

Sparkling Wine at a Crossroads: Navigating Sobering Times

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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INTRODUCTION

Key findings

STATE OF PLAY: GROWTH TRAJECTORY INCREASINGLY UNDER STRAIN

Global sales see brief post-COVID sparkle but fails to expand its global reach
Global sales remain heavily reliant on highly mature and crisis-hit markets
Resilience expected in most large markets; Germany and Spain set to face saturation
Other sparkling wine forecast to outperform still wine, strong headwinds for Champagne
On-trade channel set to face continued headwinds linked to socioeconomic shifts

OTHER SPARKLING WINE: CONSUMPTION SHIFTS HELP SUSTAIN GROWTH

Perception as affordable treat helps growth amid price pressures but slowdown looms Germany: A "canary in the coalmine" showing pervasive downtrading trends or outlier? US: P opularity of other sparkling wine driven by shift to casual consumption occasions

CHAMPAGNE: EVER MORE PREMIUM AS VOLUME GROWTH FLOUNDERS

Champagne at a crossroad s as brands shift more clearly towards premiumisation France: P rice polarisation shapes competitive landscape amid volume sales declines UK: Champagne brands focus on exclusivity amid challenges and price polarisation Champagne as a bellwether for global economic growth but faces unique constraints

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE SHIFTS INFLUENCED BY PRICE POLARISATION

Other sparkling wine: M ajor players retain a solid lead despite private label challenges Oetker Group makes gains outside Germany helped by shifts in consumer attitudes Champagne: Major brands retain halo effect of on-trade presence but face price battles

INNOVATIONS AND SHIFTS IN CONSUMPTION TRENDS AMID LOOMING CHALLENGES

Shift in consumption habits, celebrity backings and wine tourism may fuel innovations Hampton Water Bubbl y rosé targets democratisation and casual drinking occasions Scavi & Ray targets a relatively untapped niche with a low - alcohol Prosecco extension Ruinart Blanc Singulier 2019 vintage communicates around climate change's impact Nicolas Feuillatte targets a younger audience with a new bottle designed by singer Mika Launch of Leonardslee helps build consumer awareness of premium Sussex wine Climate change: C hallenges for incumbents amid rise of emerging countries of origins Looming US import tariffs and potential trade wars may lead to downward spiral Ageing consumer base expected to fuel innovations to capture rising demand for RTDs

CONCLUSION

Key takeaways and recommendations

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