

THE JOURNAL OF WINE RESEARCH - CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue on Climate Change and the Wine Industry

Current scientific opinion is now almost unanimous on the reality of climate change, although views still differ widely on the imminence and the speed of global warming or cooling and its impact on our lives and those of future generations. As with many other industries, the impact of research specific to wine has been patchy until comparatively recently. Regions where wine growing is marginal as a result of the current climate are being forced to consider the likelihood of temperature or rainfall changes which may affect them within 20 years. However, a rise in ocean levels of just a centimetre or two may begin to have an impact on low-lying vineyards in areas not considered marginal for vine growing at present – and if those rises are as great as some scientists have predicted, then the impact could be devastating.

Further research is urgently needed as is dissemination of all recent authoritative research relevant to wine and the global wine industry – and for this reason we propose a special issue of *The Journal of Wine Research* during the course of 2009-2010.

The interdisciplinary nature of the Journal is particularly suited to a wide-ranging issue of this kind, and we are therefore expecting to include in the special issue both current research articles and reviews of recently published research (articles or books across a range of disciplines), theses or other research in progress, and a report on recent, relevant conferences and their proceedings. We would also welcome conceptual contributions which provide theoretical analysis of issues which may, as yet, lack empirical study.

We now invite submissions of original material either for consideration as articles in the main section of the journal or as short notes and/or comments. Potential articles should normally be of 4,000 to 8,000 words in length, while shorter notes should be restricted to a maximum of 2,000 words. Please send your submissions to the Managing Editor at ljanecarr@btinternet.com. Hard copy should be sent to Jane Carr, Managing Editor, Journal of Wine Research, The Granary, Newland Green, Egerton, Kent TN27 9EP, UK. Submissions should neither be under consideration by other publishers nor have been published elsewhere.

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Special Issue on Wine and Health

Wine and health has rightly been the subject of much debate over the past 10 years, with politicians joining academics, medical practitioners and representatives of the wine industry to offer a wide range of often differing research results, policy proposals and opinions.

We believe that there has now been sufficient time for medical research to have been tested, for ideas on social impact and responding policies to have matured, and for the wine industry to have reviewed the responses it has already made and their impact on the industry both up to now and for the future.

The aim of this special issue is therefore to bring together and disseminate current research on wine and health from across a range of disciplines in areas such as :

- medicine (for example, recent research on the advantages of moderate consumption of both red and white wine on heart and other diseases, as well as the negative impact on particular groups ie pregnant women)
- chemistry (analysis of the properties in wine which may have beneficial or adverse effects)
- social policy (industry, government or independent research which has or is likely to influence national and international policy making)
- economics
- consumer responses
- wine industry responses

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- the history and literature of wine
- viticultural and winemaking practices in both the northern and southern hemispheres
- the impact of geography, geology, soil structures and climate on wine production – including global warming
- the chemistry, and the biochemical and microbiological processes, of wine making
- the economics of the wine industry, as a whole or in discreet segments
- sales and marketing strategies for wines produced both by small boutique and garage operations and by multinational corporations
- the theories, complexity and alternative techniques of wine tasting
- and the social impact of wine consumption – including impact on health and behaviour patterns

We are committed to maintaining the interdisciplinary aims and focus of the Journal, and to the balance between theory and practice, because the accumulation of objective research from different fields gives a broader context both for further academic study and for the development and improvement of practices in the international wine industry.

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