2026 Regulations

1. ENTRIES

- Entry Dates are as follows;
  Early Bird Entries: 1 May 2026 to 31 May 2026
  Regular Entries: 1 June 2026 to 30 June 2026

  Sample Deliveries at Lourensford Warehouse, Lourensford Wine Estate, Lourensford Rd, Somerset West, Cape Town, 7130, South Africa

  Judging Week at Lourensford Wine Estate, 27 July 2026 – 31 July 2026

  Entries to be submitted electronically via https://maiwsa.co.za/enterv1/

- Online entries close Friday, 30 June 2026

2. ENTRY COSTS

SOUTH AFRICAN ENTRIES

Early Bird Entries: R1,295.00 ex VAT per entry submitted from 1 May 2026 to 31 May 2026
Regular Entries: R1,450.00 ex VAT per entry submitted from 1 June 2026 to 30 June 2026

INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES

Early Bird Entries: US$80 / €70 / £60 ex VAT per entry submitted from 1 May 2026 to 31 May 2026
Regular Entries: US$95 / €80 / £70 ex VAT per entry submitted 1 June 2026 to 30 June 2026

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 sample box.**
- WSB2 or 4 (WSR) forms may be placed inside the box with the entry forms or uploaded electronically with entry forms.

- **INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES:** Please email Bary de Vries (barry@michelangelowards.com) a copy of your waybill and relevant customs documentation as soon as possible. This will allow us to be aware of delayed deliveries.
- Please submit with your entry forms a laboratory analysis from the country of origin forevery product entered ○ Alcohol by volume (ABV) ○ Total Sugar (gr/L)

- **Late delivery of samples**: Should samples not have been received by close of business on 30 June 2026, please make alternative arrangements with Barry de Vries at +27 (0)83 225 9000/ barry@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: Award sticker application to more than one brand.

- A product that has been entered and awarded a medal or trophy under a specific brandname 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.

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.

5. 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 analysisor supporting documentation from the country of origin confirming the chemical analysis, specifically, Alc % 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. Should you require any assistance please contact barry@michelangeloawards.com.

- **It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure that their entries are delivered to Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards, Lourensford Warehouse, Lourensford Wine Estate, Lourensford Rd, Somerset West, Cape Town, 7130, South Africa before 16:00 on 30 June 2026. The organizers will not be held responsible for losses dueto entries being withheld by SA Customs for any reasons whatsoever.**

6. 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.

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.

7. AWARD STICKERS

- The official Michelangelo International Wine and Spirits Awards self-adhesive award stickers canbe 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.

8. REPRODUCTION GUIDELINES

Any reproduction or representation, either total or partial, of the Michelangelo medals, logo, name, orany 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. RESULTS AND AWARDS FUNCTION

The results will be officially announced at the annual awards ceremony. The date and venue of the 2026 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.