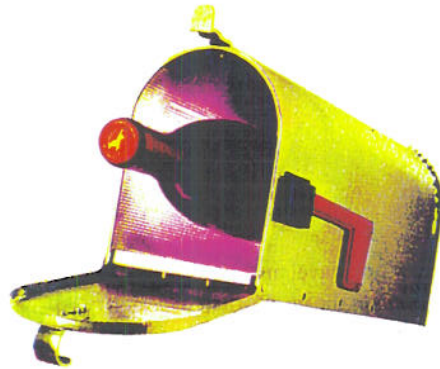


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It's not exactly the end of prohibition, but to wine lovers, it's close. We're referring to the Supreme Court ruling that cleared the way for interstate wine shipments. So far four states have reversed laws banning the practice, with more expected to follow. But just because it's legal doesn't mean it will be easy. Some tips to keep in mind:

■ **Go the extra mile.** Pay for overnight delivery; you don't want your wine to sit in a hot truck for days. It's expensive—\$40 per case on two-day shipping—so ask about deals: Galante Vineyards in Carmel Valley, Calif., charges \$45 to ship one case, but shipping on the second case is free.

■ **Know your limit.** Most states have restrictions on how much wine vineyards can ship. Washington has a limit of two cases per person each year. You can send more by shipping from different vineyards, but check out rules for your state at www.wineinstitute.org/shipwine.

■ **Avoid red tape.** Wineries need a permit from many of the states they ship to. Be sure to ask if it already has one; getting one could take weeks. Once the wine arrives, make sure someone at least 21 years old can receive it. Some states, like New Hampshire, have stricter policies: Only the person who places a wine order can sign for it.

—Jason Feirman