

# WINE ENTHUSIAST



We bring wine to life.

### Our Story

In 1979, Adam and Sybil Strum realized the joys of wine were only available to a select few. That's when the idea came to make wine more accessible by giving everyone the tools to enjoy it to the fullest. That year, they sold their first corkscrew from the attic of their home in the suburbs of New York City, and Wine Enthusiast Companies was born. Ten years later, Adam and Sybil continued their vision and started *Wine Enthusiast* magazine, making wine information accessible to everyone.

Today, *Wine Enthusiast's* love for wine goes beyond the bottle. We value family and community. We believe wine is a conduit that brings people together and that every pour brings celebration to life's moments, big and small. We're still a family-owned business with the second generation, Erika and Jacqueline Strum, rising into their Co-Presidential roles in 2021. *Wine Enthusiast* is led and run by wine lovers working together to create new and better ways for you to explore and enjoy the exciting world of wine. We hope you'll join us with a glass in hand.



▲ Co-founders Adam & Sybil Strum after founding Wine Enthusiast in 1979.





▲ Sybil Strum "weighing the employee value" of her daughter Erika in 1985.

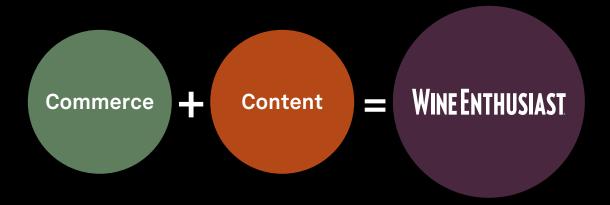




### Unified Company

### IN THE SUMMER OF 2023,

Wine Enthusiast Companies announced the launch of the company's newly enhanced website, WineEnthusiast.com. Since inception, the company's goal is to be a reliable source of innovation and information around wine. After decades of growing a robust consumer base on a commerce site and building high readership on a content site, these properties have become one cohesive WineEnthusiast.com.





We have the largest first party database in the beverage media landscape

As a unified content and commerce platform, every user that checks out on WineEnthusiast.com gives us their name, address, phone number, email, purchasing preference and more. This massively rich data combined with our readership creates an unparalleled scale of first party data never before seen in wine and spirits media.

### Meet the Tasting Team

EUROPE





ANNA-CHRISTINA CABRALES Tasting Director (NY) Reviews Burgundy & Rhone, France



JACY TOPPS Assistant Editor (NY) Reviews: Languedoc-Roussillon & Vin de France



REGGIE SOLOMON Writer at Large Reviews Loire Valley & Beaujolais



ROGER VOSS Writer at Large (Bordeaux, FR) Reviews Champagne, Provence & Portugal



JEFF PORTER Writer at Large (NY) Reviews Northern Italy



DANIELLE CALLEGARI Writer at Large (NY) Reviews Tuscany & Southern Italy



Writer at Large (NY) Reviews Greece



ALEKSANDAR ZECEVIC Writer at Large (NY) Reviews Austria



MIKE DESIMONE Writer at Large (NY) Reviews Croatia, Spain & Eastern Europe

Wine Enthusiast blind tastes over 25,000 wines a year!

### Meet the Tasting Team

# UNITED STATES 8 OTHER WINE REGIONS



MATT KETTMANN Writer at Large (CA) **Reviews Central &** South Coasts of CA



JIM GORDON Senior Editor, Tasting (CA) **Reviews Sonoma** & Napa California



TONYA PITTS Writer at Large (CA) **Reviews** California



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CRAIG CHAMBERLAIN Senior Tasting Coordinator (NY) **Reviews Virginia** 



MICHAEL ALBERTY Writer at Large (WA) Reviews Washington, Oregon & Canada



CHRISTINA PICKARD *Writer at Large (NY)* Reviews Australia, New Zealand, England & NY



JESSICA VARGAS Writer at Large (NY) **Reviews South Africa** & South America



KARA NEWMAN Writer at Large (NY) **Reviews Spirits & RTD** 

#### **Buying Guide, Ratings & Reviews**

All tastings reported in the Buying Guide are performed blind. Typically, products are tasted in peer-group flights of 5-8 samples and rated according to our 100-point scale. Reviewers may know general information about a flight to provide context-vintage, variety, or appellation-but never the producer or retail price of any given selection. When possible, products considered flawed or uncustomary are retasted.







