

Labelling for EU and non-EU Sparkling Wine

Compulsory Particulars

The following information must appear on a label in one field of vision, apart from the Importer's details and Contains sulphites statement: -

- **Wine/Country (provenance)**
- **category of product, one of the following defined terms**
 - **Sparkling Wine;**
 - **Quality Sparkling Wine**
 - **Aerated sparkling wine**
- **Indication of sugar content**
- **Nominal Volume**
- **Actual Alcoholic strength**
- **EU product – The Producer or a Vendor**
Third Country product – The Producer and the Importer
- **Contains sulphites (or Contains sulfites, sulphur dioxide), in English**

Wine/Country of origin

Wine of [] or 2. Product of [] or 3. Produced in [] or equivalent, with the name of the country where the grapes were harvested and turned into wine.

or Produced in.....[country where secondary fermentation takes place] for wines without protected designation or indication

Sekt of [] also allowed for wines without geographical indication

Producer's details

Details of the producer must include "Produced by" (or Vendor or Sold by) + the name, local administrative area & country in which the head office is situated.

Third Country products

Importer's details

"Imported by" + name of the Importer with the local administrative area & Member State of the head office must be shown.

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

Compulsory Particulars must be in indelible type and clearly distinguishable from surrounding text and graphics.

Aerated Sparkling Wine – the descriptor must appear on the label & in characters of the same type & size, accompanied by the words – Obtained by the addition of Carbon Dioxide, if it is not clear from the term itself that carbon dioxide has been added.

(For definition of product see Regulation 1234/2007 Annex XIb.7)

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Legal sources Regulation 1234/2007 and Regulation 607/2009

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Optional Expressions

- A. Allowed for i) sparkling wine with protected designation of origin or geographical indication ii) sparkling wine and aerated sparkling wine recognised as Varietal

Vine variety – one variety : minimum 85% from the named variety

2+ varieties : 100% of varieties, in descending order

Vintage – minimum 85% of stated year

- B. Allowed for sparkling wine with protected designation of origin or geographical indication

Protected designation of origin/protected geographical indication

- EC wines : one of these terms must be shown together with a geographical indication, unless a traditional term listed by the EC is shown – see eBacchus <http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/markets/wine/e-bacchus/>
- Third Country wines (TRC) : use of these descriptions with a geographical indication if registered as Protected in the EC list (so far no registrations have occurred)
- Community symbol - Protected designation of origin/protected geographical indication
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)



- C. Allowed for sparkling wines with protected designations of origin or TRC with a geographical indication and Quality Sparkling Wine

- Bottle Fermented, Bottle Fermented by the Traditional Method or Traditional Method or Classical Method or Classical Traditional Method
- CREMANT - for white or rosé quality sparkling wines with protected designations of origin or Third Country with a geographical indication if they meet production criteria in 607/2009

