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CONSTELLATION BRANDS INC

Form 8-K

June 28, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 28, 2001

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DELAWARE	CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.	16-0716709
	and its subsidiaries:	
NEW YORK	BATAVIA WINE CELLARS, INC.	16-1222994
NEW YORK	CANANDAIGUA WINE COMPANY, INC.	16-1462887
NEW YORK	CANANDAIGUA EUROPE LIMITED	16-1195581
ENGLAND AND WALES	CANANDAIGUA LIMITED	98-0198402
NEW YORK	POLYPHENOLICS, INC.	16-1546354
NEW YORK	ROBERTS TRADING CORP.	16-0865491
NETHERLANDS	CANANDAIGUA B.V.	98-0205132
DELAWARE	FRANCISCAN VINEYARDS, INC.	94-2602962
CALIFORNIA	ALLBERRY, INC.	68-0324763
CALIFORNIA	CLOUD PEAK CORPORATION	68-0324762
CALIFORNIA	M.J. LEWIS CORP.	94-3065450
CALIFORNIA	MT. VEEDER CORPORATION	94-2862667
DELAWARE	BARTON INCORPORATED	36-3500366
DELAWARE	BARTON BRANDS, LTD.	36-3185921
MARYLAND	BARTON BEERS, LTD.	36-2855879
CONNECTICUT	BARTON BRANDS OF CALIFORNIA, INC.	06-1048198
GEORGIA	BARTON BRANDS OF GEORGIA, INC.	58-1215938
ILLINOIS	BARTON CANADA, LTD.	36-4283446
NEW YORK	BARTON DISTILLERS IMPORT CORP.	13-1794441
DELAWARE	BARTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION	51-0311795
WISCONSIN	STEVENS POINT BEVERAGE CO.	39-0638900
ILLINOIS	MONARCH IMPORT COMPANY	36-3539106
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

300 WillowBrook Office Park, Fairport, New York 14450  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (716) 218-2169

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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### ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

Constellation Brands, Inc. released the following information on June 28, 2001:

#### CONSTELLATION ANNOUNCES RECORD FIRST QUARTER RESULTS AND INCREASES FULL YEAR FORECAST

##### Earnings Per Share Increase 17% in First Quarter

FAIRPORT, NEW YORK, JUNE 28, 2001 - Constellation Brands, Inc. (NYSE: STZ and STZ.B) today reported net income of \$24 million for the three months ended May 31, 2001 ("First Quarter 2002"), an increase of 33 percent over net income reported for the three months ended May 31, 2000 ("First Quarter 2001"). Earnings per share on a diluted basis were \$0.56, representing an increase of 17 percent from the same period a year ago.

Richard Sands, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Constellation, said, "Our three major revenue growth drivers, imported beer, U.K. wholesale and fine wine, were exceptionally strong. On a pro forma basis for wholesale revenue, these three categories grew 19% in the first quarter. Our strategy of offering consumers a wide array of choices through our broad based portfolio of beverage alcohol brands continues to deliver strong and consistent performance."

Sands added, "We continue to complement high levels of internal growth with strategic acquisitions. With the acquisition of brands from Turner Road and Corus this quarter we see substantially improved margins in our popular and premium wine business. With the expected addition of Ravenswood and the creation of a new joint venture with BRL Hardy, Constellation continues to enhance the breadth of its portfolio with greater participation in higher margin, faster growing categories. With a solid first quarter, the Turner Road and Corus acquisitions fully integrated and the expected contributions of Ravenswood and the new joint venture, we have raised our earnings per share estimate for the full year to a range of \$3.03 to \$3.08."

#### CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

Net sales reached \$642 million for First Quarter 2002, a 10 percent increase over First Quarter 2001. After adjusting for foreign currency impact, net sales for First Quarter 2002 were 12 percent greater than First Quarter 2001. Net sales growth was driven primarily by the inclusion of the brands acquired in the Turner Road Vintners and Corus acquisitions ("the Acquisitions"), completed March 5 and March 26, 2001, respectively, and increases in imported beer, fine wine and U.K. wholesale sales. Excluding the Acquisitions, net sales for First Quarter 2002 grew six percent on a currency-adjusted basis compared to the prior period.

Gross profit for First Quarter 2002 was \$202 million compared to \$184 million in the prior year period. The improvement in gross profit was primarily related to sales from the Acquisitions and increased imported beer and fine wine sales. As a percent of net sales, gross profit remained relatively unchanged at 31 percent for First Quarter 2002, as compared to First Quarter 2001.

