

# 2023 Direct-to-Consumer Wine Survey: Report, Results and Benchmarks

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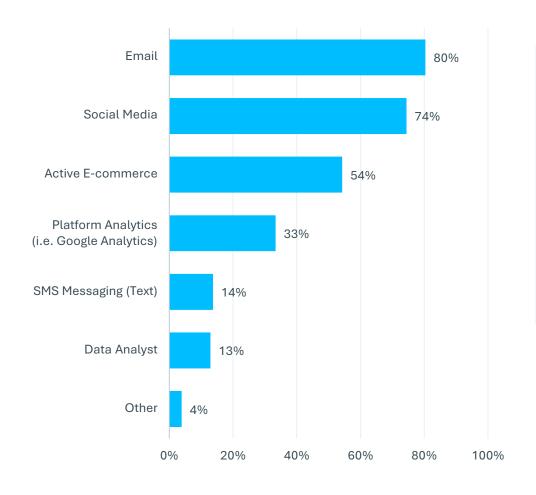
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#### **Use of Digital Resources**

Email continues as a viable marketing tool, but new digital has greater upside



#### Examples of Other (4%):

- ChatGPT
- Phone and mailer outreach

# Online Marketing Tools Include:

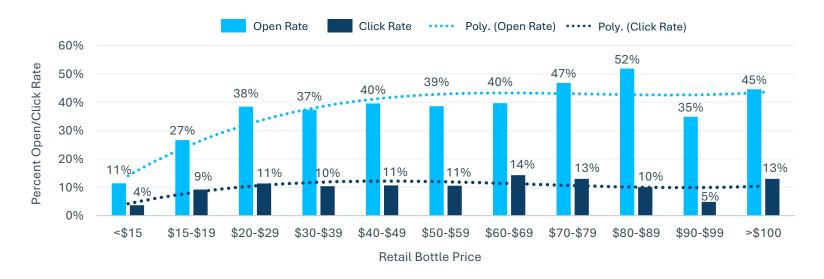
SEM, retargeting, SEO, driving sales to web, banner ads, etc.

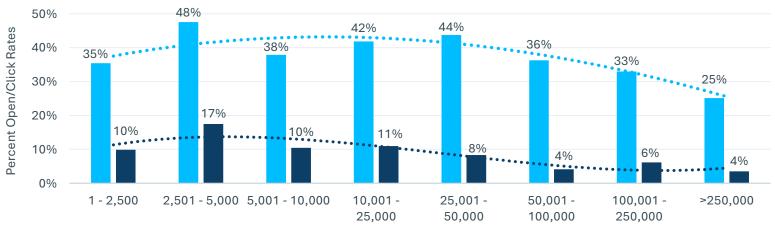
Percent of Respondents



#### Email Marketing Open and Click Rates by Bottle Price and Cases

Lower volume and higher priced premium wineries still have better email performance metrics



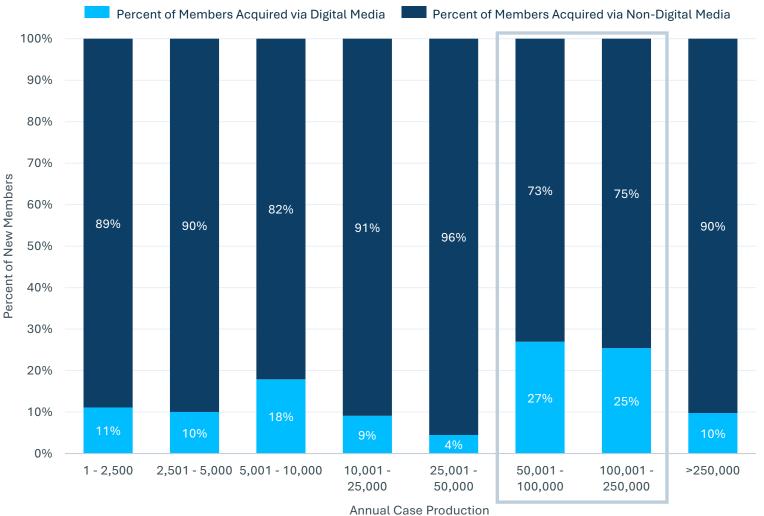




**Annual Case Production** 

#### Club Memberships Generated via Digital vs Traditional Methods

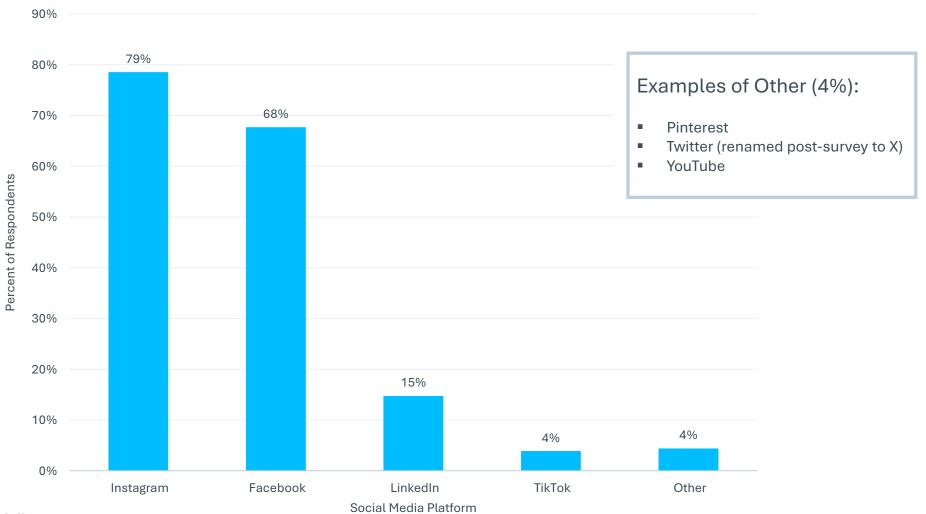
Capturing club members via digital continues to expand. Larger wineries are having more success.





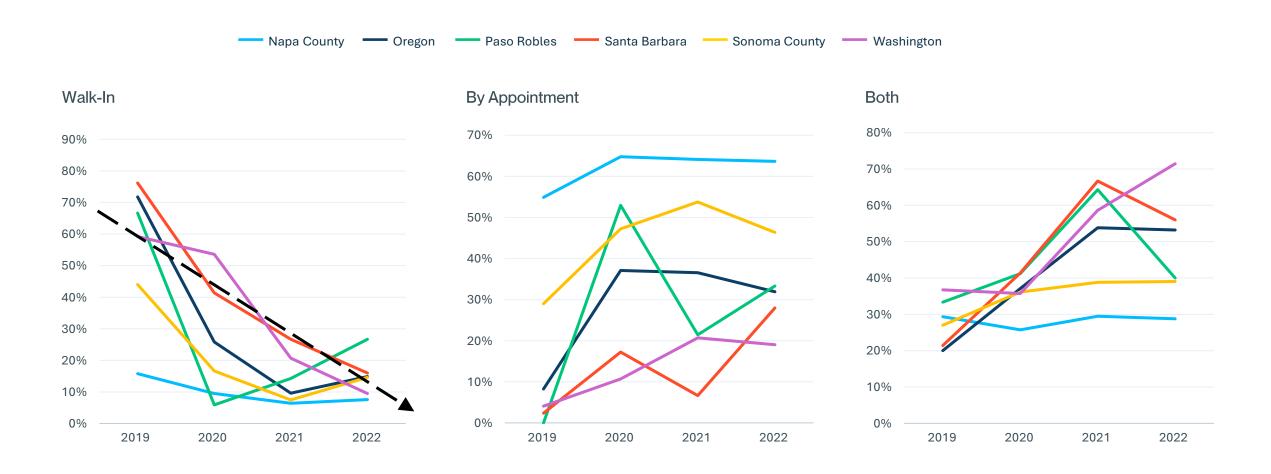
#### Social Media Marketing Platforms Used

