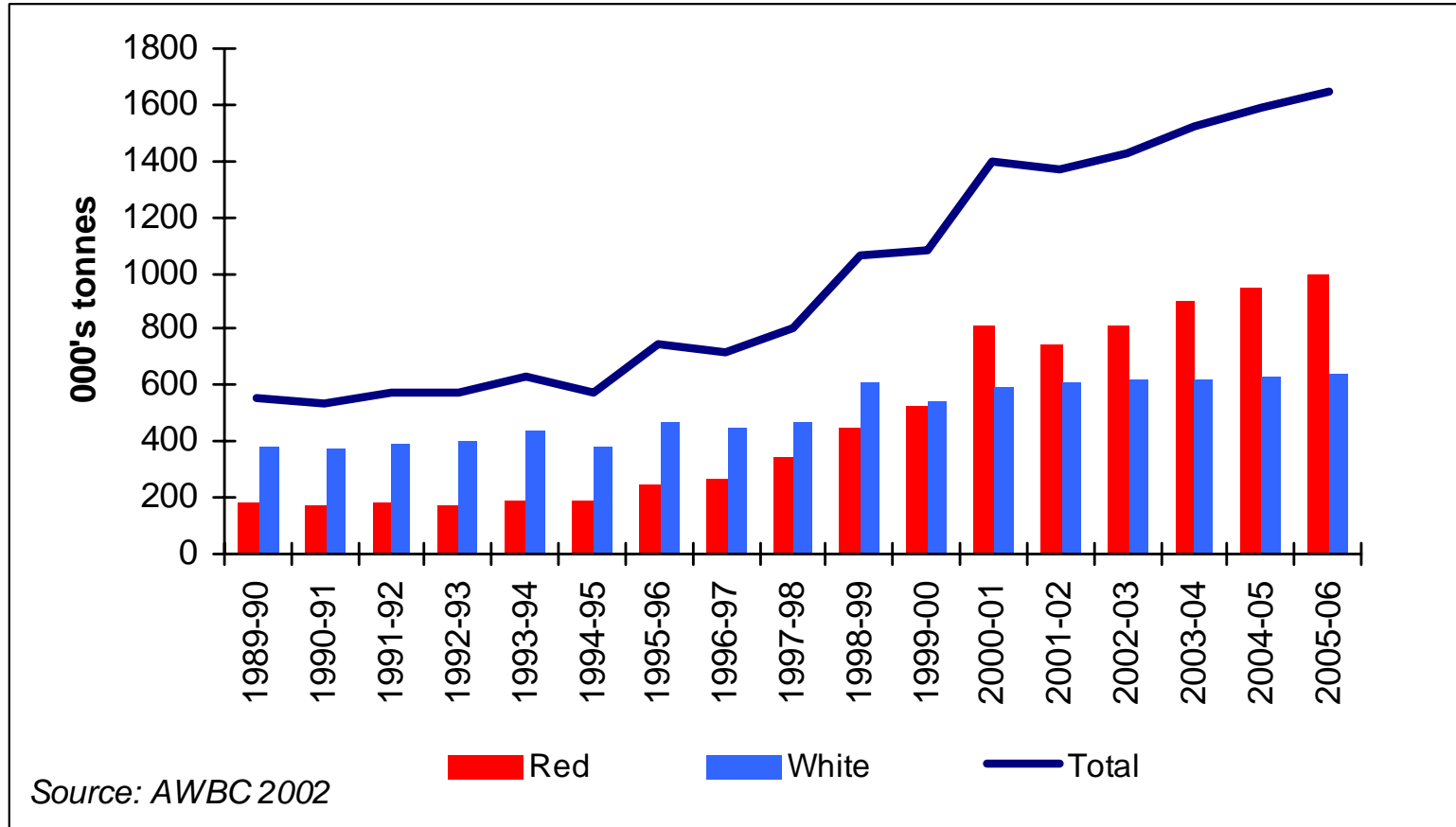


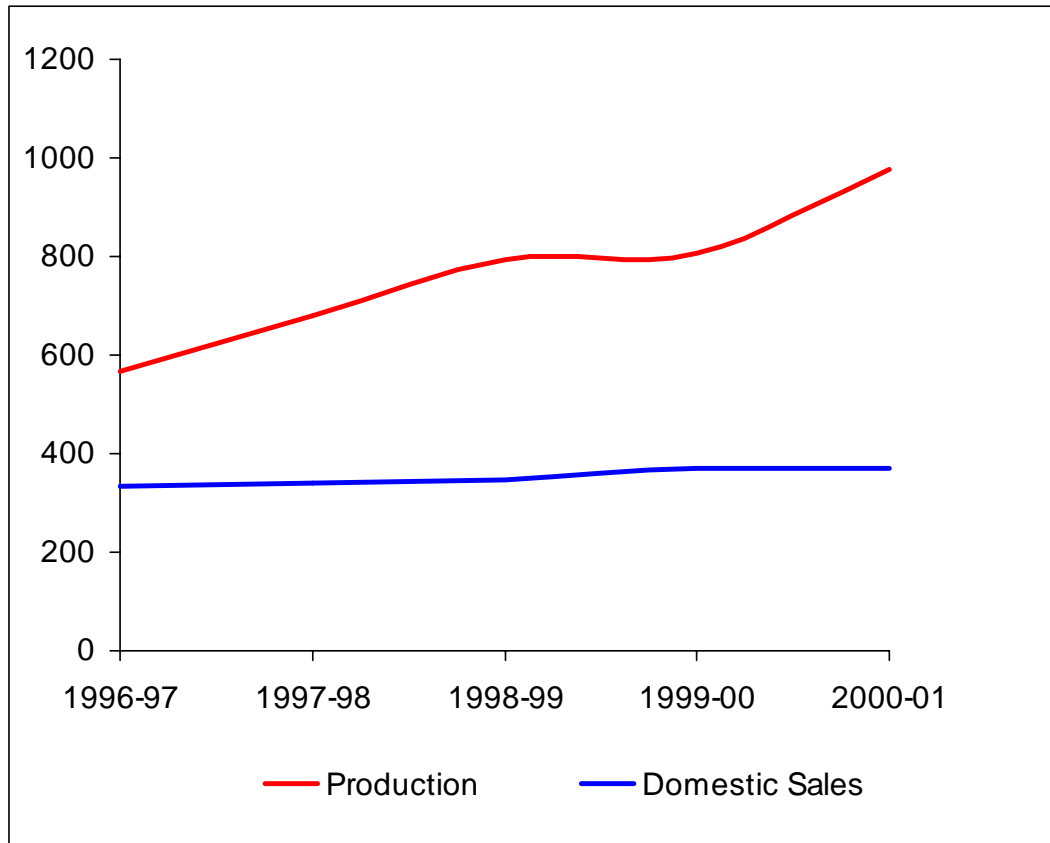
