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# Flavored Vodka Launches: Case Studies

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# Consumer Insights

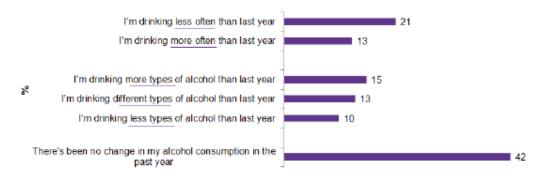
### Overall, there is a significant percentage of consumers indicating a reduction in alcohol consumption.

### Two primary reasons indicated are:

- Pursuit of healthier lifestyle
- Desire to spend less money

#### FIGURE 1: CHANGE IN ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION, JULY 2019

Which of the following best describes your alcohol habits? Please select all that apply.

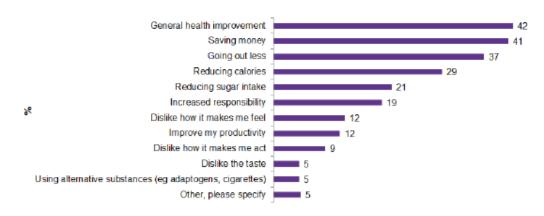


Base: 1,703 internet users aged 22+ who drink alcohol

Source: Lightspeed/Mintel

#### FIGURE 2: REASONS FOR DRINKING LESS IN THE PAST YEAR, JULY 2019

Why have you reduced your alcohol consumption in the past year? Please select all that apply.



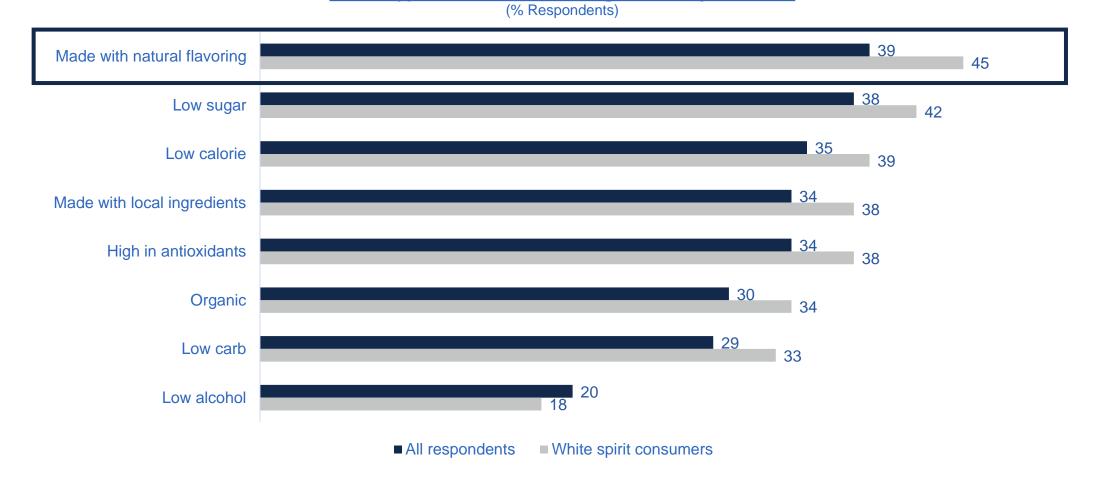
Base: 353 internet users aged 22+ who have reduced their alcohol consumption in the past year

Source: Lightspeed/Mintel

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## As health becomes more of a concern for alcohol drinkers, there is an opportunity for 'natural flavor' innovation in white spirits