Wineries are becoming increasingly savvy regarding their social media goals



# Wineries Offering By-Appointment and Walk-in Tastings by Region

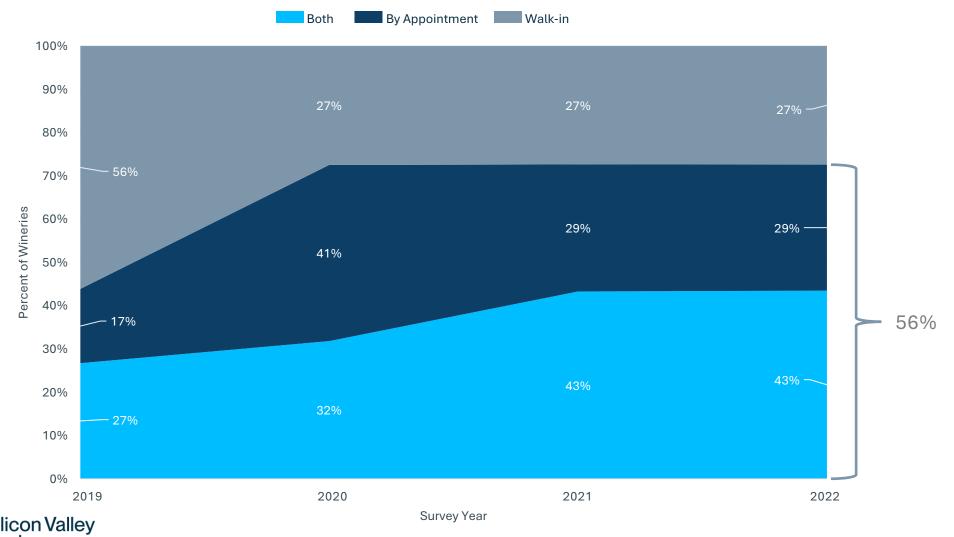
The walk-in model has not reverted to pre-COVID penetration and likely will not do so





## Annual Changes in By-Appointment vs. Walk-in Model

56% of the industry now have by-appointment as part of their visitation strategy



#### Average Tasting Room Wine Purchase by Region

Comparing average purchase over the past ten years reveals substantial price growth for most AVAs



#### 2022 Average Tasting Room Purchases



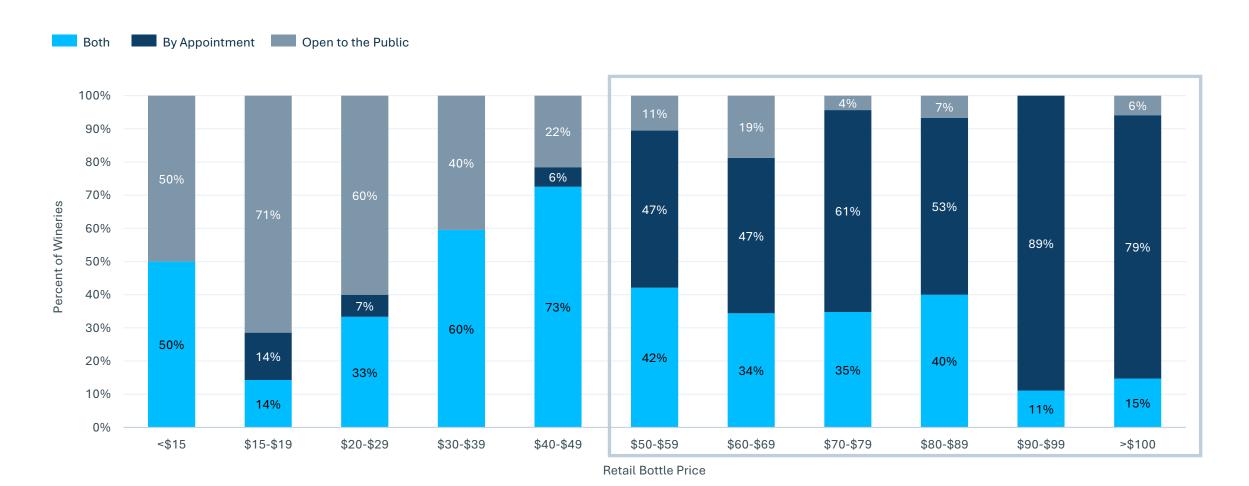
#### 2012 Average Tasting Room Purchases





#### By-Appointment and Walk-in Choice by Average Retail Bottle Price

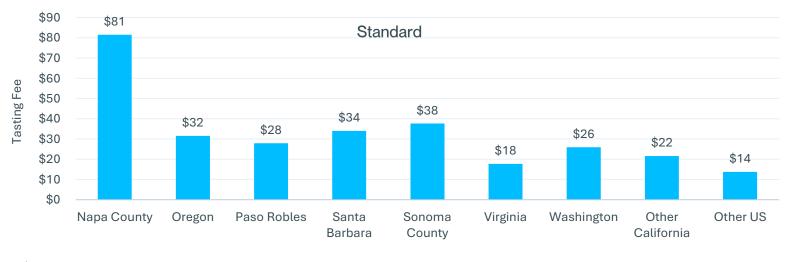
By-appointment emerging as the preferred choice above \$50





#### Average Tasting Fees by Region

Can tasting fees continue to increase? Should they?

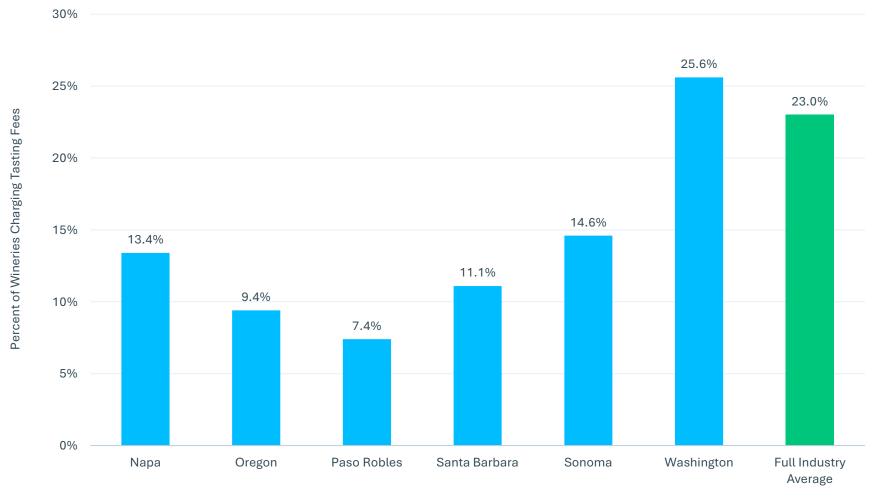






## Percent of Wineries Not Charging Tasting Fees in 2012 by Select Region

It's hard to believe that just eleven years ago, almost 25% of the industry didn't charge tasting fees





