

TEXSOM INTERNATIONAL WINE AWARDS

Requirements for Wines Not Yet Imported into the United States

Entries are not required to be registered with an importer in order to be eligible to enter the Wine Awards.

We would be happy to provide Certificate of Label Approval (COLA) assistance to clear the wines through customs if you DO NOT have an importer.

This process can require more than 10 business days **prior to shipment** to complete so please enter your wines as soon as possible.

Steps for Certificate of Label Approval (COLA) Processing

1. Enter your wines into the TEXSOM International Wine Awards online or via paper entry form at texasomiwa.com
From your entry we receive the necessary information to create the COLA waiver request: number of bottles & size of bottles (750 mL or otherwise), Company/Brand of the wine, Wine type, Vintage
2. Email enter@texasomiwa.com to notify us that you require COLA Waiver assistance along with any questions or requests
3. The Wine Awards team will create a COLA request letter and process it through our import partner with the TTB
4. The Wine Awards team will email you the COLA Waiver upon receipt to include in your shipment
5. Complete and include the Commercial Invoice for international shipping noting the contents as "wines for sample only, not for sale" & the shipping contact information addressed as follows:
TEXSOM & Wines with Conviction
12801 North Stemmons Freeway
Suite 821
Farmers Branch, TX 75234 USA
Phone: 214.886.1665
6. Ship your wines via DHL, FedEx, UPS or your preferred shipping method
7. All applicable taxes and duties are to be paid by the shipper/entrant on imported products
8. Any Country of Origin markings will be indicated in English and each individual shipment shall bear a label stating the following:
 - a. "Sample Only – Not for Sale" or similar phrase
 - b. Each individual container will bear a label with the government health warning statement mandated by law
 - c. The product will also contain a "Contains Sulfites" label

If you have an importer, you can process Certificate of Label Approval (COLA) documents to allow the wines to clear customs with your own importer.

If you have any further questions, please contact us anytime at 214.886.1665 or enter@texasomiwa.com