First Quarter 2002 selling, general and administrative expenses, as a percent of net sales, were favorable by 100 basis points versus the comparable quarter a year ago, declining from 21.6 percent to 20.6 percent. Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$132 million for First Quarter 2002 compared to \$126 million reported for the same period last year. The majority of the increase resulted from advertising and promotion costs associated with the brands acquired in the Acquisitions.

Operating income for First Quarter 2002 increased to \$70 million from \$57 million, an increase of 22 percent versus the same period a year ago. Net

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interest expense for First Quarter 2002 reached \$30 million, an increase of \$3 million from First Quarter 2001. The higher interest expense was the result of an increase in average borrowings primarily due to the financing of the Acquisitions, partially offset by a slightly lower average borrowing rate.

As a result of the above factors, net income and diluted earnings per share in First Quarter 2002 were \$24 million and \$0.56, respectively, as compared to net income and diluted earnings per share of \$18 million and \$0.48, respectively, reported for First Quarter 2001.

### BARTON RESULTS

Barton's net sales for First Quarter 2002 were \$254 million, an increase of eight percent versus the comparable quarter a year ago. The increase resulted primarily from a 12 percent increase in imported beer net sales, led by volume gains in the Mexican beer portfolio.

Operating income grew to \$44 million in First Quarter 2002, an increase of 13 percent versus the comparable quarter last year. The growth in operating income was primarily the result of increased beer sales.

### CANANDAIGUA WINE RESULTS

Canandaigua Wine's net sales for First Quarter 2002 increased 13 percent to \$185 million. The increase was related to additional sales from the Acquisitions completed in March 2001, partially offset by declines in other wine brands due to the timing of seasonal programming this year versus last year. The Company continues to see acceleration month to month of the acquired brands as it continues to build new marketing programs around the brands and expands distribution.

Operating income almost doubled for First Quarter 2002 to \$15 million, led by the addition of profits from the acquired brands.

### MATTHEW CLARK RESULTS

Net sales for First Quarter 2002 increased to \$182 million, an increase of seven percent compared to net sales reported for First Quarter 2001. On a currency-adjusted basis, net sales improved 16 percent compared to the prior period. On a local currency basis, branded sales increased four percent, primarily attributable to increases in wine which were partially offset by decreases in cider. Wholesale sales improved 25 percent on a local currency basis, with the majority of the improvement coming from organic growth.

Operating income for First Quarter 2002 declined to \$8 million from \$10 million reported for First Quarter 2001. The decline was driven by higher marketing costs behind several key brands, lower cider sales and an adverse foreign currency impact.

### FRANCISCAN RESULTS

Franciscan's net sales for First Quarter 2002 increased 21 percent to reach \$26 million versus \$22 million reported for First Quarter 2001. The increase was primarily due to volume growth, particularly in Veramonte, Estancia, Franciscan and Simi. Operating income increased 30 percent for First Quarter 2002 to \$7 million driven by the higher net sales.

### OUTLOOK

The following statements are management's current expectations for the Company's three months ending August 31, 2001 ("Second Quarter 2002") and fiscal year ending February 28, 2002 ("Fiscal 2002"). These statements are made as of the date of this press release and are forward-looking. Actual results may differ materially from these expectations due to a number of risks and uncertainties. The following statements include the anticipated impact of (i) the brands acquired in the Acquisitions, (ii) the acquisition of Ravenswood, which is expected to close on July 2, 2001, and (iii) Pacific Wine Partners, a joint venture with BRL Hardy targeted to begin operations during August 2001. These expectations include the Company's analysis and interpretation of the proposed accounting rule changes for business combinations and goodwill and other acquired intangible assets as they relate to Ravenswood and Pacific Wine

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Partners.

- Diluted earnings per share for Second Quarter 2002 are expected to be within a range of \$0.80 to \$0.83 versus \$0.70 reported for Second Quarter 2001.
- Diluted earnings per share for Fiscal 2002 are expected to be within a range of \$3.03 to \$3.08 versus \$2.60 reported for Fiscal 2001.

All share and per share amounts in this press release, including within the financial statements, have been adjusted to give effect to a two-for-one stock split of both the Company's Class A and Class B common stock, which was distributed in the form of a stock dividend on May 14, 2001.

### STATUS OF BUSINESS OUTLOOK AND RELATED RISK FACTORS STATEMENTS

During the quarter, Constellation may reiterate the estimates set forth above under the heading Outlook (collectively, the "Outlook"). Prior to the start of the Quiet Period (described below), the public can continue to rely on the Outlook as still being Constellation's current expectations on the matters covered, unless Constellation publishes a notice stating otherwise.

