Category Shifting and Wine Consumption

Wine Market Council Webinar

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Agenda

- 1) Economic Overview
- 2) Wine Consumers Current Situation
- 3) Methodology & Research Results
- 4) Cannabis Impact
- 5) Key Take-Aways for the Wine Industry

Economic Overview



October rate of inflation remains stable

"Soft Landing" may not be the case for every category
On premise inflation still high above the average

U.S. CPI Inflation Rate



Nov Dec

'22

Jan Feb

'23

'23

'23

'23

'23

Economist Poll WSJ:

"Chance of recession is now below 50%"



3.2

3.2

3.7

'23

3.7

'23

6.7

Shelter

5.3

BevAl away from home

3.3

Total BevAl

3.7

2.7

BevAl at home

All Food

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics – Consumer Price Index

Oct



Aug

Sep



Taking price on Wine has been a mixture of strategies

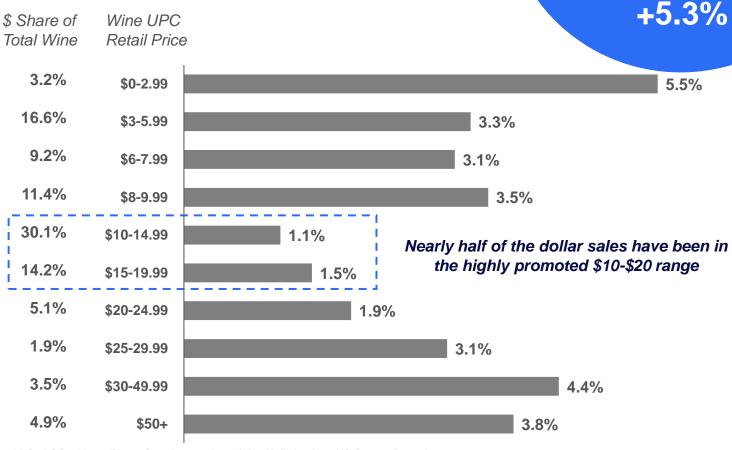
With additional pressure on volume, look for some increased promo activity



Off Premise inflation and pricing may begin to make at home entertaining more appealing

Wine Price Tiers-Price Change vs. YAGO

NIQ off-premise channels



Total US xAOC + Liquor Plus + Conv L52 weeks 11/4/23 / Inflation from US Census Reporting



Wine Inflation

At Home

+1.1%

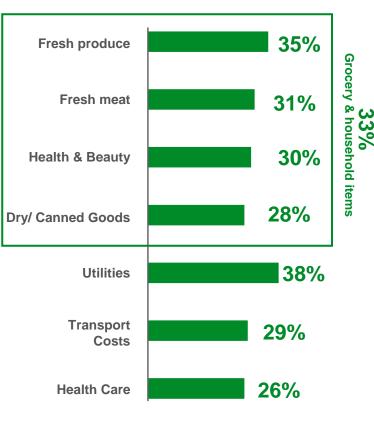
Away from Home

Wallet shifts during pressured times

FMCG categories central to 2023 consumer spending intentions



Spending more

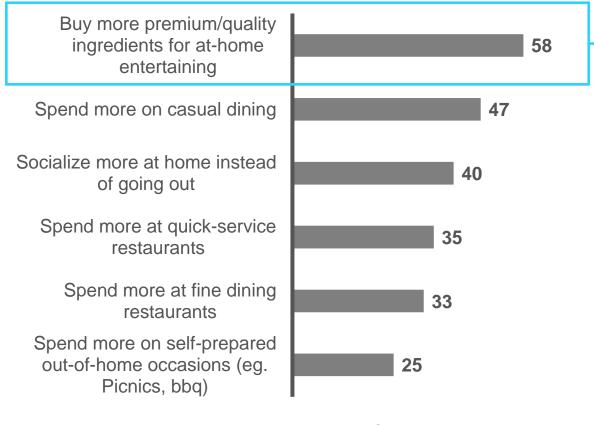


Source: NIQ 2023 Mid Year Consumer Outlook Survey Interpreted as: "43% of US respondents plan to spend less on Out-of-home (OOH) Dining and Eating"



Despite financial concerns, some consumers are willing to pay a premium for socializing

Top spending habits of those who will spend **MORE** on socializing



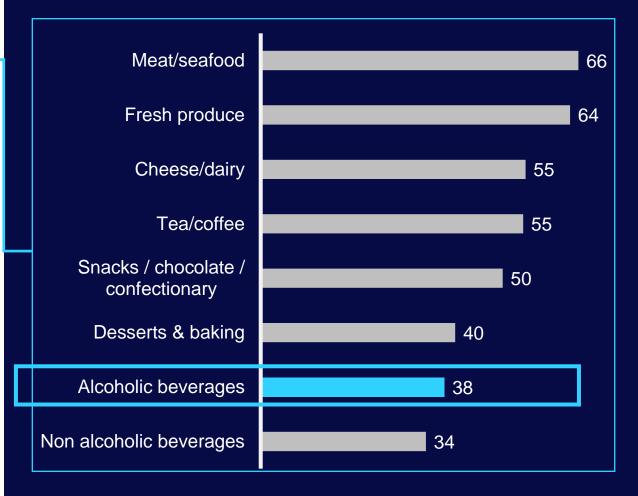
■ % respondents - who will spend MORE on socializing