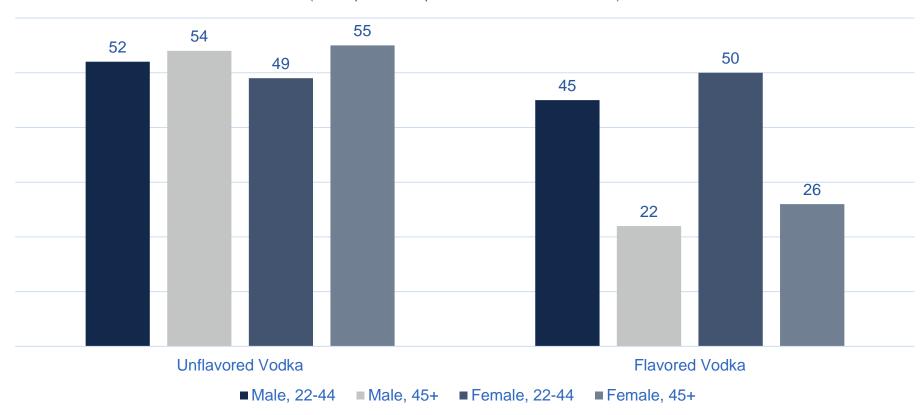
Alcohol Health Innovation Interest:
Which type of alcoholic beverages would you drink?



### When it comes to recent purchasers, the flavored vodka category skews younger and female

### Types of vodka purchases

(% respondents purchased in last 6 months)



