U.S.-to-Canada Licensee-to-Consumer Wine Shipping – Direct Purchase Process

Wine Purchaser	Winery / Retailer	Liquor Control Board / Broker	FedEx Express

1 - Canadian resident* wishes to buy wine from a U.S. winery (onsite) or from a U.S. retailer (offsite or onsite).

2 - Winery / Retailer obtains information from buyer including payment details.

3 - Winery / Retailer advises buyer of provincial alcohol taxes.

Refer to current provincial table of alcohol taxes.

Buyer confirms wine purchase.

4 - Winery / Retailer processes order.

5 - Winery / Retailer ships the package using a FedEx® electronic shipping solution, consigned to the buyer, care of the destination provincial liquor control board and provides proof of payment (Commercial Invoice and copy of credit card slip / receipt).

6 - FedEx picks up the shipment and provides shipment documents (on the day of arrival) to the provincial liquor control board to initiate clearance. FedEx holds the shipment in a FedEx facility.

7a – For Alberta, the AGLC mails an invoice to the buyer within 2 business days to secure payment of all fees due.

7b – For British Columbia, the BCLDB prepares the entry and invoice and returns to FedEx, generally within 24 hours.

7c – For Ontario, the broker contacts the buyer by phone.

Buyer pays duties and taxes, alcohol mark-up fees and clearance fees.

Alberta – Buyer can pay only by certified check or money order and only by mail. (see below note)

British Columbia – Buyer can pay by credit card or check.

Ontario – Buyer can pay only by VISA or MasterCard.

British Columbia

Alberta, Ontario

8 – FedEx calls the buyer to secure payment of all fees due. Upon receiving payment, FedEx submits a manual entry to CBSA.

8 – Upon receiving payment, the AGLC submits an electronic entry to CBSA for release (In Ontario the broker submits electronic entry to CBSA).

Alberta residents may also pay at the AGLC head office in St. Albert (stores do not accept payments) or send via courier at their own expense.

AGLC – Alberta Gaming Liquor Commission

BCLDB – British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch

CBSA – Canada Border Services Agency

LCBO – Liquor Control Board of Ontario

9 - Upon receiving clearance notification, FedEx delivers the shipment directly to the customer.

10 - Buyer receives the shipment and enjoys the wine!

** Residents of Alberta, British Columbia, or Ontario only.*