#### Annual Change in Average Tasting Room Visitation and Sales

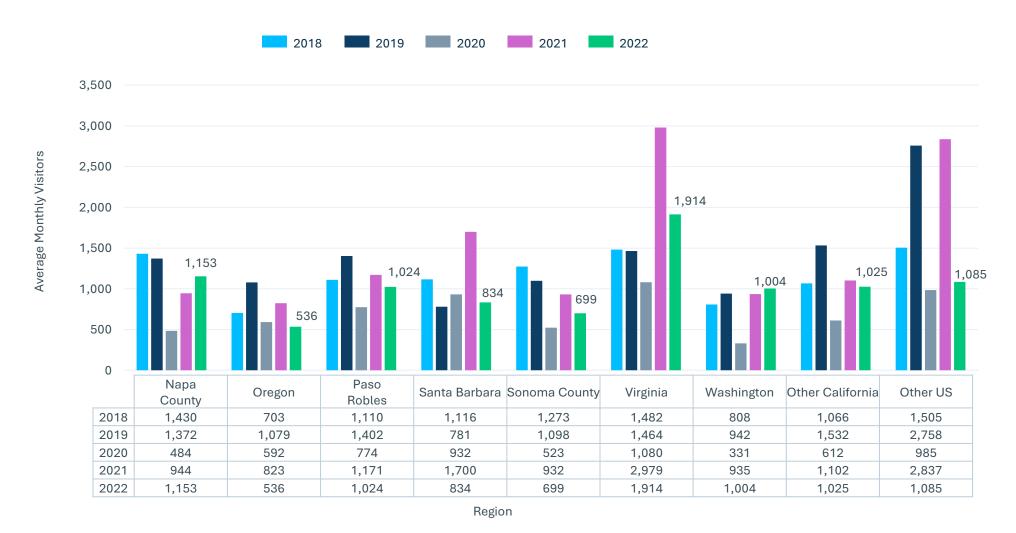
The drop in visitation from the prior year bottomed in May 2022 and the monthly loss has stabilized





#### Average Monthly Visitors by Region

Many regions found themselves with fewer visitors in 2023 compared to 2022

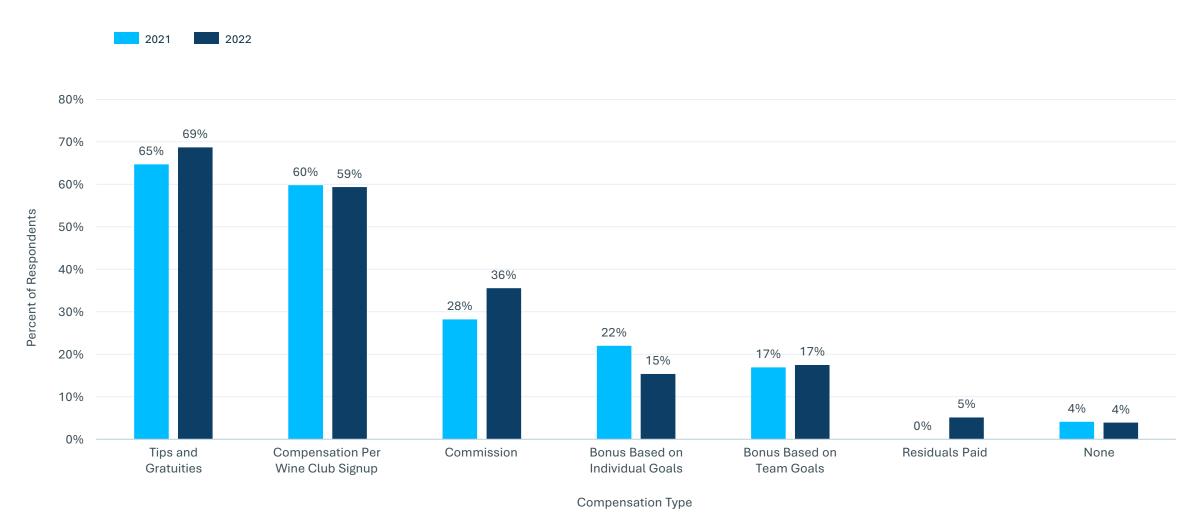




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# Wineries' Use of Tasting Room Compensation Beyond Base

In 2014 tips were controversial and only 21% of wineries used them versus 69% today

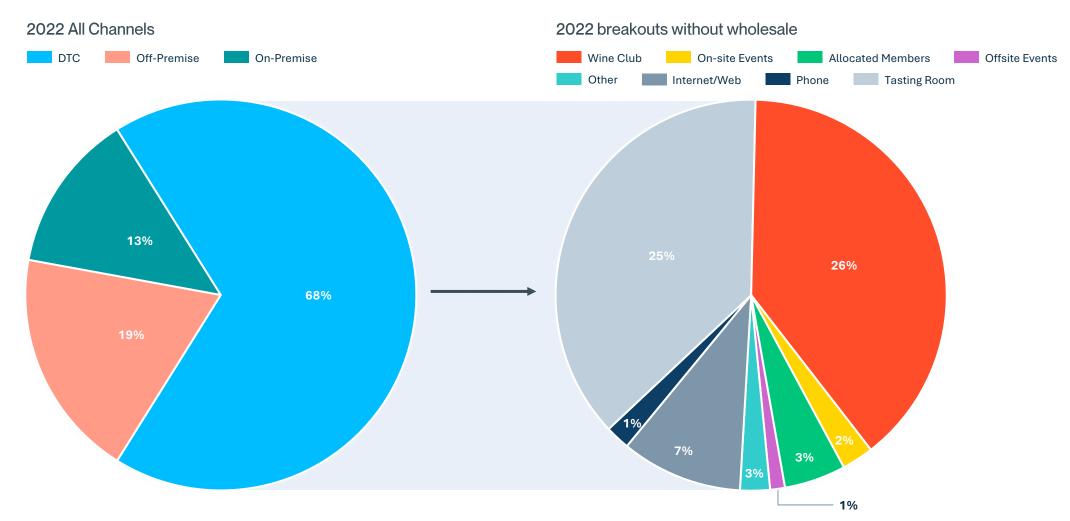




Note: Surveyed wineries selected all responses that applied.

