

政府踢爆 紅酒零售食水深

政府踢爆零售商超高價賣紅酒食水深。庫務局一項酒店及西式餐廳出售葡萄酒價格調查發現，每瓶葡萄酒的出廠價與零售價差距甚遠，一瓶出廠價一百七十多美元的法國紅酒，在酒店的售價高達二千五百多元，利潤竟達十二倍，一些出廠價僅十元的廉價餐酒，在酒店及蘭桂坊竟以一百九十元出售。政府擬擬有向地以此作為加葡萄酒稅的理由，指當局稅收是以出廠價計算，因此葡萄酒稅增加的影響十分輕微。

財政司司長梁錦松在財政預算案中提出大幅調高葡萄酒稅率，由百分之六十增至百

分之八十。庫務局向立法會遞交的文件指出，當局就酒店、蘇豪區及蘭桂坊的西式餐廳內出售的葡萄酒價格進行調查，五月中出售的二十種葡萄酒價格顯示，一瓶出廠價的一百七十五元的葡萄酒，在酒店的零售價達二千五百六十元（見表），出廠價只佔零售價約百分之七。

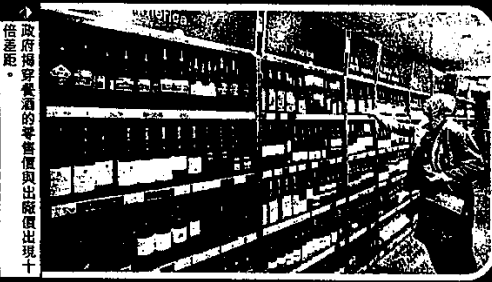
廠價10元餐廳售190

蘇豪區及蘭桂坊多間西式餐廳十八種葡萄酒，售價調查發現一瓶約值十元的葡萄酒，在蘭桂坊有西式餐廳售價即達一百九十

元。當局指該十八種葡萄酒的稅款增幅介乎零售價的百分之一點三四至六點七五，每瓶的額外應繳稅款為二元三仙至四十三元七仙不等。

不過，有關餐廳卻加稅後，葡萄酒的零售價加幅百分之八至九，由十六元五角至六十四元四角不等。

飲食界立法會議員張宇人批評，政府不應以葡萄酒出廠價直接與零售價作比較，指零售價包括運費及進口商利潤，再加上稅收及零售商利潤，因此大幅增加葡萄酒稅必定影響零售價。



政府踢爆零售商的零售價與出廠價出現十倍差距。

十大出廠價及售價差幅最大的葡萄酒

出售地方	售價(\$)	出廠價(\$)	差幅	所繳稅款(\$)
蘭桂坊西式餐廳	190	10.13	17倍8	6.08
酒店	1,556	93.11	15倍7	55.87
蘭桂坊西式餐廳	347.22	23.31	13倍9	13.99
酒店	2,560	175.50	13倍6	105.3
蘭桂坊西式餐廳	287.04	20.54	13倍	12.32
酒店	300	21.58	12倍9	12.95
酒店	1,560	117.52	12倍3	70.51
酒店	330	25.97	11倍7	15.58
蘇豪區西式餐廳	218.35	18.59	10倍8	11.15
蘭桂坊西式餐廳	206.48	18.72	10倍	11.23

Drinkers charged 19 times vineyard prices

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Hong Kong restaurant customers pay up to 19 times more for a bottle of wine than it costs at the vineyard door.

A Finance Bureau survey of four hotels and two restaurants identified large discrepancies in value for money. Drinkers who paid more than \$1,500 for a bottle of wine in one hotel got a drop for which producers charged less than \$100. However, those who ordered wine with a similar price at a second hotel got wine with a vineyard cost of almost \$500.

A Lan Kwai Fong restaurant cited by the bureau charged drinkers \$190 for a bottle which originally cost \$10.

The survey - attacked as misleading by industry players - was conducted to justify an increase on the duty on wine.

"As the duty is levied on the ex-factory price of wine, rather than its far higher retail price, the actual effect of the proposed increase in duty will be minimal," authorities concluded in a written submission to the Bills Committee.

The increase in duty for most of the wines sold in four hotels surveyed, along with a restaurant in Soho and one in Lan Kwai Fong, accounted for just 1.2 per cent to 3.1 per cent of retail prices, the bureau said.

The Lan Kwai Fong restaurant on average charged 10 times more than the vineyard for wines, the Soho restaurant seven times and the hotels between six times and 14 times.

The increase in duty charged on the factory price, from 60 per cent to 80 per cent, is provisional at this stage and needs to be confirmed by Legco to become permanent. It was announced in the March Budget.

The chairman of the Lan Kwai Fong Association, Allan Zeman, said the Finance Bureau figures were misleading because establishments in Hong Kong did not pay the factory price. Instead they paid distribution agents whose costs included government duty and transport costs, he said.

Restaurants generally charged about three times what they paid for wine, with the profit margin essential to business survival because the mark-up was lower on food, he said.

Mr Zeman said it would be better for Hong Kong if the duty on wine was lowered, leaving tourists with a better impression and enabling people to drink more so the Government collected more wine tax.