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“Seen to offer value for money by just one in four UK adults, still wine could come under fire if household incomes are squeezed following the UK’s vote to exit the EU. Indeed, the drop in the strength of the Pound and the UK’s reliance on imported wine are set to result in rising prices, further undermining its value image.”
– **Amy Price, Senior Food and Drink Analyst**

This report looks at the following areas:

- **Lower/no-alcohol and smaller bottles offer a way to appeal to health-conscious wine drinkers**
- **Wine should do more to leverage the wealth of inherent craft cues**
- **Marketing wine as more ‘fun’ would help to deconstruct traditional notions of the category**

Following a more successful year in 2015 as consumer confidence and incomes improved and both value and volume sales in the wine market rose, both measures are expected to fall in 2016 to 1.3 billion litres and £12.3 billion respectively.

Wine remains a popular drink among UK adults, with 62% buying some type of wine. Still wine continues to dominate, although it is losing ground to the more ‘fun’ categories such as sparkling wine. However, the weakening of the Pound in the wake of the Brexit referendum will put upward pressure on prices of imported goods, including wine. This will lead to rising prices in the market, combining with rising pressures on consumer incomes going forward to hamper volume growth.

The casualisation of sparkling wine and the appeal of Prosecco in particular have continued in the market. Offering an easier-drinking taste profile than Champagne, Prosecco also appeals to those who enjoy making purchase choices they see as savvy. This should help to support the segment going forward.

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