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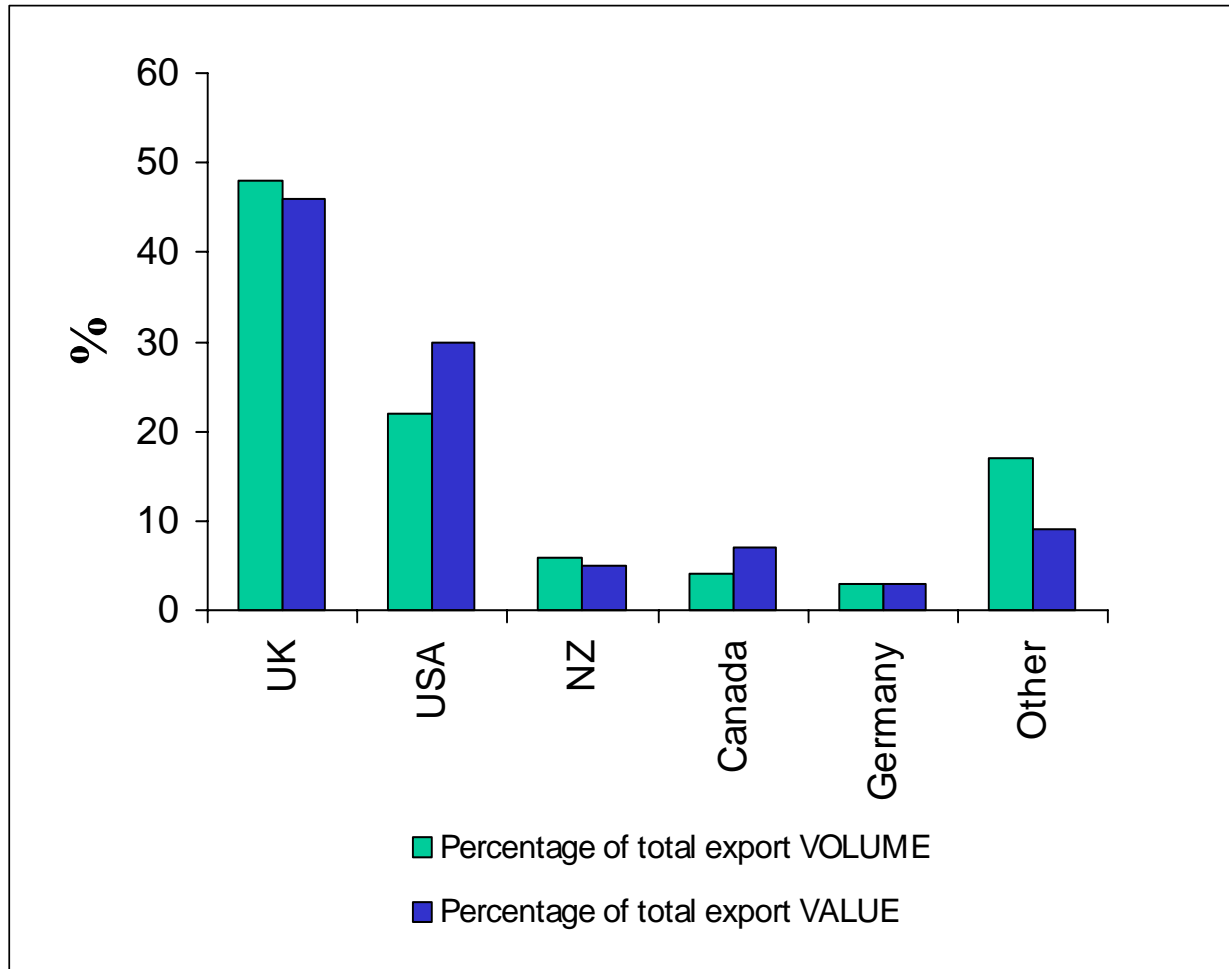
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