Logo for Contains sulphur dioxide

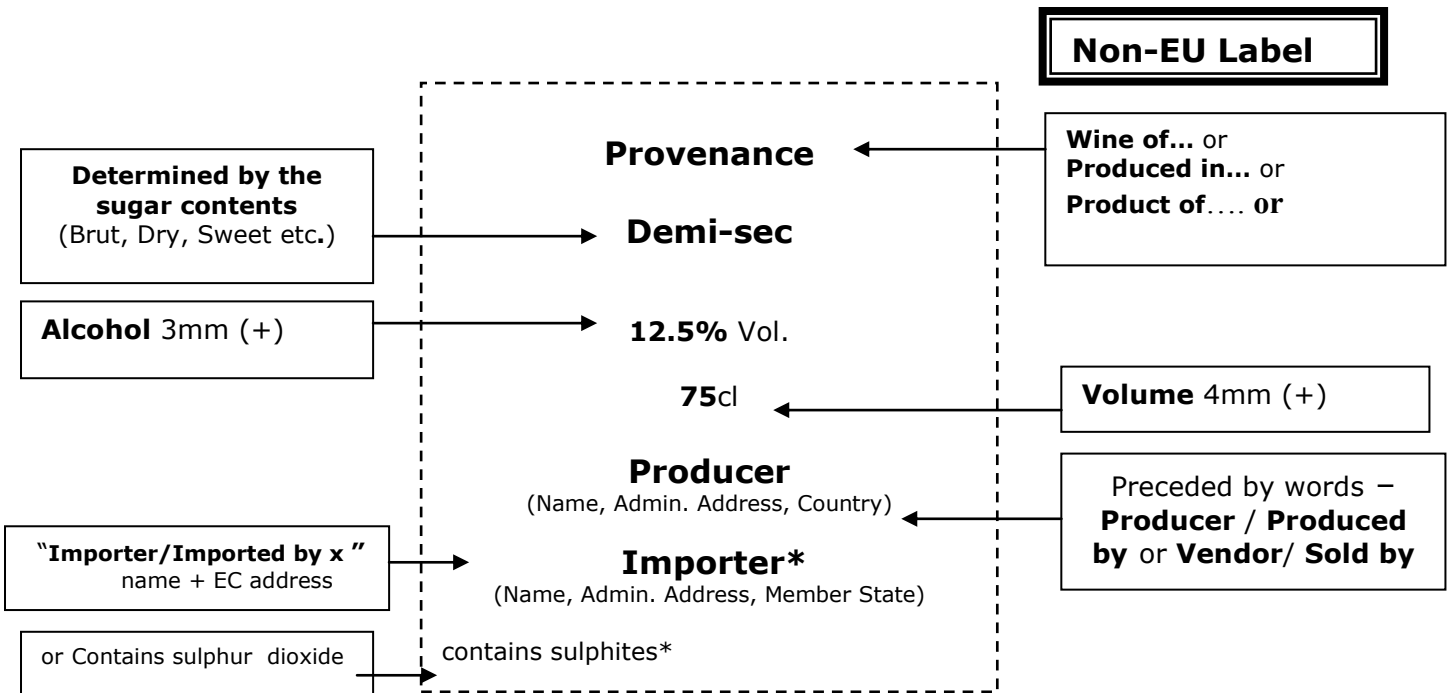
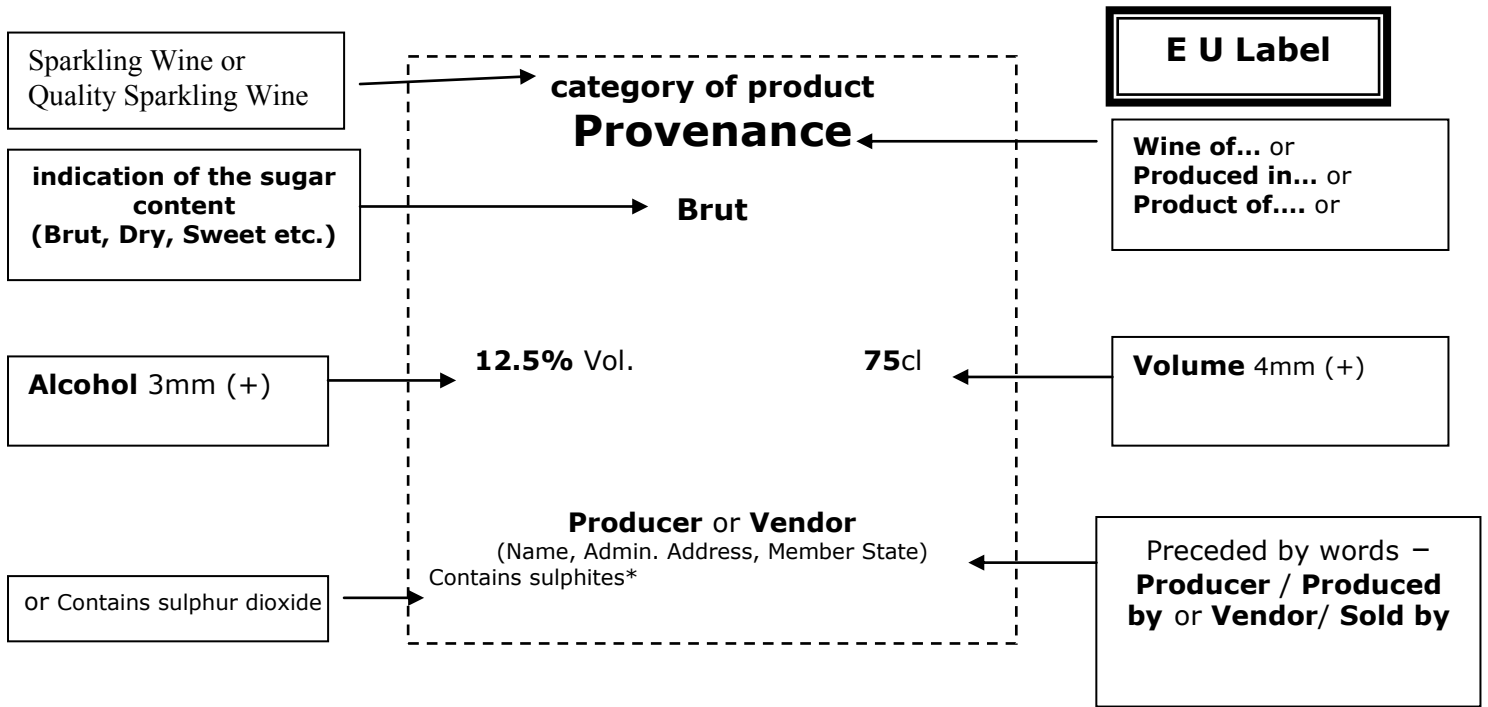


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*may be shown on a secondary label

Non-EU product – vine varieties only permitted in supplementary details for a sparkling wine with geographical indication

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