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.