

II.3.2.5 Decanting

Definition :

Operation consisting of transferring from one wine tank to another:

A still wine at normal pressure,

Objectives :

- a) To separate wines from their lees, deposited on the bottom of the container.
- b) To prepare for mixing or blending operations.
- c) To prepare for physical clarification by filtration, centrifugation, etc.
- d) To achieve bulk transportation of the wine.

Prescriptions :

Decanting can be performed:

- a) Either under protection from air so as to avoid all oxidation, or
- b) With aeration, to eliminate hydrogen sulphide or to reduce the carbon dioxide or to create a managed oxidation.

Recommendation of OIV:

Admitted