#### DTC Channel Drilldown for Calendar End 2022

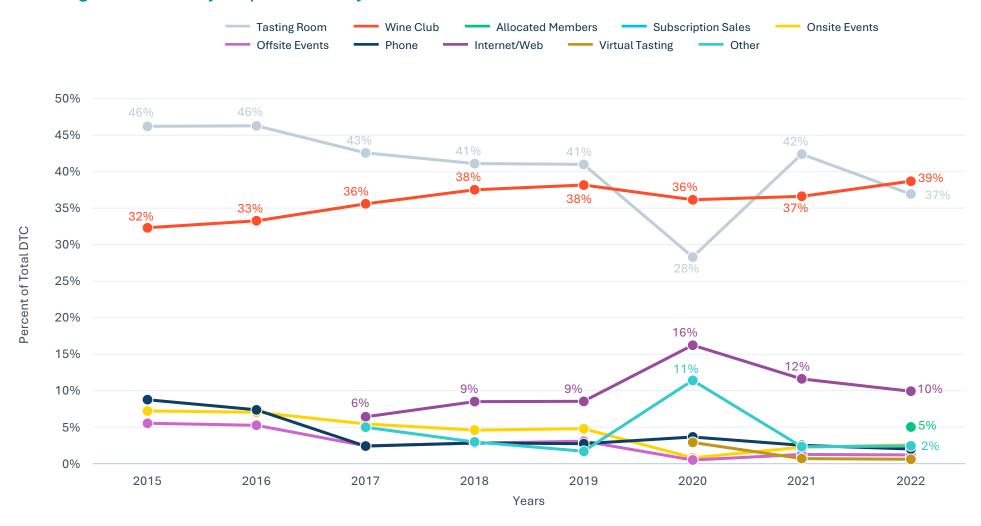
Wholesale is increasingly less important to premium wineries





#### Changes in DTC Channel Performance as Percent of Total DTC Sales

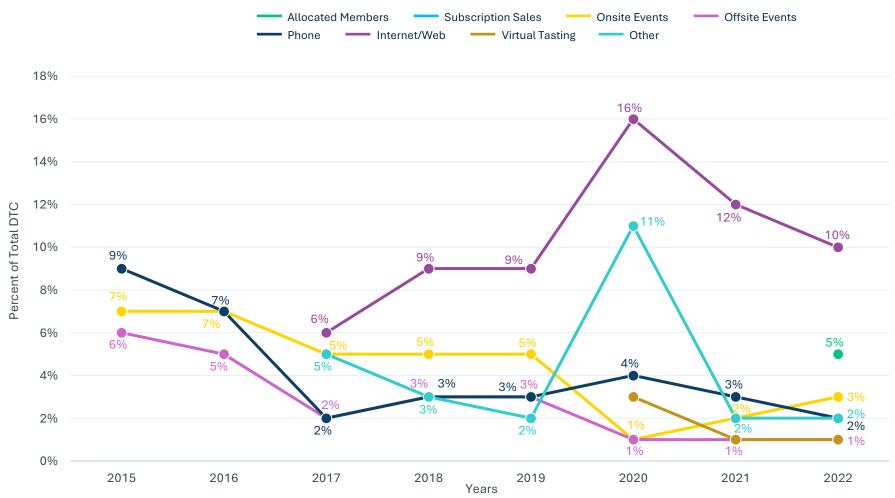
**COVID** changed service styles permanently





#### Drilldown Changes in DTC Channels as Percent of Total DTC

Improving e-commerce is an important step for the industry. Will we?

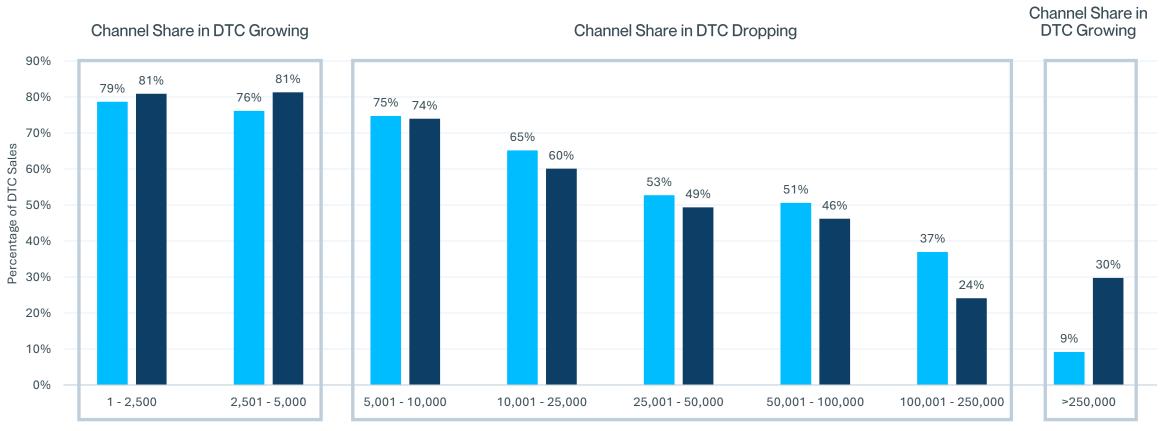




#### DTC Sales by Annual Case Production

Smaller and larger wineries are still growing their DTC share of revenue channels



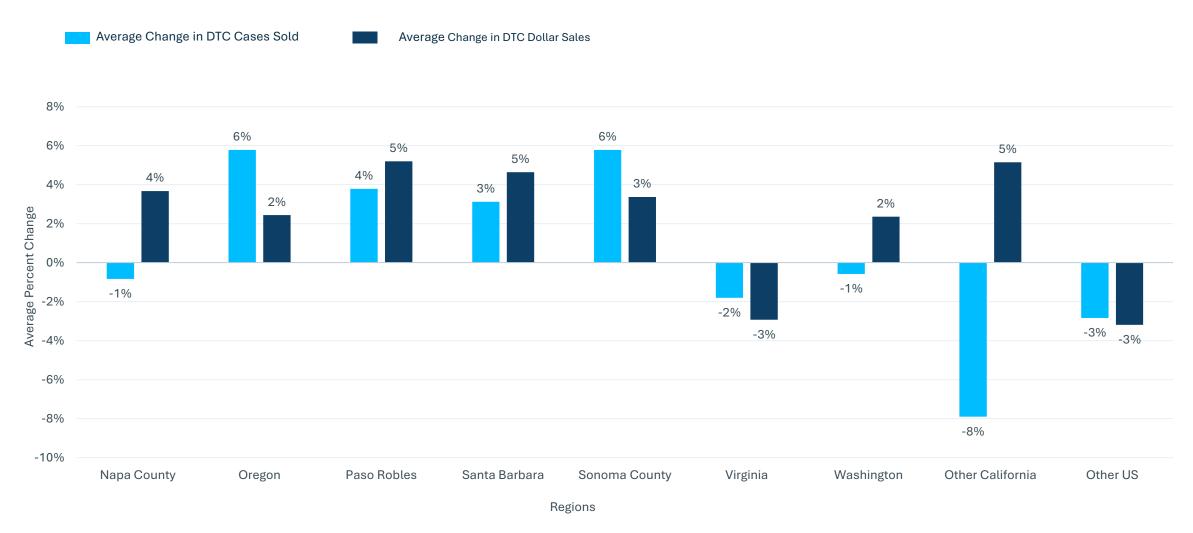






#### Change in DTC Cases Sold and Dollar Sales by Region

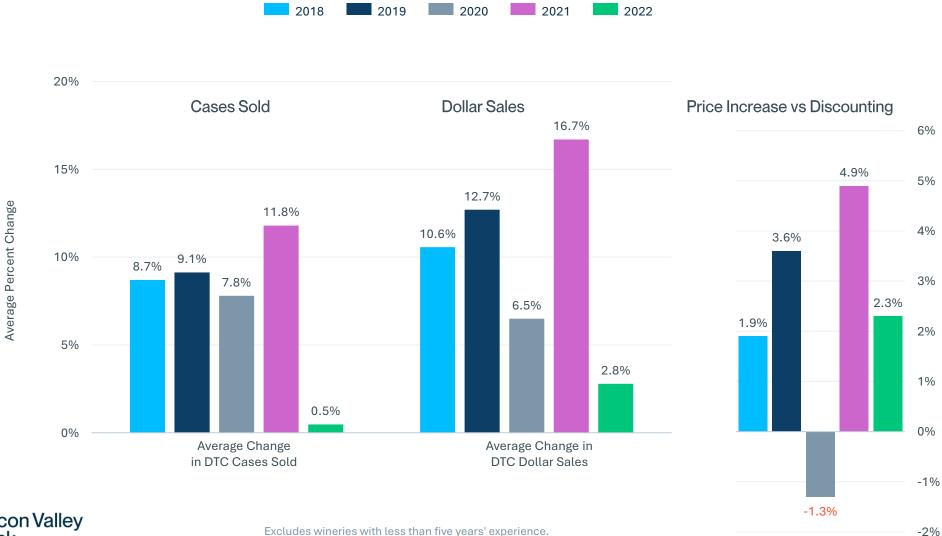
No region is recovering the full cost of inflation using price increases





