the next evolution

THE ART OF NEW ZEALAND WINEMAKING AT ITS MOST ENLIGHTENED, DELICIOUS BEST





FULL FLAVOURED SLOW RIPENED LIGHTER IN ALCOHOL NEW ZEALAND WINE

## Lower-alcohol and non-alcoholic wine: Summary

wine intelligence

Lower-alcohol / no-alcohol wine opportunity still hampered by negative quality perceptions, with consumers currently preferring other low and no alcoholic drinks choices over wine

- Key concern surrounding lower-alcohol and non-alcoholic wines remains the **poor quality levels and taste** of many examples currently available in mainstream retail
- In the context of limited consumer appeal, trade view that lower-alcohol category may deliver some future potential, driven by consumer moderation trend although with competition from alternatives beyond wine e.g. 'mocktails' and 'adult soft drinks' for lower or no alcohol occasions
- Main current opportunity appears to be in monopoly markets, where policy focus on delivering lower-alcohol products & the changing legislation is opening up the opportunity to sell lower-alcohol wine in a broader range of retail locations
- Supporting consumer appeal of more 'natural' products, trade experts predicting stronger potential for wines naturally lower in alcohol rather than those reduced via winemaking intervention
- Lower and non-alcoholic wine opportunity:
  - Strongest opportunity for lower-alcohol wine identified in Australia and New Zealand markets
  - For non-alcoholic: Nordic markets of Finland and Sweden, with some opportunity for both in Ireland
  - Less appeal for either category in Japan and the USA
  - Potentially more opportunity for lower alcohol wine in emerging wine markets of China and Brazil compared with more established markets



## Lower-alcohol wine

Lower-alcohol wine opportunity currently niche, with trade view of some future potential for the category driven by consumer moderation trend

- Some future opportunity for lower-alcohol wine identified by trade, based on consumer trends for moderated alcohol consumption
- Opportunity particularly identified in monopoly markets:
  - Where monopolies have strong focus on delivering lower-alcohol products
  - Changes in legislation are opening up the opportunity to sell lower alcohol wine in a broader range of retail locations

We've launched three South African lower calorie and lower-alcohol wines that got a huge amount of press and a huge amount of sales - more than we expected. After only a month in store, they were among our top selling lines, so there's obviously demand for it National Retailer, UK

The bigger opportunity is going to be the lower alcohol space because of the trend of moderation, and this will have a bigger impact on the massmarket than Fairtrade, organic and biodynamic National Retailer, Australia

I think grocery in Canada have an advantage for low and no alcohol over the LCBO - they're already selling no alcohol wine and beer, so could move into adding low alcohol next Distributor / Importer, Canada

Most consumers drink wine for special occasions, and for these occasions, the alcohol content of a wine is not a strong influencer Importer, Germany

As of Jan 1st 2018 you can sell alcohol in standard retail up to 5.5% where before it was 4.7%. In terms of wine business, it is now easier to have better quality wine at 5.5% compared to 4.7% Importer, Finland

I cannot see any potential for low or lower-alcohol wine in Japan. I don't think many wine drinkers would ask for it. General wine drinkers drink sensibly and are not looking for lower-alcohol options because they can drink wines as it is Retailer, Japan





## Lower-alcohol wine

Stronger potential for wines **naturally** lower in alcohol, as opposed to reduced via mechanical methods predicted

 Trade view that wines that are naturally lower in alcohol will have stronger consumer appeal based on shift towards drinking wine with lighter styles, rather than those with the alcohol reduced or removed



#### The Doctors' 9.5% Sauvignon Blanc

From Dr John Forrest, a pioneering New Zealand winemaker who has experimented with different pruning and winemaking methods to create a commercially viable 9.5% ABV Sauvignon Blanc from Marlborough The conscious decision to bring some alcohol levels down naturally, picking a little earlier, is certainly growing in interest. My clientele is curious about the weight of wines, not necessarily down to alcohol, but it's a deciding factor and especially in lunchtime drinking. It's more of a style of wine factor rather than the alcohol level itself *On-trade Operator, Australia* 

Lower-alcohol style wine such as German Riesling or Canadian aromatic white is an approachable option for newer consumers as they match well to the Japanese palate. Many Japanese have low tolerance to alcohol so it will be a good option for these people Journalist, Japan

