

# **Australia's certification system for imported wine**

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# Mandatory Items



**2010**  
**Barossa Valley**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**

# Australian Wine Labels

### VOLUME

Mandatory. Must be 3.3mm in height. May be presented on the front or back label.

### DESIGNATION

Mandatory. Must convey the true nature of the food, for example the word 'wine' or the variety.

### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Mandatory. Wording is not defined, for example, 'Wine of Australia' or 'Product of Australia'.

### ALCOHOL CONTENT

Mandatory. Wording is not defined. Tolerances vary between products.

### ALLERGENS

Mandatory. Sulphites in concentrations above 10ppm and processing aids including milk and egg must be declared.

→ 750mL

→ WINE OF AUSTRALIA

→ 13.5% ALC/VOL.

→ CONTAINS SULPHITES

→ PRODUCED WITH MILK PRODUCTS

PRODUCED BY BEYOND WINES,  
23 THE ROAD, ADELAIDE, SA L2001A

### NAME AND ADDRESS

Mandatory. The name and street address of responsible **Australian** entity - must not be postal address only.

### LOT NUMBER

Mandatory. Must indicate batch number and production facility.



Rules regarding vintage, variety and region do not apply to imported wine.

### STANDARD DRINKS

Mandatory. Labels must declare the number of standard drinks it contains. 'Contains approx x.x standard drinks' or logo acceptable.

# Wine Composition

- Wine must not contain residues of agricultural chemicals in excess of maximum limit
- Approximately 30 winemaking additives are approved subject to limits of
  - 250 mg/kg Sulphites
  - 200 mg/kg Sorbates
  - 200 mg/kg DMDC
  - 400 mg/kg Yeast mannoproteins
  - 0.1 mg/kg Potassium ferrocyanide
- Additional limits on
  - 0.1 mg/kg Lead
  - 3 g/l of alc Methanol

# Australia's Certification Requirement

# Why?

- **Wine presents a low risk**
- Risk based inspection at border – Wine low risk, therefore only **5%** of consignments are inspected (the lowest legislated rate).
- Microbiological: None
- Physical: Label inspection (mandatory items-standard drinks, importer details, country of origin etc)
- Chemical: Sulphur dioxide tested **if not declared on label**