## Change in DTC Cases Sold, Dollar Sales, with Isolated Price Changes

The average growth rate slowed in 2022, but off a great 2021. Nominal Growth measured by price was up 2.3%



#### Average Suggested Retail Bottle Price by Region

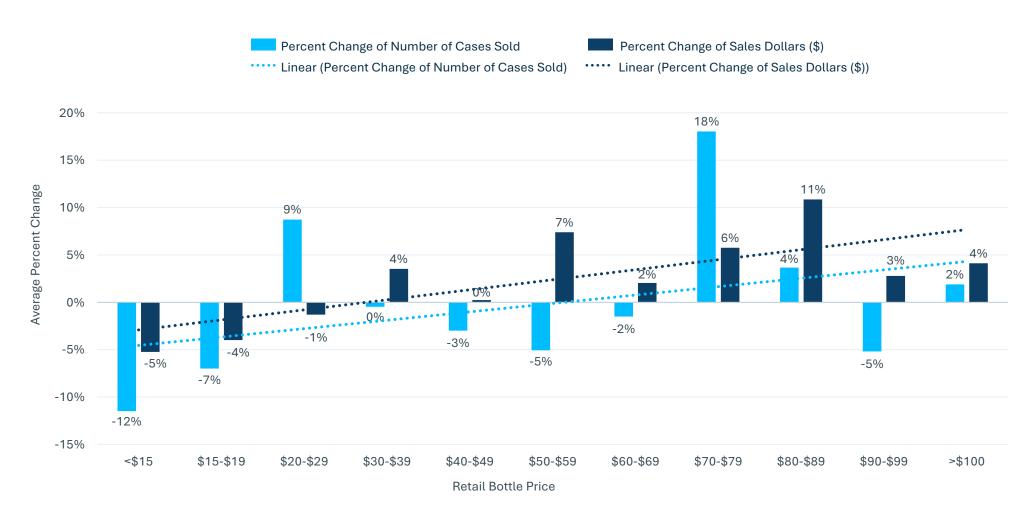
Most regions in the west catered between \$50 - \$55





#### Change in DTC Cases Sold and Dollar Sales by Retail Bottle Price

The best growth rates are \$70-\$90 in DTC

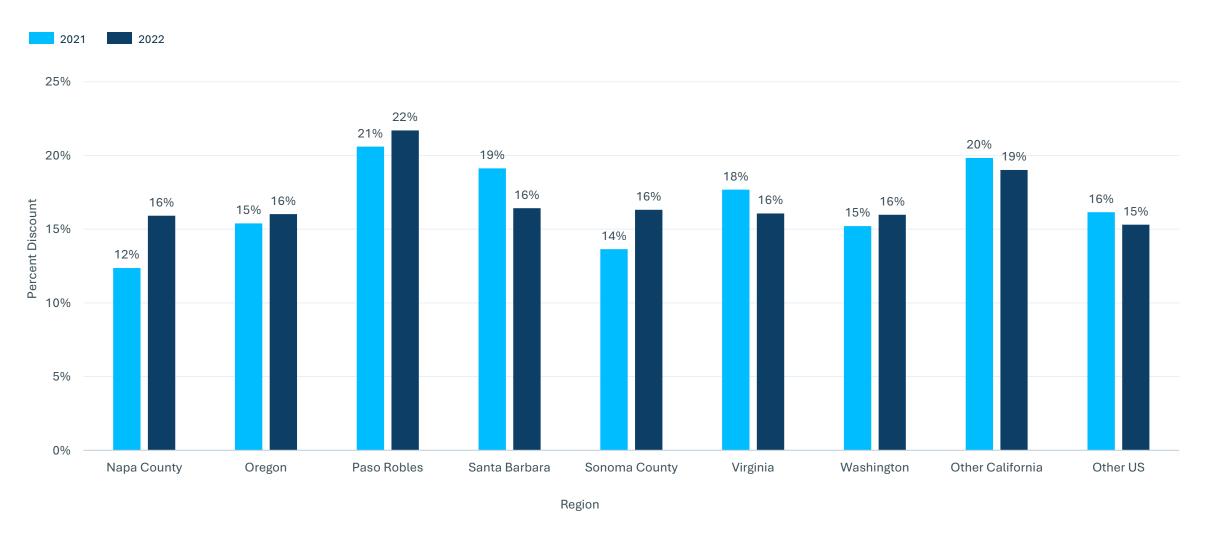




Note: Excludes wineries with less than five years' experience.

#### Discounts for Club Members by Region

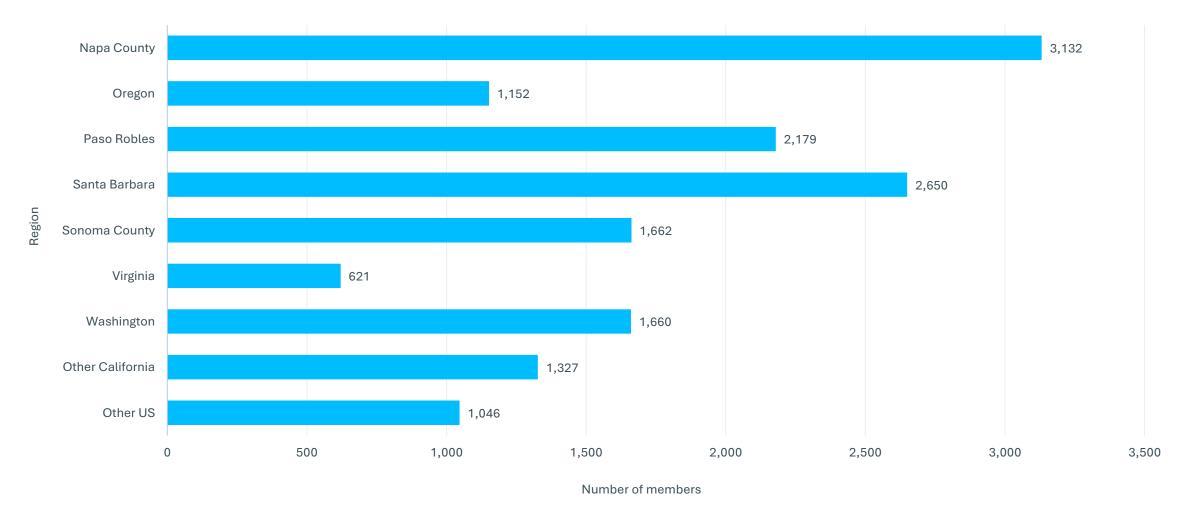
Club discounts today fall into a tight range, averaging 17% in 2022





