# II.2.2.5 Protection under inert atmosphere

**Classification:**

- Nitrogen : processing aid
- Argon : processing aid

**Definition :**

Operation consistent with creating an inert atmosphere using nitrogen, carbon dioxide and/or argon.

**Objective:**

To keep the must protected from air to avoid oxidation and the growth of aerobic organisms.

**Prescriptions :**

The nitrogen, carbon dioxide and argon shall comply with the prescriptions of the International Oenological Codex.

**Recommendation of OIV:**

Admitted