

# WINE AGREEMENT: DECLARATIONS

## Joint Declaration

on the production of wine from non-*Vitis vinifera* varieties

The Parties agree to put on the agenda of the first meeting of the Joint Committee referred to in Article 19 of the Agreement the question of vine varieties not belonging to the species *Vitis vinifera* aimed at identifying, on the basis of objective criteria and in addition to the varieties listed in Point III to the Protocol, those varieties which are not suitable, or alternatively, suitable for the production of wine.

## Joint Declaration

on the partial removal of volatile acidity through reverse osmosis processes

South Africa agrees to use reverse osmosis based processes for the partial removal of volatile acidity only on an experimental basis until the OIV investigations in this regard have been completed and their resolutions have been published. However, the wine produced on an experimental basis shall not be exported to the Community. Thereafter, the conditions for the future use of these processes will be agreed between South Africa and the Community following the procedure laid down in Article 6 of the Agreement. Further, if the Community accepts this practice for use in producing wine in the Community, the Community is willing to include this practice in Annex I of the Agreement.

## Joint Declaration

on Community assistance for the restructuring of the South African wines and spirits sector referred to in point 6 of Annex X to the TDC Agreement

The Parties agree that the South African Department of Trade and Industry will prepare the terms of reference and request resources from the Community Delegation in Pretoria for recruiting technical assistance to formulate a programme for the use of the EUR 15 millions set aside for the restructuring of their wines and spirit Industry. The financial support for an agreed programme could take the shape of a targeted sector support programme if the South African Government so wishes.

## Joint Declaration

on Article 9 to the Agreement

The Parties understand the provisions regarding Port and Sherry that the starting date of the transitional periods referred to in points 2 and 4 of the Attachment to Annex X of the TDC Agreement is 1 January 2000.

Joint Declaration  
on the exchange of registers

Both Parties consider that the obligation stipulated in Article 7(8) of the Agreement to proceed to the examination of trade-marks before 30 September 2002 on the basis of an exchange of registers necessarily requires the European Community and South Africa to communicate the registers within a time-limit which enables Article 7(8) to be implemented.

Joint Declaration

The Parties agree to call as soon as possible a Joint Committee referred to in Article 19 of the Agreement to consider all the technical issues raised during the last rounds of negotiations for which one of the Parties has expressed some concerns, and in particular the following issues:

1. The use of non *Vitis vinifera* varieties,
2. Sulphur dioxide limits for certain wines originating in the Community,
3. Analysis of gas pressure for sparkling and semi-sparkling (perlé) wines,
4. Rules of the description and presentation of wines,
5. Addition of concentrated grape must or rectified concentrated grape must to increase the natural alcoholic strength of grapes, grape must or wine for South African wines.
6. Partial concentration by physical processes, including reverse osmosis, to increase the natural alcoholic strength of grape must or wine for South African wines.

Declaration by South Africa  
on Article 8 of the Agreement

South Africa hereby declares that it maintains its position in principle that the majority of names of Member States of the Community can not be protected as

geographical indications in terms of the TRIPs Agreement.

Declaration by South Africa  
on the use of sucrose, concentrated grape must or rectified concentrated  
grape must referred to in Annex I, point 2(32), to the Agreement

South Africa agrees to allow the use of sucrose, concentrated grape must or rectified concentrated grape must for Community wines marketed in South Africa in order to increase the natural alcoholic strength of grapes, grape must or wine, under the condition that these additions will only be made in terms of the Community regulations that apply on the date of the commencement of the Agreement.

Declaration by the Community  
on the use of sucrose, concentrated grape must or rectified concentrated  
grape must referred to in Annex I, point 2(32), to the Agreement

The Community takes note of the South-African position on the use of sucrose, concentrated grape must or rectified grape must but has to reaffirm its right to amend the present system on an autonomous basis.

