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WineRelease.com's March 2009 Reader Survey

WineRelease.com informs wine enthusiasts about upcoming North American wine release dates. Over 1,300 wineries in North America have responded with their wine release information since the web site was founded in August 2000. WineRelease.com publishes a free monthly newsletter that includes wine releases for the next month as well as changes in the last 30 days. The newsletter is published on the 15th of every month.

WineRelease.com surveyed 1,797 subscribers on various questions in March 2009. 492 subscribers responded (27%) after two requests. Raw survey results follow.

WineRelease 2009 Subscriber Survey

1. Is your monthly wine budget;			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Increasing		1.6%	8
Decreasing		67.8%	332
Staying the same		30.6%	150
answered question		490	
	skipped question		2

2. How has your wine buying, per bottle, changed.			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Buying more expensive wine		4.5%	22
No changes in my wine buying		50.1%	244
Buying less expensive wine		45.4%	221
	answered question		487
	skipped question		5

3. In the past month, what is the average price you paid per 750ml bottle of wine?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than \$10		5.5%	27
\$11 to \$19		28.3%	138
\$20 to \$29		23.4%	114
\$30 to \$39		13.8%	67
\$40 to \$49		9.9%	48
\$50 to \$75		9.9%	48
\$76 to \$100		5.7%	28
\$100 to \$150		1.8%	9
Over \$150		1.6%	8
	answered question		487
	skippe	ed question	5

4. How many cases of wine have you purchase in the last 12 months (Estimate)?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than a case		2.3%	11
1 to 5 cases		20.1%	98
6 to 10 cases		31.0%	151
11 to 20 cases		26.1%	127
21 to 50 cases		17.0%	83
51 to 100 cases		1.6%	8
101 - 200 cases		0.8%	4
More than 200 cases		1.0%	5
	answered question		487
	skippe	ed question	5

5. How many cases of wine have you purchased in the last month?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
No wine		7.0%	34
Less than 1		24.7%	120
1 to 2		37.1%	180
2 to 3		16.3%	79
3 to 4		7.2%	35
More than 4		7.6%	37
	answered question		485
	skipped question		7

6. How many cases of wine do you currently own?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than a case		2.9%	14
1 to 5 cases		10.7%	52
6 to 10 cases		10.7%	52
11 to 20 cases		12.2%	59
21 to 50 cases		26.4%	128
51 to 100 cases		14.0%	68
101 to 200 cases		9.7%	47
More than 200 cases		13.2%	64
	answered question		484
	skipp	ed question	8

7. How many wineries have you first heard of on WineRelease.com?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
0		21.6%	103
1-3		16.6%	79
4-6		23.3%	111
7-12		13.8%	66
13-20		7.3%	35
More than 20		17.4%	83
	answered question		477
	skipp	ed question	15

8. Of those wineries you found out first on WineRelease.com, how many wineries have you purchased wine from?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
0		44.7%	211
1-3		35.2%	166
4-6		12.7%	60
7-12		3.8%	18
13-20		1.9%	9
more than 20		1.7%	8
	answered question		472
	skippe	ed question	20

9. Wineries, retailers or others offer wine clubs that send members wine on a regular basis. How many wine clubs do you belong to?				
		Response Percent	Response Count	
0		40.4%	198	
1-3		34.9%	171	
4-6		15.9%	78	
7-10		5.3%	26	
More than 10		3.5%	17	
	answere	ed question	490	
	skipped question		2	

10. Do wine critic scores influence your wine buying?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		77.1%	326
No		22.9%	97
	answere	ed question	423
	skipped question		69

11. How much confidence do you place in the following wine review sources? (choose n/a if you have no opinion) High Medium Low No Rating Resp Neutral N/A confidence confidence confidence confidence **Average** Co 38.6% The Wine Advocate (published by 37.7% 11.9% 6.0% 4.5% (21) 1.3% (6) 3.14 Robert Parker) (181)(56)(28)(177)International Wine Cellar (published 22.7% 29.9% 11.9% 32.0% 2.4% (11) 1.1% (5) 3.04 by Steve Tanzer) (105)(138)(55)(148)33.9% 23.6% 14.2% Wine Enthusiast Magazine 8.8% (41) 15.5% (72) 4.1% (19) 2.33 (158)(110)(66)48.0% 13.0% 3.4% Wine Spectator 21.1% (99) 9.8% (46) 4.7% (22) 2.74 (225) (61) (16)Burghound (published by Allen 12.2% 56.9% 0.9% (4) 12.6% (57) 16.2% (73) 1.3% (6) 2.89 Meadows) (55)(257)Connoisseurs' Guide To California 19.9% 49.7% 3.7% (17) 18.4% (84) 5.5% (25) 2.8% (13) 2.29 Wine (91)(227)Pinot Report (published by Gregory 17.3% 62.3% 5.5% (25) 11.6% (53) 1.5% (7) 1.8% (8) 2.47 S. Walter) (79)(284)22.2% 27.1% 32.6% Wine & Spirits Magazine 3.8% (17) 10.6% (48) 3.8% (17) 2.17 (100)(122)(147)James Halliday - Australian wine 19.1% 64.7% 2.9% (13) 9.8% (44) 2.0% (9) 1.6% (7) 2.30 reviews (86)(292)48.1% 23.0% Decanter magazine 5.5% (25) 17.3% (79) 4.4% (20) 1.8% (8) 2.39 (105)(220)14.8% 64.9% Gambero Rosso's (Italian wines) 5.1% (23) 12.1% (55) 1.8% (8) 1.3% (6) 2.51 (67)(294)answered question

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12. Which publications do you subscribe to or read on a regular basis?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
The Wine Advocate (published by Robert Parker)		54.1%	225
International Wine Cellar (published by Steve Tanzer)		22.1%	92
Wine Enthusiast Magazine		38.2%	159
Wine Spectator		83.9%	349
Burghound (published by Allen Meadows)		9.4%	39
Connoisseurs' Guide To California Wine		10.1%	42
Pinot Report (published by Gregory S. Walter)		9.4%	39
Wine & Spirits Magazine		21.2%	88
James Halliday - Australian wine reviews		3.8%	16
Decanter magazine		14.9%	62
Gambero Rosso's (Italian wines)		7.0%	29
WineBlueBook (formerly QPRwines)		8.2%	34
	answered question		416
	skipped question		76

13. Have you heard of WineBlueBook?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, and I am a subscriber		5.6%	27
Yes, but I do not subcribe		26.5%	127
No, I don't know WineBlueBook		67.9%	326
	answered question		480
	skipped question		12