For lower-alcohol, reduced alcohol and nonalcoholic wines, mature wine consumers, who have experienced various types of wine, are shifting to lighter, elegant wines from bold high alcoholic wines, so lower-alcohol wines as a style are welcomed Journalist, Japan



## Lower-alcohol wine

Key concern surrounding lower-alcohol and non-alcoholic wine are the poor quality levels and taste of the wines

- Trade report concern over quality levels of reduced alcohol wines
- Potential for lower and non-alcoholic beers seen as stronger than for wines in these categories

There is some demand for lower-alcohol wine but it's difficult for us to get great tasting lower-alcohol wine and it's easier in sparkling wine Online Retailer, Germany

Naturally lower-alcohol wine, such as Vinho Verde are doing well, but I haven't seen many reduced alcohol wines doing a good job and and I don't see it will sell in the future either *Retailer, Japan* 

The lower-alcohol segments are not a trend yet in Canada, which is different from the lower-alcohol beer segment, which is growing a lot Distributor / Importer, Canada

There is a good demand for non-alcoholic beer in Japan, which is mainly for socialising purposes, for those who cannot drink alcohol, but this wouldn't apply to wine *Retailer, Japan* 

We've looked 5% ABV wine, but I think it's more about what's acceptable as a wine because if you get to the point where it no longer tastes like a wine, you can't pretend it's a wine. It has to taste like wine too National Retailer, UK

Traditionally, there has been a big difference in the quality of lower-alcohol wines, with lower-alcohol wines being very green, harder and more acidic with more sugar to hide these traits. But more recently, these wines seem to be getting better with quite light, riper flavour and better balance *Journalist, New Zealand* 



Australia

Opportunity for both organic and lower-alcohol wine in Australia, although strong draw to preservative-free and sustainably & environmentally-friendly wine

### Australia opportunity index score

		Base = All sample	Base = Those awar	Opportunity		
Rank	Type of wine	Awareness	Sought to purchase	Future purchase consideration	Affinity	index
1st	Organic wine	42%	16%	53%	40%	37.8
2nd	Lower-alcohol wine	43%	17%	46%	41%	37.6
3rd	Preservative-free wine	30%	15%	58%	47%	36.5
=4th	Sustainably-produced wine	15%	20%	61%	54%	34.8
=4th	Environmentally-friendly wine	13%	22%	57%	58%	34.8
6th	Wine from a carbon-neutral winery	9%	34%	55%	50%	33.3
7th	Sulphite-free wine	19%	13%	56%	44%	31.0
8th	Fairtrade wine	13%	13%	57%	48%	29.9
9th	Biodynamic wine	13%	16%	55%	38%	27.1
10th	Non-alcoholic wine	51%	8%	21%	13%	26.3
11th	Vegan wine	10%	26%	41%	24%	22.0
12th	Orange / skin contact wine	6%	21%	29%	28%	19.0

## Australia: Awareness of types of wine

Younger consumers in Australia less aware of lower / non-alcoholic wines, but more aware of vegan and orange wine than older drinkers

### Australia: Awareness of types of wine by gender and age

% who are aware of the following types of wine Base = All Australian regular wine drinkers (n=1,000)

	All Australian regular wine drinkers	Male	Female	LDA-34	35-54	55 and over
Sample size n=	1,000	502	498	319	316	365
Non-alcoholic wine	51%	46%	55%	36%	46%	67%
Lower-alcohol wine	43%	37%	49%	36%	39%	52%
Organic wine	42%	41%	43%	34%	44%	46%
Preservative-free wine	30%	29%	31%	25%	30%	35%
Sulphite-free wine	19%	21%	17%	14%	21%	22%
Sustainably-produced wine	15%	17%	14%	15%	16%	16%
Environmentally-friendly wine	13%	13%	12%	15%	14%	10%
Fairtrade wine	13%	11%	14%	13%	16%	10%
Biodynamic wine	13%	14%	11%	12%	14%	12%
Vegan wine	10%	9%	10%	15%	9%	5%
Wine from a carbon-neutral winery	9%	11%	7%	13%	8%	6%
Orange / skin contact wine	6%	7%	4%	9%	5%	3%



## Australia: Purchase intent of types of wine

Younger Australian regular wine drinkers are more intent on purchasing wines with both sustainable & organic credentials compared with older drinkers

# wine

### Australia: Purchase intent of types of wine by gender and age

% who have sought to purchase the following types of wine in the past 6 months Base = All Australian regular wine drinkers (n=1,000)

