II.1.11 Treatment with ascorbic acid

Classification:

- Ascorbic acid: additive
- Erythorbic acid: additive

Definition:

Addition of ascorbic acid to grapes.

Objective:

Protect the aromatic substances of the grape, through the antioxidant properties of the product, against the influence of oxygen in the air.

Prescriptions:

a) It is recommended to add ascorbic acid before the grape's crushing,
b) The dose used must not exceed 250 mg/kg,
c) It is advisable to use ascorbic acid with sulfur dioxide.
d) The ascorbic acid must comply with the prescriptions of the International Oenological Codex.

Recommendation of OIV:

Admitted