

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): February 22, 1999

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-7570

DELAWARE	CANANDAIGUA BRANDS, INC.	16-0716709
	AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES:	
NEW YORK	BATAVIA WINE CELLARS, INC.	16-1222994
NEW YORK	CANANDAIGUA WINE COMPANY, INC.	16-1462887
NEW YORK	CANANDAIGUA EUROPE LIMITED	16-1195581
ENGLAND AND WALES	CANANDAIGUA LIMITED	---
NEW YORK	POLYPHENOLICS, INC.	16-1546354
NEW YORK	ROBERTS TRADING CORP.	16-0865491
DELAWARE	BARTON INCORPORATED	36-3500366
DELAWARE	BARTON BRANDS, LTD.	36-3185921
MARYLAND	BARTON BEERS, LTD.	36-2855879
CONNECTICUT	BARTON BRANDS OF CALIFORNIA, INC.	06-1048198
GEORGIA	BARTON BRANDS OF GEORGIA, INC.	58-1215938
NEW YORK	BARTON DISTILLERS IMPORT CORP.	13-1794441
DELAWARE	BARTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION	51-0311795
WISCONSIN	STEVENS POINT BEVERAGE CO.	39-0638900
ILLINOIS	MONARCH IMPORT COMPANY	36-3539106
GEORGIA	THE VIKING DISTILLERY, INC.	58-2183528

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

300 WillowBrook Office Park, Fairport, New York 14450

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (716) 393-4130

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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

Canandaigua Brands, Inc. released on February 22, 1999 the following announcement:

CANANDAIGUA BRANDS SIGNS DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT
TO ACQUIRE SPIRITS BRANDS

FAIRPORT, NY, FEBRUARY 22, 1999 -- Canandaigua Brands, Inc. (Nasdaq: CBRNA and CBRNB) announced today that on February 21, 1999, Canandaigua Brands and Diageo Inc. ("Diageo") entered into a definitive agreement under which Canandaigua Brands will purchase from Diageo several well known Canadian whisky brands, including Black Velvet, the number three Canadian whisky in the United States, production facilities located in Lethbridge, Alberta and Valleyfield, Quebec, bulk whisky inventories and other assets. Other principal brands to be acquired include Golden Wedding; OFC; Schenley OFC; MacNaughton; McMaster's; and Triple Crown. In addition, the transaction includes multi-year agreements with Diageo under which Canandaigua Brands will provide packaging and distilling services for various Diageo brands.

The purchase price is approximately \$185.5 million. The purchase of the assets is expected to be financed with senior subordinated debt. The transaction is subject to satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

Net sales (gross sales less excise taxes and volume related discounts) and brand profit (earnings before selling, general and administrative expenses, interest and income taxes) before depreciation for the products sold under the brands to be acquired during the twelve months ended June 30, 1998 were \$74.0 million and \$34.6 million, respectively, on unit volume (in 9-liter case

equivalents) of approximately 2.9 million cases.

Richard Sands, President and Chief Executive Officer of Canandaigua Brands, said, "We are very pleased to be acquiring these brands which will be produced, marketed and sold through Barton Incorporated. This acquisition is another step in our strategy of making acquisitions to grow our presence in the beverage alcohol industry and to improve economies of scale. The addition of these Canadian whisky brands will strengthen our position in the North American distilled spirits category, as well as round out our portfolio of brands and category participation."

Canandaigua Brands, Inc., headquartered in Fairport, New York, is a leading producer and marketer of beverage alcohol brands. As the second largest supplier of wine, the second largest importer of beer and the fourth largest supplier of distilled spirits, Canandaigua Brands is the largest single-source supplier of these products in the United States. Canandaigua Brands is also a leading provider of wine and cider, as well as the premier independent wholesaler of beverage alcohol products, in the United Kingdom.

Canandaigua Brands' portfolio includes the following key brands:

BEER: Corona Extra and Corona Light, Modelo Especial, Pacifico, Negra Modelo, St. Pauli Girl, Tsingtao, Peroni, Double Diamond, Tetley's English Ale and Point in the United States

WINE: Almaden, Inglenook, Richards Wild Irish Rose, Cook's, Arbor Mist, Paul Masson, Taylor, J. Roget, Manischewitz, Marcus James, Estate Cellars, Dunnewood, Vina Santa Carolina and Mystic Cliffs in the United States, and Stowells of Chelsea, QC, Stones and Concord in the United Kingdom

DISTILLED SPIRITS: Barton, Fleischmann's, Paul Masson Grande Amber, Mr. Boston, Montezuma, Canadian LTD, Chi-Chi's, Ten High and Inver House in the United States

CIDER: Blackthorn, Olde English and Diamond White in the United Kingdom

SIGNATURES

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

CANANDAIGUA BRANDS, INC.

Dated: February 22, 1999

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

Thomas S. Summer, Senior Vice
President and Chief Financial
Officer

SUBSIDIARIES

BATAVIA WINE CELLARS, INC.

Dated: February 22, 1999

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

Thomas S. Summer, Treasurer

CANANDAIGUA WINE COMPANY, INC.

Dated: February 22, 1999

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

Thomas S. Summer, Treasurer

CANANDAIGUA EUROPE LIMITED

Dated: February 22, 1999

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

Thomas S. Summer, Treasurer

CANANDAIGUA LIMITED

Dated: February 22, 1999

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

Thomas S. Summer, Director
(Principal Financial Officer and
Principal Accounting Officer)

POLYPHENOLICS, INC.

Dated: February 22, 1999

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

Thomas S. Summer, Vice President
and Treasurer

ROBERTS TRADING CORP.

Dated: February 22, 1999

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

Thomas S. Summer, Treasurer

BARTON INCORPORATED

Dated: February 22, 1999

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

Thomas S. Summer, Vice President

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MONARCH IMPORT COMPANY

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Thomas S. Summer, Vice President

THE VIKING DISTILLERY, INC.

Dated: February 22, 1999

By: /s/ Thomas S. Summer

Thomas S. Summer, Vice President

- (1) UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT
Not Applicable.
- (2) PLAN OF ACQUISITION, REORGANIZATION, ARRANGEMENT, LIQUIDATION OR SUCCESSION
Not Applicable.
- (4) INSTRUMENTS DEFINING THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS, INCLUDING INDENTURES
Not Applicable.
- (16) LETTER RE CHANGE IN CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT
Not Applicable.
- (17) LETTER RE DIRECTOR RESIGNATION
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.
- (27) FINANCIAL DATA SCHEDULE
Not Applicable.
- (99) ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS
None