I was just gearing up to write the three year anniversary column for the launch of Dallas Wine Chick since February 1 is right around the corner. I was excited that this little blog had grown substantially over the past 1,000 plus days and was going to give a big shout out to you, my readers, for making this such a great community.

Then the Klout notice hit my inbox. To be honest, I usually don’t pay much attention to Klout, especially since it goes to my personal Yahoo account, which I check about once a week. Those who know me know that there are much faster ways to find me via email. But, I clicked and saw that I had a pretty high score of 63. I needed to investigate why. When I clicked on my list of influential subjects, here were some of the highlights:

* Shiraz (okay, that seems right)
* Dining (well maybe I do eat out more than I should)
* Oregon (get that from the Wine Bloggers Conference - #wbc12)
* Vancouver (that is where the next Wine Bloggers Conference is scheduled and I can’t go to a pre-scheduled family vacation - #wbc13, so that’s on point
* Facebook (um… okay?)
* Shoes (well, that’s probably true. I have a Jimmy Choo problem)
* Dallas (on target)
* Training (um … okay?)
* Riesling (on point)
* Tequila (I think they got the wrong Ofenloch)
* College (since I haven’t been there since 1992, I think this must be because of my love for Auburn)
* Richard Simmons (come again?)

Richard Simmons? After at writing a column week for three years almost exclusively about wine, I get Klout for Richard Simmons? Now I’m not knocking Milton Teagle Simmons, a.k.a., Richard, and what he’s done to get lots of overweight people to exercise. But, I can’t connect the dots of Sweatin’ to the Oldies to a chick in Dallas who really likes wine. So, how did Klout?

I went to Dallas Wine Chick and searched for Richard Simmons. Perhaps I had too much to drink one night and slipped something past my editor? Nope. I went to Twitter and searched for Richard’s name. Nope. Tried again on Facebook and I just couldn’t find it. I guess I’ll never know.

So on behalf of me and Richard, here’s wishing the Dallas Wine Chick blog a very happy birthday. And, most of all, thank you for your support, comments and helping make this a great little community.