.
9. HM Land Registry is a government department created in 1862. It operates as an executive agency and a trading fund and its running costs are covered by the fees paid by the users of its services. Its ambition is to become the world's leading land registry for speed, simplicity and an open approach to data.
10. HM Land Registry safeguards land and property ownership valued at £7 trillion, enabling more than £1 trillion worth of personal and commercial lending to be secured against property across England and Wales.
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