

New York: Wine Will Return to the Menu

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The state budget deal was reached with barely a peep about a proposal to allow wine sales in grocery stores, which in recent years was advanced in budget talks as a way to raise \$300 million. But supporters of WIGS, as it is known, say the issue is far from dead this session. They expect legislation to be introduced, hearings to be held and a major push made for passage before the session ends in late June. Post-budget, the emphasis will be on the economic impact-backers say the measure would create 6,300 jobs in the first year-rather than on revenue for the state.