# Total Brand Footprint: 515155155000

The WE audience is one of the most desirable lifestyle audiences online today. They are highly educated, affluent, professional, wine and food obsessed, and receptive to advertising. Our audience is eager to engage with your brand and learn more about your products.



### **Audience Profile**

2.9 MM	<b>\$194,891</b>	<b>86%</b>
TOTAL	MEDIAN	COLLEGE
AUDIENCE	HH INCOME	GRAD
<b>61/39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>333,199</b>
MALE/FEMALE	MEDIAN	AVERAGE MAGAZINE
RATIO %	AGE	CIRCULATION

Source: 2022 BPA Audit Report - Paid & Qualified Circulation; Source: Ipsos Affluent Study Spring 2023 / BPA June 2021 Draft



### Our Audience– A Growing Base

From Spring to Spring, Wine Enthusiast Media experienced a surge in Audience Growth pre-Unification.

**▲ 14%** Spring 2022 > Spring 2023 ▲ 65% Spring 2021 > Spring 2023 2.6 MILLION 2.9 MILLION **1.3 MILLION 1.8 MILLION 119%** Spring 2020 > Spring 2023 SPRING SPRING SPRING SPRING 2021 2022 2023 2020





Source: IPSOS Affluent Survey USA Spring 2023, HHI \$125,000+, Total Brand Footprint.

### Elevate, Expand and Overdeliver

#### **Podcast Downloads**

- Social Followers
- WE Podcast all-time downloads/listens: 1.7m
- Vinfamous: 27K YTD downloads/listens

- Instagram: 623k ↑ 44%
- Facebook: 470k
- X (Twitter): 224k
- Linkedin: 126k ↑ 47%

#### Unification

- WE has seen significant growth since unification
- Average Sessions are 20% higher than pre-unification
- Average Page Views are 42% higher than pre unification

#### **Competitive Set**

- WE has more average monthly search traffic than our competitive set
- WE is the most engaged brand against our comp set
- WE has the most monthly page views and visit duration against comp set
- Our direct traffic is more than double than our comp set

Check out ADVERTISING.WINEMAG.COM/METRICS for our most up-to-date numbers.



### WE Digital Advertising

At Wine Enthusiast, we specialize in creating custom, high performing digital programs across multiple channels and formats. Our campaigns deliver millions of brand impressions to increase our advertisers' brand footprint and position them at the forefront of the beverage industry. Our digital team crafts first to market opportunities that resonate with our audience and achieves our client's KPIs.

### Wine Enthusiast Audience Network

Our programmatic banner and video campaigns use W.E. owned, permission-based, 1st party data and your demographic targeting requirements to reach the perfect consumer with every impression.

No other publisher in the wine industry can provide the scale, data or level of targeting like Wine Enthusiast.

### Wine Enthusiast Custom Content

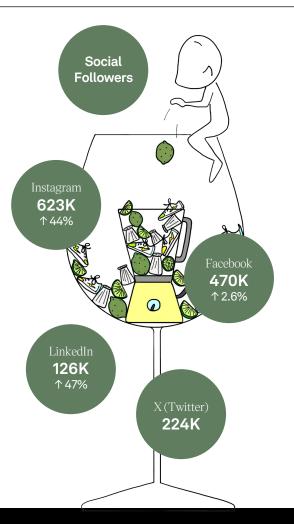
Wine Enthusiast's content expertise extends to creating custom content for all media platforms; from articles to infographics to videos and social. Our digital team works to craft high performing, top quality content for our partners.