Declaration by the Community  
on the use of vine variety names for describing South African wines

The Commission of the European Community agrees to amend Annex IV of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3201/90, not later than three months after the Agreement comes into force, to replace the vine variety names in point 1 "SOUTH AFRICA" by the following names which are currently approved in South Africa:

NAMES OF VINE VARIETIES APPROVED IN SOUTH AFRICA

Variety name

Synonym

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Auxerrois

Barbera

Barlinka

Bastardo do Castello

Bastardo do Menudo

Bourboulenc

Bukettraube

Cabernet franc

Cabernet sauvignon

Carignan

Carmenère

Ceresa

Chardonnay

Chenel

Chenin blanc

Steen

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| Cinsaut                 |                     |
| Cinsaut blanc           |                     |
| Cinsaut gris            |                     |
| Clairette blanche       |                     |
| Colombar                | Colombard           |
| Colomino                |                     |
| Cornifesto              |                     |
| Crouchen                |                     |
| Donzellinho do Castello |                     |
| Donyellinho do Gallego  |                     |
| Durif                   |                     |
| Emerald Riesling        |                     |
| Erlihane                |                     |
| Fernao Pires            |                     |
| Furmint                 |                     |
| Gamay noir              |                     |
| Gewürztraminer          |                     |
| Grachen                 |                     |
| Graciano                |                     |
| Grenache                | Rooi, Red Grenache  |
| Grenache blanc          | Wit, White Grenache |
| Harslevelü              |                     |
| Henry Bouschet          |                     |
| Kanaan                  | Belies, Canaan      |
| Kerner                  |                     |

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| Malbec              |                 |
| Merlot              |                 |
| Meunier             |                 |
| Morio Muscat        |                 |
| Mourisco tinto      |                 |
| Mourvèdre           | Mataro          |
| Muller-Thurgau      |                 |
| Muscat d'Alexandrie | Hanepoot        |
| Muskadel            | Muscadel        |
| Muscat de Hambourg  |                 |
| Muscat Ottonel      |                 |
| Nebbiolo            |                 |
| Nouvelle            |                 |
| Olasz               |                 |
| Palomino            |                 |
| Pedro               | Valse           |
| Pedro Ximines       |                 |
| Petit Verdot        | Verdot          |
| Pinotage            |                 |
| Pinot blanc         | Weissburgunder  |
| Pinot gris          | Pinot Grigio    |
| Pinot noir          |                 |
| Pontak              | Teinturier male |
| Raisin Blanc        | Gros vert       |
| Roobernet           |                 |
| Ruby Cabernet       |                 |

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| Sangiovese       |                                |
| Sauvignon blanc  | Fumé Blanc                     |
| Schönburger      |                                |
| Semillon         | Groendruif                     |
| Shiraz           | Syrah                          |
| Souzào           |                                |
| Sultana          | Sultanina, Thompson's Seedless |
| Sylvaner         |                                |
| Tannat           |                                |
| Therona          |                                |
| Tinta Amerella   |                                |
| Tinta Barocca    |                                |
| Tinta Francisca  |                                |
| Tinta Roriz      |                                |
| Touriga Francesa |                                |
| Touriga Nacional |                                |
| Ugni blanc       | Trebbiano                      |
| Verdelho         |                                |
| Viognier         |                                |
| Weisser Riesling | Riesling                       |
| Weldra           |                                |
| Zinfandel        |                                |

Declaration by the Community  
on blended South African wines

The Community declares that until the specific implementing rules for labelling third country wines produced by blending different geographical origins are adopted, the Community shall authorise the import and marketing of wines referred to in point II of the Protocol to the Agreement provided the term "Mixture of wine from South Africa and other countries" appears on the main label in lettering which is clear, legible, indelible and sufficiently large and clearly distinguishable from all other writing and designs on the label.

Declaration by the Community  
on "Retsina"

1. The Community considers that for the purpose of securing protection on the South African market, the importers of Community "Retsina" in South Africa should register the name "Retsina" as a certification trade-mark under South African law.
  
  2. In the light of this action, the Community will request under the appropriate procedures that "Retsina" be included in the duty free tariff quota, which has been established on the South African market for wines originating in the EC.
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