

2021

THE 25TH
MICHELANGELO INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS AWARDS
ENTRIES OPEN ON 1 JUNE

Regulations 2021

1. ENTRIES:

- Entries open on 1 June 2021 for electronic entries. Delivery of samples may be made at Longridge Wine Estate, Eikendal Road, Somerset West from Monday 2 August to Friday, August only.
- Entries close on Friday 31 July 2021

2. ENTRY COSTS:

- R1 150,00 per entry (excl VAT). This applies to Wine, Spirits, Liqueur and Pre-Mixes (RTD) entries.
- International entries: €70 / £60 / \$85

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES:

Please enclose the following with each wine/spirits/liqueur sample:

- Two copies of the entry form for each sample, placed inside the sample box.
- WSB2 or 4 (WSR) forms or independent lab analysis, to be placed inside the box – can be uploaded electronically with entry forms.

- **INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES:**
- Delivery of international should reach our warehouse by 30 July 2021
- Please notify Dirk Harris (dirk@michelangeloawards.com) and Barry de Vries barrydevr@gmail.com in advance of impending deliveries from outside South Africa.
- Please submit with your entry forms a laboratory analysis from the country of origin for every product entered.
- **Required information for entries from outside South Africa:**
 - Alcohol by volume (ABV)
 - Total Residual Sugar (RS)
- All other samples may be delivered from Monday, 26 July 2021 to 6 August, Monday to Friday between 08:00 and 16:00, unless alternative arrangements have been made.
- **Delivery address: Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards, Longridge Wine Estate, Eikendal Road (off the R44) Somerset West.**
- For delivery enquiries please contact **Dirk Harris on +27 (0)82 394 3280 or Barry de Vries on +27 (0)83 225 9000.**
- **Late delivery of samples:** In case of unforeseen late deliveries please contact **Dirk Harris on +27(0)82 394 3280 or Barry de Vries on +27 (0) 83 225 9000.**

4. SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRIES

- **South African Entries:**
- Wine entries: Six (6) bottles of 750ml or five bottles of 1000ml capacity for each entry must be submitted for tasting. Please submit each entry separately boxed including the entry confirmation PDF received via email
- For Brandy entries Three (3) 750ml bottles are required.
- For Liqueur and Spirits entries Three (3) bottles are required.
- For entries for the Golden Oldies Trophy Three (3) 750ml bottles will be accepted
- For Pre-Mixes (Ready to Drink) six (6) 250ml (or larger) bottles/cans are required
- **International entries:**
- Three (3) 750ml bottles wine and 2 bottles spirits with a total volume of 1 000ml, or as arranged with the organizers.

IMPORTANT DIRECTIVE: Winner's award sticker application to more than one brand:

- A product which has been entered and awarded a medal or trophy under a specific brand name or label, may only display the related award stickers on that particular product.
- Should a producer plan to bottle and market a particular product under more than one name or label - be it wine or spirits - they should be entered individually as separate entries. Our customized QR codes on the award stickers scan to only one product name and/or brand, which must be the product which was awarded the medal.

Required information to accompany unlabelled entries or barrel / tank samples:

- **Products entered need not be market ready in order to participate.**
- We accept tank / barrel samples, as well as bottles with temporary labels. Such temporary labels should clearly indicate: Producer/Cellar; Name of product, Varietal or Blend and Vintage.
- All barrel / tank samples should be accompanied by either a WSB2 (WSR2) certificate or an independent laboratory analysis.
- Liqueur and spirits samples should be accompanied by an analysis confirming content and technical information (specifically Alcohol content and Residual Sugar)
- Completed entry forms and proof of payment of entry fees and samples should reach the organisers by end of business on 6 August 2021.
- Late submissions will be considered by arrangement only. Contact **Dirk Harris on +27(0)82 394 3280 or Barry de Vries on +27 (0) 83 225 9000.**

5. Craft Distilled Entries

We do not differentiate between entries of craft spirits and commercially produced spirits. All spirits, irrespective of origin, should be entered in the same classes as per the Classes List.

6. INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES:

- Wine/Spirits/Liqueurs produced outside South Africa may be entered in the competition under the same classes as all other entries.
- Such wines/spirits/liqueurs should be accompanied by either an independent laboratory analysis or supporting documentation from the country of origin confirming the chemical analysis (specifically Alcohol content and Residual Sugar)

- Customs cost, import duty and cost of transport of entries will be for the account of the entrant. The Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards will not be responsible for any costs related to the entry.
- **It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that their entries are delivered to Longridge Wine Estate by closing of entries. The organisers will not be held responsible for losses due to entries being withheld by SA Customs for any reasons whatsoever.**

7. JUDGING PROCEDURES:

Wines will be judged in accordance with the variety or type (class) to which it belongs, and in which it has been entered.

The international 100 point scoring system is used.

All entries may be resubmitted for re-evaluation at the organisers' sole discretion.

Medals will be awarded in accordance with the methodology for distribution of medals, as follows:

- **Trophy (Top Scoring Product in Class)**
- **Platinum: 96 points or higher**
- **Gran d'Or (Double Gold): 93 to 95.99 points**
- **Gold: 89 to 92.99 points**
- **Silver: 86 to 88.99 points**

No bronze medals or merit awards are given.

The top scoring approximate one-third of entries entered in each class will be eligible for medals, and are calculated according to the judges' final scores. However, where a number of wines qualify for a medal in terms of the medal cut-off point, all wines with that score will be allocated the appropriate medal. Should the top third of entries fall outside of the point structure detailed above, the top third rule will take precedence. Should the top third of entries fall outside of the points requirements detailed above, the judges may uniformly adjust points across the entire class in order to ensure that at least a third of the entries fall within the medal allocation. The same points increase / decrease will be allocated across all entries in the specific class.

The Judges' and Organisers' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. By entering this competition all contestants and producers

undertake to abide by this criterium. No scores will be sent to entrants whose invoices indicate any arrears.

The organisers may donate or sell unused and unopened entries and apply the proceeds to charity and marketing initiatives at their sole discretion.

8. AWARD STICKERS:

- The official Michelangelo International Wine and Spirits Awards self-adhesive award stickers can be ordered on-line and collected from LABEL MOUNTAIN, Unit 4, The Woodmill, Vredenburg Rd, Devonvallei, Stellenbosch, 7600, South Africa. **Phone: +27 (0) 21 013 0128.**
- Please indicate on the order form available from www.michelangeloawards.com, should you wish the stickers to be couriered to you.
- Once collected or mailed, no stickers will be returned for a refund and the named estate / producers will be held responsible for payment of such stickers.
- Unless arranged, all collections must be accompanied by proof of payment or mailed to info@michelangeloawards.com in advance before collection can take place.

9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Any reproduction or representation, either total or partial, of the Michelangelo medals, logo, name, or any part whatsoever of the website is strictly forbidden without prior written agreement from the competition organisers. Digital or printed reproduction of medals may not be made without authorization, and the graphic representation may not be modified or adapted in any way whatsoever.

10. AWARDS FUNCTION and PUBLIC TASTINGS:

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Common Law and Force Majeure legal principles apply to the Michelangelo competition. In the light of the current COVID-19 situation and the resultant governmental regulations, Michelangelo will adjust its planning and all other arrangements as necessary. At present we are continuing planning for Michelangelo 2021 but will reserve the right to adjust our arrangements for the competition and awards function as necessary.

- The awards function will take place on 2 Friday, 2 October 2021 at the Tsogo Cape Sun Hotel, 23 Strand Street, Cape Town. Winners will be notified by e-mail prior to the function to allow for priority bookings.
- Bookings forms for the function will be made available on line.

- Bookings will be confirmed via e-mail - please ensure that your booking has been confirmed as such before your party's arrival at the awards function.