Does a server have to pour the first serving of wine?
Answer: NO! The server can choose to pour up to the first 5 oz. serving of wine, but they don’t have to. The law only requires that they open the bottle of wine. The bottle then can be left at the table for a patron to pour themselves. This brings up another question. Why can wine be dispensed at a table but liquor can’t? It’s simple, the law and commission rules specifically allows wine service to be performed at the patron’s table.

Can an individual patron purchase a 750 ml bottle of wine?
Answer: Yes, they sure can! As long as the patron does not drink too much. If a 200-pound male drank the whole bottle in one sitting, he would be intoxicated.

Okay, so an individual buys a bottle of wine and can’t finish it, now what?
Answer: The server can recork it and send it home with the patron. Also, you might want to let your patrons know that Utah has open container laws. The best place for transporting the open bottle of wine would be in the trunk, or anywhere that isn’t readily accessible to the driver or other occupants of the vehicle.

Can an individual patron purchase a Magnum (1.5 Liters)?
Answer: No! An individual patron cannot purchase a Magnum. There would need to be four or more people who are drinking and are 21 and older.

Can a person bring their own bottle of wine into an establishment?
Answer: It depends! If you have the correct license type—full restaurant, limited restaurant, or a bar license—patrons may bring wine in that they have purchased in the state of Utah. They cannot bring wine into an unlicensed establishment.

Can a person bring a box or can of wine?
Answer: NO! Utah law only allows that bottles may be brought into DABS licensed businesses.