

3. WINES

3.5.8 TREATMENT WITH COPPER SULPHATE (2/89)

Definition :

Addition of copper sulphate pentahydrate ($\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$). to wine

Objective :

To remove the bad taste and odour due to hydrogen sulphide and possibly to its derivatives.

Prescriptions :

- a) The dose of copper sulphate pentahydrate necessary to comply with the objective should be determined by a preliminary test. It shall not exceed 1 g/hl.
- b) The colloidal cupric precipitate formed must be eliminated from the wine.
- c) After treatment, the copper content of the wine should be checked and reduced to a level less than or equal to 1 mg/l by an appropriate procedure, complying with the specifications of Annex C of the *Recueil of International Methods of Analysis for Wines and Musts*.
- d) The copper sulphate used shall comply with the prescriptions of the *International Oenological Codex*

Recommendation of OIV :

Accepted.