# **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) December 19, 2016

# **CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

	<u>Delaware</u>	<u>001-08495</u>	<u>16-0716709</u>	
	(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission	(IRS Employer	
	of incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)	
207 High Point Drive, Building 100, Victor, NY 14564				
		(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)	
	Re	egistrant's telephone number, including area code	<u>(585) 678-7100</u>	
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 pursua	ant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240	0.14d-2(b))	
	Pre-commencement communications pursua	ant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240	.13e-4(c))	

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 19, 2016, Constellation Brands, Inc. ("Constellation" or the "Company") issued a news release, a copy of which release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference, announcing the completion of the sale of its Canadian wine business.

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. Such information 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 8.01 Other Events.

On December 19, 2016, the Company announced the completion of the sale of its Canadian wine business.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) <u>Financial statements of businesses</u> acquired.

Not applicable.

(b) <u>Pro forma financial</u> <u>information</u>.

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:

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 News Release of Constellation Brands, Inc. dated December 19, 2016.

# **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: December 19, 2016 CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ David Klein

David Klein

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

# INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	<u>Description</u>
(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.
(99)	ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS
(99.1)	News Release of Constellation Brands, Inc. dated December 19, 2016.
(100)	XBRL-RELATED DOCUMENTS
	Not Applicable.
(101)	INTERACTIVE DATA FILE
	Not Applicable.
(106)	STATIC POOL PDF
	Not Applicable.



### **NEWS RELEASE**

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# Constellation Brands Completes Sale of Canadian Wine Business

VICTOR, N.Y., Dec. 19, 2016 – Constellation Brands, Inc. (NYSE: STZ and STZ.B), a leading beverage alcohol company, announced today that it has completed the sale of its Canadian wine business to Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, the largest single-profession pension plan in Canada. The transaction, which includes Canadian wine brands such as Jackson-Triggs and Inniskillin, wineries, vineyards, offices, facilities, and Wine Rack retail stores, is valued at approximately C\$1.03 billion. The company received cash proceeds, net of repayment of outstanding debt, of approximately C\$765 million, subject to post-closing adjustments. The sale of the Canadian wine business aligns with the company's focus on driving higher growth, higher-margin business activities, and its capital allocation strategy, which includes returning value to shareholders through cash dividends and share repurchases, and making select, value-creating acquisitions while operating at a targeted leverage ratio.

The company expects to provide additional financial information related to the transaction in connection with its fiscal third quarter 2017 report of financial results.

#### **About Constellation Brands**

Constellation Brands (NYSE: STZ and STZ.B), a Fortune 500 ® company, is a leading international producer and marketer of beer, wine and spirits with operations in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, New Zealand and Italy. Constellation is the No. 3 beer company in the U.S. with high-end, iconic imported brands such as Corona Extra, Corona Light, Modelo Especial, Modelo Negra and Pacifico. The company's beer portfolio also includes Ballast Point, one of the most awarded craft brewers in the U.S. In addition, Constellation is the world's leader in premium wine, selling great brands that people love, including Robert Mondavi, Clos du Bois, Kim Crawford, Meiomi, Mark West, Franciscan Estate, Ruffino and The Prisoner. The company's premium spirits brands include SVEDKA Vodka, Casa Noble Tequila and High West Whiskey.

Based in Victor, N.Y., the company believes that industry leadership involves a commitment to brand building, our trade partners, the environment, our investors and to consumers around the world who choose our products when celebrating big moments or enjoying quiet ones. Founded in 1945, Constellation has grown to become a significant player in the beverage alcohol industry with more than 100 brands in its portfolio, about 40 facilities and approximately 8,000 talented employees. We express our company vision: *to elevate life with every glass raised*. To learn more, visit www.cbrands.com.