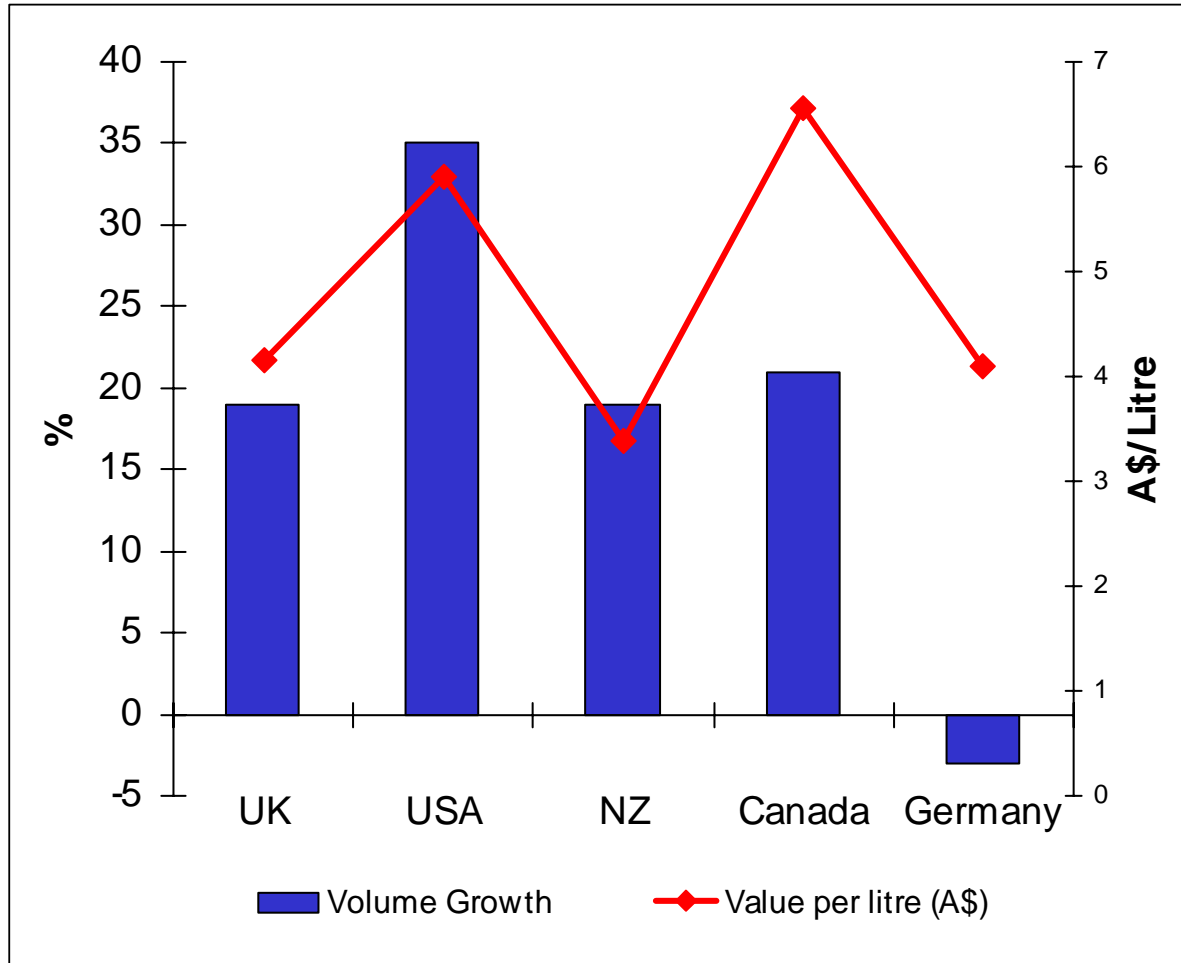
Production versus domestic sales