# Average Wine Club Size by Region in 2022

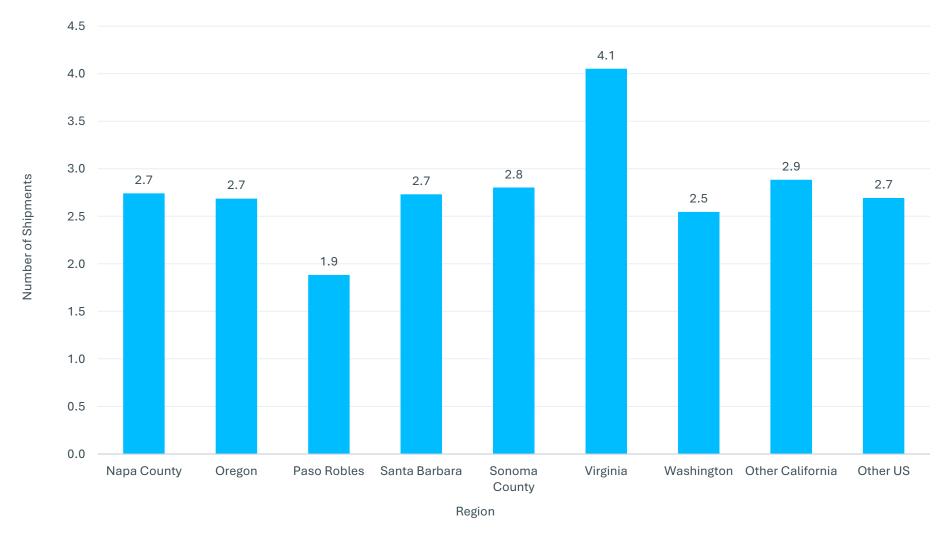
Average club size was 1,716 members





#### Average Club Shipments per Year

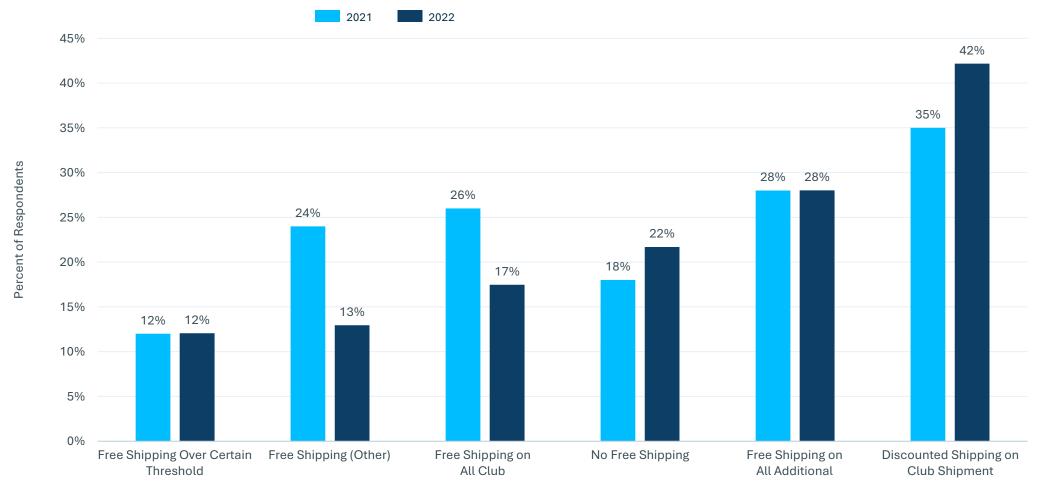
#### Shipment average is 2.7 per year





#### Wineries' Use of Discounted Shipping for Club Shipments

The use of free shipping is declining and being replaced by discounted shipping



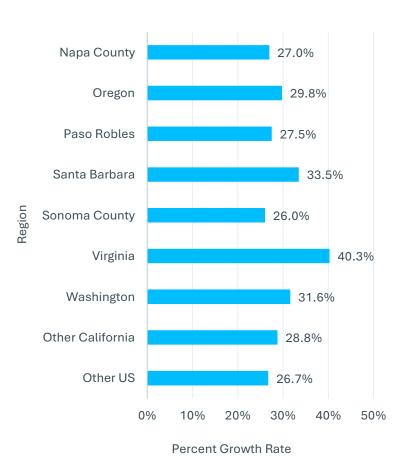
Discounted Shipping Categories



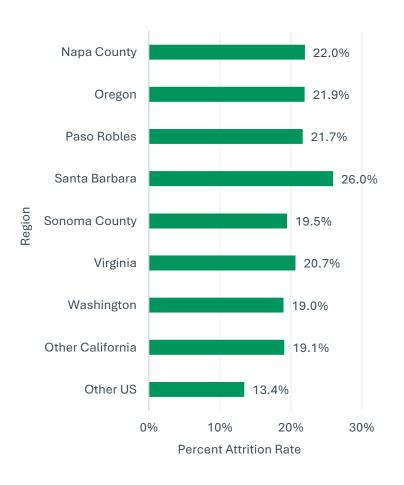
#### Club Member Growth Rate and Attrition Rate

