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**BOTANICAL RESEARCH
INSTITUTE OF TEXAS®**

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2018 International Award of Excellence in Sustainable Winegrowing

Award Nomination Application

BRIT's mission and passion is the conservation of our natural heritage and the achievement of public understanding of the value that plants bring to our lives. To that end, BRIT® established its International Award of Excellence in Sustainable Winegrowing competition to honor wine organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to sustainability's three tenants (environment, economic, and social) business approach.

Guidelines

The principles for the award competition include innovative, sustainable practices and the applicant's impacts on air, water, and land in winegrowing and winemaking, as well as socially responsible business practices. BRIT evaluates applicants using a "place-based" evaluation system to determine the ranking of awardees.

The highest award for our International Award of Excellence in Sustainable Winegrowing is the Platinum Award. The Platinum Award winner receives the BRIT glass art sculpture and the Platinum medallion. The platinum winner agrees to come to Fort Worth, Texas for the award's presentation. BRIT also recognizes other top-tier winegrowing practices with Gold, Silver, and Bronze level awards. Award recipients will be honored with medals and permission to use BRIT's award logo artwork in their marketing efforts. The award application is comprised of 18 high-level self-assessment questions focusing on the three tenants of sustainability: environmental, social, and economic aspects, plus a nineteenth subjective assessment - wine taste. The judging committee values a balance between all the judging criteria.

Please complete the Nomination Form describing your endeavors as a wine organization actively practicing sustainable methods. Special Note: For balanced evaluation, BRIT cannot accept general, or corporate applications that represent multiple brands. Please use one application for each wine brand submitted.

Submissions are due on or before July 31, 2017.



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International Award of Excellence in Sustainable Winegrowing

Honoring the Commitment to Sustainable Practices

Nomination Form

Date: _____

Organization Name: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____

Total land area managed by the winery (in acres or hectares): _____

Area under vine both owned and contracted (in acres or hectares): _____

Annual production quantities (in gallons or liters) and bottles: _____

Name of U.S. distributor (required): _____

What major challenges do you encounter that are particular to your specific geographic location?
(Examples: drought, dry climate/wet climate, pests, high labor costs, government regulations)

Year-over-year continuous improvement is important. Please list the winery's improvements achieved in 2018.

What are your improvement plans for 2019?

Sustainability Assessment

Please provide a self-assessment for each of the following criteria by assigning a ranking from 1 to 10, with 1 indicating no procedures for sustainability in place and 10 indicating demonstrated sustainability best practices in place.

Following each, describe your company's sustainability efforts for that category in 100 words or less. This can include descriptions of conservation efforts in the field or in operations, how waste is avoided, how is it reclaimed, how the winery extends conservation efforts to its customers, or even practices you would like to see established in the future to maintain environmentally sound, socially equitable or economically feasible winemaking principles. Please quantify your statements with data showing improvements from X% to Y%.

As with all great initiatives, we encourage you to be creative and help establish new conservation and sustainable practices and to share that knowledge locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. These initiatives are consistent with BRIT's mission.

Environmentally Sound Sustainability in Viticulture (Winegrowing)

1. Seed/Variety Selection, Preservation, Diversity:

Ranking (1-10): ____

2. Agricultural Protocols for Water Savings:

Ranking (1-10): ____

3. Agricultural Protocols for Soil Conservation:

Ranking (1-10): ___

4. Agricultural Protocols for Energy Savings:

Ranking (1-10): ___

5. Agricultural Protocols for Integrated Pest Management (IPM):

Ranking (1-10): ___

Environmentally Sound Sustainability in Viniculture (Winemaking)

6. Winemaking Protocols for Water Savings:

Ranking (1-10): ___

7. Winemaking Protocols for Soil Conservation:

Ranking (1-10): ____

8. Winemaking Protocols for Energy Savings:

Ranking (1-10): ____

9. Winemaking and Facility Protocols for Integrated Pest Management (IPM):

Ranking (1-10)

(1-10): ____

10. Packaging Protocols for Waste Reduction:

11. Program for Reducing Carbon Emissions (CO₂e):

Ranking (1-10): ____

Ecopreneural Programs* / Social Responsibility

(*See Glossary below)

12. Sustainable Customer Service Practices:

Ranking (1-10): ____

13. Plan for Continual Improvement:

Ranking (1-10): ____

14. Corporate Social Responsibility Program (Includes Protocols such as Equitable Wages): Ranking (1-10): ____

15. Green Facility Programs and/or Certifications other than Winemaking (Building, Site, Operations, Environmental Management System, etc.): Ranking (1-10): ____

16. Closing the Loop Programs*, Including Post-Consumer Take-Back Programs*: (*See Glossary below) Ranking (1-10): ____

17. Support of Research and Education to Enhance Your Community's Environment: Ranking (1-10): ____

18. Leadership in Communication of Sustainable Best Practices (Videos, Articles, Seminars, Columns, Other Proactive Efforts): Ranking (1-10): ____

Taste

Our final criteria, to be determined by our judging committee, is taste. Please submit a bottle of your wine that best represents your sustainable efforts.

