





Report for

Chilean Cherry Campaign Evaluation in the South Korean Market

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Research Background & Objectives



Background

ASOEX launched a new promotional campaign for cherry in South Korea this year, it was crucial to evaluate the effectiveness of the campaign and understand the performance of Chilean cherry in South Korean market.



Consumer behavior

- To figure out the demand of cherry in South Korean market
- To understand and the consumer's consumption habits for cherry.



Market Overview

- To understand consumers' perception on different origins of cherry in South Korean market.
- To figure out Chilean Cherry's opportunities.



Campaign Evaluation

- To understand the overall performance of the campaign, such as the awareness of the campaign and visibility of each touch point.
- To understand the impact on Chilean Cherry's purchase intention and image perception.



GAME CHANGERS

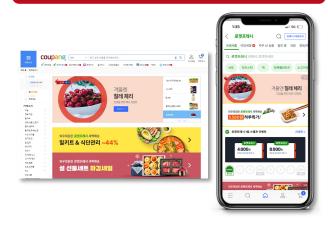
Campaign Execution Review



Influencer Collaboration



E-commerce Promotion



Kakao Bizboard Ad



In-store POSM Branding



Live Shopping Promotion



In-store Tasting





Research Execution Review



- Methodology: Online questionnaire via Ipsos online panel
- City coverage: Seoul, Seoul Metropolitan area and other cities
- Target group:
 - ✓ 18-50 y.o.
 - ✓ Purchasers and decision makers for family grocery consumption
 - ✓ Purchasers of cherry in the past one year
- Sample size: 700
- **Execution date:** Feb 20 Mar 2, 2023

Total	700		
Quota		collected	Soft quota
City	Seoul	387 (55%)	≥340
	Seoul Metropolitan area	205 (29%)	≥160
	Other cities	108 (15%)	≥60
Monthly Household Income	Mid tier	316 (42%)	≥250
	High tier	384 (55%)	≥250
Quota		collected	Percentage
Gender	Male	141 (20%)	20%
	Female	559 (80%)	80%
Age	18-35 y.o.	349 (50%)	50%
	36-50 y.o.	351 (50%)	50%

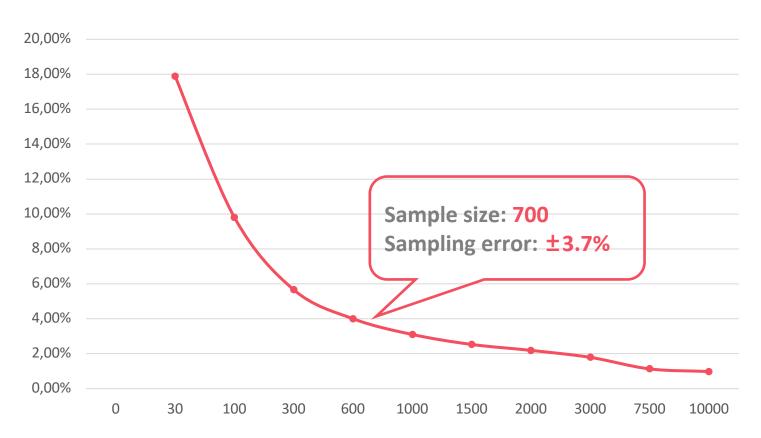


Reading instruction: Significance level and sampling error



At 95% of confidence level:

Sampling error (±)



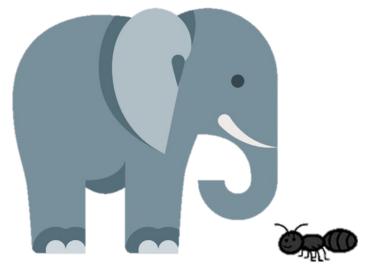
Sample Size	Sampling Error	
30	±17.89%	
50	±13.86%	
100	±9.80%	
150	±8.00%	
200	±6.93%	
300	±5.66%	
400	±4.90%	
600	±4.00%	
800	±3.46%	
1000	±3.10%	
2000	±2.19%	

Sample size



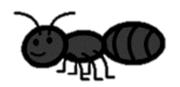
Reading instruction: Index











- Bigger brands tend to get endorsed more for <u>any</u> brand image statement
- And some <u>image statements</u> are more likely to be endorsed than others
- By leveling out this effect by indexing both brand size and statement size, we can look at the RELATIVE <u>weaknesses</u> and the RELATIVE strengths of a brand

	Brand A	Brand B
Healthy	+5	-3
Delicious	-8	+1
Spicy	+10	0
Fun	+15	-10
Easy to share	-11	-2

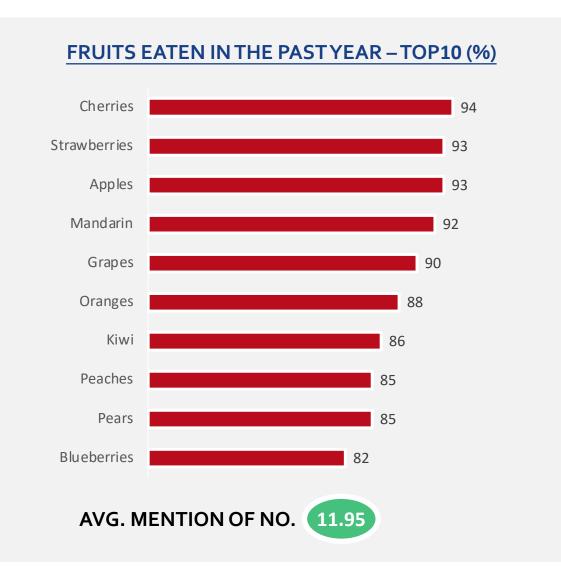
- Brand B performs averagely on all statements given its brand size
- Brand A has relative strengths in being perceived as Healthy, spicy and fun but is not seen as delicious or easy to share

