

WINE ENTHUSIAST

FAQ 2024: TASTING AND REVIEW

WHAT PRODUCTS CAN BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW?

We review wines (grape-based only), spirits, RTDs, and low-alcohol wines that are available for sale in the U.S. Please review the schedules on our website at wineenthusiast.com/submit-for-rating for submission deadlines and guidelines.

We will not review any products not currently imported into the U.S. For more details about our Importer-Connection platform, where these products are eligible to be reviewed, please visit www.importer-connection.com

WHERE DO I SHIP SAMPLES FOR REVIEW?

Please refer to the section on page 3 for a list of reviewers, their regional coverage, and their shipping addresses. If you have any questions, please check with our tasting department prior to shipment: tastings@wineenthusiast.net

Submissions sent in packages made from Styrofoam or non-recyclable plastics will not be accepted for review. We thank you for supporting our environmental initiatives.

HOW MANY SAMPLES DO I SHIP? IS THERE A FEE FOR SUBMITTING SAMPLES?

There is no fee for participation in our tasting and review program if the wines are currently imported into the U.S. Shipping and customs fees are covered by all submitters. We ask that submitters provide two bottles of each wine to be tasted; single bottles will be accepted, but we cannot guarantee individual follow-up if the sample provided is corked or otherwise compromised.

The wine must be the final product, with current vintage, approved labeling and packaging. Altered labels will not be reviewed.

Submitting companies are responsible for all shipping charges (including customs/duty fees) related to submissions of wine for tasting. Any shipping charges (including customs/duty fees) incurred by Strum Media Inc. for wine submissions will be billed to the submitting company. When shipping wine for tasting and review, the submitting company should confirm all shipping charges (including customs/duty) are prepaid to avoid this issue.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO INCLUDE WITH MY WINE SUBMISSION SHIPMENT?

All wine sample shipments must contain a completed wine sample submission form. The form can be found on our website at wineenthusiast.com/submit-for-rating. If you cannot include the paperwork in the shipment, please email a copy of the form to the reviewer or the Tasting Department: tastings@wineenthusiast.net

Wines received without submission information will not be reviewed.

Questions? Contact:

Tasting Director, Anna-Christina Cabrales at acabrales@wineenthusiast.net or
Tasting Manager, Cody Wexler at cwexler@wineenthusiast.net or Senior Tasting Coordinator, Russell Peborde at rpeborde@wineenthusiast.net

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HOW DO I FIND OUT IF MY WINE HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND SCORED?

We will notify the contact indicated on the wine sample submission form when samples have been reviewed and scheduled for publication.

You will not be contacted regarding the rating and review of your wine if accurate and current contact information is not provided with your sample submissions.

Wine Enthusiast reserves the right to publish any reviews of products submitted to or purchased for our tasting and review program. Except for shipping questions or concerns, please do not contact individual reviewers.

WHERE WILL THE REVIEWS OF MY WINES APPEAR?

While we strive to provide the broadest coverage possible, we cannot guarantee that any individual submission will be reviewed. We recommend utilizing the Buying Guide Tasting Schedule to gauge when to submit samples for potential tasting and review. In general, we taste samples four to five months prior to an issue's publication date.

Typically, wines submitted to individual reviewers are considered for Buying Guide coverage for our magazine and website. All formally reviewed wines are published to our online Buying Guide at wineenthusiast.com/wine-ratings, while a portion of reviews scheduled for any given month will appear in the print magazine. For editorial content in the body of the magazine, reviews are not always included. In the cases where they are, wines may be solicited by the individual writers to enhance their articles. For any question about the legitimacy of a sample request, please contact tastings@wineenthusiast.net.

California and the Pacific Northwest wines are reviewed on a rolling basis; final wines should be submitted to the appropriate reviewer upon release or availability.

WHO WILL TASTE MY WINES?

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We encourage all Wine Enthusiast reviewers to taste as much and as broadly as possible, but we do have primary reviewers for many wine regions, listed below.