Beginning August 18, 2001, Constellation will observe a "Quiet Period" during which the Outlook no longer constitutes the Company's current expectations. During the Quiet Period, the Outlook should be considered to be historical, speaking as of prior to the Quiet Period only and not subject to update by the Company. During the Quiet Period, Constellation's representatives will not comment concerning the Outlook or Constellation's financial results or expectations. The Quiet Period will extend until the day when Constellation's next quarterly Earnings Release is published, presently scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2001.

Statements regarding the expected closing of Ravenswood and Pacific Wine Partners are subject to the risk that the closing conditions will not be satisfied. The statements made under the heading Outlook are forward-looking statements. Unless otherwise noted, these forward-looking statements do not take into account the impact of any future acquisition, merger or any other business combination, divestiture or financing that may be completed after the date of this release. Further, these statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. For a detailed list of the risk factors that may adversely impact these forward-looking statements, please refer to Attachment A set forth below in this press release; please also refer to our Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

### ABOUT CONSTELLATION

Constellation Brands, Inc. is a leader in the production and marketing of beverage alcohol brands in North America and the United Kingdom and is a leading independent drinks wholesaler in the United Kingdom. As the second largest supplier of wine, the second largest importer of beer and the fourth largest supplier of distilled spirits, Constellation is the largest single-source supplier of these products in the United States. In the United Kingdom, Constellation is a leading marketer of wine and the second largest producer and marketer of cider. With its broad product portfolio, Constellation believes it is distinctly positioned to satisfy an array of consumer preferences across all beverage alcohol categories. Leading brands in Constellation's portfolio include: Franciscan Oakville Estate, Simi, Estancia, Corona Extra, Modelo Especial, St. Pauli Girl, Almaden, Arbor Mist, Talus, Vendange, Alice White, Black Velvet, Fleischmann's, Schenley, Ten High, Stowells of Chelsea, Blackthorn and K.

### CONFERENCE CALL DETAILS

A conference call to discuss the quarterly results will be hosted by Richard Sands, CEO, and Tom Summer, CFO, on Thursday, June 28, 2001, at 11:00

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a.m. EDT. The conference call can be accessed by dialing (800) 860-2442. A live listen-only web cast of the conference call is available on the Internet at Constellation's web site: <http://www.cbrands.com> under: Investor Info.

If you are unable to participate in the conference call, there will be a replay available on Constellation's web site.

### CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands)

	May 31, 2001	February 28, 2001
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ASSETS		
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CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash investments	\$ 3,739	\$ 145,672
Accounts receivable, net	374,398	314,262
Inventories, net	756,611	670,018
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	64,584	61,037
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Total current assets	1,199,332	1,190,989
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, net	583,070	548,614
OTHER ASSETS	957,291	772,566
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Total assets	\$ 2,739,693	\$ 2,512,169
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
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CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Notes payable	\$ 24,903	\$ 4,184
Current maturities of long-term debt	72,996	54,176
Accounts payable	154,394	114,793
Accrued excise taxes	43,979	55,954
Other accrued expenses and liabilities	208,351	198,053
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Total current liabilities	504,623	427,160
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current maturities	1,294,116	1,307,437
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	131,317	131,974
OTHER LIABILITIES	28,690	29,330
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	780,947	616,268
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 2,739,693	\$ 2,512,169
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### CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended May 31, 2001	Three Months Ended May 31, 2000	Percent Change
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Gross sales	\$ 835,774	\$ 774,522	8%
Net sales	\$ 642,110	\$ 585,580	10%
Cost of product sold	(440,160)	(401,707)	10%

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Gross profit	201,950	183,873	10%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(132,027)	(126,409)	4%
Operating income	69,923	57,464	22%
Interest expense, net	(30,185)	(27,627)	9%
Income before income taxes	39,738	29,837	33%
Provision for income taxes	(15,895)	(11,935)	33%
Net income	\$ 23,843	\$ 17,902	33%
Earnings per common share:			
Basic	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.49	18%
Diluted	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.48	17%
Weighted average common shares outstanding:			
Basic	41,254	36,460	13%
Diluted	42,526	37,196	14%
Segment Information:			
Net sales:			
Barton			
Beer	\$ 182,985	\$ 163,134	12%
Spirits	71,317	72,546	-2%
Net sales	\$ 254,302	\$ 235,680	8%
Canandaigua Wine			
Branded	\$ 167,826	\$ 144,566	16%
Other	17,238	18,897	-9%
Net sales	\$ 185,064	\$ 163,463	13%
Matthew Clark			
Branded	\$ 66,983	\$ 69,615	-4%
Wholesale	115,006	99,923	15%
Net sales	\$ 181,989	\$ 169,538	7%
Franciscan	\$ 26,393	\$ 21,889	21%
Intersegment eliminations	\$ (5,638)	\$ (4,990)	13%
Consolidated net sales	\$ 642,110	\$ 585,580	10%
Operating income:			
Barton	\$ 44,051	\$ 38,835	13%
Canandaigua Wine	15,395	7,818	97%
Matthew Clark	8,317	10,374	-20%
Franciscan	7,048	5,416	30%
Corporate Operations and Other	(4,888)	(4,979)	-2%
Consolidated operating income	\$ 69,923	\$ 57,464	22%