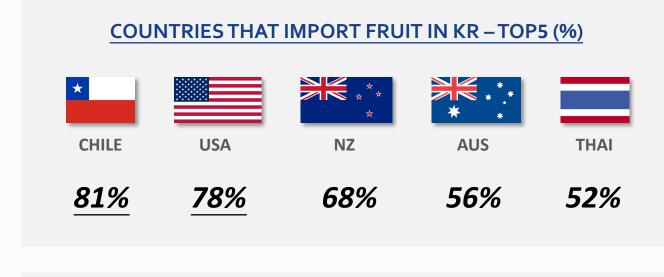




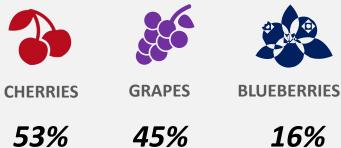
Chile as one of the famous fruit origins was known for imported cherries and grapes, catering to Korean cherry consumers who tended to eat a wide variety of fruits.







AWARENESS OF IMPORTED FRUITS FROM CHILE – TOP5 (%)







KIWIS

BANANAS

16%

6%

5%





Winter was the peak season for Korean consumers to buy cherries, which met the launch period of Chilean cherries and avoided competition with U.S. cherries, making it a competitive origin in the South Korean market.



SEASONS OF BUYING CHERRIES (%)

TIME PERIOD LAUNCH IN MARKET



Spring (Mar.-May.)



Summer (Jun.-Aug.)



Autumn (Sep.-Nov.)



Winter (Dec.-Feb.)





ALLYEAR ROUND



Time period launch in market of Chilean cherries:

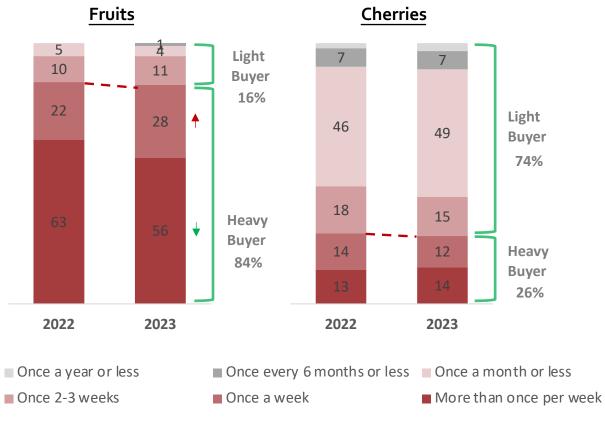
January 14th - March 11th, 2023



Compared to last year, consumers were buying cherries more frequently but slightly decreased in amount per purchase and spending.



FREQUENCY OF BUYING FRUITS/CHERRIES (%)

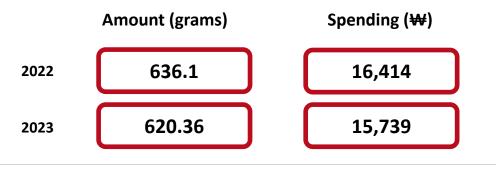


^{*}Light Buyer: Buy fruits/cherries less than once a week

AVERAGE PURCHASE FREQUENCY



AVERAGE PURCHASE AMOUNT OF CHERRY & SPENDING PER PURCHASE OF CHERRY



-15.74 grams

Gap vs. 2022



-675 ₩



^{*}Heavy Buyer: Buy fruits/cherries once a week or more

[↑] Significantly higher than 2022 ↓ Significantly lower than 2022

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Deep diving into segments, campaign awarers were more likely to spend more on purchasing cherries.



WEEKLY PURCHASE AMOUNT OF CHERRIES (%)

Weekly Avg. purchase Avg. amount per Weekly Avg. purchase Gap vs. frequency (times) amount (grams) purchase (grams) 2022 2023 0.68 620.36 421.84 X +27.44 0.62 636.1 2022 394.4 **Campaign Awarers** +27.98 655.96 1.39 911.78 X 2022 1.18 749.0 883.8 Χ **Campaign Non-awarers** +6.72 604.68 0.37 223.62 2022 0.37 586.1 216.9 Χ =

WEEKLY PURCHASE SPENDING OF CHERRIES (%)

Total		_	Gap vs. 2022
Average spend per purchase between 0-249 g. (₩)	Average spend per purchase between 250-500 g. (₩)	Estimated spending per week = 421.84 g. (₩)	394.4 g. (₩)
-	12150.8	12,150.8	-325
Campaign Awarer			
Average spend per purchase between 501-750 g. (₩)	Average spend per purchase between 751-1,000 g. (₩)	Estimated spending per week = 911.78 g. (₩)	883.8 g. (₩)
16693.0	19292.5	18375.2	+1988.8
Campaign Non-av			
Average spend per purchase between 0-249 g. (₩)		Estimated spending per week = 223.62 g. (₩)	216.9 g. (₩)
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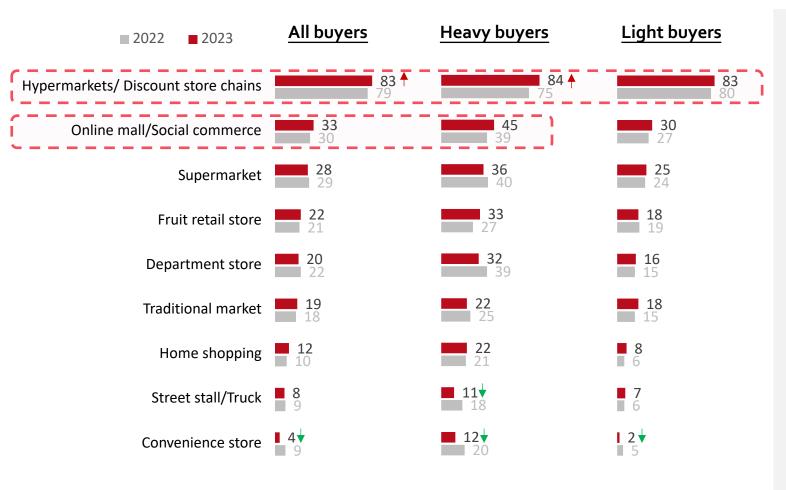