Source: NIQ Mid Year Consumer Outlook Survey 2023

NIQ WINE MARKET

Premium Alcohol is a socializing luxury

These consumers are most likely to **upgrade to a better meat or seafood option** this holiday season



Wine Consumers - Current Situation



Generational Impact

Recruitment is not easy, but Wine needs to find a way to supplement older consumers who are driving volume currently.

Total Wine by generational group – Total US



Generation Z (21+)



Millennials



Generation X



Boomer/traditionalist

% change in **buyers**

+1.5%

Total panel

+50.6%

+3.0%

+5.9%

-6.5%



value per buyer

\$208

\$134

\$193

\$212

\$228

purchase cycle (in # days)

27 days

36 days

30 days

26 days

24 days

 $Source: NIQ\ Omnishopper,\ Total\ U.S., Latest\ 52\ weeks\ ended\ 06/17/2023\ vs.\ year-ago;\ Gen\ Z\ is\ legal\ drinking\ age\ 21+\ on\ this\ slide$



Health is top of mind for U.S. consumers, even when it comes to alcohol. Over the last two years, sales of "better for you" wine products grew 35%.

Better For You (BFY) wine trended \$ sales

NIQ Beverage alcohol vertical, December 2022







Consumers are bringing their growing health consciousness to the wine aisle. They want vino with less sugar, fewer calories, and more sustainable production practices.

"Better for you" (BFY) wine is still a relatively small branch of total wine sales in the off-premise channel, but it's growing fast.

Fastest growing attributes stated on BFY wines

Ranked on L52 week dollar sales % change vs year ago

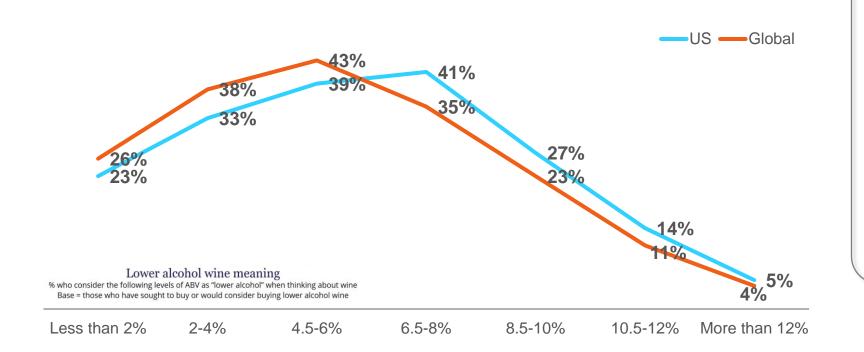
1	Free from high fructose corn syrup	New
2	EU organic farming	New
3	100 calories or less (per serving)	+132.6%
4	Sugar free	+128.7%
5	Eco friendly certified	+112.6%

Source: NIQ, What's happening with Better for You (BFY) wines?, https://nielseniq.com/global/en/insights/analysis/2023/the-better-for-you-wine-category-continues-to-expand/#BFY



There is growing opportunity for lower-alcohol wine in the market, with moderation being the trend

Expected ABV levels for low-alcohol wine amongst US regular wine drinkers Wine Intelligence Report





Mindful drinking trend: Mindful drinking is becoming more popular. A larger proportion of wine drinkers are increasing their lower and no-alcohol consumption as a result of reducing their alcohol intake.

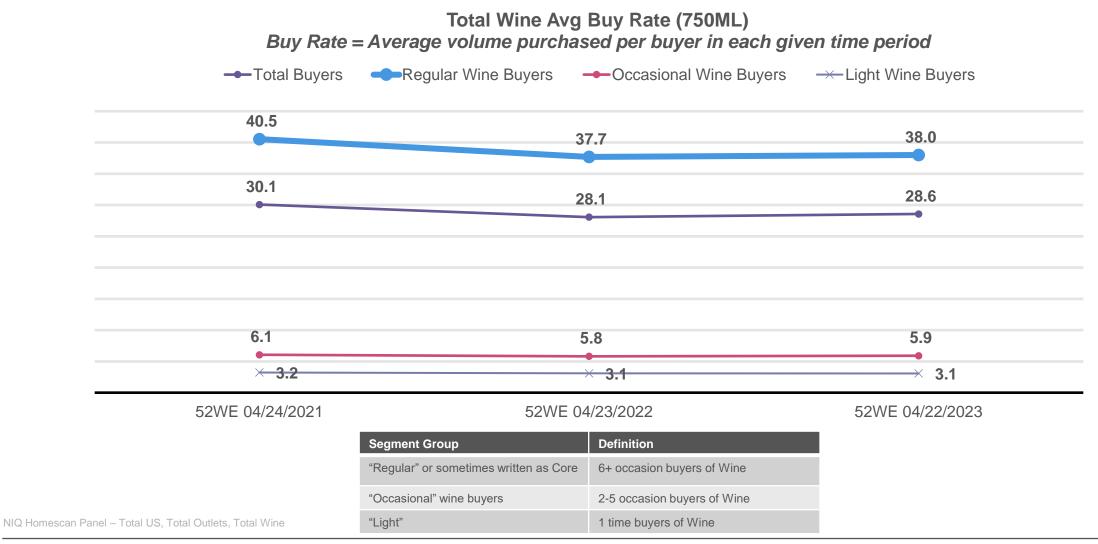
Moderation is a core driver of this, with a 'less but better' attitude among wine drinkers.