Attachment A

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECURITIES  
LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

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The Company makes forward-looking statements from time to time and desires to take advantage of the "safe harbor" which is afforded such statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 when they are accompanied by meaningful cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements.

The statements set forth in this press release, which are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. Any projections of future results of operations, and in particular, (i) the Company's estimated diluted earnings per share for the quarter ending August 31, 2001, and (ii) the Company's estimated diluted earnings per share for the twelve months ending February 28, 2002, (which estimates are set forth above under the heading "Outlook"), should not be construed in any manner as a guarantee that such results will in fact occur. There can be no assurance that any forward-looking statement in this press release will be realized or that actual results will not be significantly higher or lower than set forth in or implied by such forward-looking statement. In addition to the risks and uncertainties of ordinary business operations, the forward-looking statements of the Company contained in this press release are also subject to the following risks and uncertainties:

### RECENT ACQUISITIONS AND PROPOSED MERGER WITH RAVENSWOOD WINERY AND JOINT VENTURE WITH BRL HARDY

- \* Projections of future results of operations include Constellation's expectations with respect to future performance of recently acquired businesses and the expected impact of the proposed merger with Ravenswood and joint venture with BRL Hardy. These expectations are based upon the acquired businesses and the operations of the joint venture achieving certain sales projections, meeting certain cost targets and being successfully integrated.

### PERFORMANCE OF WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS

- \* In the United States, we sell our products principally to wholesalers for resale to retail outlets, including grocery stores, package liquor stores, club and discount stores and restaurants. The replacement or poor performance of our major wholesalers or our inability to collect accounts receivable from our major wholesalers could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. Distribution channels for beverage alcohol products have been characterized in recent years by rapid change, including consolidations of certain wholesalers. In addition, wholesalers and retailers of our products offer products, which compete directly with our products for retail shelf space and consumer purchases. Accordingly, there is a risk that these wholesalers or retailers may give higher priority to products of our competitors. In the future, our wholesalers and retailers may not continue to purchase our products or provide our products with adequate levels of promotional support.

### SUPPLIERS, RAW MATERIALS AND PRICE FLUCTUATIONS

- \* Our business is heavily dependent upon raw materials, such as grapes, grape juice concentrate, grains, and alcohol from third-party suppliers and packaging materials. We could experience raw material supply, production or shipment difficulties, which could adversely affect our ability to supply goods to our customers. We are also directly affected by increases in the costs of such raw materials. Although we believe we have adequate sources of grape supplies, in the event demand for certain wine products exceeds expectations, we could experience shortages. In addition, one of our largest components of cost of goods sold is that of glass bottles, which have only a small number of producers. The inability of any of our glass bottle suppliers to satisfy our requirements could adversely affect our

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business.

### COMPETITION

- \* We are in a highly competitive industry and the dollar amount, and unit volume, of our sales could be negatively affected by our inability to maintain or increase prices, changes in geographic or product mix, a general decline in beverage alcohol consumption or the decision of our wholesale customers, retailers or consumers to purchase competitive products instead of our products. Wholesaler, retailer and consumer purchasing decisions are influenced by, among other things, the perceived absolute or relative overall value of our products, including their quality or pricing, compared to competitive products. Unit volume and dollar sales could also be affected by pricing, purchasing, financing, operational, advertising or promotional decisions made by wholesalers and retailers which could affect their supply of, or consumer demand for, our products. We could also experience higher than expected selling, general and administrative expenses if we find it necessary to increase the number of our personnel or our advertising or promotional expenditures to maintain our competitive position or for other reasons.