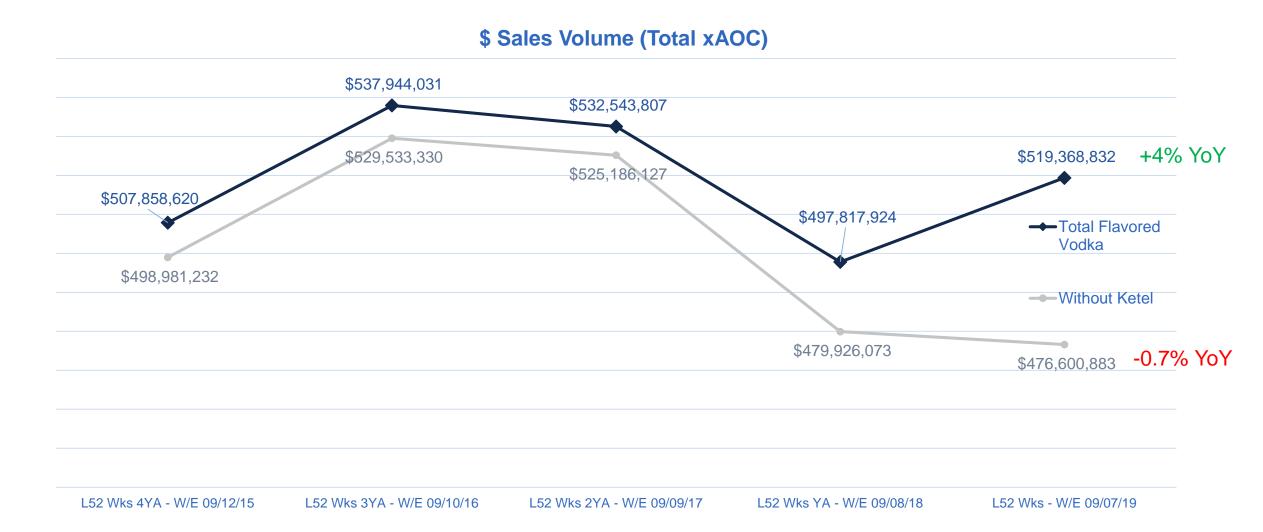
# Category Insights

## The flavored vodka category had been declining since 3YA, however we are seeing an uptick over the latest 52 weeks



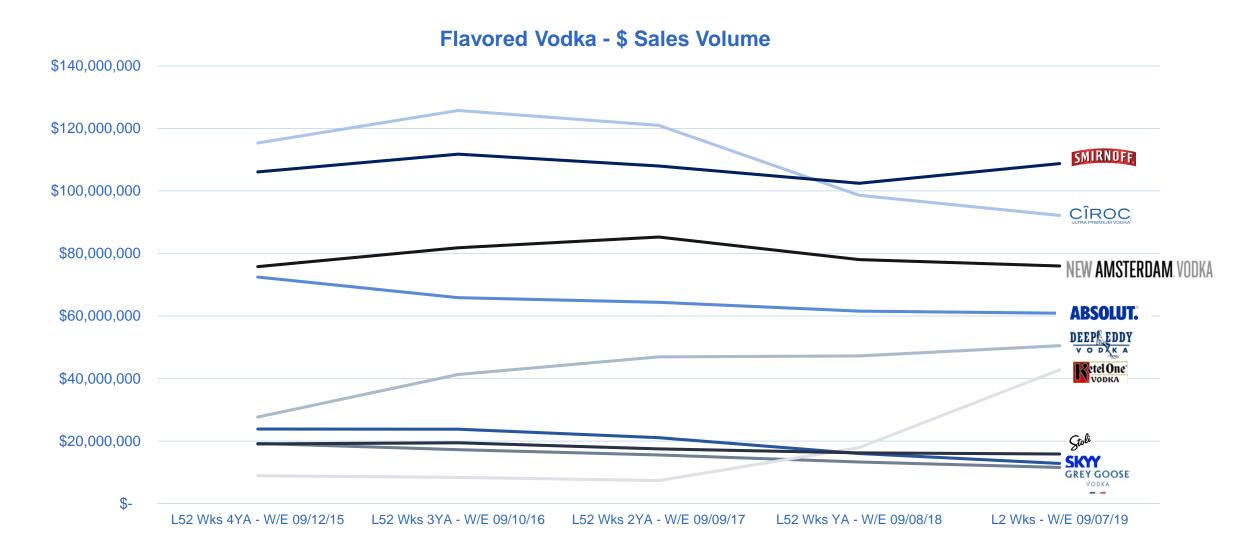


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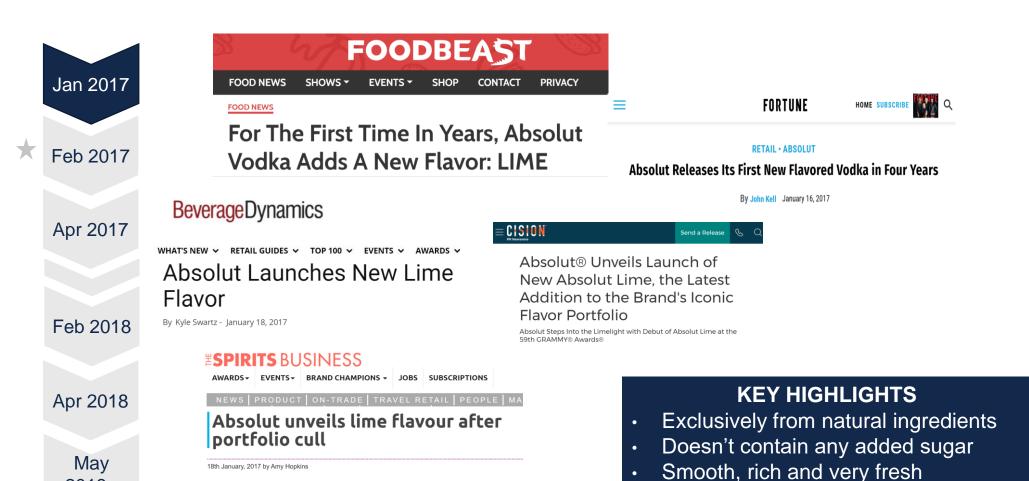


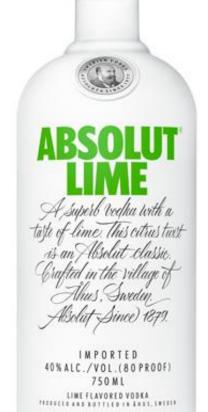
# Competitive Case Study: Absolut Lime

## The announcement of Absolut Lime in January generated organic PR with a focus on 'the first time in years'

Available nationwide in 750ml, 1L and

1.75L





2018+

### To kick off the brand, Absolut Lime sponsored the 59th Annual GRAMMY® Awards, including TV, digital, social and a signature cocktail – the Absolut Limelight

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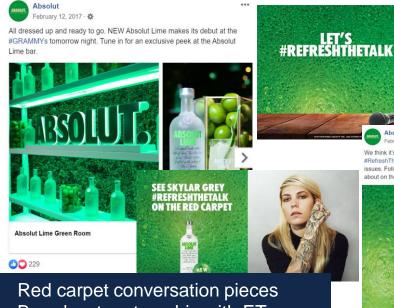


