UNPACKING THE NARRATIVE

IDEAS AND INSPIRATION FOR BRAND ACTIVATION

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ENGAGEMENT: THE WHY & THE HOW

Making wine relevant to our core consumers

WHY

Drive relevance

A strong and timely point-of-view
Address 4 key Zillennial needs
Connected to the authentic truths of wine
Told boldly, playfully, with fresh energy

HOW

New engagement model

Surprise — stop the scroll, prompt reappraisal

Engage — elicit emotion, entertain, invite

Connect — in their conversations and spaces

Validate — by influencers, peers, creators

Support — help them find their wine





WINE'S CHALLENGER NARRATIVE: OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

MONSTER

What needs challenging

In a world of CONNECTION AMNESIA

New norms and behaviours mean we forget the importance of face-to-face connection



BELIEF

What drives us

We believe CONNECTION NEEDS A CHAMPION

This is a huge issue, but wine has millennia of experience that allows us to lead on this



WINE'S ROLE

What we do

Which is why we **CULTIVATE TOGETHERNESS**

Wine's superpower is creating the optimal conditions for togetherness



MINDSET OF OUR TRIBE

We're for all **SOCIAL CATALYSTS**

We welcome everyone, especially generous, bighearted hosts, those who get their people together



BEHAVIOUR / VOICE

How we show up **PLAYFUL, BOLD, POSITIVE**

Agent provocateur and conversation starter, with a playful POV: bold, positive, and original.







4 KEY IDEAS SUPPORT THE VALUE PROPOSITION

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CULTIVATE TOGETHERNESS

Wine's superpower is creating the optimal conditions for togetherness:

- 1. #Bestlife
- 2. Elevated Experience
- 3. Inclusivity
- 4. Neighborliness



These 4 ideas came from discussing what was great and unique about wine with Zillennials, and how this fits with their values





THE 4 IDEAS PROVIDE ACTIVATION INSPIRATION

Each a marriage of Zillennial core value and wine truth, that we can activate

| BEST-LIFE | ELEVATED EXPERIENCE | INCLUSIVITY | NEIGHBOR- LINESS |
|--|---|--|---|
| #Bestlife | Showing that you care | Everyone is Welcome | Hey, Neighbor! |
| Their #1 motivation | Delicious, special, more elegant than competition | Leave no one out | Break barriers |
| Unique to each person; support each other's dreams | Shows you care and want to connect | Perceived "exclusivity" can be barrier | Wine a gracious gesture that connects all kinds |





ACTIVATE GUIDED BY OUR ENGAGEMENT MODEL

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BRING NEW ENERGY TO WINE'S #BESTLIFE

BEST-LIFE

#Bestlife

Success is about living a full life of great experiences with people we love

Take joy seriously: energy, informality, playfulness #showup for each other

Positivity is contagious #optimism

Wine = adulting well #bossmove

Care about #sustainability — substance behind the positivity

Wine's been at heart of the good life and celebration forever

We are committed to doing the right thing for people and place

- Build out #bestlife legacy in new ways — energy, joy, positivity
- Vibe: playful, informal, everyday



- Aesthetics matter ditch clichés, freshen up your imagery
- Advocate remind Zillennials to #showup
- Sustainability as #bestlife for all to preserve place and planet





EXPAND OUR SENSE OF "ELEVATED EXPERIENCE"

ELEVATED EXPERIENCE

Showing that you care

Showing you care creates intimacy and deepens the bonds we long for

Elevating experiences help make the memories that feed a #bestlife #soakitup

Especially over delicious, fresh, beautiful, varied, contemporary food

Sometimes that care is perfect just for oneself #metime

Wine is a delicious choice — and a moderate one

Hand-crafted with great care

- Elevated, not stuffy intentional (stemware optional)
- Novel, delicious pairings, e.g., Indian pizza, Thai take-out, designer tacos



- Everyday moments we #levelup watch party, game night
- Heighten the senses with ASMR
- Creators share elevated moments from the amazing world of wine





REACH OUT WITH OPEN ARMS

INCLUSIVITY

Everyone is Welcome

Being open-minded, empathetic, and accessible invites people in — and the more the merrier in our #bestlife

Make the effort to connect with new groups, show how wine fits their world

Help them discover a wine that's right for them #findmywine

Wine central to so many different people and cultures for millennia.

With so much variety everyone can find a wine they like – with our help

- Diversify where and for whom we show up
- Consider unexpected venues: ballpark, night markets, entertainment events



- Choose influencers outside of the wine mold
- Showcase how AI can help you find your wine





BREAK BARRIERS

NEIGHBORLINESS

Hey, Neighbor!

Being proactive with hospitality, seeing past differences, is part of living your best life

Act local: cultivate connection next door, step outside the filter bubble to create new, memorable experiences

Practice the "New Civility" #bekind #listening #vulnerability

Multi-generation farming families know their neighbors and build communities.

Wine is a unique ice-breaker: gracious and elevated, with easy conversation

- Get the neighborhood to the neighborhood bar
- One rule: #bekind



- Spotlight and encourage neighborliness in social channels
- Promote the #NewCivility





WINE'S CHALLENGER VALUE PROPOSITION

"CULTIVATE TOGETHERNESS"

Creating optimal conditions for more people to connect through wine

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| What it means in our strategy | Success is about living a full life of great experiences with people we love Take joy seriously: energy, informality, playfulness. #showup for each other Positivity is contagious #optimism Wine = adulting well #bossmove Care about #sustainability — substance behind the positivity | Showing you care creates intimacy and deepens the bonds we long for Elevating experiences help make the memories that feed a #bestlife #soakitup Especially over delicious, fresh, beautiful, varied, contemporary food Sometimes that care is perfect just for oneself #metime | Being open-minded, empathetic, and accessible invites people in — and the more the merrier in our #bestlife Make the effort to connect with new groups, show how wine fits their world Help them discover a wine that's right for them #findmywine | Being proactive with hospitality and seeing past differences, is part of living your best life Act local: cultivate connection next door, step outside the filter bubble to create new, memorable experiences Practice the "New Civility" #bekind #listening #vulnerability |
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| Core Value | CHAMPIONS | OF RECONNECTION: Boldness, | welcoming, playful, energetic, po | sitive, original |





FOR ADDITIONAL INSPIRATION ON EACH OF THE 4 PILLARS, SEE WEBINAR #3 CASE STUDIES

| BEST-LIFE | ELEVATED EXPERIENCE | INCLUSIVITY | NEIGHBORLINESS |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
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UNPACKING THE NARRATIVE: SUMMARY

The perfect moment for wine to champion face-to-face socializing



The ideas behind Cultivate Togetherness are rich in insights to stimulate new activities and actions

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TO-DOS



Boost your brand energy

Bring positivity, joy, playfulness. Freshen up your aesthetics.



Be more inclusive. Get into new venues. Choose influencers who break the mold

And use AI to help newbies find their wine.



Show wine paired with new menu items and in new social situations

Pair with Indian pizza or whatever is hot now on DoorDash. Pair with the hot new watch party.



Break barriers, tackle incivility

Burst the filter bubbles - bring all kinds together. Champion the #NewCivility





QUICK THINGS YOU CAN DO TODAY

Getting started

- Think of an event you have coming up...
- Invite more Zillennials to join you onsite
- Infuse your presence with energy, novelty, and conversation-starters
- Make sure there's one thing people feel compelled to take a pic of and share it in their socials





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