NORTH AMERICA

California:

Napa:

Elaine Chukan Brown

Sonoma:

Tom Capo

Central & South Coasts:

Matt Kettmann

Northern California

& California AVA:

Tonya Pitts

Washington & Oregon:

Michael Alberty

New York:

Christina Pickard

Virginia:

TBD

Canada:

Michael Alberty

MEXICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA: Jesica Vargas

SOUTH AFRICA: Jesica Vargas

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND: Christina Pickard

EUROPE:

Austria & Germany:

Aleksandar Zecevic

England:

Christina Pickard

France:

Alsace:

Aleksandar Zecevic

Bordeaux, Champagne,
& SW France:

Roger Voss

Burgundy & Rhône:

Anna-Christina Cabrales

Loire Valley, Beaujolais &
Languedoc-Roussillon:

Reggie Solomon

Provence:

Cody Wexler

Vin de France:

Aleksandar Zecevic

Greece, Georgia & Hungary:

Emily Saladino

Italy:

Piedmont & Northern Italy

Jeffrey Porter

Tuscany & Southern Italy

Danielle Callegari

Portugal:

Roger Voss

Spain, Armenia, Croatia,
Israel, Lebanon & Turkey:

Mike DeSimone

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Wine Sample Submission Shipping Info

CALIFORNIA SHIPPING INFORMATION

If you're not sure who to send wines to, a complete AVA breakdown for California submissions can be found at wineenthusiast.com/submit-for-rating. Drop-offs to Napa and Sonoma will not be accepted.

Napa	Sonoma
Elaine Chukan Brown Vineburg Wine Storage 1010 Napa Road Sonoma, CA 95476	Tom Capo Crown Wine Shipping 101 Grant Ave, Unit D Healdsburg, CA 95448
1-707-934-8789	1-707-473-0644
ebrown@wineenthusiast.net	tcapo@wineenthusiast.net
Central/South Coasts	Northern CA & California AVA
Matt Kettmann 318 Loreto Place Santa Barbara, CA 93111	Tonya Pitts SF Wine Center 175 Green Street San Francisco, CA 94111
1-805-284-2097	1-415-272-4046
mkettmann@wineenthusiast.net	tpitts@wineenthusiast.net

OREGON, WASHINGTON and CANADA

For Washington State, only send wines labeled with the following AVAs: Columbia Valley, Walla Walla Valley.

Michael Alberty
c/o Portland Wine Storage
306 SE Ash St.
Portland, OR 97214
(503) 231-1121
malberty@wineenthusiast.net

IMPORTANT NOTE: *The telephone numbers provided are for the receiving facilities, for shipping purposes only and are not direct numbers for the reviewers listed.

Prior to sending any wine samples to the above addresses, please email the reviewer to alert them of the sample shipment and confirm receipt can be accommodated.

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ITALY

All of Italy will be tasted from our NY Headquarters. Please contact Italy@wineenthusiast.net for a copy of the 2023 tasting calendar and advance approval for sample shipments, which must be obtained prior to sending any wine samples.

Samples sent without prior authorization or that do not follow Italian wine submission procedures will be refused at the shipper's expense, and will not be considered eligible for review.

Do not send shipments in Styrofoam packaging.

PORTUGAL and FRANCE

(EXCEPT ALSACE, BURGUNDY, BEAUJOLAIS, LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON, LOIRE VALLEY, RHÔNE VALLEY, PROVENCE and VIN DE FRANCE)

All shipments must be sent from within the EU (non-EU originating shipments cannot be accommodated).

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REGIONS TO SEND TO OUR NY HEADQUARTERS:

US: Virginia, New York

FRANCE: Alsace, Beaujolais, Burgundy, Languedoc-Roussillon, Loire Valley, Provence, Rhône Valley & Vin du France

MEXICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

ARMENIA, AUSTRIA, AUSTRALIA, CROATIA, ENGLAND, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GREECE, HUNGARY, ITALY, ISRAEL, LEBANON, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, TURKEY

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c/o Tasting Department
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Please note that several regions have been suspended until further notice.
Email tastings@wineenthusiast.net with any questions.

SPIRITS & RTD

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Spirits & RTD Beverages may be shipped to Kara Newman, spirits writer at large, at her New York City office. Please see the spirit submission form for more details.

[Click here for the Spirits & RTD submission form.](#)

Please visit the Submit for Rating section of our website (wineenthusiast.com/submit-for-rating) for more information on where and how to ship samples as well as submission forms for these programs.

Spirits & RTD
Kara Newman 116 West 23 rd Street, 5 th Floor New York, NY 10011
For deliveries only: 212-268-2103
knewman@wineenthusiast.net

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