

Wine Regulations Still Wine produced in EC

Wine without geographical designation

The following compulsory details must be visible on a label without having to turn the bottle

- **Wine/ Country of Origin**
- **Bottler's details**
- **Nominal Volume**
- **Actual alcoholic strength**

The following compulsory details are not required in same field of vision

- **Lot Number**
- **Contains sulphites (or Contains sulfites, sulphur dioxide),** in English

Display of information

These items must be in indelible type and clearly distinguishable from other text.

Wine/Country of origin

1. Wine of [] or 2. Product of [] or 3. Produced in [] or equivalent. If 2 or 3 is used, Wine must also be shown as the category of the product.

Blended wine from more than one country

- Blend of wines from different countries of the European Community or
- European Community Wine

Bottler's details

Bottled by [] or Bottler [] with name, local administrative address & Member State plus exact place where the actual bottling took place if different.

Bottled for [] may be used only if the contract bottler owns the wine at time of bottling.

Packaged by [] or packager [] for bag in box and other containers.

Nominal Volume in litres, centilitres or millilitres & expressed in figures

e.g. 75cl, 375ml

minimum height requirement (Trading Standards or Environmental Health are responsible for Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) enforcement and guidance).

- i) 3mm high if equal to or less than 20cl ii) 4mm high if equal to or less than 100cl., but greater than 20cl. iii) 6mm if nominal volume exceeds 100cl.

Alcohol content phrase must be shown as whole or half unit e.g. XX%vol. or XX.5%vol.

It may be preceded by either 'Actual Alcoholic strength' or 'Actual Alcohol' or 'Alc.'

Min height i) 2 mm : 20cl or less ii) 3mm : over 20cl-100cl iii) : 5mm over 100cl

Lot number: advice on correct layout of a lot number (usually with prefix L) should be obtained from Trading Standards authorities

Optional items

Limited optional items are permitted for non geographic Wine e.g. brand name, colour, residual sugar description (e.g. dry, medium dry). Further details are permitted if they do not conflict with specified information and they do not mislead to a material degree.

Varietal Wine category

Only wine approved under a Varietal Wine Certification Scheme can show Vine Variety(ies) and/or Vintage.

See **Protected Geographical Indication/ Protected Designation of Origin** advice for details of specified optional information including vine and vintage

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Legal sources Regulation 491/2009 and Regulation 607/2009

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Protected Geographical Indication and Protected Designation of Origin categories

The following compulsory details must be visible on a label without having to turn the bottle

- **Country of origin**
- **A geographical designation**
- **a traditional expression and/or Protected Geographical Indication/ Protected Designation of Origin**
- **Bottler details** - Name, local administrative address & Member State of the responsible Bottler; plus exact place where the actual bottling took place if different. Preceded by the words - Bottled by or Bottler (except where a traditional expression is authorised e.g. Mis en bouteille au château)
- **Nominal Volume**
- **Actual alcoholic strength**

The following compulsory details are not required in same field of vision

- **Lot Number**
- **Contains sulphites (or Contains sulfites, sulphur dioxide)**, in English

Display of information

These items must be in indelible type and clearly distinguishable from other text.

Wine/Country of origin

1. Wine of [] or 2. Product of [] or 3. Produced in [] or equivalent.

Geographical expression – see list published by EC on <http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/markets/wine/e-bacchus/>

Traditional Expression

Authorised descriptions have been published by the EC in Regulation 607/2009 and are an alternative to the expression for two wine categories *Protected Geographical Indication* or *Protected Designation of Origin*, which must otherwise be shown.

e.g. - Appellation Contrôlée, Denominacion de Origen

Address & Member State of the Bottler : if this includes a geographical designation, this must not be shown in characters greater than half the size of the wine's geographical designation. The text must appear in letters of the same type & size.

Bottler/bottled by is replaced by packer/packaged by for bag in box and other containers.

Nominal Volume in litres, centilitres or millilitres & expressed in figures

e.g. 75cl, 375ml

Advisory minimum height requirement (Trading Standards or Environmental Health are responsible for Weights and Measures enforcement and guidance).

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Alcohol content phrase must be shown as whole or half unit e.g. XX%vol. or XX.5%vol.

It may be preceded by either 'Actual Alcoholic strength' or 'Actual Alcohol' or 'Alc.'

Min height i) 2 mm : 20cl or less ii) 3mm : over 20cl-100cl iii) : 5mm over 100cl

Lot number – see Wine without geographical designation, above

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Protected Geographical Indication and Protected Designation of Origin Optional items

Specified optional items permitted include trademarks (brand name), traditional terms, colour, vine variety, vintage. Further details are permitted, providing they do not mislead to a material degree.

Vine variety – one variety : minimum 85% from the named variety
2+ varieties : 100% of varieties, in descending order

Vintage – wine must be from at least 85% of the named vintage

Trademark

Trademarks may not be used if they conflict with protected traditional terms or more generally contain misleading information

Residual sugar level

for still wines, terms including *dry*, *medium dry*, *medium*, *medium sweet*, *sweet* are defined in Regulation 607/2009 – see Annex XIV

Traditional terms “methods of production”

Specified terms which have been notified by Member States and Third Countries listed in Annex XII.B of Regulation 607/2009 may be only used by those countries for the category(ies) of wine specified.

examples include “Chateau” (France, Luxembourg), “Reserva” (Spain, Chile)

Vineyard terms

Specified descriptions may be used only by countries which have notified these to the EC and are listed in Regulation 607/2009 Annex XIII.

