

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO WINE GRAPE MARKET AND PRICES

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Dear sir, madam,

My main concern for our industry in this area would be the inequality of payment offered by some wineries.

I would like to see returned a minimum price, above cost of production, offered to growers by all wineries well ahead of start of vintage. As it stands now, many growers do not know what they are being paid until they are at the wineries wheybridge.

This creates uncertainty in the industry with no coherent planning for future development.

After fifty years in this industry with its many highs and lows the present situation is by far the worst I have experienced.

Hoping for a positive outcome from this enquiry,

Yours faithfully, Tom Brighenti.