

Wine Standards
VARIETAL WINE CERTIFICATION FORM

The Varietal Wine scheme in the UK operates under EU stipulations for checks on authenticity of the vine variety(ies) and vintage specified.

PRODUCER/WINEMAKER DETAILS:

Producer/Winemaker Company Name:

Name of main contact:

Email address:

Telephone number:

Producer address:

OWNER DETAILS (only required if different to Producer/Winemaker):

Owner Name:

Name of main contact:

Email address:

Telephone number:

Owner address:

WINE DETAILS:

Name of wine which will be marketed under the varietal scheme:

Wine Style (Still or Sparkling):

Wine Colour (Red, White, Rosé):

Volume of wine (litres):

Vintage:

Vine Varieties:

Percentages:

Grapes sourced from other vineyard(s):

Source of grapes (if not own vineyard) must be evident in the applicant's records. Check the box if grapes were sourced from other vineyard(s).

Signature:

Date:

1. Wines from 2009 and subsequent vintages which are not submitted and approved for either the Quality Wine Scheme or the Regional Wine Scheme, may be entitled to describe one or more varieties and/or the vintage on the new category of "Varietal Wine" if they go through a Certification Process.
2. Sparkling Wines and Quality Sparkling Wines labelled after 31 December 2010 with variety and/or vintage are also subject to this Certification Process.
3. The Certification will be performed by Wine Standards, Food Standards Agency as part of a control plan for Varietal Wine production. Wine Standards has asked Wines of Great Britain (WineGB) to act as a conduit for collating information on those wines that will be marketed as Varietal Wines; WineGB is not involved in determining whether wines are eligible for certification as Varietal Wines. The current cost of the application process is £15 (plus VAT) per wine, payable to WineGB to cover its administrative costs.
4. Wine producers who wish to market their product under the Varietal Wine scheme should fill in and submit this form, available from WineGB, so that the relevant authorities are informed of such wines entering the market. Registration will also ensure that producers are kept informed of developments in the Certification Process.
5. **Applications must be submitted by the wine maker/producer.** The maker/producer may apply on behalf of a grower whose wines have been made under contract at the winery. Applications may be based on grapes obtained from other vineyards and this should be stated on the application form.
6. The general conditions on use of vine variety and vintage descriptions apply to Varietal Wine.
 - a) If a single variety is named, at least 85% of the wine must be of this variety.
 - b) If two or more varieties are named, 100% of the wine must be from the named varieties. The varieties must be listed in descending order of proportion.
 - c) If a vintage is stated, at least 85% of the wine must be from this vintage.

A form must be submitted for each wine, and sent to WineGB, who will forward it to Wine Standards, Food Standards Agency. Varietal Wines may be marketed following lodgement of this form. Wine Standards will carry out checks prior to certification being granted, which may take place after marketing of the wine. If on inspection by Wine Standards the records fail to establish the criteria for Varietal Wine, the wine in question must be marketed without reference to variety or vintage.

Wine makers/producers entering wines should maintain records to show:

- For each wine, movement records within the winery that permit the verification of all the varieties (and their proportion) within the wine;
- For each varietal listed, records tracing the grapes to their source vineyard.

COMPLETING THE FORM

The form should ideally be completed electronically but may be printed, completed in ink and scanned. Forms must be submitted by email.

Electronic Signature:

When completed electronically it is possible to enter a signature and sign electronically. If you wish to do this, create a signature and sign the document using the Adobe Reader 'Fill & Sign' tool, then save locally and send as an attachment by email (**you do not need to click the 'Send Copy' button from within the Adobe Reader**).

The receipt of the email with the form will be also considered as an electronic signature.

The completed form should be sent **by email** to winescheme@winegb.co.uk.

Payment of £18.00 (£15.00 + VAT) should preferably be made by **BACS** using the following details:

Account Name: **Wines of Great Britain**

Sort Code: **209807**

Account number: **30346748**

Payment Reference: **VWS [Wine Name]** (e.g. VWS Brut Reserve)

Payment may also be made by cheque payable to "Wines of Great Britain Ltd". Cheques should be sent to:

**The Finance Officer
Wines of Great Britain
Knoll House
Union Wharf
Market Harborough
LE16 7UW**

Any questions relating to the application form or process should be addressed to the Wine Scheme Manager at winescheme@winegb.co.uk.