

Strength in Numbers: Email

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Email: Systems

- Two Main Options
 - Outsource to Application Service Provider (e.g., Vertical Response, Constant Contact, etc.)
 - In-House Hosting: Bolted onto E-com Functionality
- Advantages
 - Excellent Reporting, List Creation Capacity
 - Low Cost
 - ASP: Superior Email Deliverability
- Disadvantages
 - Some Not Linked Directly to Other Systems
 - But, Marketing Capacity/Flexibility is More Important



Email: Management Point of View

- Email is Integrated: Complements other media
- Email is a Means to an End
- Email can be Tailored to Fit Organizational Needs
 - Internal Comms: Create a “staff” list that receives all emails
 - Ops Costs: Drive callers to lower-cost e-commerce purchase
 - Upsell: Drive club members to phone sales (high up-sell)
 - Inventory: Blow-out sales to highly targeted lists



Email: Key Metrics

- Email Drives 50%-70%+ E-com Revenue
- Key Metrics of Campaigns*:
 - Open Rate: 35% - 45% and dropping
 - Click-through-Rate: 5% - 15%+
 - Click-to-Buy Online Rate: 1% - 3%
 - Average Wine Order: \$125 - \$400+
- Isolate Email Campaign “Lift”
 - Workaround for Non-Integrated System: Compare week-of-campaign SKU sales to previous week

* Source: Benson Marketing Group monitors results of 250 email campaigns/yr.



Dashboard Report: Includes Email

	May 2008				May 2007					YTD 2008	YTD 2007	
Sales:	Sales \$	# Trx	Avg Sale	% DTC	Sales \$	# Trx	Avg Sale	% DTC	\$ % Chg	Sales \$	Sales \$	% Chg
Direct To Consumer												
Club												
Online												
Phone												
Email												
Tasting Room Shipped												
Tasting Room												
Wine Club:												
Wine Club Members BOM												
New Members												
Lost Members												
Wine Club Members EOM												
Tasting Room Visitors												
New List/Club Members												
% Conversion												
12 Month Buyers (WC+List)												
Email Campaigns:												
Sales												
# on List												
Open %												
Click %												
Web Traffic:												
# Visits												
# Page Views												
# Unique Visitors												



Email: Organizational Alignment

- Email: Part of Larger DTC Data Mining Function
- Example of Data Mining based on RFM
 - Recency-Frequency-Monetary: Aggregates Value of ALL Consumers Regardless of Channel
 - Uses Transaction-level data
 - Web+Club+VC+Phone+Email Orders Dumped into SQL Dbase
 - Database Runs Queries Against Data
 - Decile Analysis Surfaces Revenue Opportunities
- Summary: Email Ideal for Exploiting these Opps



RFM Analysis Benefits

- Customer Segmentation into 10 equal groups of customers:
 - 1,000 customers = 10 Deciles of 100 Customers per Decile
- One Benefit: Isolates Channel Preferences
 - Does your Top 10% Decile Use the Web?
 - Do you Woo Back the Bottom 10%?
 - What SKUs are the middle deciles not buying?
 - Isolates SKUs purchased outside club shipments
- Where are Untapped Club Opportunities?



Decile Reporting: Distribution of Revenue

Decile	# Customers	Rev/12-Mo	% Total	\$/Cust.	# Orders	Avg # Orders	Ave \$/Cust.
1	450	\$2,543,492	45%	\$5,652	2810	6.2	\$905
2	450	\$1,454,883	26%	\$3,233	2302	5.1	\$632
3	450	\$636,218	11%	\$1,414	3528	7.8	\$180
4	450	\$221,386	4%	\$492	2123	4.7	\$104
5	450	\$195,025	3%	\$433	1801	4.0	\$108
6	450	\$160,244	3%	\$356	1425	3.2	\$112
7	450	\$145,467	3%	\$323	1334	3.0	\$109
8	450	\$132,468	2%	\$294	1313	2.9	\$101
9	450	\$122,166	2%	\$271	1237	2.7	\$99
10	450	\$85,454	2%	\$190	880	2.0	\$97
Total	4500	\$5,696,804	100%	\$1,266	18,753	4.2	\$304



Channel Reporting

Where Are Purchases Made?

