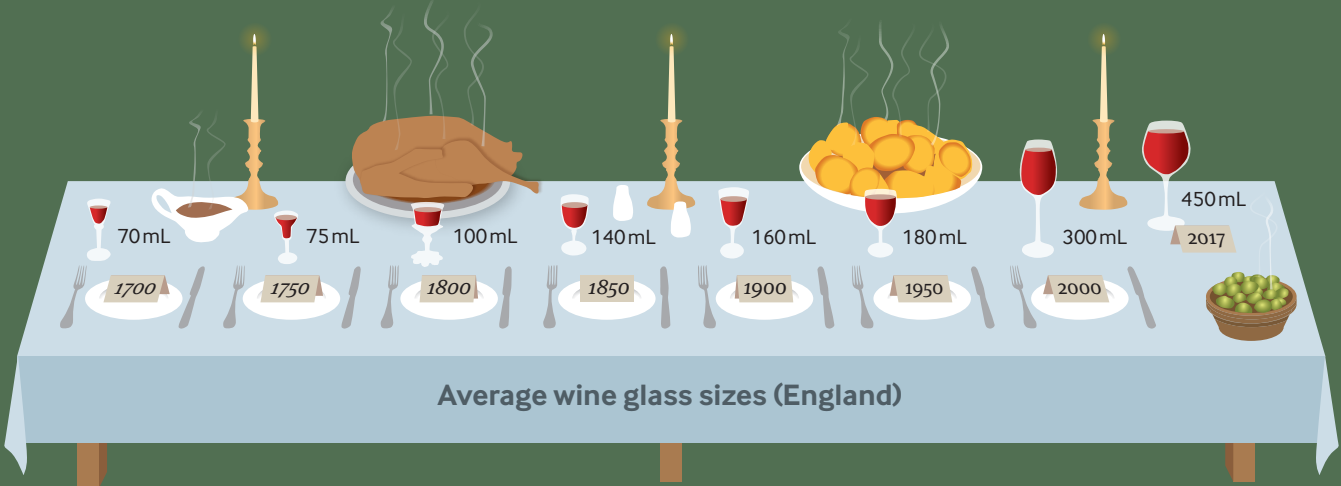


English wine glass sizes through the ages

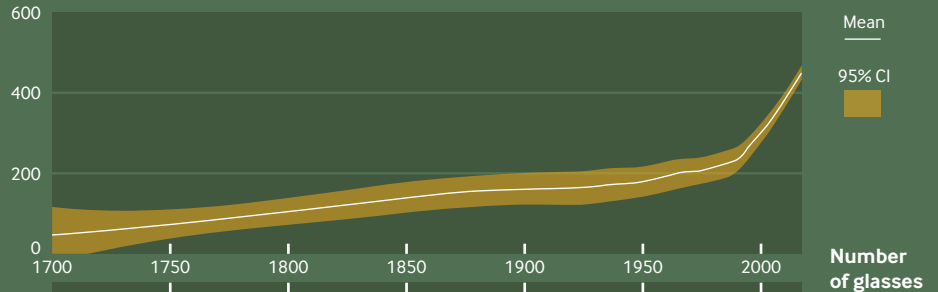
In the past 300 years, the size of wine glasses in England has been seen to increase dramatically. By combining measurements of 411 glasses from five sources, Marteau and colleagues have charted the consistent swelling of the mean volume of wine glasses since 1700.



Average wine glass sizes (England)

Measurements from five sources were used because a single source could not be found that captured wine glass size over the period of interest.

Capacity (mL)



Source	Period	Number of glasses
Ashmolean Museum, Oxford	1700–1800	43
Royal Household	1808–1947	24
eBay	1840–2016	65
Dartington Crystal catalogues	1967–2017	180
John Lewis department store website	2016	99



These measurements suggest that today's average wine glass is more than 6 times larger than those available 300 years ago.

The authors suggest that glass size could be contributing to the rise in wine consumption in England, along with other factors such as reduced price, increased availability and marketing.

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