



2023 Regulations:

1. ENTRIES:

- Entries open on Monday, 1 May 2023 for electronic entries via www.michelangeloawards.com
- Entries close Friday, 30 June 2023 for electronic entries via www.michelangeloawards.com
- Samples may be delivered to the Michelangelo Awards' warehouse at Longridge Wine Estate, Eikendal Road, Somerset West from Monday, 3 July 2023 – Friday, 7 July 2023, daily between 09:00 and 16:30.
- Judging week takes place at Lourensford Wine Estate from Monday, 24 July 2023 – Friday, 28 July 2023.

2. ENTRY COSTS:

- R1 295,00 per entry (excl VAT). This applies to Wine, Spirits, Liqueur, and Pre-Mixes (RTD) entries.
- International entries: \$85/€80/£70

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES:

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

- **One copy of the entry form for each sample. Please place the entry form inside the box.**
- WSB2 or 4 (WSR) forms may be placed inside the box with the entry forms or uploaded electronically with entry forms.
- **INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES:** Delivery of international entries are permitted from 1 May 2023 by prior arrangement. Please notify Dirk Harris (dirk@michelangeloawards.com) or Barry de Vries (barry@michelangeloawards.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 gram/litre sugar

- Samples may be delivered from Monday, 3 July 2023 till Friday, 7 July 2023. Monday to Friday between 09:00 and 16:30, unless alternative arrangements have been made.
- **Delivery address: Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards, Longridge Wine Estate, Eikendal Road (off the R44) Somerset West.**
- **Late delivery of samples:** Should samples not have been received by close of business on 7 July 2023, please make alternative arrangements with Barry de Vries at +27 (0)83 225 9000/ barry@michelangeloawards.com or Dirk Harris at +27 (0)82 394 3280/ dirk@michelangeloawards.com

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRIES

- Wine entries: Six (6) bottles of 750ml or five (5) bottles of 1000ml capacity for each entry must be submitted for tasting. **Please submit each entry separately boxed.**
- Brandy entries: Two (2) bottles of 750ml will be accepted.
- Liqueur and Spirits entries: Three (3) bottles will be accepted.
- Old Vine Project entries: Three (3) bottles of 750ml will be accepted.
- Museum Class entries (Golden Oldies): Three (3) bottles of 750ml will be accepted.
- Pre-Mixes (Ready-to-Drink) entries: Six (6) bottles or cans will be accepted.
- International entries: Two (2) bottles of 750ml wine or two (2) bottles of 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 that 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.

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

- **Wines entered need not be market ready in order to participate.**
- We accept tank or barrel samples, as well as bottles with temporary labels in cases where producers are awaiting final front and back labels. Such temporary labels should be clear handwritten or computer-generated stickers displaying the following information: Producer/Cellar; Name of product, Varietal or Blend, and Vintage.
- All barrel and tank samples should be accompanied by either a WSB2 (WSR2) certificate or independent laboratory analysis. Other conditions may apply.
- Liqueur and spirits samples should be accompanied by an analysis confirming content and technical information. Specifically, Alc % and residual sugar.
- Completed entry forms, certification documents, proof of payment of entry fees, and samples should reach the organisers by end of business on Friday, 7 July 2023.

5. CRAFT DISTILLED ENTRIES:

We no longer 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 into the competition.
- 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, Alc % and residual sugar.
- Where international samples are being sent by courier, each bottle, box, and shipment waybill should be clearly marked **“NOT FOR RESALE. SAMPLES ONLY”**.
- 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. Should you require any assistance please contact dirk@michelangeloawards.com.
- **It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that their entries are delivered to Longridge Wine Estate by 16:00 on 7 July 2023. 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 system is used.
- Medals will be awarded in accordance with the methodology for the distribution of medals, as follows:
 - **Grand Prix Award: Top-scoring wine & spirits in all classes**
 - **Trophy Award: Top-scoring product in class**
 - **Platinum: 96 points or higher**
 - **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 one-third of entries entered in each class will be eligible for medals and are calculated according to the judges' final scores. However, where several 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 points

requirements as 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.

8. AWARD STICKERS:

- The official Michelangelo International Wine and Spirits Awards self-adhesive award stickers can be ordered online and collected from Label Mountain, 5B Distillery Rd, Bosman's Crossing, Stellenbosch
- Please indicate on the order form, should you wish the stickers to be couriered to you (courier cost for your own account).
- 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 e-mailed in advance before collection can take place.

9. REPRODUCTION GUIDELINES:

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 authorisation, and the graphic representation may not be modified or adapted in any way whatsoever.

10. RESULTS:

The judges' and organisers' decisions are final, and **NO CORRESPONDENCE** will be entered into by entering this competition. All contestants and producers undertake to abide by this criterium. No results will be sent to entrants whose invoices indicate any arrears.

11. UNUSED & UNOPENED ENTRIES:

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

12. AWARDS FUNCTION:

For further information or other enquiries regarding the awards function, please contact: Barry de Vries
at 083 225 9000 or barry@michelangeloawards.com