Decile >>>	Totals			Decile 1			Decile 2			Decile 3		
Channel	Revenue	#Trx	% Total	Revenue	#Trx	% Total	Revenue	#Trx	% Total	Revenue	#Trx	% Total
Club Shipment	\$3,067,557	25505	53.8%	\$1,470,138	3663	57.8%	\$757,211	2991	52.0%	\$111,547	1499	17.5%
Website	\$232,292	754	4.1%	\$60,267	90	2.4%	\$56,609	114	3.9%	\$43,643	158	6.9%
Phone/Email	\$1,434,085	3696	25.2%	\$791,336	1096	31.1%	\$300,972	704	20.7%	\$239,628	862	37.7%
Tasting Room	\$949,030	4898	16.7%	\$222,601	602	8.8%	\$330,265	745	22.7%	\$235,650	978	37.0%
Other	\$13,840	200	0.2%	-\$850	59	0.0%	\$9,826	48	0.7%	\$5,749	31	0.9%
Total	\$5,696,804	35053	100.0%	\$2,543,492	5510	100.0%	\$1,454,883	4602	100.0%	\$636,218	3528	100.0%
Average per customer	\$1,266			\$5,652			\$3,233			\$1,414		
Index				4.5			2.6			1.1		



Channel Reporting

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Decile >>>	Total Revenue	Decile 1					Decile 3					
		Revenue	#Trx	% Total		Revenue	#Trx	% Total				
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Website	\$232,292	754	4.1%	\$60,267	90	2.4%	\$56,609	114	3.9%	\$43,643	158	6.9%
Phone/Email	\$1,434,085	3696	25.2%	\$791,336	1096	31.1%	\$300,972	704	20.7%	\$239,628	862	37.7%

Finding: >85% Decile 1 are Club Members

Finding: < 40% of Decile 3 are Club Members

Opportunity: Create Club Offer via Email that Appeals to Decile 3 Consumers.



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Item Reporting Example

What is Purchased Beyond Club Shipments, and Where?

Wine	Qty	Revenue	% of Total	Tasting Room \$ Sales	%	Online \$ Sales	%	Phone \$ Sales	%
2004 best wine #1	1056	\$113,958	33.6%	\$18,211	16.0%	\$792	0.7%	\$94,955	83.3%
2004 best wine #2	290	\$35,484	10.4%	\$11,304	31.9%	\$7,788	21.9%	\$16,392	46.2%
2004 best wine #3	219	\$35,040	10.3%	\$4,480	12.8%	\$0	0.0%	\$30,560	87.2%
2004 best wine #4	95	\$19,620	5.8%	\$390	2.0%	\$804	4.1%	\$18,426	93.9%
2004 best wine #5	148	\$18,784	5.5%	\$1,120	6.0%	\$1,920	10.2%	\$17,152	91.3%
2004 best wine #6	414	\$17,856	5.3%	\$6,480	36.3%	\$562	3.1%	\$9,130	51.1%
2004 best wine #7	26	\$11,984	3.5%	\$944	7.9%	\$0	0.0%	\$11,040	92.1%
2004 best wine #8	55	\$8,800	2.6%	\$4,800	54.5%	\$0	0.0%	\$4,000	45.5%
2004 best wine #9	274	\$7,714	2.3%	\$2,016	26.1%	\$1,750	22.7%	\$3,948	51.2%
2004 best wine #10	7	\$6,464	1.9%	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%	\$6,464	100.0%



Bringing it Back to Email

- **Data Mining Leads to Targeted Email Offers**
 - Previous Example: Promoting Benefits of Club to High-Decile Non-Members
 - Based on Product Preferences: E.g., Pre-Release Offers
 - Greetings on Birthdays, Anniversaries
 - Surveying Customers to Unlock New Opportunities
- **Keys:**
 - Promote Benefits of (Email) Subscription Membership
 - Consistent Email Communications: 12+ /year
- **Other Ideas that Drive Recency, Frequency:**
 - Event invitations: Winemaker Dinners, Seminars
 - Club Shipment Pick-up Parties



Thank You

