

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>BENNETT ABIGAIL J</b>		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <b>02/05/2009</b>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC. [STZ/STZ.B]</b>	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director ____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)	
C/O CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC., 207 HIGH POINT DRIVE, BLDG. 100			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
(Street)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
VICTOR, NY 14564				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	<u>(1)</u>	04/07/2015	Class A Common Stock	700	\$ 27.235	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/05/2007 <u>(2)</u>	04/05/2016	Class A Common Stock	600	\$ 25.88	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/03/2008 <u>(2)</u>	04/03/2017	Class A Common Stock	1,800	\$ 20.79	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/03/2008 <u>(2)</u>	04/03/2017	Class A Common Stock	3,000	\$ 20.79	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/18/2008 <u>(2)</u>	04/18/2017	Class 1 Common Stock	1,000	\$ 22.27	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/02/2009 <u>(2)</u>	01/02/2018	Class 1 Common Stock	2,500	\$ 23.48	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/01/2009 <u>(2)</u>	04/01/2018	Class 1 Common Stock	6,800	\$ 19.12	D	

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENNETT ABIGAIL J C/O CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC. 207 HIGH POINT DRIVE, BLDG. 100 VICTOR, NY 14564		X		

**Signatures**

Abigail J. Bennett	02/17/2009
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

**Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 100% of this option has become exercisable.
- (2) This option becomes exercisable at the rate of 25% per year beginning on the date specified.

**Remarks:**

\* The reporting person is the beneficial owner within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(a)(1) of more than 10% of the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock of the Issuer by virtue of serving as the non-member manager of two limited liability companies who are the general partners of two limited partnerships that, in the aggregate, own more than 10% of the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock of the Issuer. The reporting person is the reporting person.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CONSTITUTES AND APPOINTS EACH OF H. ELAINE ZIAKAS, MARK D. BURI, BARBARA J. LAVERDI, DAVID S. SORCE AND THOMAS J. MULLIN, SIGNING SINGLY, THE UNDERSIGNED'S TRUE AND LAWFUL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT TO:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a reporting person under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, all Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that the undersigned may be required to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of Constellation Brands, Inc. (the "Company");

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5 (including any amendments thereto) and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The execution of this Power of Attorney in no way revokes or rescinds any prior authorizations or designations given by the undersigned with respect to the

undersigned's responsibilities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including, but not limited to, the execution and filing of Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that the undersigned may be required to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of the undersigned's ownership of or transactions in securities of the Company.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 17th day of February, 2009.

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/s/ Abigail Bennett

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Abigail J. Bennett

WITNESS:

Signature: /s/ Karen J. Cronk

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Name: Karen J. Cronk

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Date: 2/17/2009

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