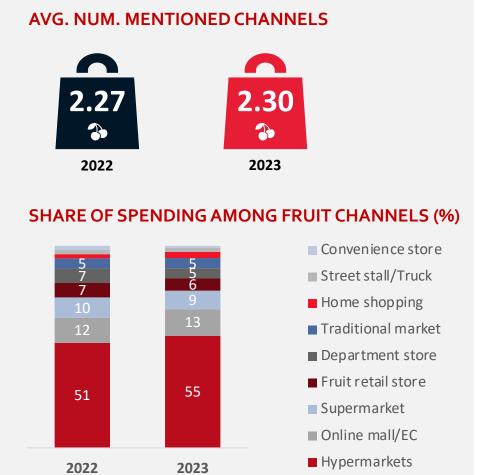
^{• &}quot;-" means that sample size is too small to read/calculate (<30).

Hypermarkets/discount store chains had increasingly become important channels for cherry sales, especially for heavy buyers. Besides, online store/social commerce were also working for heavy buyers.



CHERRY PURCHASE CHANNEL (%)





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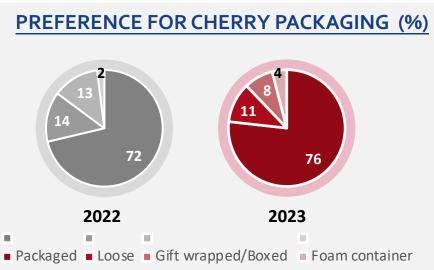
Note: Light Buyer: Buy cherries less than once a week; Heavy Buyer: Buy cherries once a week or more

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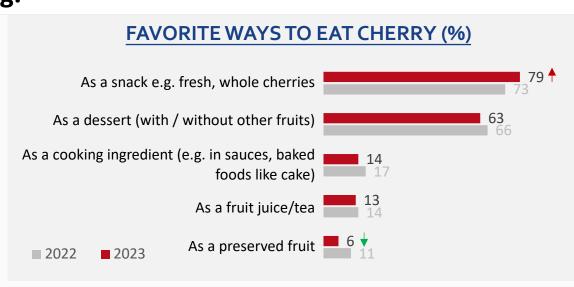


Most consumers preferred to enjoy cherries on their own or share them with families, 🚄 and dinner had become the most popular consumption occasion while lunchtime also had potential, which should be noticed when promoting.

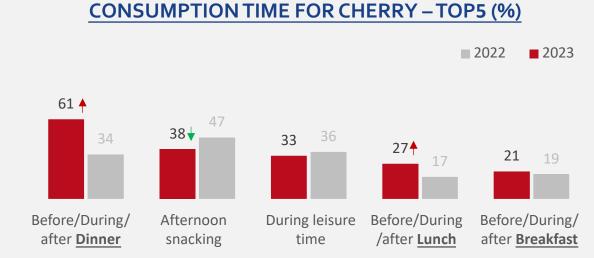








CONSUMPTION OCCASIONS FOR CHERRY – TOP5 (%) **2023 2022** 15 Friends'/relatives' On a road trip At home At work At restaurant home

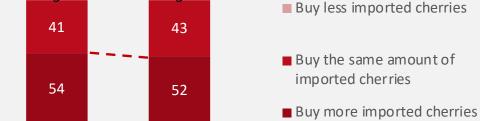




Ensuring quality and freshness was still essential to stimulating the consumption of imported cherries. Notably Chilean cherries maintained the edge in price factors compared with other origins.



INTENTION TOWARDS IMPORTED CHERRIES (%)

