



LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS COMPETITION

INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES

1. Determine the spirits you wish to enter and complete entry form. Please fax entry form to (909) 629-2067 or e-mail to nath@fairplex.com.
2. **ENTRY FEE – 300 Euro if point of entry is Europe.** Entry fee must accompany entry form. Payment may be made by wire transfer or by credit card: Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover.

Wire Transfer Information:

Wells Fargo Bank - ACH/Wire Routing Number #: 121000248 - Swift #: WFBUIUS6WFFX
Account #: General Account 4121-987788
Bank: Wells Fargo Bank, 420 Montgomery St, San Francisco, CA 94104
Beneficiary: Los Angeles County Fair Association dba: Fairplex
1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91769 USA
Bank Representative Contact: Betty Yang (415) 396-4955
Reference: Wine Competition or Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition

3. **SHIPPING:** International spirits will be received from now until April 15, 2012. Shipments will be received weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. All spirits entered **MUST BE SHIPPED PREPAID.** All samples should be packed with the entry form on the inside and the name of the producer marked clearly on the outside. If shipping direct please contact Mark Newman, Accolade Brands, (818) 390-3888 Import License # CA-I-15220.

CONSIGNEE: ACCOLADE BRANDS

IN CARE OF: LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS COMPETITION

1101 W. MCKINLEY AVENUE
POMONA, CA 91768 USA

The Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition will acknowledge receipt of wine, spirits and olive oil. **The Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition is not responsible for any shipping or customs charges.** International shipments of wine, olive oil and spirits must be cleared by a licensed broker with applicable importing licenses. If you have an importer it is best to use your own importer.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENTS REQUIRE:

- **TTB SAMPLE WAIVER (COLA WAIVER):** All sample shipments to the US must be accompanied by a TTB Sample Waiver issued to a Federally Licensed Importer. The typical waiting time is five business days if all of the paperwork is in order. The Competition has contracted with Accolade Brands to perform this service for those wineries that do not have an importer. The fee for this service is stated below.
- **REGISTERED FDA NUMBER:** You must obtain a registration with the FDA for each winery.
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/RegistrationofFoodFacilities/OnlineRegistration/default.htm> You must file a Prior Notice with FDA online before shipping.
<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/PriorNoticeofImportedFoods/FilingPriorNotice/ucm074936.htm>. If you are unsure about filing the FDA Prior Notice the Competition has contracted with Accolade Brands to perform this service for those wineries that do not have an importer. The fee for this service is stated below.

If you do not have an importer, the Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition has made arrangements with Accolade Brands to clear shipments. If you would like to use Accolade Brands to clear shipment please contact Mary Ellen Cole, cole@fairplex.com (909) 865-4231 before shipping. Payment for COLA WAIVERS must be prepaid by credit card or bank transfer to Accolade Brands. Your shipping documents should indicate that you will pay for all Customs Charges. If you do not properly designate that you will pay the customs fee, your customs fees must be paid by credit card or wire transfer within 72 hours from billing. Payment for customs fees may be paid by credit card or wire transfer.

Accolade Brands – Fees:

TTB Registration – 25 Euros per Winery, + 15 Euros per wine entry + Wine Tax & Duty 1 Euro per bottle (estimate).

FDA Prior Notice – 25 Euros per Winery

Customs Charges, Taxes & Duty are to be paid by each producer.

Contact: Mark Newman Email: mark@accoladebrands.com Fax: 818.683.0413

Please complete the USA Customs Clearance Form. YOU MUST DESIGNATE THAT YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL U.S. CUSTOMS CHARGES ON YOUR INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING DOCUMENTS OR AIRWAY BILL. Accolade Brands is not responsible for US Customs & Brokerage Charges and if this is not done properly, your shipment could be delayed until we receive payment for these charges. If the shipment is large enough for commercial airfreight, we must collect estimated tax, duty and customs charges in advance. The commercial value for samples is typically one Euro per bottle and this should be stated on a pro-forma invoice.

Option 1: Use FED EX or UPS. To be charged to your Fed Ex or UPS Account and to include the payment of all Customs Charges.

Option 2: Ship to Consolidation Point, such as JF Hillebrand in Italy (Florence) or France (Bordeaux or Beaune).

- ALL BOTTLES: Must have a label affixed to the back of the bottle that contains the US Government Warning, the phrase "Contains Sulfites" and the phrase "Trade Samples – Not for Resale". The words "Government Warning" must appear in capital letters and in bold type. The remainder of the statement may NOT appear in bold type. The statement MUST appear as a continuous paragraph. The statement reads as follows and should be 2mm to 3 mm in size:

GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS OUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH ROBLEMS.

Trade Samples – Not for Resale – Contains Sulfites

4. May 22 – 22, 2012 judging of all spirits entries in the Tapestry Building at Fairplex.
5. June 20, 2012 competition results will be mailed electronically to all participating distilleries with valid email addresses. The Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition offers award seals for purchase.
6. Sept 1 – Sept. 30, 2012 L.A. County Fair. Display of all award-winning wines, spirits and extra virgin olive oils, tasting of gold medal wines and education seminars in the Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Marketplace. Spirits entered in the competition will become the property of the Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition.