

E U Wine Regulations 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: -

- Sales Descriptor **EU product:** one of the following terms -
 - **Sparkling Wine;**
 - **Quality Sparkling Wine or Sekt.**
 - **Quality Sparkling Wine psr**
May be replaced by a Specific Traditional term/specified region (single term for specified wines eg Champagne)
- **Third Country product: one of the following terms -**
 - **Sparkling Wine** or
 - **Quality Sparkling Wine or Sekt**(where the conditions for the production of such wine are recognised as equivalent to a Quality Sparkling Wine)
either term must be preceded by a reference to the Third Country - see note below.
- Product Type determined by residual sugar content e.g. Brut
- Nominal Volume
- Actual Alcohol strength
- EU product - The Producer or a Vendor
Third Country product - The Producer & the Importer
- Contains sulphites (allergenic ingredients) - from 25/11/2005

EU products

Producer or Vendor details must include the local administrative address & Member State of the respective Head office. The text must be preceded by the words - Producer or Produced by or Distributor or Distributed by. Where the label features the name & address of the Producer & where the production takes place in a different administrative area, the local administrative area of the actual production must be shown plus the Member State if the production occurred in another Member State. Details may be shown in a coded format.

Third Country products

Producer & Importer details

Name of the Importer with the local administrative address & Member State of the Head office must be shown - a postal code may be used for the address details. The details may appear outside the field of vision of the other Compulsory Particulars. Importer or Imported by, must precede the Importer's details

Details of the Producer must include the name, local administrative area & Third Country in which the head office is situated.

A Sales Descriptor for a Third Country product must be preceded by a reference to the Country where the grapes used were grown, harvested, fermented & made into a Sparkling wine product. Where the products used to produce the sparkling wine were obtained in a country other than that in which the fermentation took place, an indication of the Country of production must stand out clearly on the label.

Alcoholic strength - shall be indicated by whole or half unit format - xx% vol or xx.5%vol. The figure for the actual alcohol strength shall be followed by the symbol %vol. The figures may be preceded by the words - actual alcoholic strength; actual alcohol or alc. The actual alcohol strength shall be indicated on the label in characters at least 5mm high if the nominal volume is over 100cl. at least 3mm high if it is equal to or less than 100cl. but more than 20cl. & 2mm high if it is 20cl. or less.

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N.B. No height dimensions are specified for nominal volume We recommend that you use the same heights as those used for still wine, but for definitive advice you should contact your local Trading Standards Department

Allergenic ingredients

"Contains sulphur dioxide" or "Contains sulphites"

The Compulsory Particulars must appear in one field of vision with the exception of the Importer's details & shall be clear, legible & indelible characters, which are large enough to stand out well from the background on which they are printed & distinguishable from all other writing or pictorial matter.

Optional Expressions

restricted to Quality sparkling wine (including QSPpsr and Third Countries, if the method of production in the Third Country has been recognised by the EC as equivalent to Quality Sparkling Wine.)

Vine Varieties – The use of a vine variety may be indicated on a label as optional information.

- One named variety if at least 85% of the product is from that variety.
- Two or three named varieties provided the product is obtained entirely from those varieties, with the exception of the Tirage or Expedition liqueur & if the blend of the varieties is crucial to the character of the product.

Geographical unit

For (European) Quality Sparkling Wine, a list of regions is printed in Regulation 753/2002.

Bottle Fermented.

Bottle Fermented by the Traditional Method or Traditional Method or Classical Method or Classical Traditional Method or any expressions resulting from a translation of these terms.

Vintage – minimum 85% stated year

An expression relating to a method of production which include the name of a Specified region or of another geographical unit or term derived from either of these, may only be used for a product originating there (e.g. the expression Methodo Champenoise –may only be used for Champagne).

Reference to superior quality

Other restricted usage

The terms – Winzersekt is reserved for a German Quality Sparkling wine psr & Hauersekt for an Austrian Quality Sparkling wine psr.

The use of the expressions is determined by specific conditions as to the Sales Descriptor & oenological process of the product.