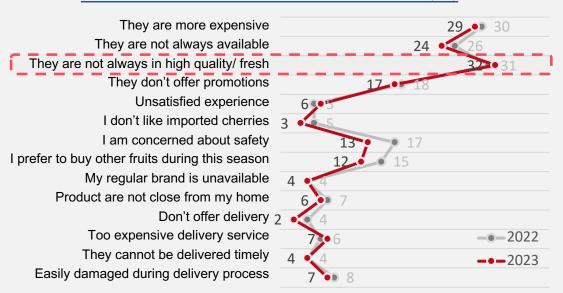


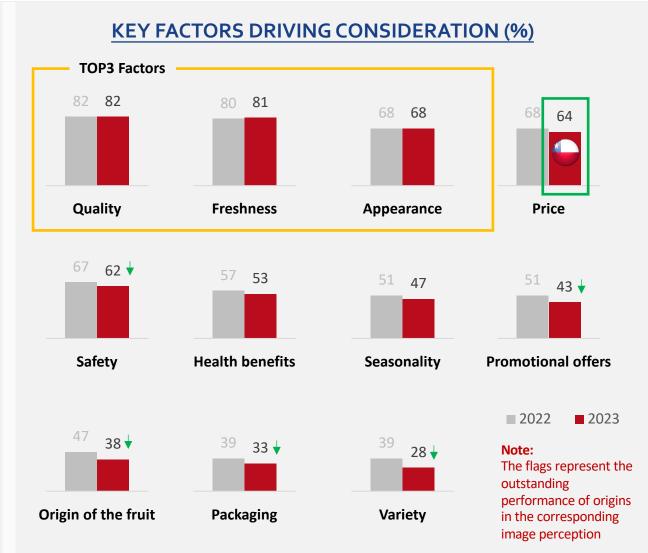
HINDERS FOR IMPORTED CHERRIES (%)

2023

2022

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D2. Which of the following statements best reflects your current intention towards buying imported cherry? Base: All respondents, n=700 D3. Which of the following statements best describes the reason why you don't buy imported cherry in a more regular basis? Base: Respondents who not intend to purchase more imported cherry2023/2022, n=334/391 D1. To what extent are the following factors important to you when buying cherry? E7. Which statement do you associate with each country? You can select one, all or none of the countries for each attribute. Base: All respondents, 2022/2023, n=844/700



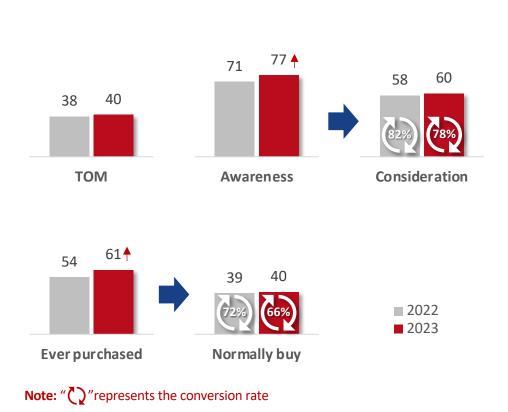
GAME CHANGERS



Chilean cherries enjoyed decent increase in awareness and ever-purchased metrics yet need more efforts to convert the growth of re-purchase, which probably be due to the decrease of several perceptions, especially "freshness".

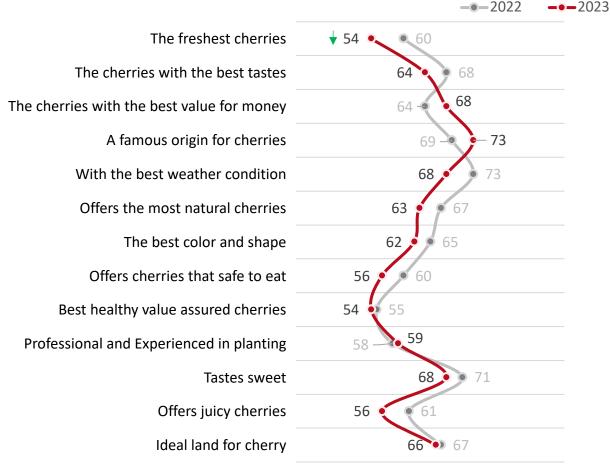


BRAND FUNNEL OF CHILEAN CHERRIES (%)



▲ Significantly higher than 2022 ↓ Significantly lower than 2022

IMAGE PERCEPTION OF CHILEAN CHERRIES (%)



E1. What is the country of origin of cherry that firstly comes to your mind? E2. Which countries from the following list offer cherry in South Korea? E4. And from which countries would you consider buying cherry? E5. Which countries of cherry have you ever bought? E6. Which country do you normally buy cherry from?

Note: TOM=Top of mind Base: All respondents 2022/2023. n=844/700



GAME CHANGERS

In general, Chilean and U.S. cherries dominate the South Korean market and were still expanding their advantages, while further enhancing sales metrics, Chilean cherries should be wary of the catch-up of U.S. cherries in conversion rate of consideration.



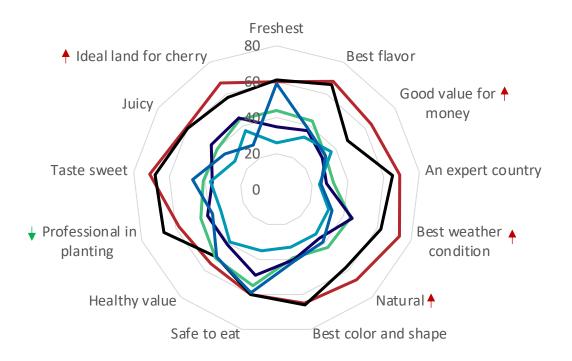




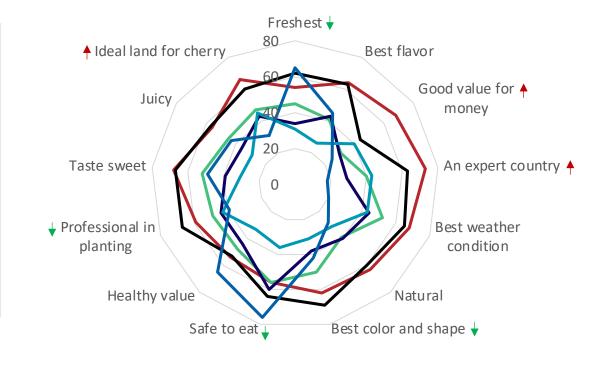
Image-wise, Chilean and U.S. cherries remained dominant in overall performance, among which Chilean cherries were known for being cost-effective, expertise, and ideal land for cherry while quality-related images such as "freshest", "safety", and "color & shape" were less competitive.