Source: Wine Intelligence Report, GROWING OPPORTUNITY FOR LOWER ALCOHOL WINE IN THE US MARKET. https://www.wineintelligence.com/growing-opportunity-for-lower-alcohol-wine-in-the-us-market/



Total Wine has seen a decline in Penetration over the past 3 years

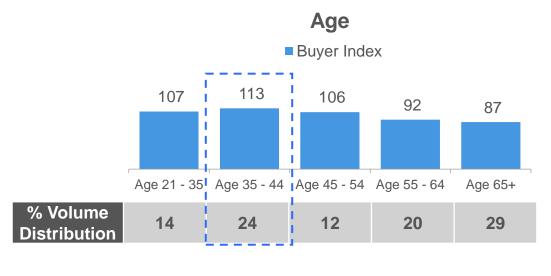
Less valuable Regular and Occasional Wine buyers trickling down, with heavier Regular buyers still remaining Regular buyers are responsible for largest portion of volume

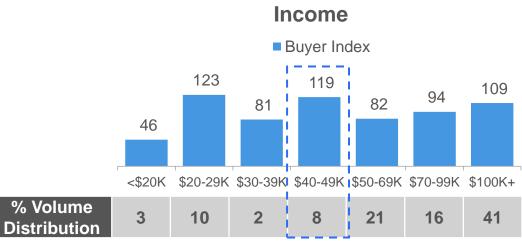




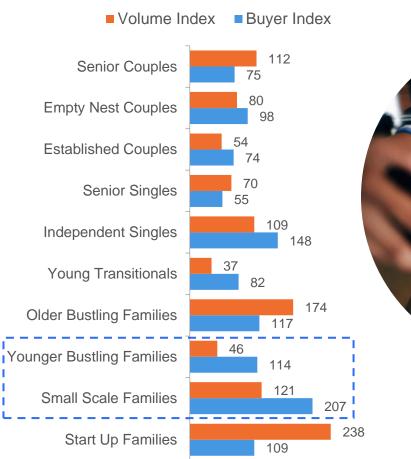
Demographics of Lost Regular Wine Buyers

Wine buyers who have dropped out of regular purchasing index highest for 35-44, \$40-70K income, 3-4 member households Lost = Households who purchased in P1 and not in P2









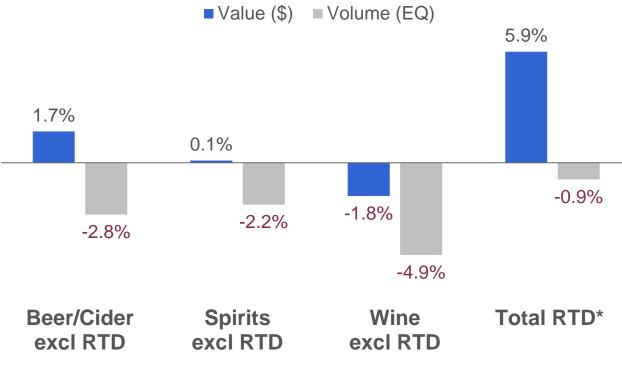


Source: NIQ Homescan Panel; Lost Buyer Demographics; 52WE 6/17/23 vs YA



Excluding RTDs, annual growth is tough to come by

Beverage Alcohol by Category (excl RTDs) - Value and Volume Change NIQ off-premise channels



^{45.2} 22.2 20.6 11.9 Share

Source: NIQ Scan Off Premise Channels; Discover Integrated Beer, Wine, & Spirits database; Latest 52 weeks ending 12/30/2023 vs. year ago





^{*} Total RTD = Seltzers / FMBs / Spirits RTDs / Wine RTDs

Research Results

Wine Category Shifting Study Part 2 - Survey



Sample design and research approach



Online Quantitative survey, conducted in English



Field dates: Oct 6, 2023 – Oct 26, 2023



Average completion time: ~12 minutes

Representative of US General Population,



N=1,500 total completes + booster for Asian Americans (n=150)

