Did you know?
There are options to purchasing and self distributing wine and microbrews...

Wine

HB 614 (Chapter 80 Acts of 2007)
Authors the holder of a class 6 limited wine wholesale license (held by a class 4 winery) and out of state wineries that hold a non-resident winery permit to **sell and deliver** wine to licensed retailers in Montgomery County. Effective 4/10/07

**Purchasing**
State law allows licensed establishments to purchase wine directly from an in-state Maryland winery that holds a class 6 limited wine wholesale license and out of state wineries that hold a non-resident winery permit to sell wine directly to a licensed Montgomery County retailer.

Distilleries

HB1337 (Chapter 310 Acts of 2016)
Authors the holder of a Class 8 Liquor Wholesaler’s license or a non-resident distillery permit, to sell and deliver its own liquor to any retailer with liquor authority in Montgomery County as well as statewide. Any licensed class 1 Distillery who produces less than 100,000 gallons of distilled spirits annually qualifies for the class 8 Liquor Wholesaler’s license. New legislation effective 10/1/16.

**Purchasing**
State law allows licensed establishments to purchase distilled spirits directly from an in-state Distillery who holds the proper Class 8 Liquor Wholesaler’s License; in addition an out of state distillery who holds a non-resident distillery permit may sell distilled spirits directly to a properly licensed Montgomery County retailer.

Microbrews

HB-132 (SB-305)- Authorizes the holder of a Class 7 Limited Beer Wholesaler’s License or a Non-resident Brewery Permit to sell or deliver its own beer to a county liquor dispensary, or any retailer in Montgomery County. This authority now applies Statewide. Both a licensed Class 7 micro-brewery and a licensed Class 5 brewery who produces less than 22,500 barrels of beer annually qualify for the class 7 limited beer wholesale license. New legislation effective 7/1/14.

**Purchasing**
State law allows licensed establishments to purchase microbrews directly from an in-state brewer who holds the proper Class 7 limited beer wholesale license; in addition, an out of state brewer who holds a non-resident brewery permit may sell beer directly to a licensed Montgomery County retailer.

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