General packaging guidelines for wine shipments

How to package your wine properly

The suggestions in this information sheet will help you properly package your wine shipments for delivery.*

We highly recommend that you buy your packaging supplies from a company that specializes in packaging for wine shipments.

- Place bottles in individual compartments to ensure that bottles don’t touch one another in the box.
- Securely fit bottles in the individual compartments to prevent movement. For more information, see the shake test below.
- Make sure bottles do not come into contact with the outer box.
- Place FRAGILE and KEEP FROM HEAT labels (as appropriate) on the top and at least one side of the box.

Remember
- It’s your responsibility to ensure that items are properly packaged to prevent damage during delivery. For more information, review our ABC’s of Mailing.
- Shipments containing glass or ceramic items, items of a perishable nature and items requiring temperature controls are subject to coverage for loss, but not for damage.

The shake test
To make sure that your bottles will not move during shipping, shake the box once the items are packaged.

If the bottles move within the box, re-package them to prevent potential damage or breakage.

For more information about Canada Post solutions for Canadian wineries, please visit canadapost.ca/wineries or contact your Canada Post representative.

* This information sheet is not intended to be a comprehensive guide for packaging wine. Using the suggested packaging does not guarantee safe delivery of items. Proper packaging is the sole responsibility of the shipper.

Laws applicable to the shipment of wine, including whether wine may be legally shipped into a province, vary by province. The shipper is solely responsible for ensuring items deposited comply with applicable law.