

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 8)**

The Chalone Wine Group, Ltd.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, no par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

157639105

(CUSIP Number)

Thomas J. Mullin, Esq.
Executive Vice President and
General Counsel
Constellation Brands, Inc.
370 Woodcliff Drive
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Fairport, New York 11450
(585) 218-3650

With a copy to:
Richard F. Langan, Jr., Esq.
Nixon Peabody LLP
437 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

September 15, 2004

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of § 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box .

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See § 240.13d-7(b) for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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| 1 | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) |
| | Constellation Brands, Inc. |
| | 16-0716709 |
| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* |
| | (a) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | SEC USE ONLY |
| 4 | SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions) |
| | WC, BK |
| 5 | CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION |
| | State of Delaware |
| 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| | 0 |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 8 SHARED VOTING POWER |
| | 6,589,466 |
| | 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | 0 |
| 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | 6,589,466 |
| 11 | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON |
| | 6,589,466 |
| 12 | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) |
| | 49.0% |
| 14 | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions) |
| | CO |

This statement constitutes Amendment No. 8 to the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on behalf of Constellation Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Constellation") on May 17, 2004 (the "Schedule 13D"), with respect to the common stock, no par value (the "Common Stock"), of The Chalone Wine Group, Ltd., a California corporation (the "Issuer"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meaning ascribed thereto in the Schedule 13D.

Other than as set forth herein, there has been no material change in the information set forth in the Schedule 13D.

Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction.

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is supplemented as follows:

On September 15, 2004, the Principals agreed to amend the Letter Agreement to extend the Commitment Period of each of the Principals' commitments contained therein until December 31, 2004 ("**New Commitment Period**"). The Principals' commitments contained in the Letter Agreement will expire at the end of the New Commitment Period if a Merger Agreement has not been entered into prior to that date. The remaining terms of the Letter Agreement remains in full force and effect. The amendment to the Letter Agreement ("**Letter Agreement Amendment**") is attached hereto as Exhibit 11.

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits.

Item 7 of the Schedule 13D is supplemented as follows:

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|--------------------|---|
| 11 | Letter Agreement Amendment dated September 15, 2004 among DBR, Constellation and Huneucus |

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: September 16, 2004

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Richard Sands

Name: Richard Sands

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Exhibit Name</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 11 | Letter Agreement Amendment dated September 15, 2004 among DBR, Constellation and Huneus | Filed herewith |

Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) SCA
33, rue de la Baume
75008 Paris
France

September 15, 2004

Constellation Brands, Inc.
370 Woodcliff Drive
Fairport, New York 14450
Attention: Richard Sands

Huneus Vintners LLC
1601 Silverdo Trail
Napa, California 94574

Gentlemen:

This letter will confirm that the commitments of each of Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) SCA (**DBR**), Constellation Brands, Inc., acting through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Franciscan Vineyards, Inc. (**Constellation**), and Huneus Vintners LLC (**Huneus**) and together with DBR and Constellation, the **Principals**) contained in the Commitment Letter (the **Commitment Letter**), dated as of May 16, 2004 among Principals, shall be extended and expire on December 31, 2004 if no Merger Agreement (as defined in the Commitment Letter) shall have been entered into prior to that date.

Please confirm that the foregoing conforms to your understanding by executing and returning a copy of this letter to the undersigned, whereupon this letter shall, constitute a binding agreement among ourselves.

Very truly yours,

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD
(LAFITE) SCA

By: /s/ Eric de Rothschild

Eric de Rothschild, Managing Director

Confirmed and Agreed:
CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Richard Sands

Richard Sands, Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

HUNEEUS VINTNERS LLC

By: /s/ Agustin Huneus

Agustin Huneus, Manager