### Wine Enthusiast Podcast

The Wine Enthusiast Podcast takes our listeners on a tantalizing audio trip into the world of wine, beer and spirits. With over 1,700,000 downloads the Wine Enthusiast Podcast is one of the most successful in the beverage industry and your brand could be featured at the forefront.



### WE Content Creator Platform



Wine Enthusiast social media programs don't just follow the wine trends—they set them. We are the vanguard of innovative approaches, introducing new angles to explore, taste, and savor the nuances of wine culture.

We curate more than content; we curate experiences. From behind-the-scenes glimpses into renowned vineyards to exclusive interviews, our social media programs enrich lives with unforgettable moments.

For wine partners, our social platforms offer an environment where their wines aren't just showcased; they're elevated. For other brand collaborators, it's an opportunity to tap into a refined audience with a taste for the finer things in life.

#### Influencer Campaign Process

The Wine Enthusiast Influencer Platform provides turnkey, scalable influencer marketing campaigns custom tailored to your brand and marketing goals. Our producers will guide you through our tested step-by-step process:

- Platform selection: Run your campaign on Instagram, TikTok, or a combination of these channels
- Creative direction: Brand appropriate creative will be drawn from your marketing requirements and input. Cellar Selections, HolidayCellar Selections, Holiday
- Post approval: You'll see creative before posting to provide feedback and approval.

#### What's Included

Each campaign includes:

- Original video post on influencer's Instagram, TikTok or combination
- Influencer's original content re-posted on Wine Enthusiast Instagram Story or TikTok
- Paid amplification of Wine Enthusiast repost to provide more reach and engagement

### Unparalleled Engagement

Wine Enthusiast articles and recipes are inspiring to our audience! They cause chatter amongst friends and motivate consumers to try new ideas whether in a restaurant or at home.

### Top 5 Digital Articles in the Past 6-Months

- 1. RECIPES: The Apple Cider Sangria Recipe You Need and Deserve
- 2. CULTURE: 8 Bucket-List Drinks Spots Around the World
- 3. RECIPES: How the Hugo Spritz Became 2023's Drink of the Summer
- 4. RECIPES: What Is Ranch Water? (And the Recipe to Make It)
- 5. RECIPES: The Dark 'n' Stormy Is the 3-Ingredient Cocktail Your Summer Needs

### Top Performing Categories

- Cocktail Recipes
- Travel
- Vintage Chart
- Wine Ratings & Reviews
- Basics
- Industry News





### Edit Calendar

February / March The Volcano Issue / Terroir Focus

Ad Close: 12/28 Materials Due Date: 1/4

JANUARY DIGITAL: A Balanced Glass, Annual List of Best Cruises: Beverage Programs

FEBRUARY DIGITAL: Terroir – What Grows Together, We Go Together (Valentine's Day)

MARCH DIGITAL: Drinks Destinations

April The Pinot Noir Issue/Varietal Focus

Ad Close: 1/25 Materials Due Date: 2/1

APRIL DIGITAL: Varietal Masterclass, Wine Enthusiast's Best Hotels

May The New York City Issue/Culture Focus

Ad Close: 2/22 Materials Due Date: 3/1

MAY DIGITAL: How New York Shaped Drinks Culture Through The Years **June/July** *The California Issue/Regional Focus* Ad Close: 4/5 Materials Due Date: 4/12

JUNE DIGITAL: Region Masterclass/California

JULY DIGITAL: Summer Celebrations, Your Ultimate Guide to Planning a Winery Wedding, Best Bottle Shops

#### August/September The Italy Issue/Food Focus

Ad Close: 6/5 Materials Due Date: 6/12

AUGUST DIGITAL: Food, Forward 50 – Best Restaurants, Ultimate Wine Lover's Guide to Italy

