

# WINE TASTING PERMIT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Please read the application requirements and permit restrictions below to determine whether a wine tasting permit is right for your business.

## **Application Requirements:**

In order to obtain a wine tasting permit you must provide the following information with your application.

Application **fee of \$25.00** to be made payable to the Department of Liquor Control.

## **Permit Restrictions:**

Application to be filed with the Department of Liquor Control **at least 5 days prior** to the date of the wine tasting event.

**SECOND CLASS LICENSEE:** this permit authorizes employees of the permit holder to dispense vinous beverages to retail customers of legal age on the licensee's premises. Vinous beverages for the tasting shall be from the inventory of the licensee.

A second class licensee may conduct no more than (48) tasting events in a year.

**LICENSED MANUFACTURER OR RECTIFIER OF VINOUS BEVERAGES:** this permit authorizes the permit holder to dispense vinous beverages produced by the manufacturer or rectifier to retail customers of legal age of consumption on the premises of a second class licensee.

A manufacturer or rectifier of vinous beverages may conduct no more than (48) tasting events a year on the premises of a second class licensee.

A wine tasting event held, not to include wine tasting events conducted on the premises of a manufacturer or rectifier or on the premises of a fourth class licensee or a promotional tasting: (1) may continue for no more than six hours in duration, with no more than six beverages to be offered at a single event, and no more than two ounces of any single vinous beverage and no more than a total of eight ounces of various vinous beverages to be dispensed to a customer. No more than eight customers may be served at one time. (2) shall be conducted totally within a designated area that extends no further than 10 feet from the point of service, and that is marked by a clearly visible sign that states that no one under the age 21 may participate in the tasting.

The permit holder shall keep an accurate accounting of the vinous beverages consumed at a tasting event and shall be responsible for complying with all applicable laws under Title 7.

No individual who is under the age of 18 or who has not received training as required by the Department of Liquor Control may serve alcoholic beverages at a wine tasting event.

The holder of a permit issued under Section 67 that provides alcoholic beverages to an underage individual or permits an individual under the age of 18 to serve alcoholic beverages at a wine tasting event under Section 67 shall be fined not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$2,000.00 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

### **Promotional Wine Tastings:**

At the request of a first class or second-class licensee, a holder of a manufacturer's, rectifier's, or wholesale dealer's license may distribute without charge to the first or second class licensee's management and staff, provided they are of legal drinking age, two ounces per person of vinous beverages for the purpose of promoting the beverage. No permit is required but written notice of the event shall be provided to the Department of Liquor Control at least five (5) days prior to the date of the tasting.

A holder of a wholesale dealer's license may dispense vinous beverages for promotional purposes at the wholesale dealer's premises without charge to invited employees of first, second, and third class licensees, provided the invited employees are of legal drinking age, and the wholesale dealer obtains a wine tasting permit.

### **Contact Information**

To learn more about Vermont's Wine Tasting laws, please call or email the Department of Liquor Control at 802-828-2339 or visit [liquorcontrol.vermont.gov](http://liquorcontrol.vermont.gov)



Wine Tasting Permit

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Licensee Number
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Print Full Name of Person, Partnership, Corporation or LLC
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Doing Business As – Trade Name
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Street and street number or premises covered by this application
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Town or City & Zip Code
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Telephone Number
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Mailing Address (if different from above)
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Email Address
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**FEE: \$25.00**

Make check payable to and mail to:

Vermont Department of Liquor Control  
13 Green Mountain Drive  
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

Please check one: \_\_\_\_\_Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_Second Class \_\_\_\_\_ Wholesale Dealer

Name of Second Class License or Licensee location: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town or City, State and Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING**

I/We hereby certify that the information in this application is true and complete.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and

State of Vermont, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of authorized agent of licensee:

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Date