



# LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL WINE & SPIRITS COMPETITION

## Spirits Competition

### SPECIAL RULES

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Only commercial spirits produced by a professional distillery are eligible for entry. All spirits exhibited must conform to federal regulations and standards of identity.
2. **ENTRY FEE – Early Bird \$290.00 PER ENTRY** (postmarked by March 19) **\$300.00 PER ENTRY** (after March 19). Entry fee must accompany entry form. PLEASE LIST BOTH DIVISION AND CATEGORY NUMBERS ON ENTRY FORM. An entry shall consist of three bottles, not less than 750 mls. Please make your check payable to L.A. County Fair.
3. **SHIPPING:** Spirits will be received from now until April 16, 2010. Shipments will be received weekdays 8 am - 5 pm. All spirits entered **MUST BE SHIPPED PREPAID.**

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Attn: Spirits Department  
1101 W. McKinley Ave.  
Pomona, CA 91768

**The Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition is not responsible for any customs charges.**

4. In view of the new homeland security regulations and the prevailing laws regulating the shipment of alcoholic beverages, international shipments of alcohol must be cleared by a licensed broker with applicable importing licenses. If you do not have the appropriate federally licensed importer and/or customs broker or the mandatory FDA registration, CONTACT USA Export Solutions Limited Liability Corporation for support with shipping and the mandatory process of entry into the USA. Please contact their import division BEFORE shipping. **Charges for services performed by USA Export Solutions, LLC are levied separately.** Message Center US (646) 257-4166, Fax (646) 619-4454. Message Center Europe +39 (06) 452.214.739. Email: [winefair@usaexportsolutions.com](mailto:winefair@usaexportsolutions.com) Website: [www.usaexportsolutions.com](http://www.usaexportsolutions.com)  
International shipments require:
  - a. Registered FDA number
  - b. USA Customs Clearance Form
  - c. Each bottle must be labeled: "For Trade Purposes Only. Not For Sale or Resale."
5. Even if it is marketed under different labels, NO SPIRIT MAY BE ENTERED MORE THAN ONCE.
6. No spirits may be judged by a member of the judging panel whose ownership of the distillery in question exceeds 5%, and who is primarily and directly responsible for its production (i.e. the producer in charge of the particular spirit judged).
7. The Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition awards will be made on a merit basis. The judges are empowered to grant duplicate awards when, in their opinion, the quality of the spirits so merit; conversely the judges are instructed to grant no awards when the spirits are unworthy of an award.
8. On the morning of June 21, 2010, competition results will be mailed electronically to all participating distilleries with valid email addresses (there will be no exceptions to this rule). The Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition will offer, for purchase, Best of Show, Best of Division, Gold, Silver, and Bronze award seals to the distillers that win these awards.
9. We will establish additional classes or consolidate classes as warranted.
10. Judging by age, type, style, classes, production techniques and/or the subdivision of classes will be within the discretion of the Chairperson of the spirits judging.
11. Spirits entered in the competition will become the property of the Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition.
12. Any item shipped by mistake will not be returned and becomes the property of the Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition.