I.5.1 Mistelles

Mistelles are products produced from unfermented fresh grapes or grape musts (1% vol. actual alcohol is tolerated) and rendered non-fermentable by addition of wine spirit, neutral alcohol of agricultural origin or neutral alcohol of vitivinicultural origin. Mistelles are categorised as:

- Mistelles destined for further processing,
- Mistelles destined to be consumed as such and that are similar to fortified wines.

In the case of mistelles destined for further processing, the grape must used shall have a total natural alcohol content of at least 8.5% vol. The actual alcohol content of the finished product shall be 12 to 15% vol.

For the mistelles destined for direct consumption, the grape must used shall have a total natural alcohol content of at least 12% vol. The actual alcohol content of the finished product shall be not less than 15% vol. and not greater than 22% vol.

Prescriptions *:*

The wine spirit, neutral alcohol of agricultural origin or neutral alcohol of vitivinicultural origin which are added must comply with the conditions fixed for the production of these products in the present Code and with the prescriptions of the *International Oenological Codex*.

Recommendation of the OIV:

It is recommended that the neutral alcohol of agricultural origin used is exclusively of viticultural origin.