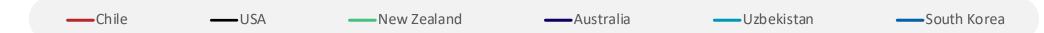


2022 - IMAGE PERCEPTION (%)



2023 - IMAGE PERCEPTION (%)







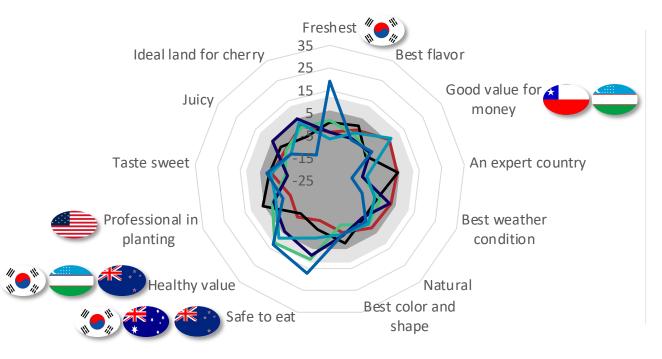
Significantly higher than USA

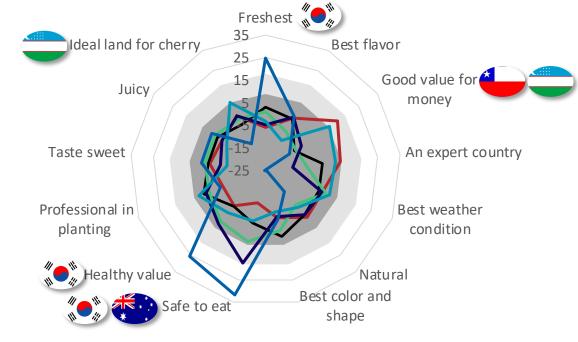
Limited by production, local cherries were relatively weaker perceived in most images despite outstanding performance in "freshness", "safety", and "healthy value". Regarding "good valuefor-money", Chilean cherries might face competition from Uzbekistan cherries.



2022 - IMAGE PERCEPTION INDEX (%)

2023 - IMAGE PERCEPTION INDEX (%)





----Chile ----USA New Zealand **—**Australia — Uzbekistan ——South Korea

Perception higher than standard deviation, attributes moderately associated with the brand.

Perceptions two or more times above the standard deviation, attributes strongly associated with the brand.

Standard Deviation

2022 2023 8.89 6.16

Note: Country flag besides image description: attributes moderately/strongly associated with the brand.

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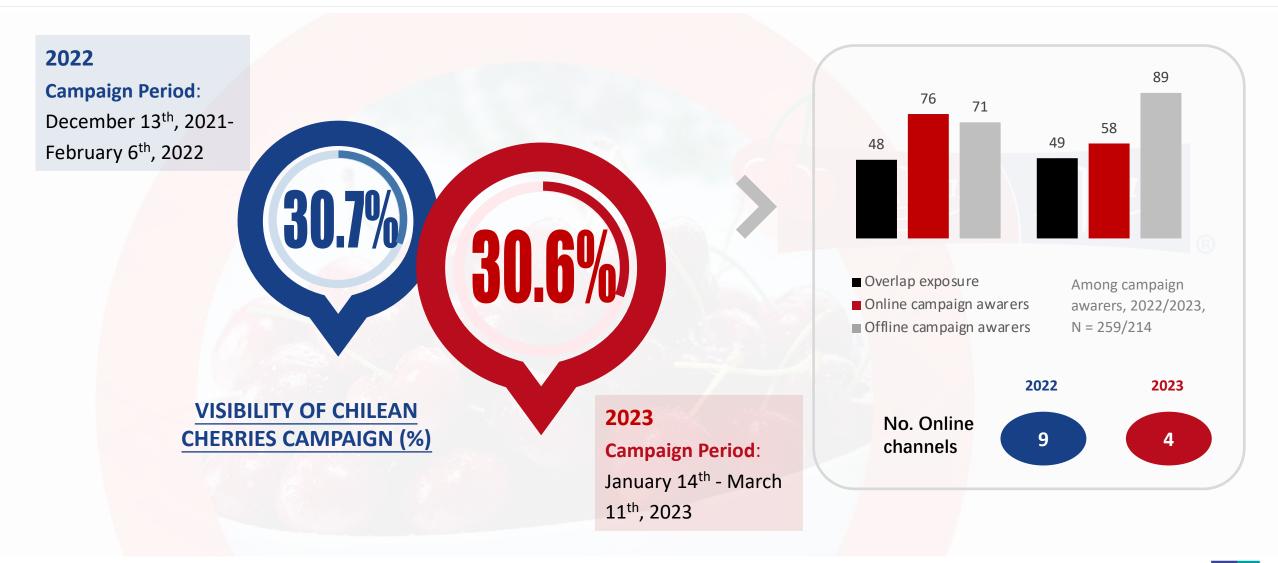






The 2023 Cherry campaign achieved similar visibility compared to last year, among which online events obtained lower awareness possibly due to less channels exposed.





