Subject: Re: Vinyl revival

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My one caveat about a vinyl comeback would be that, if it becomes mass market, then the manufacturers or the records will start doing the same with them as they do with CD's, which is to compress and mix them to sound best on something like a \$100 Radio Shack turntable (including \$20 cartridge) being played through a boom-box disguised as a stereo rack system. We will once again be stuck with listening to dull, lifeless and harsh sounding music because a well made recording would sound bad on most cheap consumer equipment. The big labels care about 99.5 percent of customers who own inexpensive mass market stuff and don't have a clue what music should really sound like. As long as LP records are exclusive, they are made to sound good for their market of discerning listeners. Once they become mass market, they could sound just like their CD counterparts. This is a nightmare of mine I hope never comes true. Dave