



# The Future of Small Wineries in the Global Wine Economy

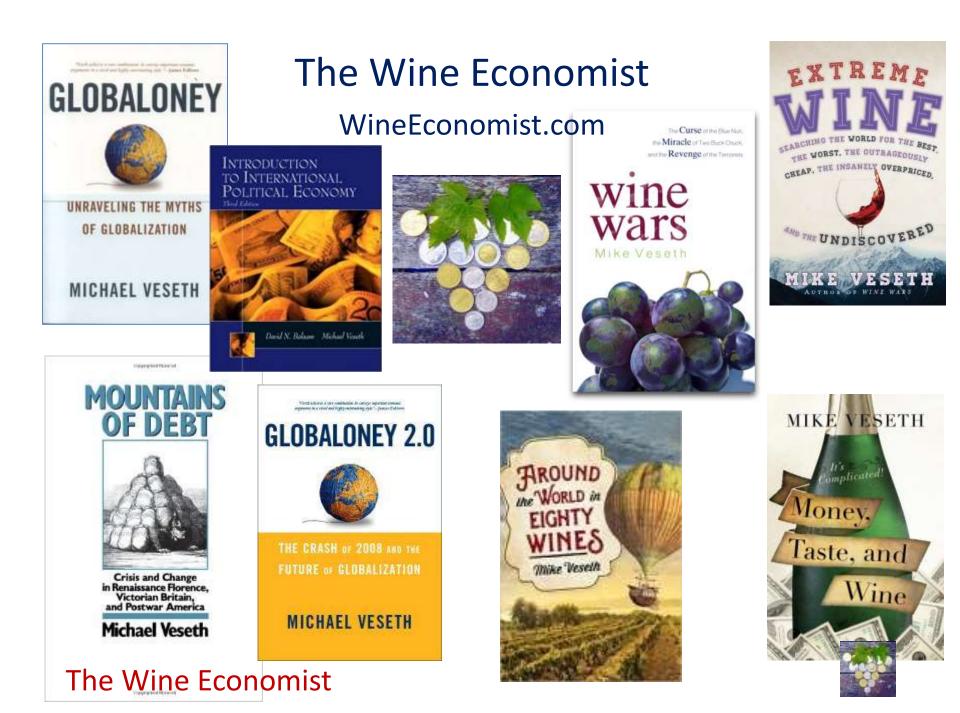


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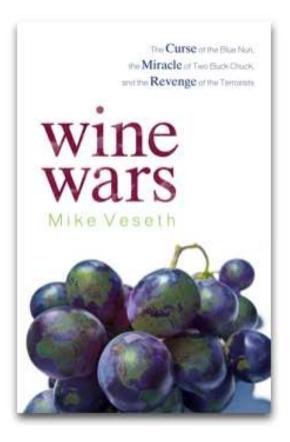








### **Today's Presentation**



The Wine Wars global market analytical framework

The future of small wineries: Insights from other industries



#### **Global Wine Dynamic Tension**

The Curse of the Blue Not, the Miracle of Two Buck Chuck, and the Revenge of the Terroruta



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#### Commodification

Thirst for Authenticity



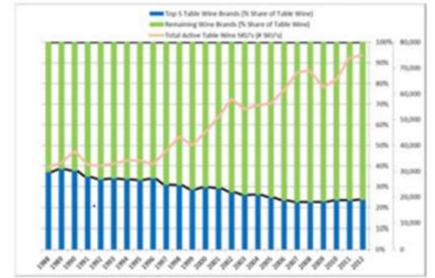
#### **Global Opportunities & Competition**



### **Globalization's Market Impact**

US wine market- proliferation of SKU's

Number of active table wine SKU's in the US, 1988-2012



Source: Beverage Information Group, 2013

Rising competition, greater consumer choice, market fragmentation

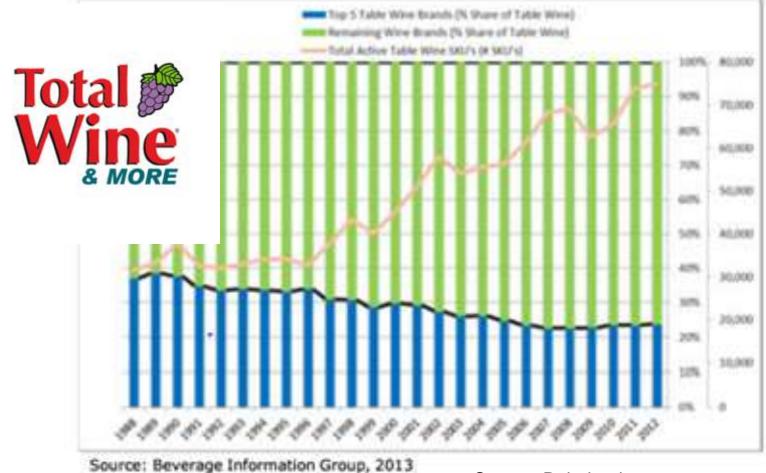
More that 80,000 SKUs in the US wine market!

