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REGIONAL COMPETITION 2020



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NATIONAL WINE CLASSES AND SPECIFICATIONS.

Updated following the 2019 BGM.

Class W 1 DRY RED GRAPE

Medium to dark red in colour. Light to medium body. Acidity and body should be in balance and there should be some tannin present. Bouquet should be fruity and vinous and in harmony with flavour and body. Alcohol 11% – 14% by volume. Should be dry to the palate and the S.G less than 1000.

Class W 2 MEDIUM RED GRAPE

Medium to dark red in colour. Light to medium body. Acidity and body should be in balance and there should be some tannin present. Bouquet should be fruity and vinous and in harmony with flavour and body. Alcohol 11%. 14% by volume. There should be discernible sweetness to the palate and the S.G. between 1000 and 1005.

Class W 3 SWEET RED GRAPE

Medium to dark red in colour. Should be full-bodied and in balance with acidity and with some tannin present. Bouquet should be fruity and vinous and in harmony with flavour and body. Alcohol should be 11%. 14% by volume. The palate should be sweet, with an S.G. greater than 1005.

Class W 4 DRY WHITE GRAPE

Pale to light straw colour or with a greenish tinge. Light to medium bodied, and acid should be crisp but not harsh, with a fresh fruity bouquet, and with a clean after-taste free of bitterness or sweetness, and dry to the palate. Alcohol 10% – 12% by volume, and the S.G. should be less than 1000.

Class W 5 MEDIUM WHITE GRAPE

Pale to light straw colour, or with a greenish tinge. Light to medium bodied, and the acid should be crisp, but not harsh. Bouquet fresh and fruity with a clean after-taste and free of bitterness, but with discernible sweetness. The alcohol is 10% – 12% by volume, and the S.G. 1000 – 1005.

Class W 6 SWEET WHITE GRAPE

Pale to light straw colour, or with a greenish tinge. Bouquet should be fruity. Should be full-bodied with a soft round flavour and good acid balance. Alcohol 10% – 14% by volume, and the S.G. should be greater than 1005.

Class W 7 DRY RED FRUIT

Excludes grapes and other listed classes. Medium to dark red in colour. Light to medium bodied. Acidity should be in balance and bouquet should be applicable to the main ingredient. Raisins, sultanas or grape-juice may be added but only as a minor ingredient up to 5% approximately. Alcohol 11%. 14% by volume, and S.G. less than 1000.

Class W 8 MEDIUM RED FRUIT

Excludes grapes or other listed classes. Medium to dark red in colour. Light to medium bodied. Acidity and body should be in balance and bouquet should be applicable to the main ingredient. Raisins, sultanas, or grape-juice may be added as a minor ingredient up to 5% approximately. Alcohol 11%-14% by volume and S.G. of 1000 – 1005. The wine should have a discernible sweetness.

Class W 9 SWEET RED FRUIT

Excludes grapes or other listed classes. Medium to dark red in colour. Should be full-bodied and in balance with the acidity. Bouquet should be applicable to main ingredient. Raisins, sultanas, or grape-juice may be added as a minor ingredient up to approximately 5%. Alcohol 11%- 14% by volume, and the S.G. is greater than 1005.

Class W 10 DRY WHITE FRUIT

Excludes grapes and other listed classes. Colour mid gold or lighter, or having a greenish tinge. Light to medium bodied. A fresh bouquet applicable to the ingredient used. Acid should be crisp but not harsh, and should have a clean after-taste, free of bitterness or sweetness, and dry to the palate, with the flavour applicable to the main ingredient. Raisins, sultanas, or grape-juice may be used as a minor ingredient up to 5% approximately. Alcohol should be 10%- 12% by volume, and the S.G. less than 1000.

Class W 11 MEDIUM WHITE FRUIT

Excludes grapes and other listed classes. Colour mid gold or lighter, or have a greenish tinge. Light to medium bodied. The acid should be crisp but not harsh', with a clean after-taste free of bitterness, but with discernible sweetness. Flavour should be applicable to main ingredient. Raisins, sultanas, or grape juice may be used as a minor ingredient up to 5% approximately. Alcohol to be 10% – 12% by volume, and the S.C. 1000-1005.