Northeast: 342

Midwest: 269

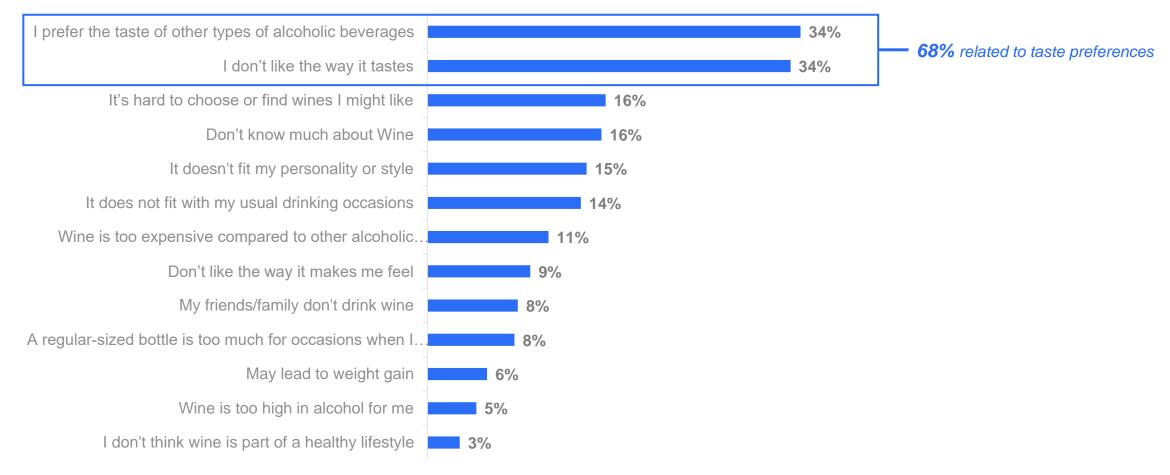
South: 592

West: 297

Sample Distribution Total Sample Achieved, N=1,500									
Age	(n=1500)	%							
21-24	78	5%	Male	590	39%				
25-29	183	12%	Female	910	61%				
30-39	402	27%	Income	(n=1500)	%				
40-49	289	19%	Less than \$25,000	165	11%				
50-59	257	17%	\$25,000-\$49,999	352	23%				
60-65	142	9%	\$50,000-\$74,999	317	21%				
65+	149	10%	\$75,000-\$99,999	229	15%				
Racial Background	(n=1500)	%	\$100,000-\$124,999	139	9%				
Caucasian or White	1032	69%	\$125,000-\$149,999	126	8%				
Hispanic or Latino	251	17%	\$150,000-\$199,999	100	7%				
Black or African American	263	18%	\$200,000 or more	55	4%				
Asian or Asian American	70	5%							
American Indian or Alaska Native	45	3%							
Other	15	1							
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	9	1%							

Those who don't drink Wine often or at all say their reasoning is mostly due to taste preference

Why they don't drink Wine often or at all



SCQ9. You mentioned you don't drink Wine (Table/sparkling) even once every 2-3 months. Please tell us the reason(s) for not drinking wine often or at all. (n=1306)



Drinking Less Wine



Alcohol consumption is largely at home/other people's homes, especially for Hard Seltzers, Beer, and Table/Still Wine

Alcohol consumption in past 12 months

	Table/Still Wine A	Sparkling Wine B	Beer of any type	Spirit/ Liquor/ Cocktails D	Fortified wine such as Port, Sherry, Vermouth E	Fruit or fruit- flavored wine F	Wine- based drinks G	Cider H	Premixed/ Ready-to- drink cocktails	Hard seltzers/ hard tea J
Base:	1326	871	1096	1158	304	557	636	500	645	797
At home or at other people's homes	89% BDEGHI	83%	90% BDEFGHI	84%	80%	87% EGH	81%	80%	86% EGH	91% BDEFGHI
Bars, Restaurants, Wine Bars, Events, Clubs, etc.	56% BFHIJ	51% FIJ	71% ABEFGHIJ	71% ABEFGHIJ	53% FIJ	45%	58% BFHIJ	49%	45%	45%









Self-reported wine consumption is stable with a negative trend of 22% less Those cutting back on wine are also consuming fewer other alcoholic beverages

Shift in alcoholic beverage consumption

	Table/Still Wine A	Sparkling Wine B	Beer of any type C	Spirit/ Liquor/ Cocktails D	Fortified wine such as Port, Sherry, Vermouth E	Fruit or fruit- flavored wine F	Wine- based drinks G	Cider H	Premixed /Ready- to-drink cocktails	Hard seltzers/ hard tea J
Base:	1320	862	1088	1152	302	552	627	493	643	792
Less often	22%	22%	24% E	23% E	18%	20%	21%	23%	21%	22%
About the same	60% CDFJ	57% J	55%	56% J	59% J	54%	59% J	57% J	56%	51%
More often	18%	20%	21% A	20%	23% A	25% ABD GH	19%	19%	23% A	26% ABC DGH



QCC2: Thinking about the following alcoholic beverages would you say the amount you consume these days is:

ABCDE – score is significantly higher than indicated group (at 95% confidence interval)



Consumers are drinking less Still/Table wine due to cost, while declines in Sparkling Wine have more to do with the Taste

Why they drink less...

