

# AWO Abridged Class Descriptions 2015

*Note:* This is a brief summary only. Complete class descriptions are available on the AWO web site ([www.makewine.com](http://www.makewine.com)).

## **APERITIF**

- 11 Aperitif–Dry to Med Sherry Low to medium sweet, medium high alcohol, fortified to 15-20%.  
12 Aperitif-Non Sherry Low sugar to residual sugar 13-15%. Herbed and fortified to 16-18% alcohol.

## **WHITE WINE**

- 21 Chardonnay Minimum of 85% Chardonnay.  
22 Riesling Minimum of 85% Riesling. 0-3% residual sugar.  
23 White Non-Vinifera Minimum of 85% hybrid or hybrid blend. 0-3% residual sugar.  
24 Gewurztraminer Minimum of 85% Gewurztraminer. 0-3% residual sugar.  
25 Other White Other white grapes with no more than 15% content from above white wine classes.  
26 White Blend A blended white table wine that does not fit into any other white class.

## **ROSE / BLUSH WINE**

- 31A Dry Rose/Blush Rose Light body and colour with a dry finish.  
31B Off-Dry Rose/Blush Rose Light body and colour with an off-dry finish.

## **RED WINE**

- 41 Bordeaux Style Minimum of 85% Cab Family (Cab Sauv, Cab Franc, Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot, Carmenère) grape/juice.  
42 Pinot /Gamay Minimum of 85% Pinot Noir, Gamay, Pinot Meunier or combination.  
43 Red Non Vinifera Minimum of 85% hybrid or hybrid blend.  
44 Red Rhone Style Minimum of 85% Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, Carignan, Cinsault, Alicante Bouchet or other Rhone region grapes.  
45 Other Red Other red grapes with no more than 15% content from above red wine classes.  
46 Red Blend A blended red table wine that does not fit into any other red class.

## **DESSERT STYLE WINE**

- 51 Dessert Not fortified. 10-15% alcohol. Freeze fractionated okay. Not oxidized.  
52 Ice Wine Style Frozen-in-the field or otherwise concentrated.  
53 After Dinner Rich, sweet and full bodied. 15-20% sugar, 15-20% alcohol.  
61 Social Non-dinner wines not included in other categories with sweetness between Table and Dessert.  
62 Country Table Minimum 95% non-grape.  
63 Country Social Minimum 95% non-grape.

## **SPARKLING**

- 64 Sparkling Wine Dry to sweet with alcohol at 8%-12%.  
71 Cider and Perry Apple or Pear-based. Sparkling.