

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

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