Australian Wine Exports



Export growth and price



Spectacular growth in exports

UK

- No domestic wine industry
- Australian wine sales grown 53% between 1998 and 2000
- Five largest retailers control 56% of market

US

- In the five years to 2000, US demand has outstripped supply, opening up the market to importers
- However, increased plantings will lead to a 20% increase in domestic supply over the next three years
- High value export market for Australia at \$5.91 per litre

Almost keeping ahead of production



The major producers dominate

Southcorp	25%
Fosters (Beringer Blass)	22%
BRL Hardy	15%
Orlando Wyndham	11%
McGuigan/Simeon Wines	4%
	77%
Approx. 1,300 wineries	23%

Further rationalisation can be expected



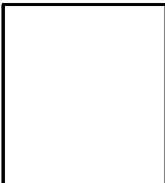
2002 Vintage notes



- **Excellent quality vintage (most regions)**
- **Record sales into USA**
- **Chardonnay in short supply**
- **Some contracted growers paid to leave product on vine**
- **Some growers without contracts having to leave grapes on vine**
- **Stocks of unsold bulk wine**



“The haves v the have nots”



MANAGING RISK IN VINEYARD AND WINERY BUSINESSES

Risk Management Process

- **Identification of key risk areas**
- **Quantification and ranking of risks**
- **Introduction of risk management “tools”**
- **Strategies to minimise risk exposure**



Identification of Key Risk Areas

- **Agricultural risk**
- **Supply/Volume risk**
- **Quality risk**
- **Price/cost risk**
- **Environmental risk**
- **Market risk**
- **Investment/Capital risks**



Agricultural/Growing Risks

- **Resource risk – Land, Water, Climate, Aspect**
- **Clear separation of risks between vineyard & winery**
- **What business are you in - Grape or Wine?**
- **Conversion risk > Brand Equity**
- **Role of Grape Contracts – Qualitative, Quantitative & Commercial**



Supply/Volume Risk

- **Agricultural industry – seasonal/regional variations**
- **Supply security – “hit” rates**
- **Yield guidelines/tonnage caps**
- **Flexibility – grapes &/or bulk wine**
- **Capacity constraints**
- **Vintage spread – overhead recovery**



Quality Risk

- **What does “Quality” mean?**
- **“End Use” potential v’s “Purity and Condition”**
- **Clear end use targets and purity & condition standards**
- **Field & Weighbridge rejection procedures**
- **Arbitration on purity & condition**
- **Transparency on end use classification**
- **Contribution of science – Grape & Wine Levies**



Cooperative Research Centre for Viticulture

- **Program 1 – Vineyard management to meet grape quality specifications**
- **Program 2 – Sustainable vineyard systems**
- **Program 3 – Improved grapevine performance and grape quality through gene technology**
- **Approx. A\$30M spent past 10 years – further A\$12.5M next 3 years – “Innovation” is Australia’s competitive advantage**



Price/Cost Risk

- **Clarity of Pricing arrangements prior to vintage**
- **Pricing commensurate with quality delivered**
- **Two-way obligation**
- **Bonus and Penalty measures tied to end use and purity & condition**
- **Prevent cost “cascading” – COGS impact**