Wine Name: _____ Est. Retail Price (USD) \$ _____

Completed submissions (application and bottle) are due on or before July 31, 2017.

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Attn: Chris Chilton
1700 University Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76107-3400

For additional information, please visit us online at BRIT.org/WineAward.

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Glossary:

Ecopreneural Programs: business practices that aim to achieve a balance between ecosystem stewardship and business performance.

Closing the Loop Programs: business processes of reducing waste with the goal of “zero waste.” Finding methods to reduce, recycle, reuse, and repurpose materials in the waste stream and diverting resources from being landfilled.

Take-Back Programs: programs for tracking a producer’s post-production materials and products and packaging, with a conditional commitment that the producer will reclaim the materials and products at end-of-life. The producer has the goal of recycling, reusing and/or repurposing its materials and products.

International Shipping Guidelines

1. Determine the wine you wish to enter, complete entry form, and submit. Questions - Chris Chilton (817)546-8691, cchilton@brit.org.
2. **NO ENTRY FEE** required for 2018 International Sustainable Winegrowing competition.
3. **International wine will be received from now until July 31, 2017. All wines entered MUST BE SHIPPED PREPAID.** Shipments will be received weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. All samples should be packed with the entry form on the inside and the name of the producer marked clearly on the outside. **If COLA Waiver assistance is needed, please contact** Edward Proctor, La Cigale Wines, 817.923.6747, Federal TTB Import License #TX-I-15355. Email to: ed@lacigalewines.com BEFORE SHIPPING.

CONSIGNEE: LA CIGALE WINES

IN CARE OF: BOTANICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

International Award of Excellence in Sustainable Winegrowing Competition

1700 University Drive

Fort Worth, Texas 76107 USA

Phone 817.546.8691

Fax 817.332.4112

If shipping via FedEx, please request that the wines be held at this location:

FedEx Office

4485 Bryant Irvin Road

Fort Worth, TX 76132

If shipping via UPS, please request that the wines be held at this location:

The UPS Store

6387 Camp Bowie Boulevard

Fort Worth, TX 76116

The Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) will acknowledge receipt of wine. BRIT is not responsible for any shipping or customs charges. International shipments of wine must be cleared by a licensed broker with applicable importing licenses. UPS and FedEx can clear customs for you. If you have an importer it is best to use your own importer.

International Shipments Require:

- **TTB SAMPLE WAIVER (COLA WAIVER):**

All sample shipments to the US must be accompanied by a TTB Sample Waiver issued to a Federally Licensed Importer. The typical waiting time is five - ten business days if all of the paperwork is in order. The Competition has contracted with La Cigale Wines to perform this service for those wineries that do not have an importer. The fee for this service is stated below.

- **REGISTERED FDA NUMBER:**

You must obtain a registration with the FDA for each winery/producer. If you have a FDA registration number, you must make sure that your registration is current, or you must renew your account information with the FDA; <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FoodFacilityRegistration/default.htm> . You must have a valid FDA Permit before shipping. If you are not sure about filing the Registration and Agent Appointment, La Cigale Wines can help you with this.

- **PRIOR NOTICE TO FDA:**

You must file a Prior Notice with FDA online before shipping. If you are not sure about filing the Registration, La Cigale Wines can help you with this. <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/ImportsExports/Importing/ucm2006836.htm> . If you are unsure about filing the FDA Prior Notice the Competition has contracted with La Cigale Wines to perform this service for those wineries that do not have an importer. The fee for this service is stated below.

If you do not have an importer, BRIT has made arrangements with La Cigale Wines to clear shipments. If you would like to use La Cigale Wines to clear shipments please contact Edward Proctor, ed@lacigalewines.com, phone 817.923.6747 before shipping. Payment for COLA WAIVERS must be prepaid by dollar-denominated check or by funds wired to:

Beneficiary Bank: Barclays Bank

Beneficiary Bank Address: 1 Churchill Place, London EC14 SHP

Beneficiary Bank SWIFT: BARCGB22

Beneficiary: Cambridge Mercantile Corp.

212 King Street West, Suite 400

Toronto, Ontario M5H 1K5

IBAN#: GB85 BARC 2000 0046 4421 44

Account #46 4421 44

Reference: La Cigale Wines,

3431 McCart Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76110

Please email to ed@lacigalewines.com to confirm wire transfers.

