



INFORMATION

USE OF “MUSCAT” AND “MOSCATO” ON WINE LABELS

The word “muscat” is the name or synonym or forms part of the name or synonym of a number of vine varieties, both locally and abroad. Under sections 11(3)(a)(iii) and 12 of the Liquor Products Act, 60 of 1989, read with the provisions of the Wine of Origin scheme, the Wine and Spirit Board sees “muscat” as referring to vine varieties and not as a wine style.

“Moscatto” is also the name or synonym or forms part of the name or synonym of a number of vine varieties. Consequently, the board treats “moscatto” in a similar way as “muscat”.

The board will allow the use of above-mentioned as follows:

SOUTH AFRICAN MARKET

1. You can only use “muscat/moscatto” on certified wine (Wine of Origin).
2. If you indicate “muscat/moscatto” on a single variety wine obviously at least 85 % of the wine must be made from a single muscat variety and the wine must be certified as such, but you need NOT show the name of that muscat variety.
3. To be able to use “muscat/moscatto” on a blended wine, at least 85 % of the wine must be made from muscat varieties, but you need NOT also indicate the names of the muscat varieties or other varieties concerned. However, please remember that each cultivar in the blend must have been made on a separate production sheet (W.O. Scheme) and an official blending must have taken place.
4. In all the cases above the wine must display a muscat character.
5. To be able to use “muscat/moscatto character” or the like on a wine, the wine must have a muscat character.

EXPORT MARKETS

For export destinations, as a general rule, the use of “muscat/moscatto” will be allowed under the same conditions as for the South African market as set out in paragraphs 1 to 5 above. HOWEVER, it is the exporter’s duty to ensure that such use under these conditions will be accepted in such markets.



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