

Notification of enrichment

General notes

- Before completing any part of this form please read the Guidance notes overleaf. If you have any problems, please contact your local Wine Standards inspector – details are available at www.food.gov.uk/wine



IMPORTANT: The completed form must reach Wine Standards at least 48 hours before the commencement of the operations.

Completing the form electronically

- You will need Adobe Acrobat or Reader v7 or later, to fill in this PDF. Go to www.adobe.com to download it for free.
- Type the relevant details in the boxes.
- **Important fields are highlighted in RED.**
- You can copy and paste text into other boxes.
- Use the Tab key or mouse to move between boxes.
- Use the +/- icons to zoom in and out of the document, and keyboard arrow keys or scroll bars to move up and down.
- Click on the signature box to create your own digital signature. Follow the on screen instructions to add an encrypted, password-protected signature.
- Save this PDF, attach it to an email, and send it to: winestandards@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk

Completing the form by hand

- Use a **BALL POINT PEN** and **BLOCK CAPITALS**.
- Then post this form to:
FSA – Standards Branch (Wine)
125 Kingsway
London
WC2B 6NH

Guidance notes

- Under the Wine Regulations it is a statutory requirement that you notify Wine Standards **in advance** and **in writing** of the **enrichment of grape must or wine**.
- This form, duly completed, must be received by Wine Standards **at least 48 hours** before the operation takes place. This is to enable the inspector to visit your winery to ensure compliance with the law.
- The inspector may check in particular that:
 - (a) if enrichment is carried out using sucrose it is only done by sugaring in the dry;
 - (b) the increase in alcoholic strength is limited to a maximum of 3% vol. (when exceptionally unfavourable weather conditions occur, the UK may request an additional 0.5% vol. increase);
 - (c) the minimum actual alcoholic strength after enrichment is 8.5% vol.; and
 - (d) enriched non-geographical or regional must or wine does not exceed 11.5% vol. **total** alcohol for white and 12% vol. for red (not applicable to quality wine).
- For Quality wine, refer to the current Notice to Vine Growers and Wine Producers.
- Details of local Wine Standards inspectors are available at www.food.gov.uk/wine

Records

The records of all enrichment operations must be completed on the day that the operation takes place. They must contain the following information:

- date;
- description;
- quantity and natural alcoholic strengths of must before enrichment;
- quantity and nature of material used to increase strength;
- quantity and total alcoholic strength after enrichment; and
- increase in strength as % vol.

Definitions of alcoholic strengths, a must weight conversion table and an enrichment sugar table are available from Wine Standards.