SEPTEMBER DIGITAL: South America

October The Innovation & Advocacy Issue/ Future 40 Ad Close: 7/12 Materials Due Date: 7/19

OCTOBER DIGITAL: Future 40 **November** *The Best Buys Issue/Value Focus* Ad Close: 8/16 Materials Due Date: 8/23

NOVEMBER DIGITAL: Best Buys, The Digital Holiday Gift Guide

December 1st The Holiday Issue/Indulgence Focus Ad Close: 9/13 Materials Due Date: 9/20

DEC 1 DIGITAL: Cellar Selections, Holiday

December 31st Best of Year Issue/Luxury Focus

Ad Close: 10/18 Materials Due Date: 10/25

DEC 31 DIGITAL: Best of the Year, Top 100 – Best Spirits, Beers and Wines of the Year, Best Bottle Shops of the Year



### WEEvents

Wine Enthusiast brings wine to life by hosting a variety of events throughout the year that are geared towards wine consumers and industry professionals alike. These events provide opportunities for attendees to taste and discover new wines, as well as learn about different regions, styles, and producers. In addition to tastings, many events also feature food pairings, live music, and educational seminars led by experts in the industry.



### **WE Events**

Wine Enthusiast events provide a fun and informative way for engaged wine lovers to explore their passion and expand their knowledge of the world of wine. The crown jewel of the events; portfolio is the annual Wine Star Awards black-tie gala celebrating industry luminaries.

- Future 40 Event
- Wine Star Awards
- Sip Italy and South America





### **Event Partnerships**

Partner with our team of experts to develop custom brand experiences to maximize visibility. Events can range from large-scale festivals with hundreds of wineries in attendance to more intimate tastings and seminars.

- Curated Dinners
- Instagram-ready Happy Hours
- Visually Immersive Experiences
- Tradeshow Seminars, Panels and Master Classes
- Tasting Room Events
- Walk Around Tastings

### Print Specifications

#### AD SIZES

#### FULL PAGE

BLEED	9.25" X 11.0625"
TRIM	9.0" X 10.8125"
SAFETY	8.5" X 10.3125"
SPREAD	
BLEED	18.25" X 11.0625"
TRIM	18" X 10.8125"
SAFETY	8.5" X 10.3125"

#### FRACTIONAL

2/3 VERTICAL	5.25" X 9.75"
1/2 HORIZONTAL	8.25" X 5"
1/3 VERTICAL	2.5" X 9.75"
1/3 HORIZONTAL	5.25" X 4.75"
JUNIOR PAGE	5.25" X 7"

#### Ad Material Submissions

- Send materials via email/mail to cgarcia@wineenthusiast.net
- All files sent after deadline must be sent as packaged files with image links and fonts
- No press proofs will be provided without prior arrangement
- PDF files will be printed as is

#### **File Format**

- PDF/X1a files are accepted. All graphics minimum 300 dpi and CMYK format with all layers flattened
- Crop marks should be used to indicate trim
- Total ink density should not exceed 320%

#### Binding

• Perfect Bound, jog to foot— 0.125" trim at foot.

#### **Production Guidelines**

- For all bleed ads build files to trim size and add .125" bleed on all 4 sides. Ensure that crop marks are offset.
- .125" from bleed
- For ads with a border, we recommend the minimum border size to be .25" to avoid any variance when printing.
- Allow .25" safety area inside trim on all 4 sides (no logos or type)
- Spread ads must be supplied as 2 separate files and marked for "Left" and "Right". Keep anything important out of the gutter (type or a person, place or thing).
- Limit using any 2 to 4-color black type to size above 18 pt. reserved for headlines and sub-headlines. Limit all body copy to percentages of black (100%, 75%, 33%, etc.). This is to anticipate for ink bleed which may in some cases create "blurry" body text.
- Small reversed out type should be no smaller than 8pts. Type smaller than 8pt. could compromise printed legibility.



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### Thank You