Apr 2017

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May 2018+ The #RefreshTheTalk Campaign turned standard red-carpet fashion into a real conversation by tapping into the current cultural conversation across social





- Broadcast partnership with ET
- 59 branded bars across the Staples Center
- Digital Media Support



# Using its existing presence from the GRAMMYs, Absolut Lime refreshed the festival experience by triggering touch, taste, smell, sight, and hearing

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## After sponsoring these large events in early months, Absolut Lime continued its brand momentum through 2017, focusing resources on social media & TV

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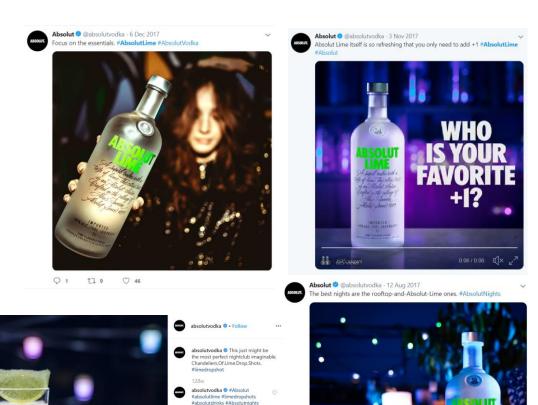
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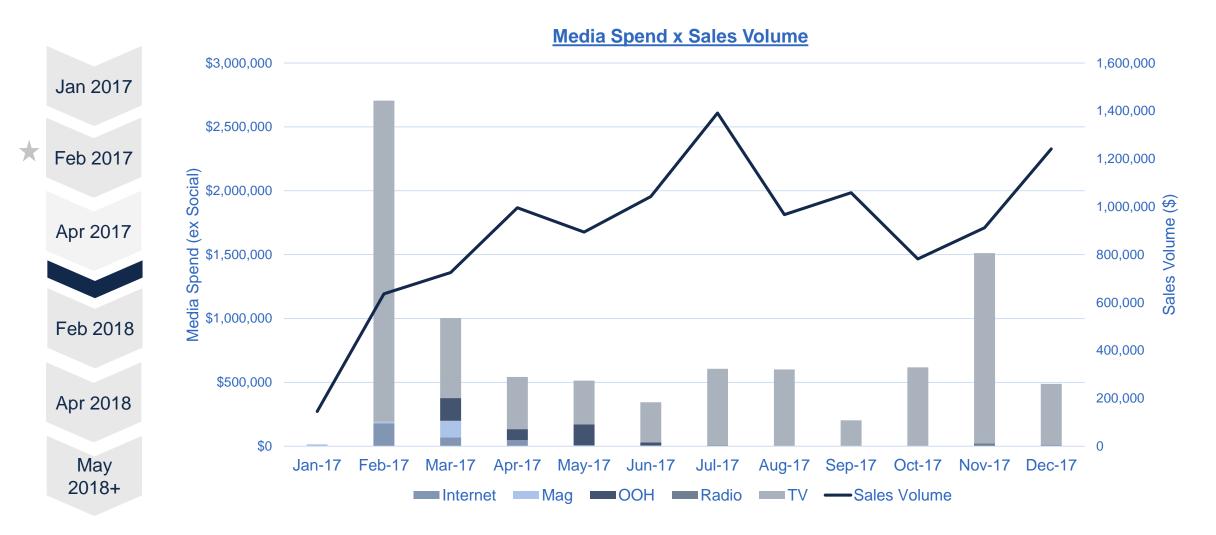