One of the most important club metrics is churn





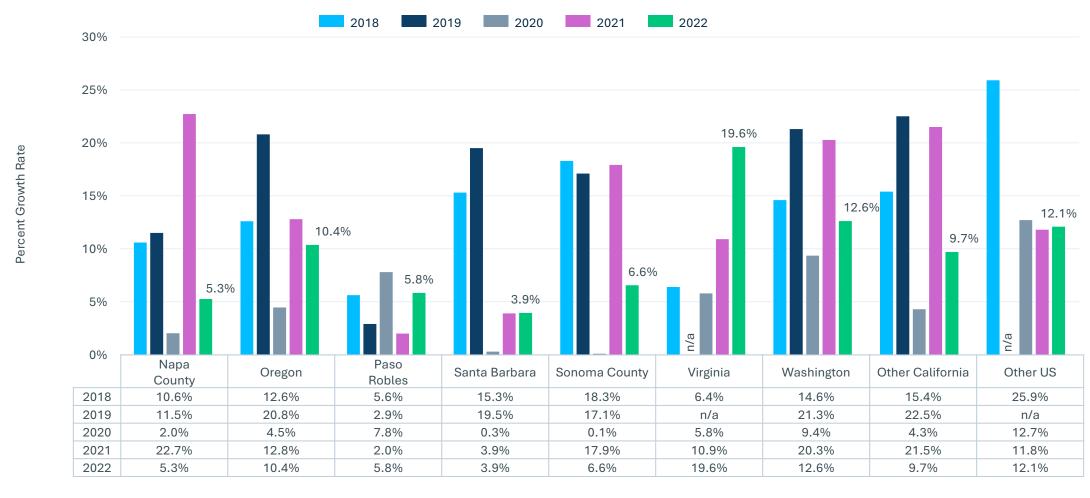
#### Wine Club Attrition Rate





#### Trend of Wine Club Member Net Growth Rate

Net growth was lower in 2022, but it was off a very strong 2021

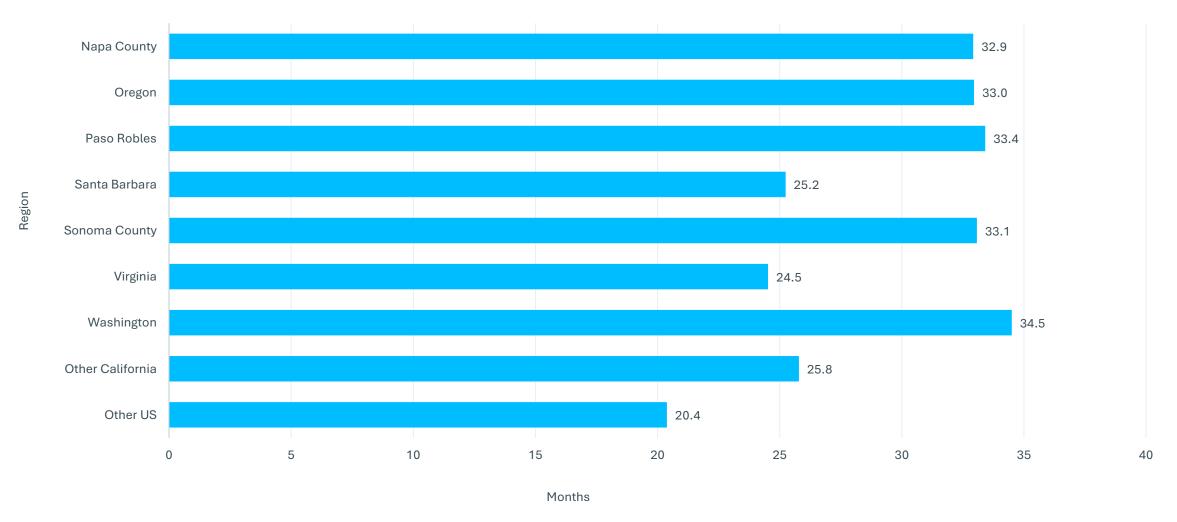


Region



#### Average Length of Membership by Region

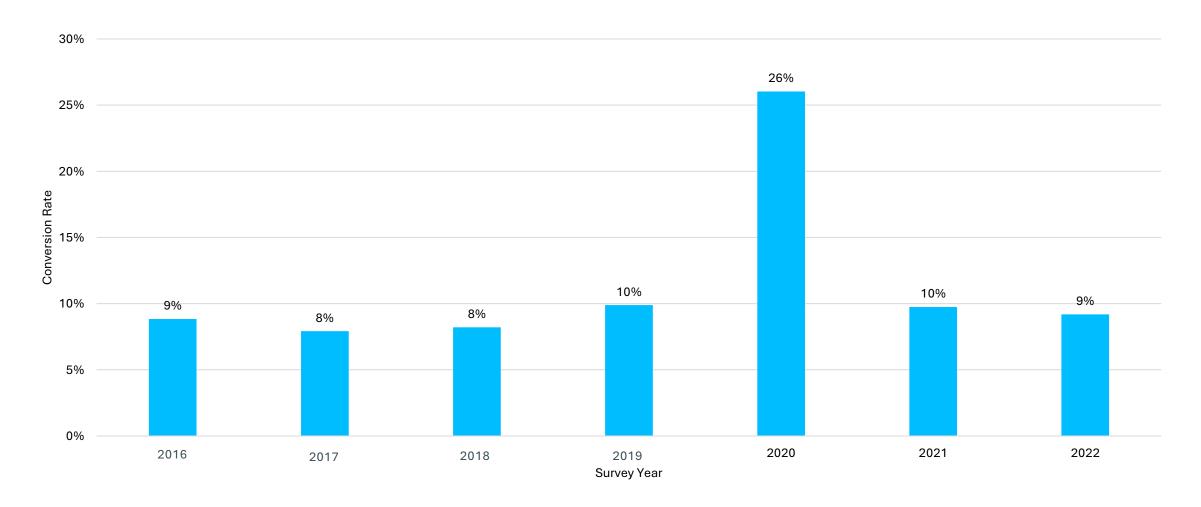
While average length of membership is up about five months during the last ten years, duration is now stable





#### Conversion Rate of Visitors to Wine Club

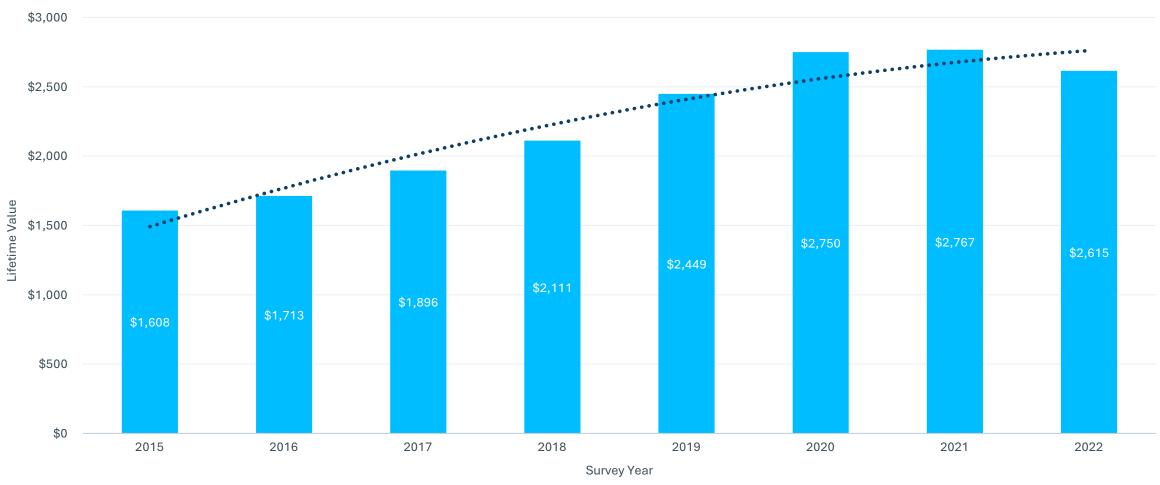
Conversion rates have remained remarkably consistent with the exception of 2020