Environmental Risk

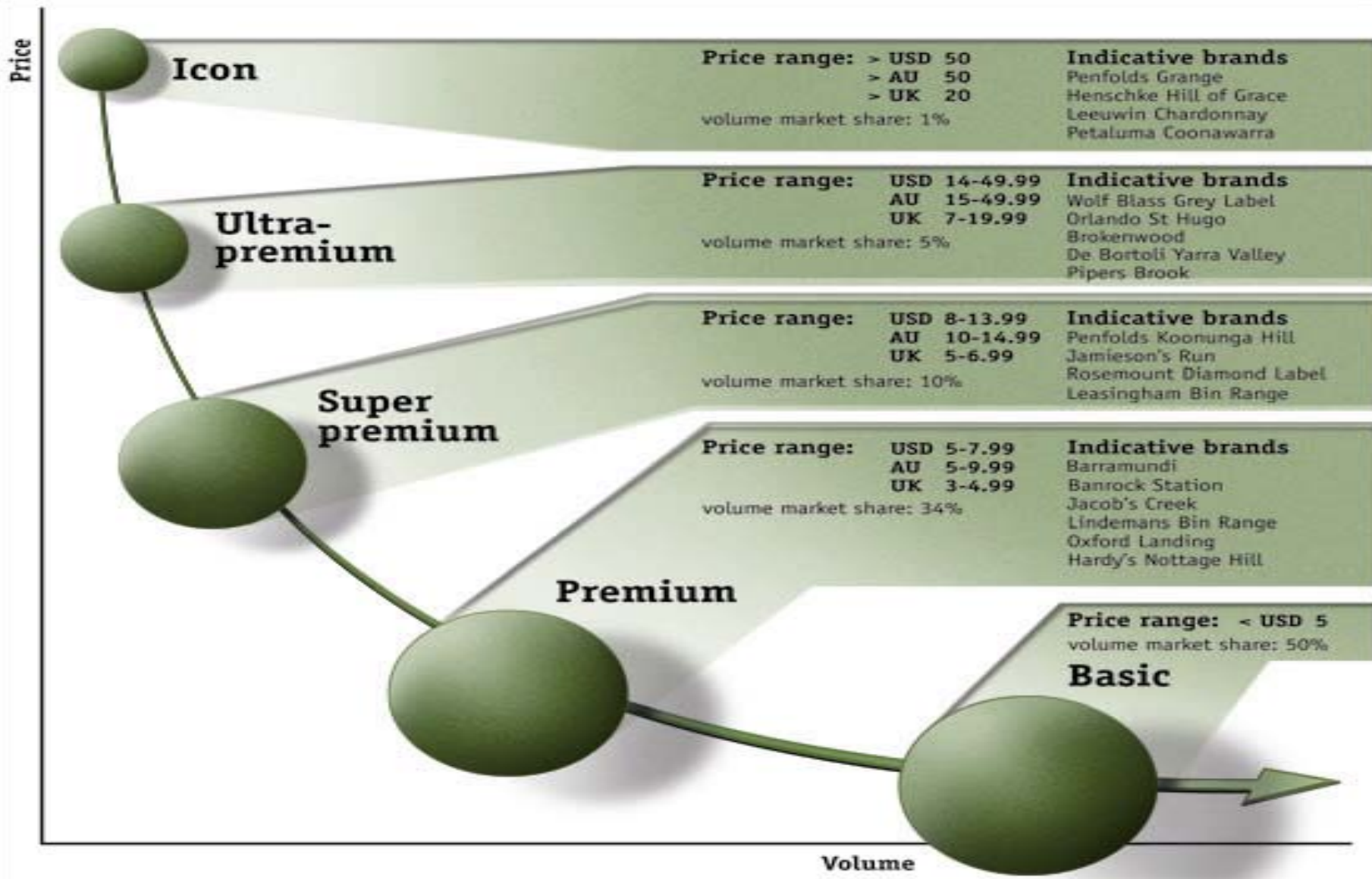
- **Compliance – EPA, MRL, LIP**
- **Consumer – Food Standards, GMO's,**
- **Brand/Corporate Image**
- **Accreditation – HACCP, EMS**
- **Non-Tariff Barriers**



Market Risk

- **Branded product v's bulk wine – Domestic/Export**
- **Forex**
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Investment/Capital Risks

- **Quantification & Ranking of identified risks**
- **Development of risk management tools & strategies**
- **Asset allocation**
- **Supply - vineyard ownership v's "control"**
 - **supply security targets/controls**
- **Processing & Storage – Contingency for agricultural variations**
- **"Virtual" Wine Companies**
- **Inventory – range & mix – maturation – stock turns - "ego" v's cash flow**