STILL/TABLE WINE



- Too expensive compared to other alcoholic beverages (17%)
- No specific reason, just choosing other drinks more often (12%)
- Drinking less alcohol in general (8%)

SPARKLING WINE



- Less of a taste for it/their tastes have changed (23%)
- Started to prefer other types of drinks (11%)
- Don't socialize or have as many wine-drinking occasions as they used to (10%)

STILL/TABLE/SPARKLING WINE



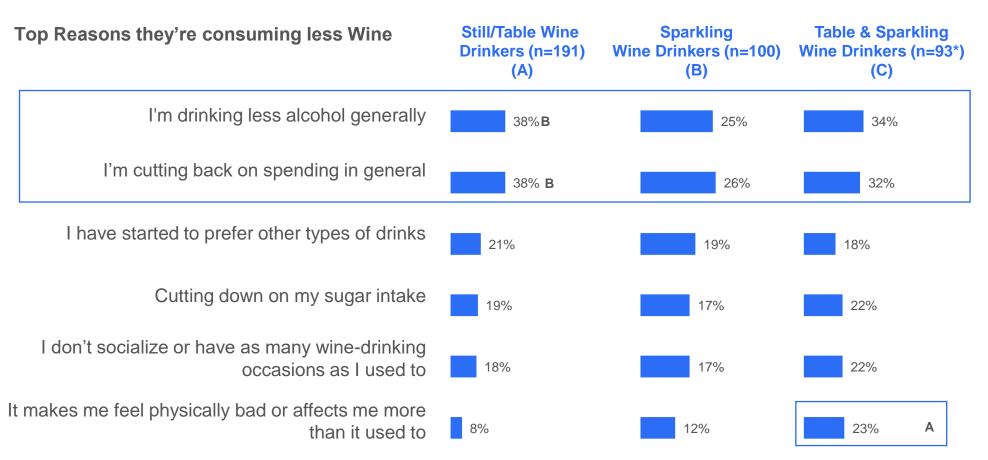
- Too expensive compared to other alcoholic beverages (13%)
- Drinking less alcohol in general (12%)
- Less of a taste for it/their tastes have changed (11%)

QCC 3. You mentioned that you consume LESS [PIPE IN WINE TYPE FROM QCC2] these days; please tell us what made you drink LESS of this Wine? (Open-ended) Still/Table n=191, Sparkling n=100, Still/table/sparkling n = 93*



Among those overall consumers drinking less wine, the top reasons are that they're drinking less alcohol in general and that they're cutting back on their spending

Those who decline to drink both types of wine state it is also because wine impacts their physical health





More Males are consuming less
Sparkling wine due to healthrelated reasons (e.g. cutting
down on sugar) than women,
as well as cutting back on
spending in general.

More in younger age groups (Millennials and Gen X) are consuming less Still/Table wine in general, one of the reason being it's too expensive compared to other alcoholic beverages compared to older generations (Boomers and Seniors)

QCC 4. Are any of the following important reasons that you are consuming less [PIPE IN WINE TYPE FROM QCC2] these days? Select all that apply.

ABCDE – score is significantly higher than indicated group (at 95% confidence interval)



Random Forest Analysis of Drivers of Drinking More/Less Wine

Random Forest is an analytical technique using an advanced Machine Learning algorithm, which we used to predict classification as an increaser/decreaser in wine consumption. The solution then ranks accuracy of variables as predictors.

Random Forest:

500 classification trees are built with random subsets of predictors and respondents. The trees then vote to obtain a final classification.

O1 63 Variables were selected as possible predictors of changes in Wine drinking

O2 A Random Forest, an advanced Machine Learning algorithm was used to fit a model to predict changes in wine drinking in the past 12 months

O3 Importance of each predictor variable is assessed by measuring the decrease in accuracy of the model if a variable is dropped.

O4 The most important variables are returned to help structure the analysis story.



Those who are drinking less table wine are drinking less of the category overall



Among those drinking less Still/Table Wine	Among those drinking about the same Still/Table Wine	Among those drinking more Still/Table Wine	Drinking more vs. less
61%	13%	11%	50
64%	15%	12%	52
67%	13%	6%	61
69%	10%	7%	62
65%	11%	10%	55



Similarly, those who are drinking less sparkling wine are also drinking less of Table Wine and Hard Seltzers



Among those drinking less Sparkling Wine	Among those drinking about the same Sparkling Wine	Among those drinking more Sparkling Wine	Drinking more vs. less
60%	10%	4%	56
59%	13%	13%	46
49% Monthly Plus	57% Monthly Plus	73% Monthly Plus	24
61%	65%	82%	21
45%	42%	56%	11



Among those consuming less alcohol in general, spending reductions or economic concerns are key