Fragmentation: new entrants cannibalize market share of brand leaders



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Source: Rabobank



#### **Solution? Powerful Wine Brands**





## **Beware the Commodity Trap**



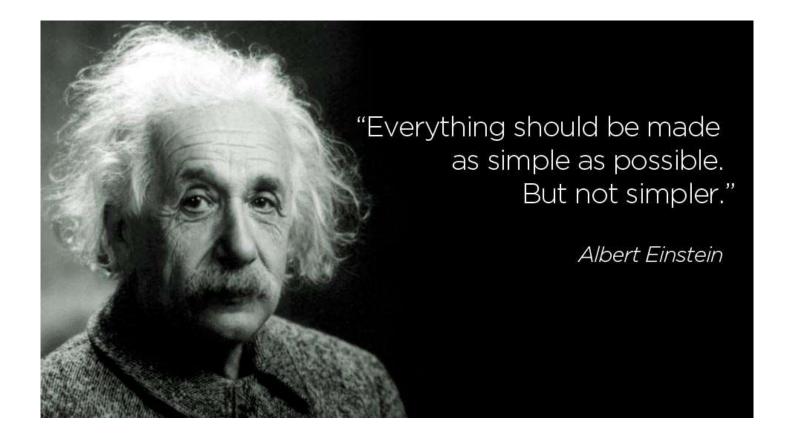
Brands promise consistent quality and value For consumers, trusting brands simplifies choice in a crowded market place

But brands can backfire if wines become commodities

The sad story of "Brand Australia"

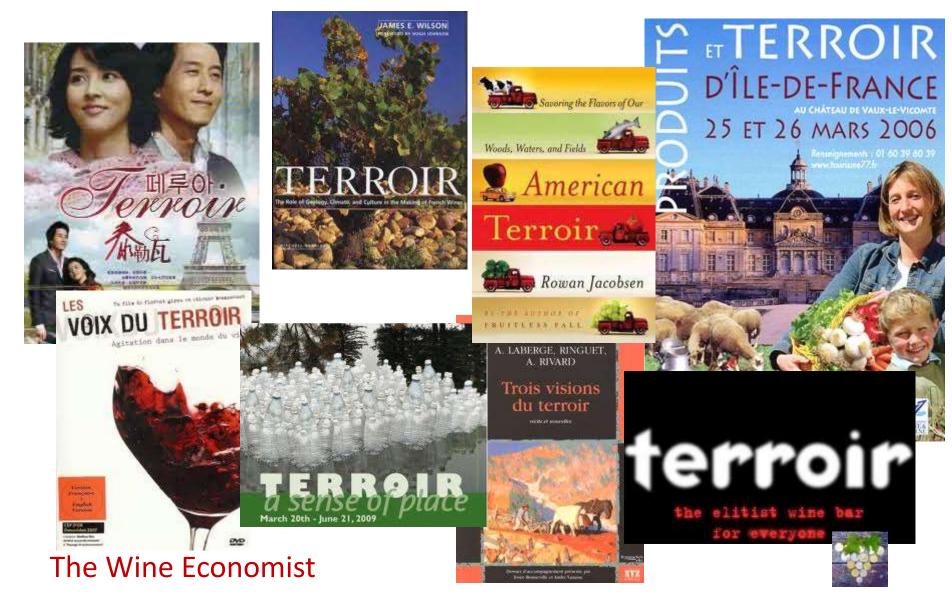


### Einstein's Law [of Wine]





## **Cure for Commodification: Authenticity**

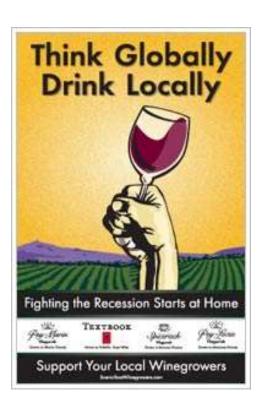


# **Authenticity: Not Just About Wine**





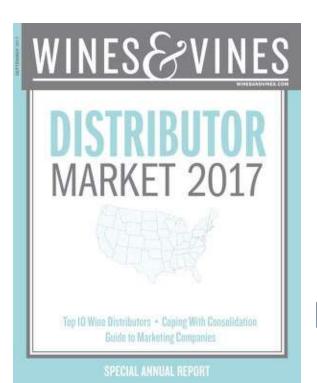
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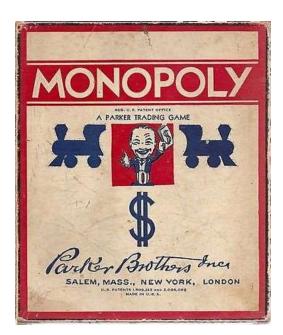
#### **Bottleneck Theory of Industrial Organization**



Every industry evolves around its greatest inefficiency – its particular bottleneck In the United States, the wine bottleneck is distribution **Distributor consolidation trends** Implications for small wineries



### How is a Bank Like a Winery?



The financial industry cycle – consolidation creates openings for small operators What can small banks do that big banks can't (or don't or won't)?

#### Implications for small wineries



## **Lessons from Blue Ribbon Sports**



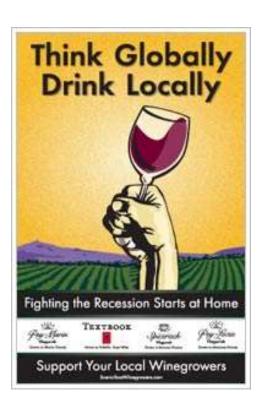
An Inconvenient Question The big order from Blue Ribbon Sports

Out-Sourcing Competition What is your *real* business?

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