



2024 Regulations

1. ENTRIES:

- Entry Dates are as follows;
2 April to 30 May 2024 – Early Bird Entries (R1,295 ex VAT per entry)
31 May to 28 June 2024 – Regular Entries (R1,395 ex VAT per entry)
Entries to be submitted electronically via <https://maiwsa.co.za/enterv1/>
- Entries close Friday, 28 June 2024 for electronic entries via www.michelangeloawards.com
- Samples of all products entered into the 2024 Michelangelo Wine & Spirits Awards to be delivered to Label Mountain (5B Distillery Rd, Stellevbosch) between 1 July 2024 and 5 July 2024, during business hours (09:00 to 16:00).
- Judging week takes place at Lourensford Wine Estate from Monday, 22 July 2024 to Friday, 26 July 2024.

2. ENTRY COSTS:

- SOUTH AFRICAN ENTRIES:
Early Bird Entries: R1,295.00 ex VAT per entry submitted between 2 April 2024 to 30 May 2024
Regular Entries: R1,395.00 ex VAT per entry submitted between 31 May 2024 to 28 June 2024
- INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES:
Early Bird Entries: US\$70 / €65 / £55 ex VAT per entry submitted between 2 April 2024 to 30 May 2024
Regular Entries: US\$75 / €70 / £60 ex VAT per entry submitted between 31 May 2024 to 28 June 2024

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES:

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

- **One copy of the entry submission form for each sample, received via email upon online submission. 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 2 April 2024 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 ○ Alcohol by volume (ABV) ○ Total Sugar (gr/L)

- Samples may be delivered from Monday 1 July 2024 and Friday 5 July 2024, during business hours (09:00 to 16:00), unless alternative arrangements have been made.
- **Delivery address: Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards, Label Mountain, 5B Distillery Rd, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 7600**
- **Late delivery of samples:** Should samples not have been received by close of business on 5 July 2024, 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. SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRIES

- Wine entries: Six (6) bottles of 750ml or five (5) bottles of 1,000ml capacity for each entry must be submitted for tasting.
- 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.

Samples for each entry must be boxed separately.

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 – please notify Michelangelo management, so that that product may be added to the Michelangelo Website.

Required information to accompany unlabeled 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
 - Vintage.
- All barrel and tank samples should be accompanied by either a WSB2 (WSR2) certificate or independent laboratory analysis.
- Liqueur and spirits samples should be accompanied by an analysis confirming content and technical information. Specifically, Alc % and Residual Sugar.

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:

- Wines / 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 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 Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards, Label Mountain, 5B Distillery Rd, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 7600 before 16:00 on 5 July 2024. The organizers will not be held responsible for losses due to entries being withheld by SA Customs for any reasons whatsoever.**

7. JUDGING PROCEDURES:

All entries are judged according to a 100 point system, based on internationally accepted OIV principles.

- 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 awarded.

Only the top one third of total entries in the Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards will be eligible for medals and are calculated according to the judges' final scores. Incorrect entries are removed, corrected and if necessary- re-tasted by another panel of judges.

All products are judged 'blind', meaning that the judges are unaware of the name of the producer or area of production. Only the following information is available to the judges, Varietal, Alcohol, Vintage and Residual Sugar.

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, the judges may uniformly adjust points across the entire class 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 organizers. 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. RESULTS:

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

12: RESULTS AND AWARDS FUNCTION:

The results will be officially announced at the annual awards ceremony. The date and venue of the 2024 ceremony is still to be confirmed.

Seats at the award function are limited and will be offered to entrants according to the weight of the award won, firstly trophy then Platinum then Double Gold winning producers.

Results will be made publicly available via YouTube and the Michelangelo website the day after the awards ceremony.