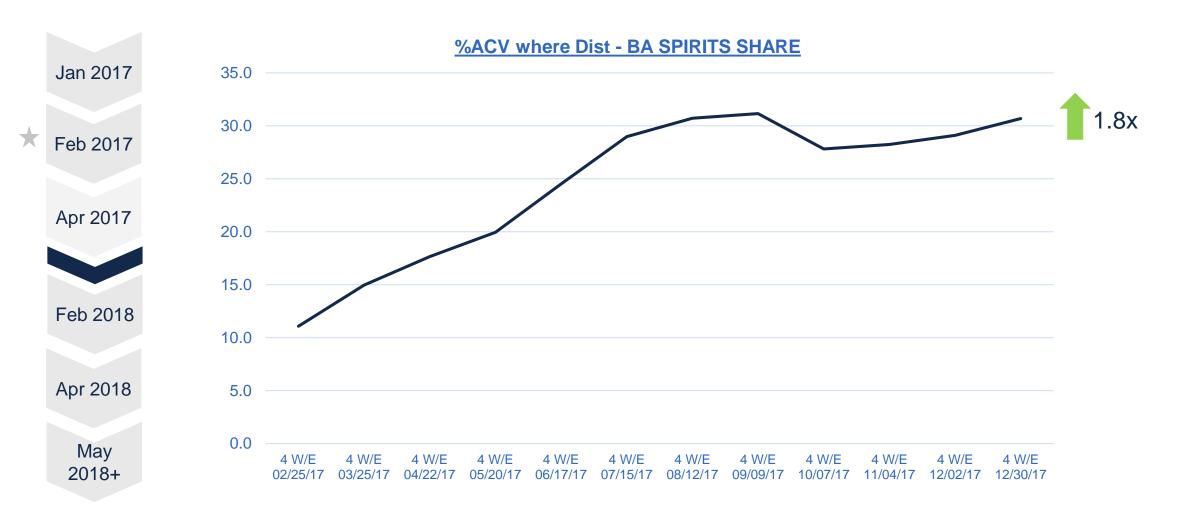


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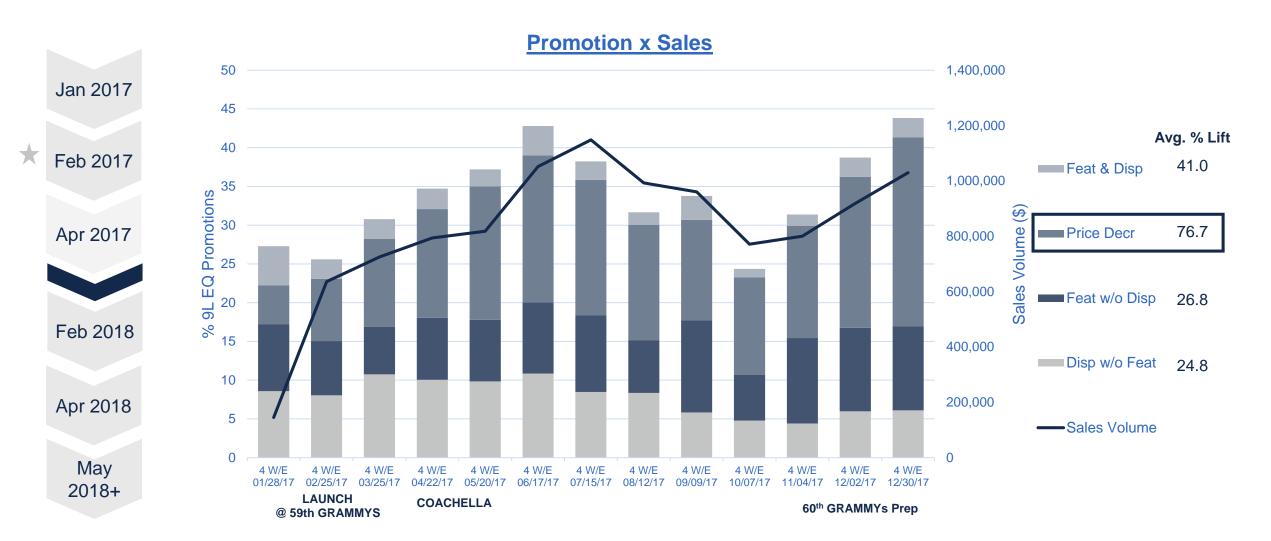
# Media Spend (ex Social) in 2017 was dedicated to primarily TV during Absolut Lime's larger kick-off events, taking up 90% of the \$9.1M spend



