

UNITED STATES  
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) November 1, 2009

**CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-

08495

(Commission  
File Number)

16-

0716709

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

207 High Point Drive, Building 100, Victor, NY 14564

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (585) 678-7100

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On November 1, 2009, Constellation Brands, Inc. (“Constellation”) issued a news release, a copy of which is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference, announcing that it is considering opportunities regarding its Australian and United Kingdom businesses.

References to Constellation’s website in the release do not incorporate by reference the information on such website into this Current Report on Form 8-K and Constellation disclaims any such incorporation by reference. The information in the news release attached as Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01 in satisfaction of the public disclosure requirements of Regulation FD. This information is “furnished” and not “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and is not otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. It may be incorporated by reference in another filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the Securities Act of 1933 only if and to the extent such subsequent filing specifically references the information incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

Not applicable.

- (b) Pro forma financial information.

Not applicable.

- (c) Shell company transactions.

Not applicable.

- (d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is furnished as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	News Release of Constellation Brands, Inc. dated November 1, 2009.

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## SIGNATURES

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

Date: November 2, 2009

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Robert Ryder  
Robert Ryder  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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## INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description
(1)	UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT  Not Applicable.
(2)	PLAN OF ACQUISITION, REORGANIZATION, ARRANGEMENT, LIQUIDATION OR SUCCESSION  Not Applicable.
(3)	ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS  Not Applicable.
(4)	INSTRUMENTS DEFINING THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS, INCLUDING INDENTURES  Not Applicable.
(7)	CORRESPONDENCE FROM AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT REGARDING NON-RELIANCE ON A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED AUDIT REPORT OR COMPLETED INTERIM REVIEW  Not Applicable.
(14)	CODE OF ETHICS  Not Applicable.
(16)	LETTER RE CHANGE IN CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT  Not Applicable.
(17)	CORRESPONDENCE ON DEPARTURE OF DIRECTOR  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.

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(99) ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS

(99.1) News Release of Constellation Brands, Inc. dated November 1, 2009.

(100) XBRL-RELATED DOCUMENTS

Not Applicable.

(101) INTERACTIVE DATA FILE

Not Applicable.

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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Constellation Considering Opportunities for Its Australian and U.K. Businesses**

**VICTOR, N.Y., Nov. 1, 2009** – Constellation Brands, Inc. (NYSE: STZ, ASX: CBR), the world’s leading wine company, announced today that it is pursuing a number of opportunities with various parties to improve the prospects of its Australian and U.K. businesses. These include opportunities which may result in the sale of certain assets and a possible combination of a portion of Constellation’s Australian and U.K. wine operations with Australian Vintage Ltd. (AVL) in exchange for a substantial, but non-controlling, interest in the combined entity. Headquartered in Sydney, AVL is a leading wine company in Australia.

This potential combination would create synergies between the two companies, better positioning the new entity for success in the current challenging operating environment. If a transaction results, the combined companies would operate as a stand alone wine company, which would be listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX).

“The Australian wine industry is facing unprecedented negative operating conditions,” said Rob Sands, president and chief executive officer, Constellation Brands. “This combination would create a more competitive entity better positioned to deal with the current environment.”

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As the discussions between Constellation Brands and AVL are ongoing, there are a number of material issues which need to be addressed before a deal can be finalized. As a result, the discussions are preliminary and may not lead to such a transaction.

“Constellation Brands remains focused on achieving stronger, more sustainable results by tightening the focus of the portfolio, optimizing assets and finding synergies across all aspects of the business,” concluded Sands.

#### **About Constellation Brands**

Constellation Brands is the world’s leading wine company that achieves success through an unmatched knowledge of wine consumers paired with storied brands that suit varied lives and tastes. With a broad portfolio of widely admired premium products across the wine, beer and spirits categories, Constellation’s brand portfolio includes Robert Mondavi, Hardys, Clos du Bois, Blackstone, Arbor Mist, Estancia, Ravenswood, Jackson-Triggs, Kim Crawford, Corona Extra, Black Velvet Canadian Whisky and SVEDKA Vodka.

Constellation Brands (NYSE: STZ and STZ.B; ASX: CBR) is an S&P 500 Index and Fortune 1000® company with more than 100 total brands in our portfolio, sales in about 150 countries and operations in approximately 50 facilities. The company believes that industry leadership involves a commitment to our brands, to the trade, to the land, to investors and to different people around the world who turn to our products when celebrating big moments or enjoying quiet ones. We express this commitment through our vision: to elevate life with every glass raised. To learn more about Constellation Brands and its product portfolio visit the company's web site at [www.cbrands.com](http://www.cbrands.com).

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This news release contains forward-looking statements. The words “anticipate,” “intend,” and “expect”, and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. These statements may relate to Constellation’s business strategy, future operations, prospects, plans and objectives of management, as well as information concerning expected actions of third parties. All forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by the forward-looking statements.

In addition to risks associated with ordinary business operations, the forward-looking statements contained in this news release are subject to other risks and uncertainties, including:

- completion of any transactions regarding its Australian or United Kingdom businesses; and
- other factors and uncertainties disclosed from time to time in the company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended Feb. 28, 2009, which could cause actual future performance to differ from current expectations.

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