

AWO Abridged Class Descriptions

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Note: This is a brief summary only. Complete class descriptions are available on the AWO web site (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 (Hybrids) 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 *vinifera* grapes (alone or in blend) with no more than 15% content from above white wine classes (Ex. Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris/Grigio, Kerner, Auxerrois, Muscat, Pinot Blanc etc.)
26 White Blend A blended white table wine that does not fit into any other white class.

31 ROSE / BLUSH WINE

Dry (31A) or Off-Dry (31B). Light body and colour.

RED WINE

- 41 Bordeaux Style Minimum of 85% Cab Family (Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Carmenère, Malbec) grape/juice.
42 Pinot /Gamay Minimum of 85% Pinot Noir, Gamay, Pinot Meunier alone or in combination.
43 Red Non-Vinifera (Hybrids) Minimum of 85% hybrid or hybrid blend.
44 Red Rhone Style Minimum of 85% Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre (Monastrell), Carignan, Cinsault, Alicante Bouchet or other Rhone region grapes alone or in combination.
45 Other Red Other red *vinifera* 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 Sweet. 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 ingredients. Dry table wines.
63 Country Social Minimum 95% non-grape ingredients. Sweetness between Table and Dessert wines.

SPARKLING

- 64 Sparkling Wine Dry to sweet with alcohol at 8%-12%.
71 Cider and Perry Apple or Pear-based. Dry to off-dry. Still or sparkling. Colours may range from pale yellow to coloured and/or darker hues depending on what has been added.
Subclasses: A – Traditional Ciders
B – Fruit Added Ciders
C – Hopped/Spiced/Herbed Ciders
D – Perry – pear based Cider