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Product Packaging Standards

As we mentioned in our October newsletter, the LCBO is will be actively enforcing certain Program Packaging Standards on all Consignment Purchase orders issued in the new year. Any orders found non-compliant will be charged a \$4/case relabeling fee.

Please ensure all Consignment orders you receive after January 1, 2024 are labelled with a Shipping Container Barcode. The shipping container barcode (GTIN-14/SCC-14) is used at the warehouse to scan all shipments in and out of the inventory management system. Here is an example of a compliant [shipping container label](#).

The LCBO has recommended that the Lot Code for the consumer selling unit be applied to the shipping container, together with the LCBO Purchase Order (PO) number. In the event of a recall or product inspection, the lot code and the PO number will help isolate the affected product as efficiently as possible.

Lastly, we have been advised that a GTIN barcode (formerly called UPC or EAN) will be required on all consumer selling units. We have challenged the LCBO on the logic of requiring barcodes on bottles sold through the Consignment Program, as we are only able to sell these wines by the full case lot. We have been told, "off the record", that compliance with this Standard will not be enforced however we are continuing to pursue this matter and will keep you apprised of any updates we obtain. We would encourage all wineries who have the capability to affix GTIN barcodes to their bottles to do so going forward, whenever possible.

Magnums

Demand at our Ottawa Tasting Room for large format bottles has grown and we will be looking to expand our magnum offerings in the coming year. Would you please email the details (name, vintage, price, availability) of all wines you currently have available in 1.5L bottles to margaret@buyersandcellars.ca on or before December 15th. Thank you!



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