# With increasing brand presence, Absolut Lime continuously gained distribution off-premise after launch



## As distribution gained in early 2017, % in store promos increased, with an uptick of # of price decreases for Absolut Lime going into 2018



### Absolut Lime started 2018 in the same way as 2017, sponsoring the 60th GRAMMY® Awards, with the culmination of its "Open Mic Project" which started in November

Jan 2017

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May 2018+ The **Open Mic Project**, championing commitment to diversity, acceptance and freedom of expression, brought Rita Ora together with fans to create a track inspired by their messages of acceptance



Ora live debuted the song *Proud* during GRAMMY's week



On-Air Segments with ET

- Snapchat integrations
- Spotify homepage takeover
- Signature cocktails during GRAMMY week events
- Digital Media Support





# Building upon their 2017 "Lime Oasis" activation, Absolut continued its presence at Coachella with Absolut Open House, standing for something bigger than flavor

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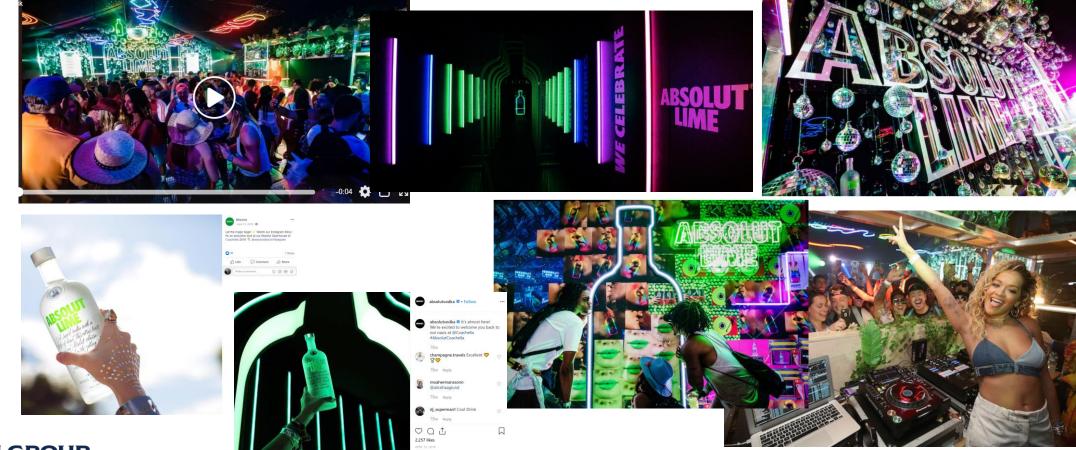
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The Absolut Open House provided a refreshing oasis that proudly celebrated all cultures, colors, identities, shapes, flavors, and people — the perfect compliment to the Kiss With Pride campaign and ongoing social efforts as a brand



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## While Lime has currently taken a backseat in Absolut's media due to new launches, continued social content focuses around healthy options and cocktail creation

