

Branch information for products of the wine sector

For the production and declaration of organic wine and other products of the wine sector the requirements of the organic reg. (EC) as well as other relevant legal regulations must apply.

There are following restrictions for procedures/processes/treatments for organic wine:

procedure/process/treatment	restriction
centrifuging and filtration with or without an inert filtering agent	Pore size not under 0,2 micrometer
heat treatments	Not over 70°C
use of ion exchange resins	No restriction at the moment
reverse osmosis	No restriction at the moment
partial concentration through cooling	prohibited
elimination of sulphur dioxide by physical processes	prohibited
electro dialysis treatment and treatment with cation exchangers to ensure the tartaric stabilisation of the wine	prohibited
partial dealcoholisation	prohibited

Permitted substances for the production of organic wine

Wine can be made of from fresh grapes or grapes must be from organic agriculture and with added organic sugar, organic grape juice concentrate or rectified organic grape must concentrate.

For the production of organic food there is a restricted number of allowed food additives, processing aids and other substances as well as allowed conventional ingredients from agricultural origin.

Annex VIIIa of reg. (EC) 889/2008 shows the allowed substances for the production of wine and products of the wine sector.

Declaration

Wine from organic grapes can be labelled as organic wine. In this case the label has to show the organic EU-Logo as well as the corresponding indications of the origin and the code number of the certification body.

General legal declaration requirements must also be fulfilled.

Sample label



Wine from grapes under conversion can be market as “product under conversion to organic farming” as long as the guidelines are met (one crop ingredient of agricultural origin, no sugar added). The organic EU-Logo cannot be used in this case!

If the requirements for the production of organic wine are not fulfilled the wine must be market as conventional (without any reference to organic farming).

Wine made of grapes from harvest before 2012 has special requirements.

If it can be shown without a doubt, that wines from grapes of harvest before 2012 have already been produced in compliance with all new regulations, they can also be market as organic. In this case the organic EU-logo is necessary.

If the new requirements haven't been met or if the required evidence is not available the wine made of grapes from harvest before 2012 can still be market as follows: e.g. “wine made with organic grapes”, “wine from grapes of organic agriculture”. If grapes are under conversion: e.g. „wine from grapes under conversion to organic farming”.

If the organic EU-Logo is used the records of quantity in litre per wine category and year must be kept a period of at least five years after placing the wine on the market.