Health concerns and impact of alcohol an important secondary driver

Top 5 Reasons they're consuming less Alcohol in general

I'm cutting back on cost due to economic conditions (47%)

Alcohol affects me more than it used to (38%)

Alcoholic beverages have become too expensive compared to what they used to cost (33%)

I don't think drinking alcohol is healthy (28%)

It makes me feel physically bad (25%)



More Marginal Wine drinkers are cutting back on costs due to economic conditions



More Males than Females are consuming less alcohol in general due to a recommendation from a health professional and due to medical reasons

QCC 4a. You mentioned 'I'm drinking less alcohol generally'. Could you please tell us the reason(s) why? (n=130)



Nearly ½ of those that prefer Other types of Drinks over wine specifically prefer Spirits/Liquor

This is largely due to taste preference

Top 5 Other types of drinks they prefer over wine and Why



Drinking More Wine



Those who drink more Still/Table wine do so for a variety of reasons, namely for the way it makes them feel, the way it compliments what they're eating, or for the taste

Why they drink more...



STILL/TABLE WINE

Main Themes:

- Makes them feel more relaxed/laid back (12%)
- Compliments specific food/dishes better than other drinks (11%)
- Tastes better than most other alcoholic beverages (11%)



SPARKLING WINE

Main Themes:

- Tastes better than most other alcoholic beverages (15%)
- Acquired more of a taste for it (15%)
- Makes them feel more relaxed/laid back (5%)





STILL/TABLE/SPARKLING WINE

Main Themes:

- Tastes better than most other alcoholic beverages (13%)
- Makes me feel better (8%)
- Helps deal with stress/anxiety(7%)

QCC5. You mentioned that you consume MORE [PIPE IN WINE TYPE FROM QCC2] these days; please tell us what made you drink MORE of this wine? (Open-ended) Still/Table n=158, Sparkling n=96



Those that are drinking more wine do so because it makes them feel more relaxed or they appreciate the wide range of choices the category provides

Top 5 Reasons they're consuming more Wine



Still/Table Wine Drinkers (n=158)

- 1.Makes me feel more relaxed and laid back (57%)
- 2.Complements specific food or dishes better than others (44%)
- 3. Has positive health benefits (e.g. antioxidants, heart healthy) (39%)
- 4. Tastes better than most other alcoholic beverages (37%)
- 5.More interesting; I enjoy wine more as I learn more about it (36%)



Sparkling Wine Drinkers (n=96)

- 1.Offers a wide range of choices (e.g. flavor, regions, varieties) (42%)
- 2.Makes me feel more relaxed and laid back (41%)
- 3.Tastes better than most alcoholic beverages (41%)
- 4.Been able to find the wine styles I like (36%)
- 5. More moderate drink compared to other alcoholic beverages (35%)



Wine (Table/Sparkling) Drinkers (n=75)

- 1.Makes me feel more relaxed and laid back (52%)
- 2.Friends or family often drink wine (44%)
- 3. More interesting; I enjoy wine more as I learn more about it (43%)
- 4. Offers a wide range of choices (e.g. flavor, regions, varieties) (41%)
- 5. Tastes better than most alcoholic beverages (41%)



More Females are consuming more Still/Table Wine because it makes them **more relaxed** and laid back, while more Males are doing so for the positive health benefits or social reasons (friends/family often drink it).

Compared to Males, more Females say they are consuming more Sparkling Wine because it tastes better than most other alcoholic beverages and they've had more social or wine drinking occasions recently.

Taste is also a driver to drink more Sparkling wine among younger respondents (Gen Z and Millennials) compared to older generations (Gen Xers and Boomers).

QCC6. Are any of the following important reasons that you are consuming MORE [PIPE IN WINE TYPE FROM QCC2] these days? Select all that apply.



Wine Consumption Occasions



Meals at home (gourmet or weekday dinners) and Casual drinks out with friends are the primary occasions seeing a decline in wine consumption from the year before

Change in wine consumption by Occasion

	Relaxing at home after work or on weekend A	Holiday meals or festivities B	Weekday dinner at Home C	Brought to a friend's home for dinner or a gift	Gourmet sit- down Meal at Home E	Special occasion or celebration F	Romantic dinner or drinks out G	Casual Drinks out with friends H	With family or friends at a casual restaurant	With family or friends at a fine dining or gourmet restaurant J
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Still/Table Wine

Less than top occasions

- Gourmet sit-down Meal at Home (21%)
 - Weekday dinner at Home (20%)
- · Casual Drinks out with friends (19%)

More than top occasions

- · Relaxing at home after work or on weekend (20%)
- With family or friends at a fine dining or gourmet restaurant (18%)



Sparkling Wine

Less than top occasions

- Gourmet sit-down Meal at Home (19%)
 - Casual Drinks out with friends (18%)
 - With family or friends at a casual restaurant (16%)

More than top occasions

- Romantic dinner or drinks out (31%)
- Special occasion or celebration (29%)
- · Brought to a friend's home for dinner or a gift (25%)

QCC8a. Thinking about those wine-drinking occasions from the past 12 months, would you say you chose wine more often, less often or about the same vs. the year before?