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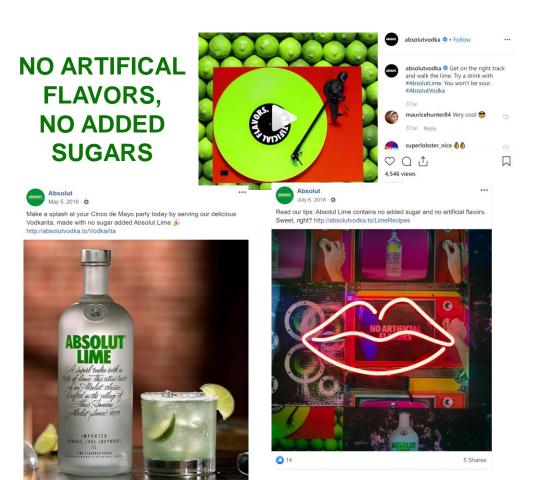
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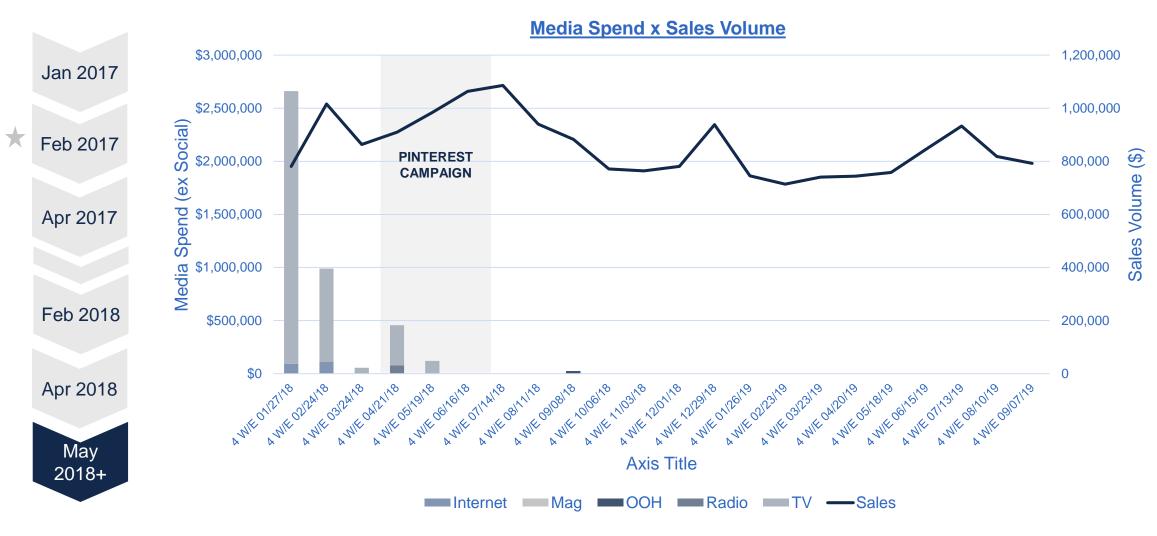








# Despite limited media spend in 2018+, Absolut Lime sales remained relatively flat due to these continued conversations on social and off-premise promos



# Absolut Lime today remains one of Absolut's core brands and its off-premise promotions are still seeing incremental unit lift



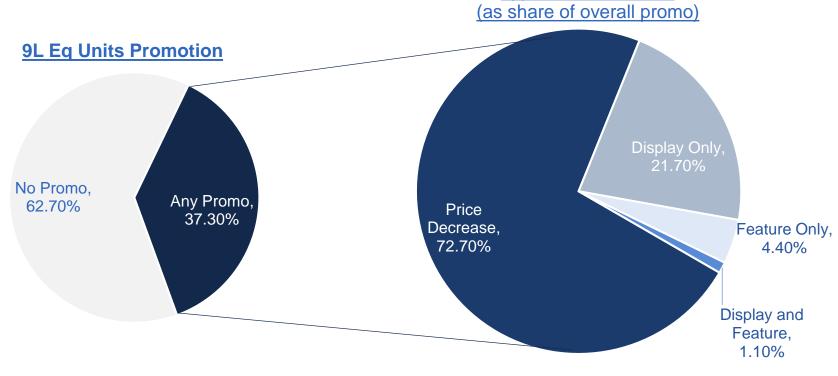
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Any Promo % Lift	76.4%
Price Decrease % Lift	89.9%
Display Only % Lift	32.0%
Feature Only % Lift	44.3%
Display and Feature % Lift	17.7%

**Types of Promotion** 

### **Absolut Lime Launch Key Takeaways**



### WHAT DROVE SUCCESS

- 360° 'Absolut Lime' experience TV, digital, social, event, at home
- Content highlighting social issues –
   #RefreshTheTalk, Open Mic Project
- Mobile-first approach on social media
- Continued support and content in year 2, even after new product launches
- 'No sugar added', 'No artificial flavors'



### WHERE THEY MAY HAVE MISSED

- Off-premise displays account for more than a fifth of promotions yet seen lowest lift
- Still have distribution gap of 47% Total US xAOC compared to flavored vodka category