

II.3.3.7 Treatment with metatartaric acid

Classification:

Metartaric acid: additive

Definition :

Addition of metatartaric acid to wine.

Objective :

To prevent the precipitation of potassium hydrogen tartrate and calcium tartrate.

Prescriptions :

- a) The addition should take place only at the last moment, before bottling.
- b) The dose used shall be less than or equal to 10 g/hl.
- c) The duration of protection depends on the storage temperature of the wine, because the acid in question hydrolyses slowly in the cold, but rapidly under hot conditions.
- d) The metatartaric acid shall comply with the prescriptions of the International Oenological Codex.

Recommendation of the OIV:

Admitted