Formal occasions are opting for Spirits over wine while Non-formal occasions at home are more likely to opt for Non-Alcoholic beverages

Both types of substitutions are due to Spirits/Non-Alcoholic beverages better matching the mood or fun of the specific occasion compared to wine

What they are drinking for each occasion instead of Wine & Why



Relaxing at home after work or on weekend

- Non-Alcoholic drink 24%
 Spirits or made-to-order cocktails 20%
- Matches mood or fun of occasion better than wine 38%



Holiday meals or festivities

- Spirits or made-to-order cocktails 29% Non-Alcoholic drink 23%
- Matches mood or fun of occasion better than wine 39%



Weekday dinner at home

- Non-Alcoholic drink 41%
- Costs less than comparable wine 30% Prefer its flavor to wine 27%



Brought to a friend's home for dinner or gift

- · Wine-based drink 20%
- Domestic or imported non-craft beer 18%
- It's what my social circle is drinking 43% Matches mood/fun of occasion better than wine 42%



Gourmet sit-down meal at home

Non-Alcoholic drink 34%
 Matches mood or fun of occasion better than wine 34%



Special occasion or celebration

 Spirits or made-to-order cocktails 40% Matches mood or fun of occasion better than wine 41%



Romantic dinner or drinks out

Spirits or made-to-order cocktails 33%
 Matches mood or fun of occasion better than wine 35%



Casual drinks out with friends

Spirits or made-to-order cocktails 35%
 Matches mood or fun of occasion better than wine 59%



With family or friends at a casual restaurant

- Non-Alcoholic drink 24%
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With family or friends at a fine dining or gourmet restaurant

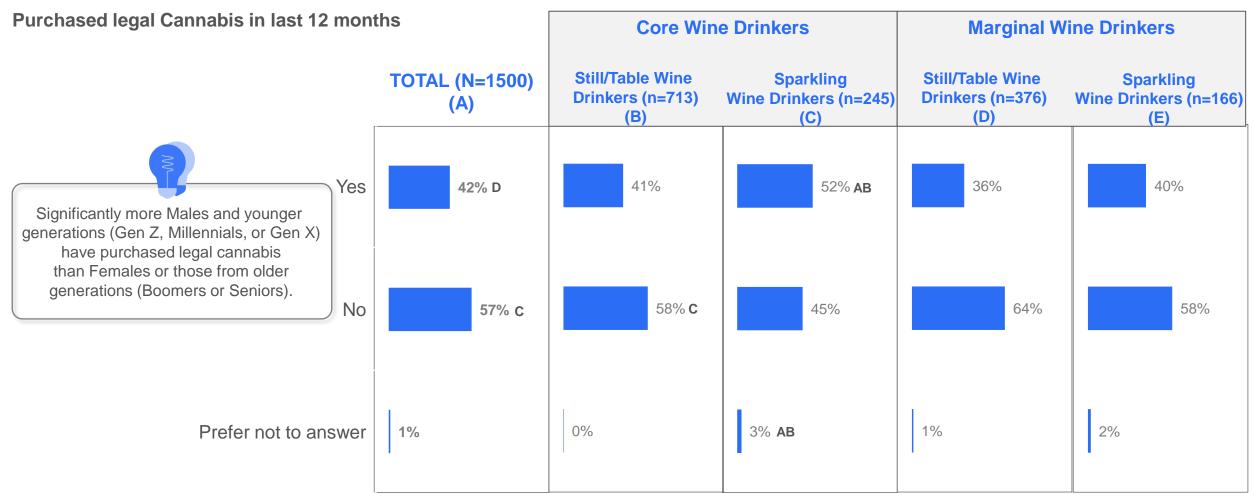
- Spirits or made-to-order cocktails 27% Wine-based drink 20% Non-Alcoholic drink 20%
- Matches mood or fun of occasion better than wine 43%

Cannabis Impact



Sparkling wine drinkers are more likely to have legally purchased cannabis in the last year than Still/Table Wine drinkers

This is especially true of Core Sparkling wine drinkers, where more than ½ have purchased legal cannabis in the last 12 months compared to 41% of Core Still/Table wine drinkers



QCA 1. Have you purchased 'Legal Cannabis / Marijuana products' or had someone purchase for you in the last 12 months? Please select ONE.