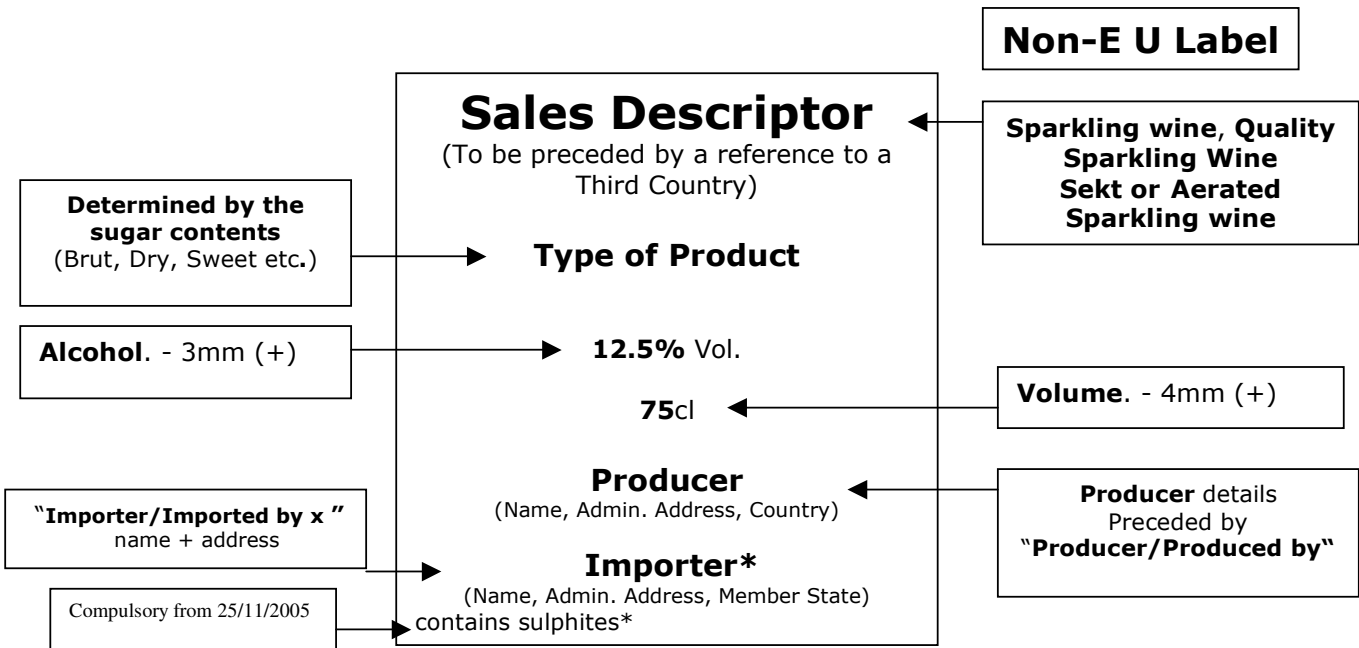
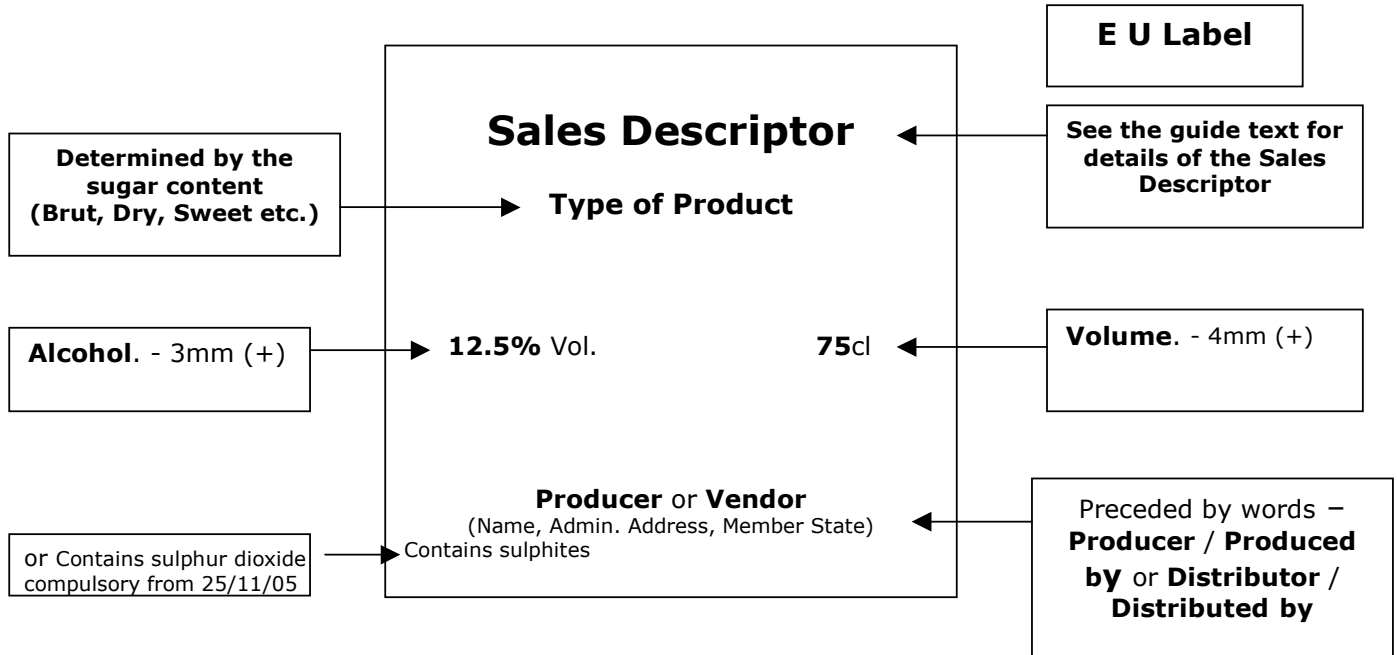
The term CREMANT shall be reserved for a specific style of Quality Sparkling wine psr.

The terms PREMIUM & RESERVE quality sparkling wine (including QSPpsr)

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.

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*may be shown on a secondary label

Non-EU product – vine varieties only permitted in supplementary details for a product designated as a Quality Sparkling Wine.

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