

WINE ENTHUSIAST®

FAQ 2022: Tasting and Review

What products can be submitted for review?

We review wines, spirits, beers, hard seltzers and low-alcohol wines that are available for sale in the U.S. Please review the schedules on our website at winemag.com/submit-for-rating for the proper time to submit the products. We will not review any products not currently imported into the U.S.

Where do I ship samples for review?

Please refer to the below for a complete list of reviewers and the regions they cover, as well as their shipping addresses. If you have any questions, please check with the Tasting Department prior to shipment. **Submissions sent in packages made from Styrofoam or non-recyclable plastics are strongly discouraged. It is under the discretion of the reviewer to accept or reject shipments sent with non-recyclable packaging—please adhere to their guidelines.**

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 as long as the wines are currently imported into the U.S. Shipping is 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.**

Clients are responsible for all shipping charges (including customs/duty fees) related to submissions of wine for tasting and any shipping charges (including customs/duty fees) incurred by Strum Media Inc. for wine submissions will be billed to the client. When shipping wine for tasting and review, clients should confirm all shipping charges (including customs/duty) are prepaid in order 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 winemag.com/submit-for-rating, or email our Tasting and Review department at tastings@wineenthusiast.net. If you cannot include the paperwork in the shipment, please email a copy of the form to the reviewer or the Tasting and Review department. **Wines received without submission information will not be reviewed.**

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. With the exception of shipping questions or concerns, please do not contact individual reviewers.

Where will the reviews of my wines appear?

We cannot guarantee that any individual submission will be reviewed but strive to provide the broadest coverage possible. We recommend utilizing the Buying Guide Tasting Schedule to gauge when to submit samples for possible tasting and review. To meet our production schedule, we generally taste samples four months prior to an issue's publication date.

Generally, 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 winemag.com/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 wines are reviewed on a rolling basis; final wines should be submitted to the appropriate reviewer upon release or availability.

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Who will taste my wines?

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.

California: Jim Gordon, Matt Kettmann, Stacy Briscoe

New York: Christina Pickard

Virginia: Craig Chamberlain

Washington & Oregon: Michael Alberty

Canada: Michael Alberty

Argentina & Chile: Jesica Vargas

Other South and Central America: Jesica Vargas

South Africa: Jesica Vargas

Australia & New Zealand: Christina Pickard

England: Christina Pickard

Alsace: Layla Schlack

Bordeaux, Beaujolais, Champagne,

Loire, Provence & SW France: Roger Voss

Burgundy & Rhône: Anna-Christina Cabrales

Languedoc-Roussillon & Vin de France: Jacy Topps

Austria: Aleksandar Zecevic

Germany: Wine Enthusiast SET Center*

Greece: Emily Saladino

Italy: Danielle Callegari & Jeffrey Porter

Portugal: Roger Voss

Spain: Mike DeSimone

Armenia, Croatia, Israel, Hungary, Georgia,

Turkey & Lebanon: Mike DeSimone

*For Germany, taster will be determined by the end of August 2022. Please ship samples to the NY Wine Enthusiast SET Center until we announce the new assignment.

Wine Sample Submission Shipping Info

CALIFORNIA

Wines from Napa and Sonoma should be shipped to:

Jim Gordon
2471 Solano Avenue #240
Napa, CA 94558
Tel: 707.226.7942
Email: jjordan@wineenthusiast.net

Wines from the Central and South coasts of California should be shipped to:

Matt Kettmann
318 Loreto Place
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
Tel: 805.284.2097
Email: mzettmann@wineenthusiast.net

Wines from ALL OTHER AVAs in California (including "California" labeled wines) should be shipped to:

Stacy Briscoe
c/o Vineburg Wine & Self Storage
1010 Napa Road
Sonoma, CA 95476
(707) 934-8789
sbriscoe@wineenthusiast.net

If you're not sure who to send wines to, a complete AVA breakdown for California submissions can be found at winemag.com/submit-for-rating.

Questions? Contact Tasting Director Anna-Christina Cabrales at acabrales@wineenthusiast.net or Senior Tasting Coordinator Craig Chamberlain at cchamberlain@wineenthusiast.net

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OREGON, WASHINGTON and CANADA

All wines produced in Washington State, including all 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

IMPORTANT NOTE: *The telephone numbers provided are not direct numbers for the reviewers listed, but are numbers to the receiving facilities for shipping purposes ONLY. 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. **Do not send shipments in Styrofoam packaging.**

ITALY

All of Italy will be tasted from our NY Headquarters. Please contact Italy@wineenthusiast.net for 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, LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON, RHÔNE and VIN DE FRANCE)**

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

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FRANCE
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REGIONS TO SEND TO OUR NY HEADQUARTERS:

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

US: Virginia, New York

FRANCE: Alsace, Burgundy, Languedoc-Roussillon, Rhône & Vin du France

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

Wine Enthusiast
c/o Tasting Department
200 Summit Lake Drive
4th Floor
Valhalla, NY 10595
(914) 345-9463

BEER, SPIRITS, RTD & HARD SELTZERS

Spirits & RTD Beverages may be shipped to Spirits Writer At Large Kara Newman at her New York City office. Please see the spirit submission form for more details.

Beers & Hard Seltzers may be shipped to Beer Writer At Large John Holl at his New Jersey office. Please see the beer submission form for more details.

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