Class W 12 SWEET WHITE FRUIT

Excludes grapes or other listed classes. Colour mid gold or lighter, or have a greenish tinge. Should be full bodied with good acid balance and soft round flavour applicable to the main ingredient. The bouquet should also be applicable to the main ingredient. Raisins, sultanas or grape juice may be added as a minor ingredient up to 5% approximately. Alcohol 10% – 14% by volume, and the S.C. over 1005.

Class W 13 DRY OTHER INGREDIENT

No Specified Colour. This class is for table wines made from ingredients other than grape, honey, or fruit (as the main ingredient) or other listed classes. Includes

vegetables, flowers, cereals, strawberry, rhubarb, etc. Body light to medium and acidity in balance. Flavour and bouquet should be applicable to main ingredient. Oxidised wines are not permitted. Alcohol 10% – 12% by volume, and the S.C. less than 1000.

Class W 14 MEDIUM OTHER INGREDIENT

No Specified Colour. This class is for table wines made from ingredients other than grape, honey, or fruit (as the main ingredient) or other listed classes. Includes vegetables, flowers, cereals, strawberry, rhubarb, etc. Body light to medium, and acidity in balance. Flavour and bouquet should be applicable to main ingredient. Oxidised wines are not permitted. Alcohol 11%- 14% by volume, and the S.C. to be between 1000 – 1005.

Class W 15 SWEET OTHER INGREDIENT

No Specified Colour. This class is for table wines made from ingredients other than grape, honey, or fruit (as the main ingredient) or other listed classes. Includes vegetables, flowers, cereals, strawberry, rhubarb, etc. Body medium to full, and acidity in balance. Flavour and bouquet should be applicable to the main ingredient. Oxidised wines are not permitted. Alcohol is to be 11%- 14% by volume, and the S.C. greater than 1005.

Class W 16 DRY ROSE

May be grape or non-grape. Colour must be pink without any orange colouration. Flavour fresh and fruity and the body light. Bouquet should be in harmony with the flavour and body, and applicable to the main ingredient. Alcohol 10% – 14% and the S.G. less than 1000.

Class W 17 MEDIUM ROSE

May be grape or non-grape. Colour pink without any orange colouring. Flavour fresh and fruity with light body. The bouquet should be in harmony with the flavour and body, and applicable to the main ingredient with discernible sweetness. Alcohol 10% – 14% and the S.G. between 1000 and 1005.

Class W 18 SWEET ROSE

May be grape or non-grape. Colour pink without any orange colouring. Flavour fresh and fruity with light body. The bouquet should be in harmony with the flavour and body, and applicable to the main ingredient. Alcohol 10% – 15%, and the S.G. greater than 1005.

Class W 19 DRY SPARKLING

May be grape or non-grape, and may be any colour. It should have a good acidity and medium body. Bouquet fresh, fruity, and clean. Should have a dry finish. Bubbles should be fine and persistent. Alcohol 8%- 12% by volume. Slight sediment will be allowed.

Class W 20 MEDIUM SPARKLING

May be grape or non-grape, and may be any colour. It should have good acidity, with full flavour and body, and with some discernible sweetness. Bubbles should be fine and persistent. Alcohol 8%- 10% by volume, and slight sediment will be allowed.

Class W 21 APERITIF

Open to grape or non-grape and as a wine designed to be drunk prior to a meal. It should be dry and may be fortified. It should be medium bodied and the alcohol 14%-20% by volume. The S.G. should not be more than 1000. Dry sherry included in this class.

Class W 22 DESSERT

This class is for dessert or social wines which are designed to be drunk at the end of, or after dinner. Should have fruity and aromatic bouquet. Full bodied, soft, and round, and yet with sufficient acidity to prevent excess sweetness. Fortification is permitted. The alcohol level is 14% – 20% by volume, and the S.G. is greater than 1005.

Class W 23 SHERRY

This class includes all sherries other than dry (see Aperitif class) Fortification is permitted. It should be medium to full bodied. Bouquet should be aromatic showing sherry character. Alcohol 14% 20% by volume, and the S.G. not less than 1005.

Class W 24 PORT

This includes all classes of Port, colour suitable to ingredient. The bouquet is fruity and aromatic, and the palate full and soft. It should have a Port character and must be fortified. Alcohol 17%- 22%.