Community symbol - Protected Geographical Indication or Protected Designation of Origin

The symbol authorised by the EC may only be used in addition to the wine category descriptions or Traditional Expression. (For authorised colour versions see Regulation 628/2008)



Logo for Contains sulphur dioxide



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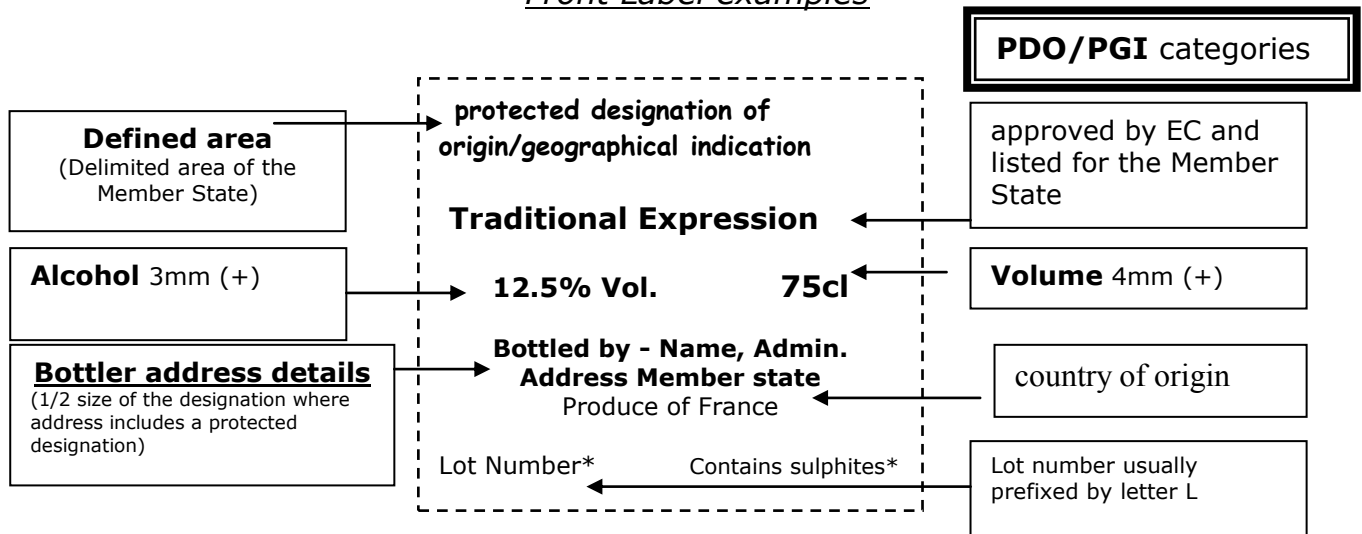
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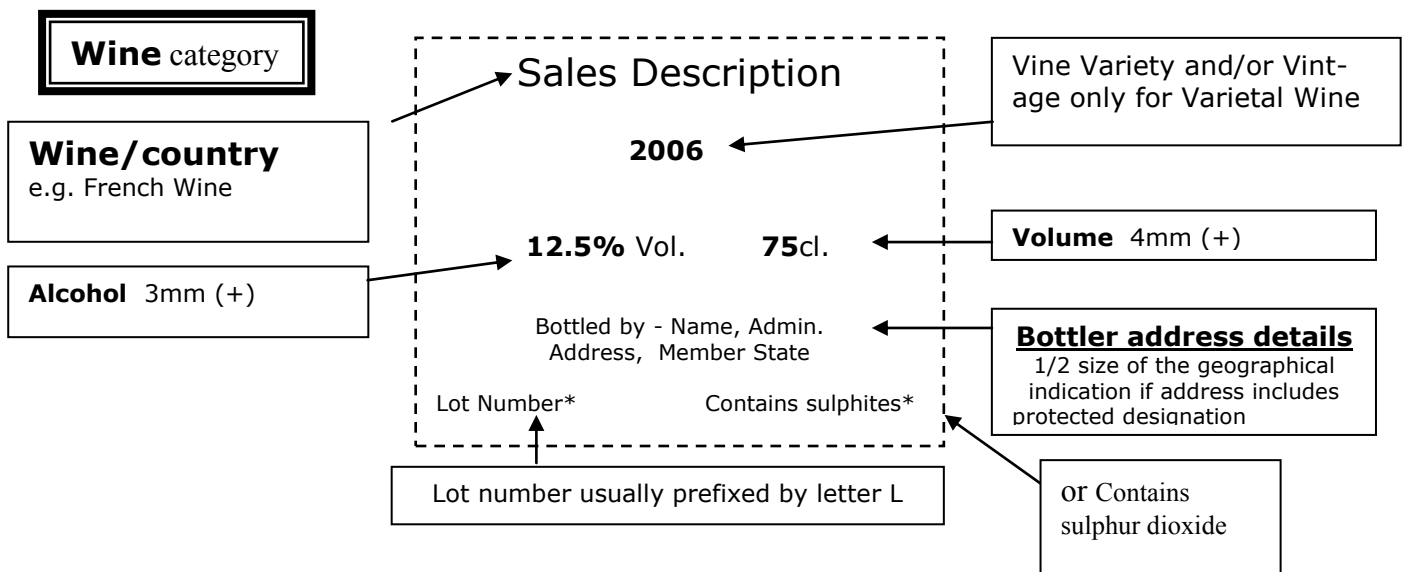
European Compulsory label details

Front Label examples



*may appear elsewhere on the bottle

These examples are not a strict interpretation of the legislation; the position of the text is advisory



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Back Label Requirements

Compulsory Particulars must be shown as in the examples above

These should be grouped in the same visual field..... and clearly distinguishable from all other (written and graphic) content of the labelling. This can be achieved for example by the use of a line or a border surround or different background colouring or separate label to differentiate the Compulsory Particulars from any optional information.

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