### CONSUMPTION OF PRODUCTS WE SELL

Consumer purchasing patterns and preferences may impact the consumption of the products we sell. There are a variety of factors that may cause consumers to decrease the amount and type of alcohol products purchased, including but not limited to the following:

- \* concerns about the health consequences of consuming beverage alcohol products and about drinking and driving;
- \* a trend toward a healthier diet including lighter, lower calorie beverages such as diet soft drinks, juices and sparkling water products; and
- \* activities of anti-alcohol consumer groups.

### EXCISE TAXES AND GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS

- \* In the United States, the federal government and individual states impose excise taxes on beverage alcohol products in varying amounts, which have been subject to change. Increases in excise taxes on beverage alcohol products, if enacted, could materially and adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations. In addition, the beverage alcohol products industry is subject to extensive regulation by state and federal agencies. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and various state liquor authorities regulate such matters as licensing requirements, trade and pricing practices, permitted and required labeling, advertising and relations with wholesalers and retailers. In recent years, federal and state regulators have required warning labels and signage. In the United Kingdom, Matthew Clark carries on its excise trade under a Customs and Excise License. Licenses are required for all premises where wine is produced. Matthew Clark holds a license to act as an excise warehouse operator and registrations have been secured for the production of cider and bottled water. New or revised regulations or increased licensing fees and requirements could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

### CURRENCY RATE FLUCTUATIONS/FOREIGN OPERATIONS

The Company has operations in different countries and, therefore, is subject to the risks associated with currency fluctuations. The Company could experience changes in its ability to obtain or hedge against foreign currency, foreign exchange rates and fluctuations in those rates. The Company could also be affected by nationalizations or unstable governments or legal systems or intergovernmental disputes. These currency, economic and political uncertainties may affect the Company's results, especially to the extent these matters, or the decisions, policies or economic strength of the Company's suppliers, affect the Company's foreign operations or imported beer products.



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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

### CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

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Thomas S. Summer, Executive Vice  
President and Chief Financial  
Officer

## SUBSIDIARIES

### BATAVIA WINE CELLARS, INC.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

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Thomas S. Summer, Treasurer

### CANANDAIGUA WINE COMPANY, INC.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

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Thomas S. Summer, Treasurer

### CANANDAIGUA EUROPE LIMITED

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

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Thomas S. Summer, Treasurer

### CANANDAIGUA LIMITED

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

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Thomas S. Summer, Finance Director  
(Principal Financial Officer and  
Principal Accounting Officer)

### POLYPHENOLICS, INC.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

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Thomas S. Summer, Vice President  
and Treasurer

### ROBERTS TRADING CORP.

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Thomas S. Summer, President and  
Treasurer

CANANDAIGUA B.V.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

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Thomas S. Summer, Chief  
Financial Officer

FRANCISCAN VINEYARDS, INC.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

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Thomas S. Summer, Vice President  
and Treasurer

ALLBERRY, INC.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

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Thomas S. Summer, Vice President  
and Treasurer

CLOUD PEAK CORPORATION

Dated: June 28, 2001

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Dated: June 28, 2001

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BARTON INCORPORATED

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BARTON BRANDS, LTD.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer  
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Thomas S. Summer, Vice President

BARTON BEERS, LTD.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer  
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Thomas S. Summer, Vice President

BARTON BRANDS OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer  
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Thomas S. Summer, Vice President

BARTON BRANDS OF GEORGIA, INC.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer  
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Thomas S. Summer, Vice President

BARTON CANADA, LTD.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer  
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Thomas S. Summer, Vice President

BARTON DISTILLERS IMPORT CORP.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer  
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Thomas S. Summer, Vice President

BARTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer  
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Thomas S. Summer, Vice President

STEVENS POINT BEVERAGE CO.

Dated: June 28, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer  
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Thomas S. Summer, Vice President

MONARCH IMPORT COMPANY

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Thomas S. Summer, Vice President

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(1) UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

Not Applicable.

(2) PLAN OF ACQUISITION, REORGANIZATION, ARRANGEMENT, LIQUIDATION OR SUCCESSION

Not Applicable.

(4) INSTRUMENTS DEFINING THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS, INCLUDING INDENTURES

Not Applicable.

(16) LETTER RE CHANGE IN CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT

Not Applicable.

(17) LETTER RE DIRECTOR RESIGNATION

Not Applicable.

(20) OTHER DOCUMENTS OR STATEMENTS TO SECURITY HOLDERS

Not Applicable.

(23) CONSENTS OF EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

Not Applicable.

(24) POWER OF ATTORNEY

Not Applicable.

(27) FINANCIAL DATA SCHEDULE

Not Applicable.

(99) ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS

None