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Last month, we asked you to weigh in on the "The Great Cork Debate," posed in our March 31, 2005, issue, where senior editors James Suckling and James Laube locked horns over the merits and handicaps of natural cork vs. screw caps. Do the virtues of cork extend beyond mere science, or are screw caps a viable alternative closure? We received thousands of submissions to our online poll, and the results are astounding.

After the first week of polling, screw caps were a bottle neck ahead of corks, receiving about 55 percent of the total vote. Then something strange happened: The cork-lovers began to log in and vote for their beloved natural closure, and corks rallied ahead of screw caps to an insurmountable lead of 80 percent to 18 percent, where it will remain as the victor.

What happened? Did the cork fiends wake up from a TCA-induced slumber? Did the screw-cappers cut themselves on their aluminum lovelies, rendering their fingers unable to point-and-click? Alas, the wine world may never know.

Here are the original poll options and results:

- I agree with James Suckling -- the virtues of cork go beyond mere science 80%
- I agree with James Laube -- twist-offs are a viable alternative 18%
- Did not choose 2%