II.3.5.12.2 Usage of pieces of oak wood in winemaking

Definition:

Usage of pieces of oak wood in winemaking.

Objective:

To introduce the characteristics of certain oak wood constituents into wine.

Prescriptions:

a) The pieces of wood (from Quercus species) will have to be of an appropriate size.

b) The pieces of oak wood may be grilled or burnt but not charred, including on the surface.

c) The quantity of pieces of oak wood to be used in the wine is at the discretion of the winemaker.

d) The pieces of oak wood shall comply with the prescriptions of the International Oenological Codex.

Recommendation of the OIV:

Admitted