

### **II.3.5.3 Blending and mixing or preparation of the cuvee**

**Definition :[1]**

Operation consisting of blending different wines.

**Objectives :**

- a) For wines with a geographical indication (for example Recognised Designation of Origin and Recognised Geographical Indication)
  - To produce wines of optimal qualitative characteristics representative of each geographical indication.
- b) For wines without geographical indication :
  - To produce wines with the analytical, sensory and qualitative characteristics desired,
  - To produce wines having new and/or better balanced characteristics,
  - To produce wines having the desired price.

**Prescriptions :**

- a) In no case shall this operation be conducted to conceal a microbiological or chemical alteration of wines.
- b) The composition of the wine after this operation shall conform to the definitions of the present Code and to the requirements of Annex C of the Recueil of International Methods of Analysis for Wines and Musts.

**Recommendation of OIV:**

Admitted

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[1] This definition applies solely to wines stricto sensu such as defined in the Part I, chap.3 “Wines” of the present Code.