#### Wine Club Member Lifetime Value

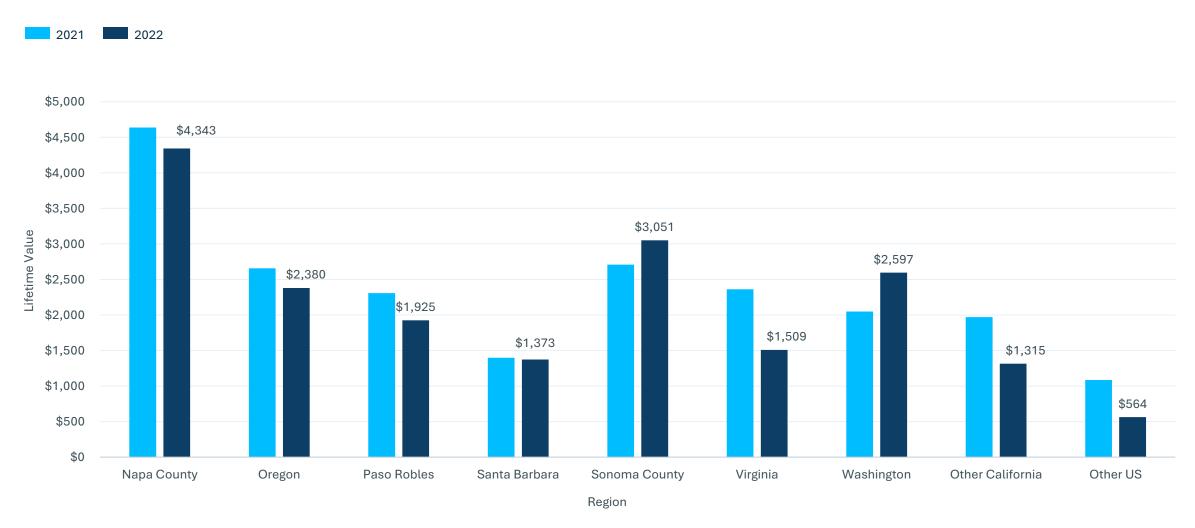
It's difficult to call 2022's lower lifetime value a trend but it is the first decline





#### Wine Club Member Lifetime Value by Region

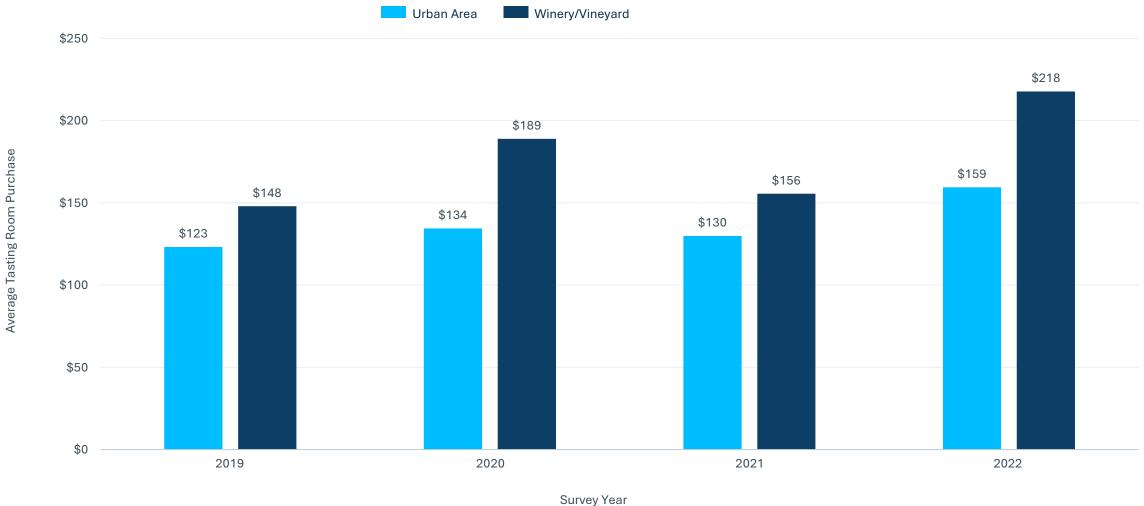
Success metrics are mixed in 2022. Long term, however, the metric is still increasing





#### Average Wine Purchase by Tasting Room Location

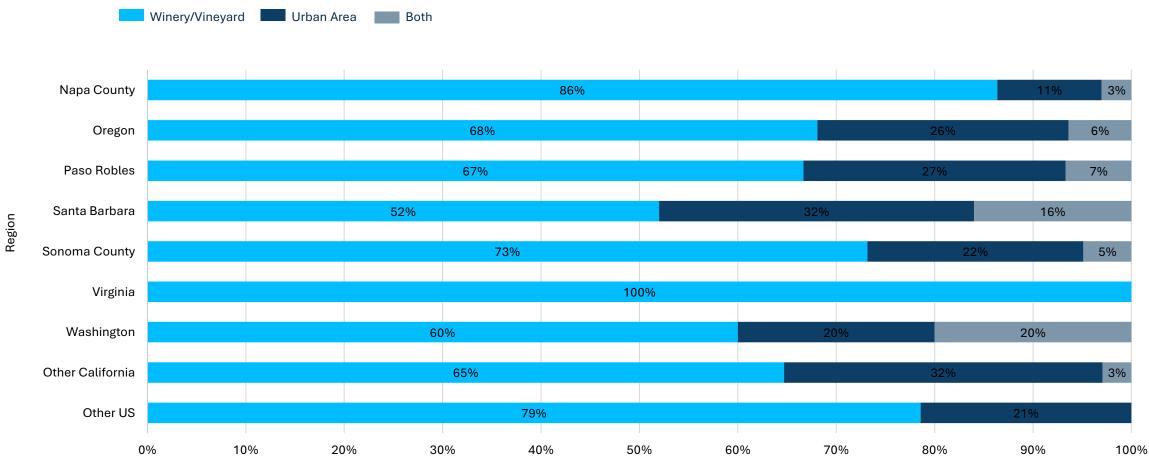
Purchases at wineries are always higher than tasting room purchases in urban areas





## Share of the Physical Locations of Tasting Rooms

Each region has unique situations and regulations that define the use of urban tasting rooms

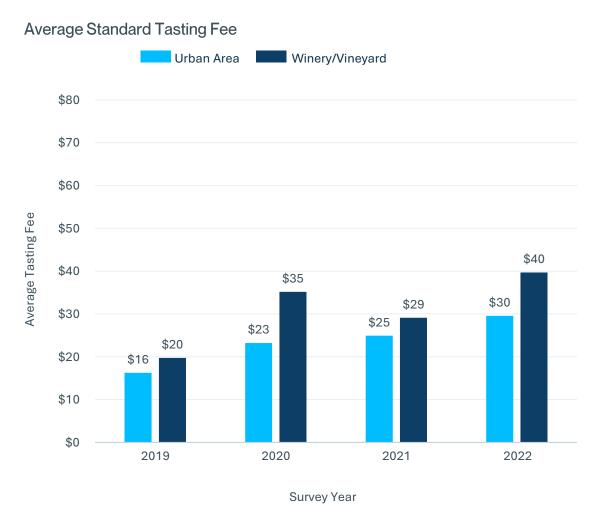


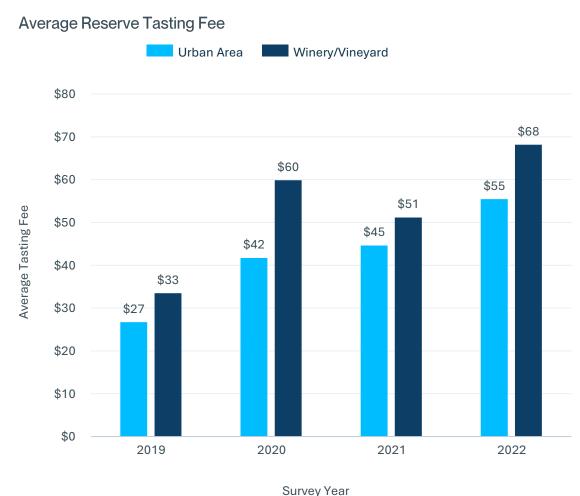




#### Average Tasting Fees by Tasting Room Location

Different experiences should dictate varying fee structures









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