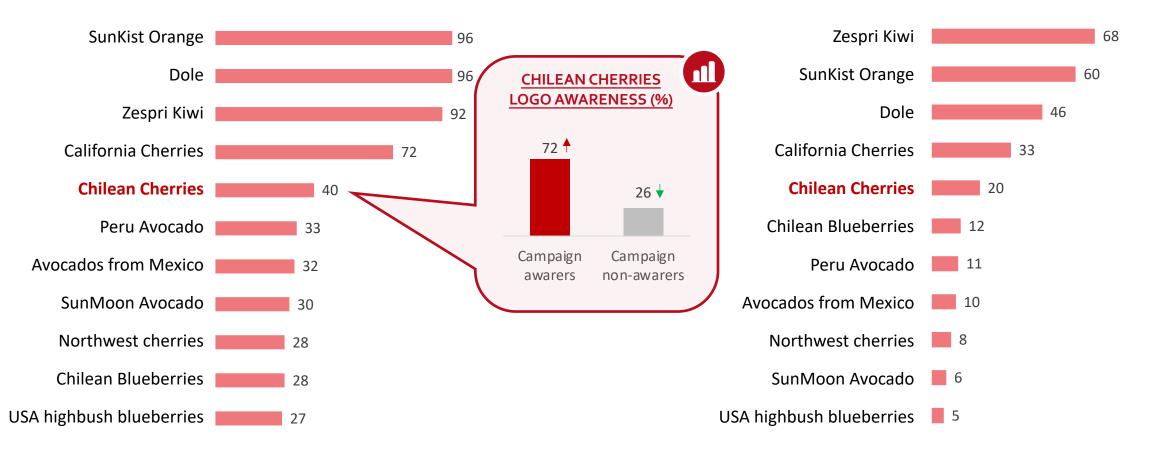


Sunkist, Dole, and Zespri were more prominent in terms of logo recognition and campaign visibility, while Chilean cherries still had a large room for improvement. Nevertheless, the recognition of Chilean cherries logo significantly improved through the campaign.



AWARENESS OF FRUIT LOGO (%)

CAMPAIGN VISIBILITY AMONG LOGO AWARERS



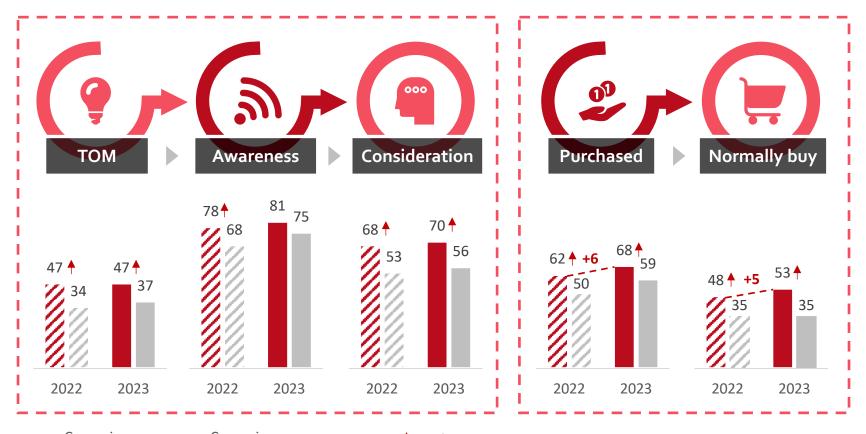
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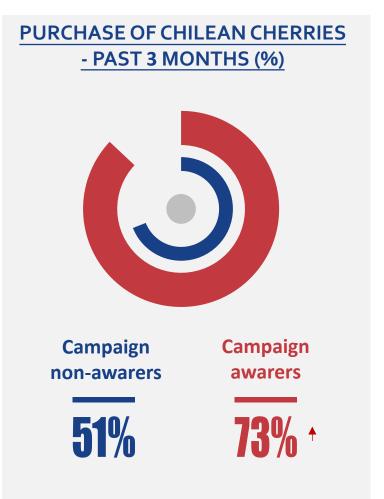


The campaign further enhanced the leading position of Chilean cherries in awareness and contributed significantly to the sales of products.



IMPACT ON ATTITUDE & BEHAVIOR TOWARDS CHILEAN CHERRIES (%)





■ Campaign awarers ■ Campaign non-awarers

respondents/Campaign awarers/Campaign non-awarers: n= 700/214/486

▲ Significantly higher than campaign non-awarers

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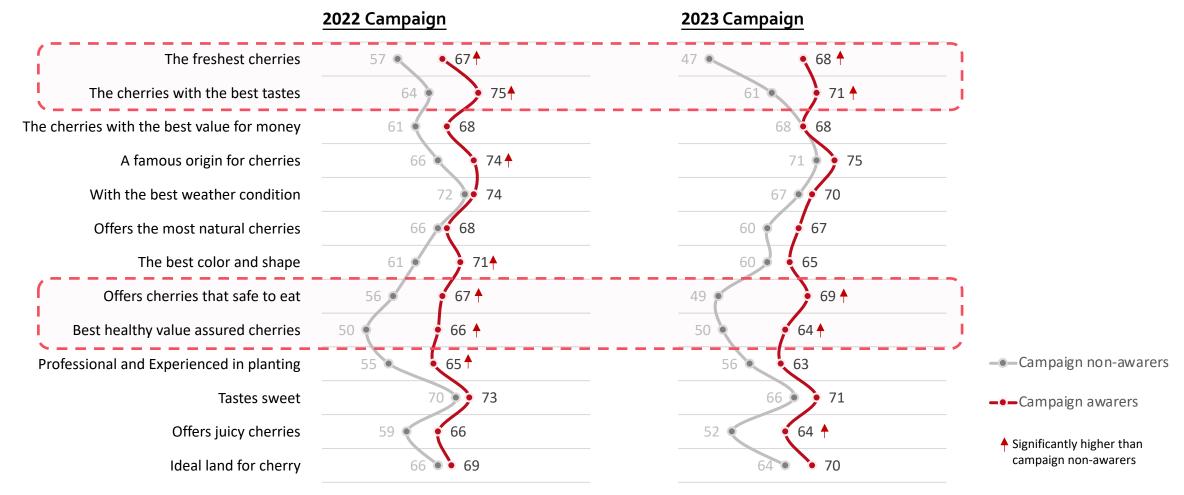




Successive campaigns strengthened the perception of "freshness", "tasty", "safe to eat", and "healthy value" of Chilean cherries, while the 2023 campaign also played a positive role in delivering "juicy".



