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Q Which London-based fine wine trader is particularly devastated by today's news of the closure of which brewery?

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Answers to follow here.

Like that same day... Answers are pouring in and many of you have guessed correctly that the brewer to be closed is Young's of Worsworth. Britain's oldest whose beers are to be brewed by Charles Wals of Bedford. Many of you therefore think I am referring to Young's wine arm, Cockburn & Campbell, but I did refer specifically to a fine wine trader, rather than a general merchant. Below is some relevant correspondence. You're looking for a beer-drinking, south London fine wine trader who is not a grammarian. Come on, come on! If you've already a purple page I'll give you a sub to give to someone else, or extend your own membership by 12 months!

fine wine trader sends giant emailout with lines of the closure:

WHAT A DISASTER!

THIS IS THE MOST TERRIBLE NEWS ...!

me:

My deepest condolences.

fine wine trader:

Thank! Some of us are close to tears.....

fine wine trader's customer:

"Vertically integrated me arse!" (a comment on the jargon in the press release)

My sympathies....

But as robust mercantilists bring in a capitalist economy, you can't have it all ways. Move's a Paribu's Buntbühel please, mate, rest thee yours up.

Aunty?

Robert Rids, fellow fine wine trader, Hamsworth (ironically, north of the Thames)

What do you expect from Sael London? My advice, buy shares in Fuller's.

Rid Chase, Adams:

Debut! The first paper beer I drank - when Patern and Eldridge Pipes. Thank god for Adams. I shall walk in a pint on your behalf at lunchtime.

Chase Down, but not Out

fine wine trader:

Rid,

Thank God for Adams indeed. There's not many real brewers left now.....

Have one for me!

24 May (Judgment of Paris re-run day) I can't bear it. I'm doing to give the sub away and the answer seems so obvious to me! A firm of London fine wine traders south of the river who enjoy a pint of Young's... I'm still being sent all sorts of answers that aren't south of the river and aren't fine wine traders. See my recent [post](#) of same...

A few minutes later... Congratulations to Ben Williams who has supplied the right answer at last: **Pet Vintners**. The biggest of all and the only London fine wine trader I can think of south of the river in fact, though doubtless I am overlooking someone. Ben is already a purple page and is gamely plumping for an additional 12 months of purple prose.