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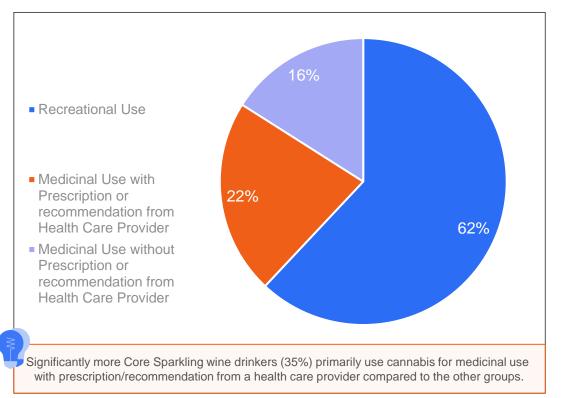


Wine drinkers primarily use cannabis recreationally and it's likely to overlap with wine consumption

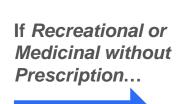
This is especially true of Core Sparkling wine drinkers, where 42% say cannabis frequently overlaps with their wine consumption

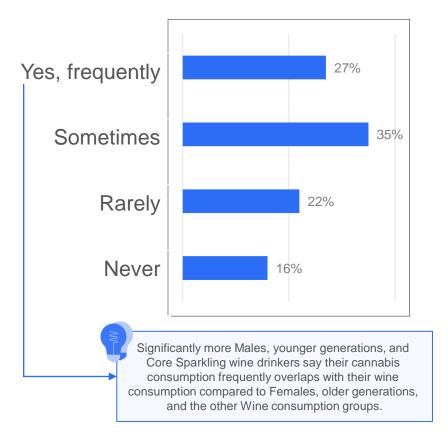
If "Yes" have purchased legal cannabis in last 12 months...

Primary usage of legal Cannabis



Does Cannabis usage overlap with Wine consumption





QCA 2. Your primary usage of 'legal Cannabis or Cannabis related products' would be described as... Please select ONE. (n=624)

QCA 3. Do you find that recreational or medicinal use without prescription cannabis consumption overlaps with your wine consumption? I.E., you consume both at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other (n=487).



Core Sparkling wine drinkers are most likely to frequently opt for Cannabis instead of Wine, Beer or Spirits

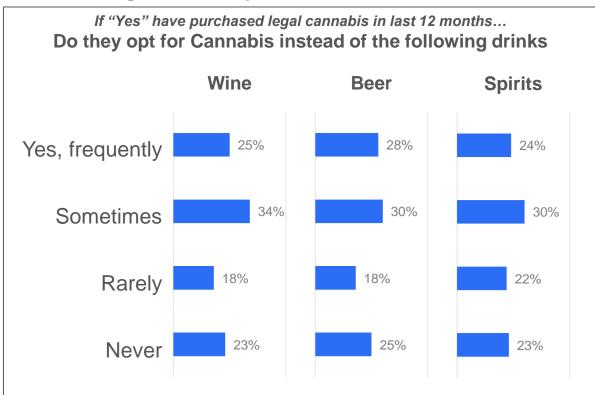
Specifically for Wine, the majority make this substitution as they personally prefer the effects of cannabis over the effects of wine

If Yes,

Wine...

frequently or Sometimes for

Cannabis usage and overlap with Wine



Across BevAl categories, significantly more Core Sparkling wine drinkers will **frequently opt for cannabis** *instead* of Wine (41%), Beer (39%) or Spirits (37%) compared to the other groups.

Top 3 Occasions for Cannabis instead of Wine & Why



Relaxing at home after work or on the weekend - 66%



As a night cap or before bed - 61%



Socializing with friends at home or at their place - 55%

- 1. Personal preference for cannabis effects (56%)
- 2. Little to no hangover effects for cannabis (45%)
- 3. Lower risk of intoxication with cannabis (39%)



Significantly more Core Sparkling wine drinkers opt for cannabis instead of wine because they have a **personal preference** for cannabis effects (72%) compared to the other groups.

Significantly more Marginal Table/Still wine drinkers choose cannabis instead of wine due to **little to no hangover effects** (59%) compared to the other groups.



QCA 4. When planning to consume any of the following drinks, do you sometimes choose to use cannabis instead? (n=487)

QCA 5. Please tell us the occasions/moments when you choose to use cannabis instead of wine? (n=284)

QCA 6. What factors influence your decision to consume cannabis instead of wine in these situations? (Select all that apply) (n=284)

Key Take-Aways

Action Items for the Wine Industry



7 Key Action Items to Consider



Recruitment of Gen Z LDA and younger shoppers will be critical as they are evolving into the category – consider new and distinct approaches to breakthrough to this group like emphasizing relaxed and laid-back drinking occasions



Focus on wine flavors and addressing any flavor perceptions that are raised by non-adopters of wine and wine drinkers switching to other drinks



Innovation with new flavors and tastes along with emphasizing alcohol content and low sugar attributes are essential to attract new shoppers



Continue to make at-home wine drinking appealing and address any price barriers to consumption with price promotions



Highlight **key wine consumption occasions across communication touchpoints** to drive relevancy including relaxing at home, after work, or on weekends, romantic dinners, drinks out with family or friends, gifting, and special occasions/celebrations



Look for ways to get a **larger footprint** for wine in the **C Store Channel** with a focus on exploring key price points that can help wine make a breakthrough in this channel



Consider **Wine RTDs** to bring people back into the category with its more approachable format that can span across different consumption occasions



Thank you!