IMAGE PERCEPTION OF CHILEAN CHERRIES (%)







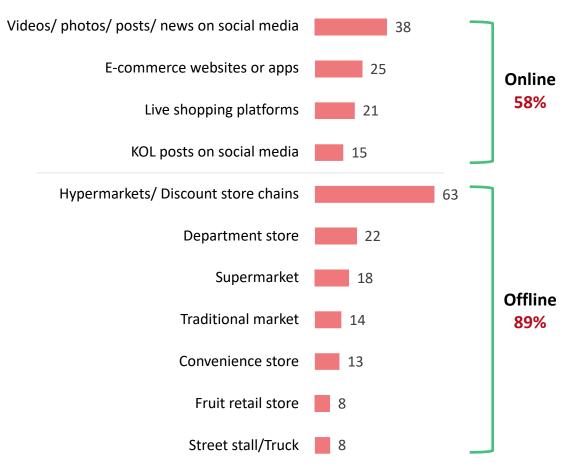
Offline channels contributed more to the visibility of campaign.

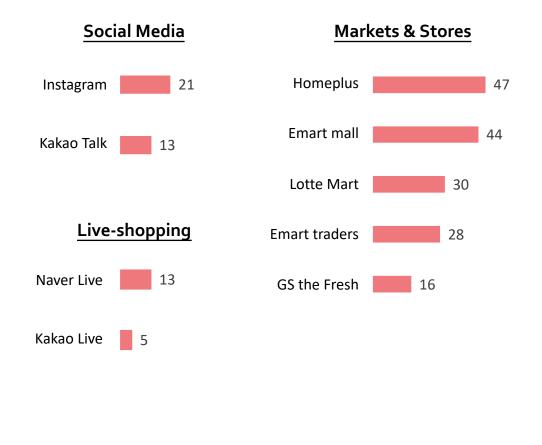


- Hypermarkets/ Discount store chains as the most common occasions for purchasing cherries outperformed other channels. Among offline campaign channels, Homeplus was the most influential one, followed by Emart mall.
- Social media also played a positive role in reaching target consumers among online channels, with Instagram ranked 1st.

CAMPAIGN CHANNELS (%)

SPECIFIC CHANNELS OF SEEING CAMPAIGN

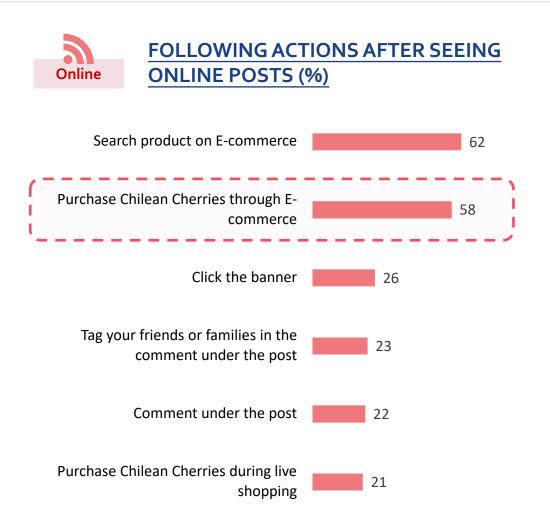






Offline campaigns were more likely to drive consumers' willingness to purchase Chilean cherries, among which display bins were exposed to more consumers, while free tasting was more appealing to them.



