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1: MARRIED COUPLE Joey Wolosz and Jeff Durham McCollum, founders of Gentleman Farmer – the only openly gay-owned family winery in Napa Valley – have pledged to donate 10% of their Pride month proceeds in June to the It Gets Better Project, a non-profit created to support and connect LGBTQ+ youth.

2: AINSLEY HARRIOTT, the iconic British TV chef, has teamed up with rum brand Duppy Share and rum bar owner Sly Augustin on a 'Pairing is Sharing' campaign to create a series of authentic food recipes and Caribbean-inspired cocktails. The former *Ready Steady Cook* host showcased the dishes at Laylow in London.

3: SISTERS CARA, Poppy, and Chloe Delevingne have secured £3 million in funding to accelerate the growth of Prosecco brand Della Vite in the UK, the US, and Europe. Miguel and Laura Riascos, founders of La Hechicera craft rum, spearheaded a successful investment round for the Prosecco brand, and will now join the board.

4: ACCLAIMED FASHION designer Kim Jones, formerly of Louis Vuitton and Dior, and the current artistic director for Fendi, has launched a special collection with Cognac brand Hennessy X.O featuring a collectible sneaker, decanter, and limited-edition bottle. This marks the first time that Maison Hennessy has partnered with a clothing designer.

5: PROWEIN 2023 rolled out the red carpet this year for pop princess Kylie Monigue, who was joined by *the drinks business'* managing editor Sarah Neish for a night of drinks and canapés, with the *Can't Get You Out of My Head* singer's range of wines.

6: JENNIFER REGAN-LEFEBVRE, a British imperialism and wine historian, bagged this year's André Simon Drink Award for *Imperial Wine*, a lesson on the colonial roots of the international wine trade, at a ceremony in London this March.



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