Class W 25 DRY MEAD

The only ingredients permitted are Honey, Acid, Tannin, Yeast, Nutrients and Water. No cane sugar is allowed. No Specific colour. Light to medium bodied and be dry to the palate. Should have a distinct honey bouquet and flavour. Alcohol 10% – 14%. SG less than 1000.

Class W 26 MEDIUM MEAD

The only ingredients permitted are Honey, Acid, Tannin, Yeast, Nutrients and water, no cane sugar at all is allowed. No specific colour. Medium to full bodied with discernible sweetness to the palate. Should have a distinct honey bouquet and flavour. Alcohol 10% – 14%. SG 1000-1005.

Class W 27 SWEET MEAD

The only ingredients permitted are Honey, Acid, Tannin, Yeast, Nutrients and water, no cane sugar at all is allowed. No specific colour. Medium to full bodied and sweet to the palate. Should have a distinct honey bouquet and flavour. Alcohol 10% – 14%. SG above 1005.

Class W 28 DRAUGHT CIDER

Made from apple juice. Straw colour or lighter, or with a pinkish tinge when darkly coloured crab apples have been used. Bouquet should be fresh and fruity. Finish should be still with a medium acidity, dry to taste and be light to medium body. Alcohol 5% by volume and S.G. less than 1000.

The Bottle for this class is the standard 750ml beer bottle and closed with the described crown cap as described in the current National Rules and Specifications.

Class W 29 SPARKLING CIDER

Made from apple juice. Straw colour or lighter, or with a pinkish tinge when darkly coloured crab apples have been used. Bouquet should be fresh and fruity. Should have a good acidity, dry to taste and be light to medium body. Bubbles should be fine and persistent and it may be frothy. Alcohol 5 – 8% by volume and a slight sediment is permitted.

Bottle is to be the standard 750ml sparkling wine bottle as described in the current National Rules and Specifications.

LIQUEUR CLASSES AND SPECIFICATIONS

Class L 1 LIQUEUR (Essence Based)

A highly flavoured sweetened spirit intended to be consumed after a meal. Includes all liqueurs made from essences. The alcohol must be in balance with the sugar and flavour. Should be full-bodied and fortified, with the alcohol level being appropriate to the style, with a minimum of 22% alcohol by volume.

Class L 2 LIQUEUR (Natural Ingredients)

A highly flavoured sweetened spirit intended to be consumed after a meal. Includes all liqueurs made from fruit, spices & herbs. The alcohol must be in balance with the sugar and flavour. Should be full-bodied and fortified, with the alcohol-level being appropriate to the style, with a minimum of 22% alcohol by volume.

Additional Wine and Liqueur Classes **for the 2020 Regional Competition**

Class W 30 DRY RED BERRY

This class is for **BRAMBLE FRUITS ONLY**. (i.e. Boysenberry, Blackberry, Raspberry, Loganberry etc). Medium to dark red in colour. Light to medium bodied, with a fresh fruity bouquet. Acidity and body to be in balance. Alcohol 11% - 14% by volume. SG to be less than 1000.

Class W 31 SWEET RED BERRY

This class is for **BRAMBLE FRUITS ONLY** (i.e. Boysenberry, Blackberry, Raspberry, Loganberry etc) Medium to dark red in colour. Light to medium body with a fresh fruity bouquet. Acidity and body in balance but with a slight discernible sweetness to the palate. Alcohol 11% - 14% by volume. SG between 1000-1005.

Class W 32 DRY PLUM

Includes all types of plum with no other fruit. No specifics colour. It should be light to medium bodied and have a dry taste to the palate. Bouquet should be applicable to plum. Alcohol 10%-14% SG less 1000

Class W 33 SWEET PLUM

Includes all types of plum with no other fruit. No specifics colour. It should be full bodied and have a sweet taste to the palate with acidity in balance. Bouquet should be applicable to plum. Alcohol 10%- 14% SG greater than 1000

Class L 3 LIQUEUR (Cream based)

A highly flavoured sweetened spirit with a cream base intended to be consumed after a meal. Must be made with cream or milk, including coconut or similar. The alcohol must be in balance with the flavour and sugar. Should be full bodied and fortified with the alcohol level being appropriate to the style and a minimum of 22% alcohol by volume.



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