	All Australian regular wine drinkers	Male	Female	LDA-34	35-54	55 and over
Sample size n=	1,000	502	498	319	316	365
Lower-alcohol wine	7%	7%	8%	8%	7%	7%
Organic wine	7%	8%	6%	12%	6%	3%
Preservative-free wine	5%	6%	3%	6%	4%	3%
Non-alcoholic wine	4%	3%	5%	7%	4%	1%
Wine from a carbon-neutral winery	3%	4%	2%	7%	2%	0%
Sustainably-produced wine	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%
Environmentally-friendly wine	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	1%
Sulphite-free wine	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%
Vegan wine	2%	3%	2%	6%	2%	0%
Biodynamic wine	2%	3%	1%	4%	1%	1%
Fairtrade wine	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	0%
Orange/skin contact wine	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%



## New Zealand

Lower-alcohol wine has the highest awareness rate compared with all other types of wine in NZ, leading to a high opportunity index score

### New Zealand opportunity index score

		Base = All sample	Base = Those aware	Opportunity		
Rank	Type of wine	Awareness	Sought to purchase	Future purchase consideration	Affinity	Opportunity index
1st	Lower-alcohol wine	57%	18%	49%	41%	43.2
2nd	Sustainably-produced wine	21%	18%	65%	64%	39.6
3rd	Organic wine	47%	12%	49%	42%	38.9
4th	Environmentally-friendly wine	16%	15%	64%	60%	36.3
6th	Fairtrade wine	15%	11%	55%	50%	30.7
7th	Wine from a carbon-neutral winery	9%	9%	57%	55%	30.1
8th	Preservative-free wine	20%	9%	48%	44%	29.3
9th	Sulphite-free wine	21%	11%	49%	39%	28.7
10th	Biodynamic wine	11%	16%	53%	40%	27.1
11th	Vegan wine	8%	19%	40%	34%	22.9
12th	Non-alcoholic wine	35%	5%	15%	13%	19.3
13th	Orange / skin contact wine	3%	11%	35%	22%	15.3



## New Zealand: Awareness of types of wine

In New Zealand, female regular wine drinkers are more likely to be aware of lower-alcohol wine compared to male wine drinkers



### New Zealand: Awareness of types of wine by gender and age

% who are aware of the following types of wine Base = All New Zealand regular wine drinkers (n=1,000)

	All New Zealand regular wine drinkers	Male	Female	LDA-34	35-54	55 and over
Sample size n=	1,000	490	510	240	330	430
Lower-alcohol wine	57%	50%	64%	48%	58%	61%
Organic wine	47%	46%	48%	40%	46%	52%
Non-alcoholic wine	35%	35%	34%	29%	36%	36%
Sustainably-produced wine	21%	21%	20%	19%	20%	22%
Sulphite-free wine	21%	20%	21%	23%	20%	19%
Preservative-free wine	20%	21%	19%	22%	20%	18%
Environmentally-friendly wine	16%	16%	16%	18%	15%	15%
Fairtrade wine	15%	15%	15%	18%	18%	12%
Biodynamic wine	11%	11%	11%	10%	10%	13%
Wine from a carbon-neutral winery	9%	10%	8%	11%	9%	8%
Vegan wine	8%	7%	8%	16%	7%	4%
Orange/skin contact wine	3%	4%	3%	5%	3%	3%



## New Zealand: Purchase intent of types of wine

Younger wine drinkers are more likely to purchase organic wine compared with all older wine drinkers in New Zealand



### New Zealand: Purchase intent of types of wine by gender and age

% who have sought to purchase the following types of wine in the past 6 months Base = All New Zealand regular wine drinkers (n=1,000)

	All New Zealand regular wine drinkers	Male	Female	LDA-34	35-54	55 and over
Sample size n=	1,000	490	510	240	330	430
Lower-alcohol wine	10%	8%	13%	13%	12%	8%
Organic wine	6%	6%	5%	10%	5%	4%
Sustainably-produced wine	4%	4%	3%	6%	3%	3%
Environmentally-friendly wine	2%	3%	2%	5%	1%	2%
Sulphite-free wine	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%
Biodynamic wine	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%
Preservative-free wine	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%
Non-alcoholic wine	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%
Fairtrade wine	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%
Vegan wine	1%	1%	2%	5%	1%	0%
Wine from a carbon-neutral winery	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%
Orange / skin contact wine	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%

