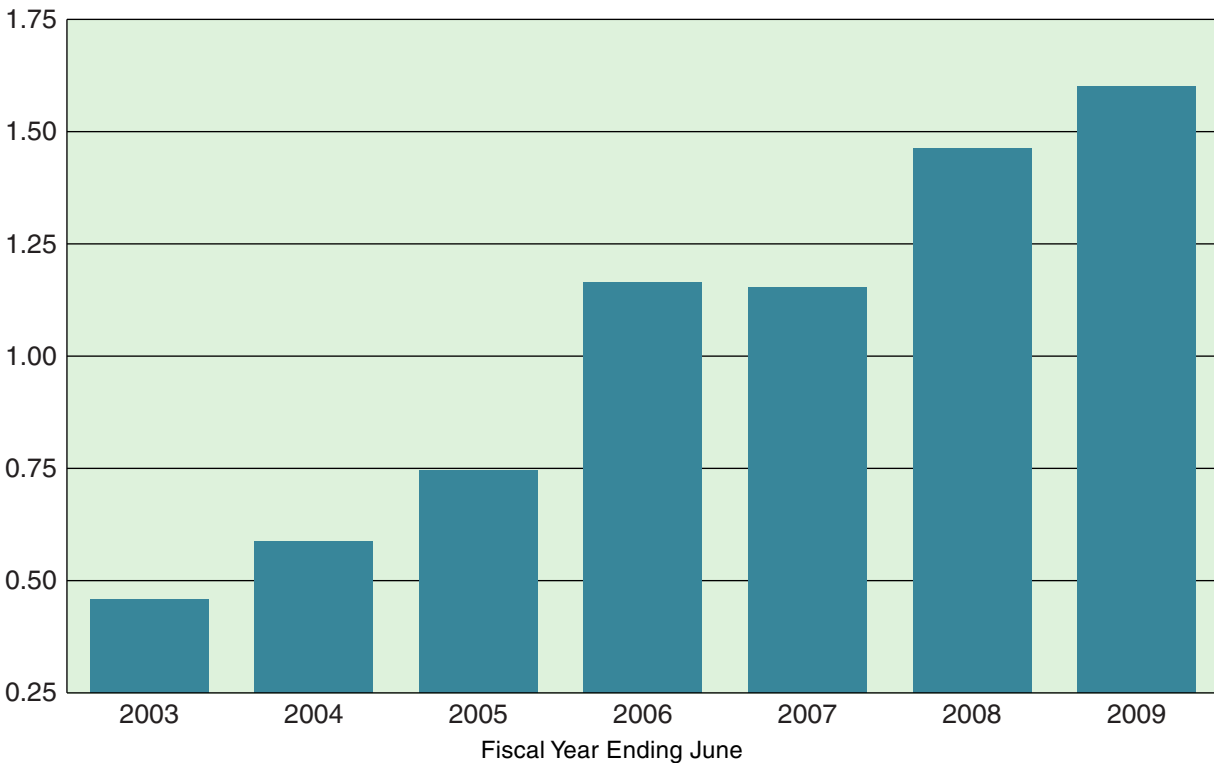


# South African Wines Defy Global Downturn

U.S. Imports of South African Wine  
(millions of nine-liter cases)



South African wine shipments to the U.S. market advanced by 9.4 percent to a record high of 1.6 million nine-liter cases in the 12 months ending June 2009, according to Impact Databank. Global South African wine exports rose by 14.2 percent, to 45 million cases, in the same period. South Africa was the ninth-largest wine importing country in the U.S. last year with a 2 percent market share, according to the 2009 edition of *The U.S. Wine Market: Impact Databank Review & Forecast*. The U.S. is the sixth-largest export destination for South African wines. Leading export markets include the United Kingdom, Germany and the Netherlands.

For more information regarding *The U.S. Wine Market*, [click here](#).