Your shipping documents should indicate that you will pay all Customs Charges. If you do not designate that you will pay all Customs Charges, your customs fees must be paid by wire transfer within 72 hours of billing.

La Cigale Wines- Import Fees

TTB COLA Waiver: 30 euros per Winery plus 15 euros per wine.
FDA Prior Notice: 30 euros per Winery
FDA Food Facility Registration: . 50 euros per Winery (only needed if you have not
. previously registered with the FDA). This is a 2 year registration.
FDA Agent Filing: 25 euros per winery per year
Customs Charges: Taxes and Duties to be paid by each producer.
Contact: Edward Proctor, Email to: ed@lacigalewines.com

DO NOT SHIP UNTIL YOU HAVE YOUR TTB COLA WAIVER AND HAVE A FDA PRIOR NOTICE!!USA Customs Clearance

USA Customs Clearance

Please complete the USA Customs Clearance Form. **YOU MUST DESIGNATE THAT YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL U.S. CUSTOMS CHARGES ON YOUR INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING DOCUMENTS OR AIRWAY BILL.** La Cigale Wines is not responsible for US Customs & Brokerage Charges and if this is not done properly, your shipment could be delayed until we receive payment for these charges. If the shipment is large enough for commercial airfreight, we must collect estimated tax, duty and customs charges in advance. The commercial value for samples is typically one Euro per bottle and this should be stated on a pro forma invoice.

- Option 1:** Use UPS or FED EX. To be charged to your Fed Ex or UPS Account and to include the payment of all Customs Charges. We require a credit card number just in case that you have not completed the shipping forms correctly and you will only be billed for any excess charges or taxes that are billed to our account for your shipment.
- 4. **Option 2:** Airline airfreight. This is usually a more expensive option than UPS or FedEx
- 5. **ALL BOTTLES:** Must have a label affixed to the back of the bottle that contains the US Government Warning, the phrase "Contains Sulfites" and the phrase "Trade Samples - Not for Resale". The words "Government Warning" must appear in capital letters and in bold type. The remainder of the statement may NOT appear in bold type. The statement MUST appear
- 6. as a continuous paragraph. The statement reads as follows and should be 2 mm to 3 mm in size

GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS OUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.
TRADE SAMPLES – NOT FOR RESALE – CONTAINS SULFITES

July 31, 2017 is the submission deadline for BRIT's International Award of Excellence in Sustainable Winegrowing competition.

January 5, 2018 competition results will be announced to all participating producers with valid email addresses. BRIT will provide medals and electronic award seals to medal winners.

March, 2018 BRIT will present its International Award of Excellence in Sustainable Winegrowing to the overall winner during the Fort Worth Food and Wine Festival.

Release and Authorization

_____ (hereinafter "Nominee") in consideration of its acceptance as a Nominee for the Botanical Research Institute of Texas' International Award of Excellence in Sustainable Winegrowing Award (the "Award") hereby consents to use of actions, likenesses (actual or simulated), names, sobriquets, pictures, photographs, silhouettes, and any such photography, recordings or other reproductions thereof, alone or together with any likenesses or images whether produced by Nominee or any third party of Nominee, its vineyards and facilities and its products, in connection with, and related to, the promotion and advertising of the Award, in all media whether now known or hereafter devised, in any manner, throughout the world in perpetuity.

Applicant agrees that if selected as the winner, the Applicant's organization will send a representative to Fort Worth, Texas to receive the award during BRIT's sustainable winegrowing award ceremony.

Nominee further covenants to use its best efforts in support of the efforts of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas ("BRIT") at publicizing the Award and Nominee and its representatives, directors, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns hereby absolutely, unconditionally and forever release and discharge BRIT and its directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives (collectively, "Released Parties"), from any and all claims, demands, controversies, causes of action, damages, rights, liabilities and obligations whatsoever (including, without limitation, claims for defamation and invasion of privacy, or financial injury), arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with BRIT's process in making, promoting and announcing the Award; and Nominee and its representatives, directors, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns hereby agree to and do hereby indemnify and hold harmless BRIT and its representatives, directors, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, actions, damages, expense and loss of any kind caused by or arising out of any statement or action of Nominee or its representatives, directors, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns made in connection with Nominee's participation in the Award process.

Nominee further agrees that it will not have the right to seek injunctive relief to enjoin or restrain BRIT's exercise of the rights granted in this Release and Authorization.

Nominee understands and acknowledges that the above release, indemnity and hold harmless are material inducements for BRIT to accept and consider its nomination for the Award and that BRIT may rely on this Release in proceeding with its Award process.

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND SHALL BE PERFORMABLE IN TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By (print name and title): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____



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