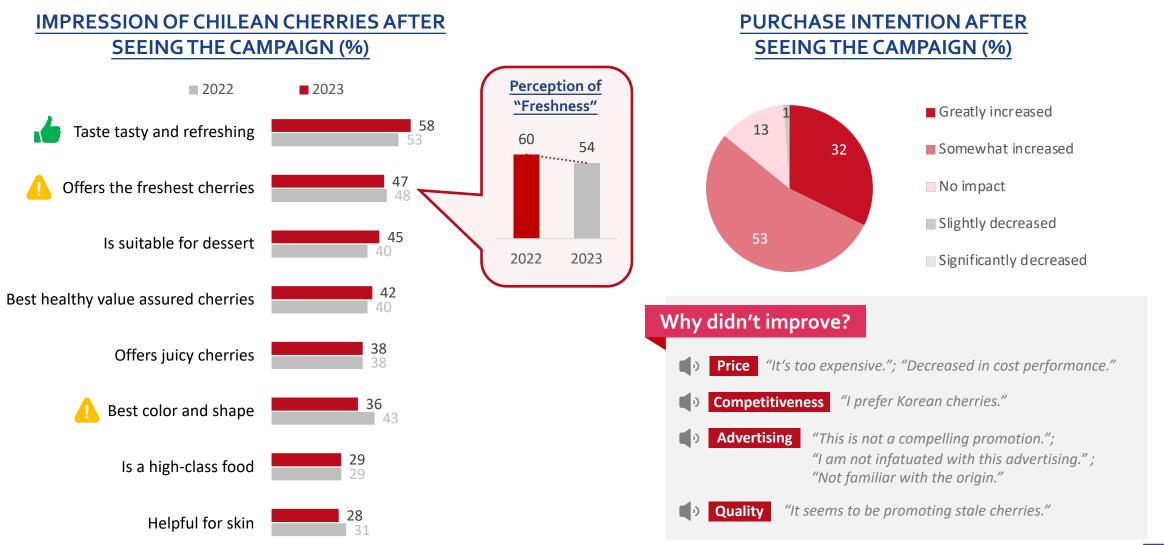






The campaign greatly improved consumers' purchase intention towards Chilean cherries and further enhanced the perception of "tasty and refreshing" yet needs efforts to strengthen "freshness" in follow-up promotions to make up for the bottleneck in image perception.











Conclusions and Suggestions

Cherry Market in South Korea





Chilean cherries showed strong competitiveness in South Korean market

Consumers' habit of buying cherries in winter and avoiding competition with U.S. cherries at the same time period made Chilean cherries a competitive origin in the South Korean market.



Maintained dominance, Chilean cherries should enhance quality-related images to compete with U.S. cherries

- With absolute advantage in awareness and consideration, Chilean cherries dominated the South Korean market along with U.S. cherries. While further enhancing sales metrics, Chilean cherries need to pay attention to the competition with U.S. cherries in converting consideration.
- In line with brand performance, Chilean cherries outperformed in most perceptions, especially "good value-for-money", "an expert county" and "ideal land for cherry", enhancing "freshness", "safe to eat" and "professional in planting" in follow-up promotions might help when competing with U.S. cherries.



Achieved a similar performance to that of last year, the campaign greatly improved brand indexes and purchase intention

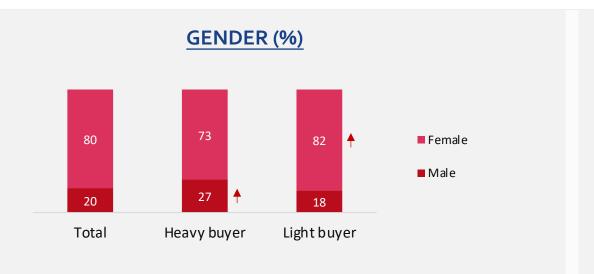
- The 2023 Cherry campaign achieved similar visibility compared to last year, with higher exposure in offline channels.
- The campaign further enhanced the leading position of Chilean cherries in brand indexes and left a good impression of "tasty and refreshing" and "juicy", also strongly boosted purchase intention.
- Offline channels contributed more to the visibility of the campaign, among which hypermarkets/ Discount store chains played a vital role in reaching target audiences, with Homeplus and Emart mall performing the best.

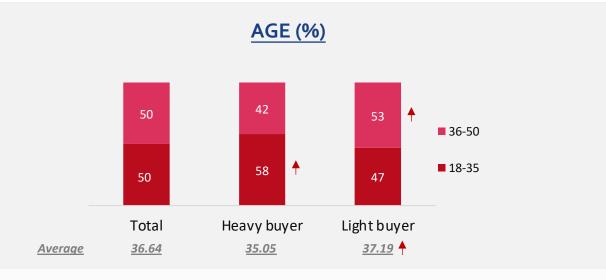




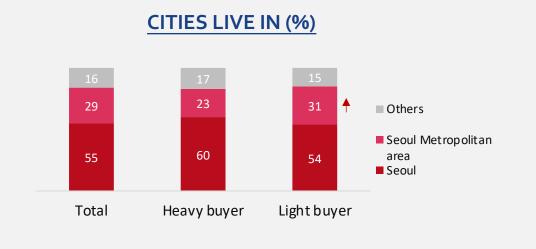
It's worth mentioning that there were more heavy cherry buyers in male and younger groups with higher HHI.















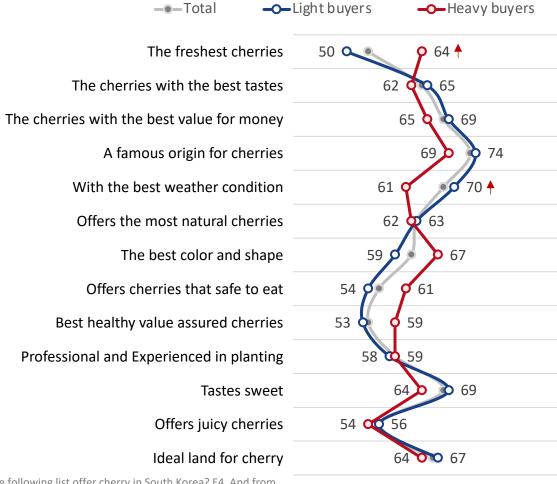
While light cherry buyers had a higher population, heavy cherry buyers were more valuable for conversion into Chilean cherry users. Keep strengthening the image of "freshness" could help attract them.



BRAND FUNNEL OF CHILEAN CHERRIES (%)

77 75 60 57 39 **TOM** Consideration **Awareness** 70 1 61 59 ■ Total Light buyers Heavy buyers **Ever purchased** Normally buy **Note:** "()"represents the conversion rate ▲ Significantly higher than Total

IMAGE PERCEPTION OF CHILEAN CHERRIES (%)



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Note: TOM=Top of mind Base: All respondents Total/Light buyers/Heavy buyers, n=700/177/523



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