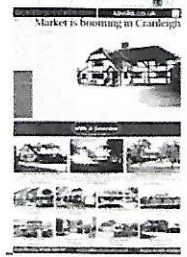




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RESEARCH has confirmed that although overall alcohol consumption has only increased slightly in the last few years, the trend towards drinking wine at the expense of beers and spirits continues.

As a consequence of this change with drinking habits, combined with the fact that collecting and keeping fine wines can be very lucrative, it is not surprising that wine storage is now being taken very seriously.

"Climate controlled, tanked rooms with floor to ceiling racks to accommodate hundreds if not thousands of bottles are now a regular feature in house refurbishments," said Simon Buhl Davies of [redacted] Interior Services.

In the Esher area alone [redacted] is currently marketing several properties with cellars.