

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**NO. R. 6003****20 March 2025****LIQUOR PRODUCTS ACT, 1989****(ACT No. 60 OF 1989)****WINE OF ORIGIN SCHEME: AMENDMENT**

I, John Henry Steenhuisen, Minister of Agriculture, acting under section 14 of the Liquor Products Act, 1989 (Act No. 60 of 1989), on the recommendation of the Wine Certification Authority referred to in section 2 of said Act, hereby amend the Wine of Origin Scheme published by Government Notice No. R. 1434 of 1990, as amended, to the extent set out in the Schedule.

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Minister of Agriculture.

SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In this Schedule “the Scheme” means the Wine of Origin Scheme published by Government Notice No. R. 1434 of 29 June 1990, as amended by Government Notices No’s R. 837 of 19 April 1991, R. 2842 of 29 November 1991, R.1054 of 10 April 1992, R. 2594 of 11 September 1992, R. 3231 of 27 November 1992, R. 546 of 2 April 1993, R. 1375 of 30 July 1993, R. 1021 of 27 May 1994, R. 2067 of 2 December 1994, R. 814 of 9 June 1995, R. 1875 of 8 December 1995, R. 1039 of 8 August 1997, R 834 of 26 June 1998, R 324 of 19 March 1999, R. 19 of 12 January 2001, R. 829 of 21 June 2002, R. 1306 of 25 October 2002 as corrected by R. 1503 of 6 December 2002, R.1819 of 19 December 2003, R. 835 of 26 August 2005, R. 813 of 11 August 2006, R. 554 of 22 May 2009, R. 526 of 13 July 2012, R. 403 of 2 May 2014, R. 628 of 24 July 2015, R. 6 of 5 January 2018, R. 274 of 1 March 2019, R. 735 of 13 August 2021, R. 2247 of 8 July 2022, R. 2277 of 15 July 2022 and R. 3737 of 31 July 2023.

Amendment of section 1 of the Scheme

2. Section 1 of the Scheme is hereby amended by -

(a) the deletion of the definition of “the board”;

(b) the substitution for the definition of “grapes” of the following definition:

“grapes’ means fruit of plants of *Vitis vinifera* and interspecific hybrids of *Vitis vinifera*”;

- (c) the insertion after the definition of “methode ancestrale” of the following definition:

“moscato’ means wine produced with a view to the certification thereof as wine complying with the requirements set out in section 14X of this Scheme”;

- (d) the insertion after paragraph (b) of the definition of “register” of the following paragraph:

“(c) single vine wine, means registered by the WCA in terms of section 6C of this Scheme for the purposes of the production of single vine wine”;

- (e) the insertion after the definition of “single vineyard wine” of the following definition:

“single vine wine’ means wine produced with a view to the certification thereof as wine that complies with the requirements set out in section 8B of this Scheme, and also wine that has been produced on land before it was registered as a unit for the production of single vine wine, if -

- (a) the grapes from which that wine was produced, were harvested under an authority;
- (b) the WCA is convinced that such wine would have complied with the

requirements set out in section 8B of this Scheme, if the wine was produced after the land concerned was registered as a unit;

- (c) such unit is registered in the same calendar year as that of the production of the wine concerned; and
- (d) any conditions that the WCA determines in respect of such wine is met;”;
- (f) the insertion before the definition of “skin macerated white” of the following definition:

“‘skin fermented white’ means wine produced with a view to the certification thereof as wine complying with the requirements set out in section 14Y of this Scheme;”;
- (g) the insertion after the definition of “ward” of the following definition:

“‘WCA’ means the Wine Certification Authority established in terms of section 2 of the Act;”.

Amendment of section 5 of the Scheme

3. Section 5 of the Scheme is hereby amended by the insertion after paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph:

“(g) The expressions “single vine wine” and “enkeldruifstokwyn.”.

Amendment of section 6A of the Scheme

4. Section 6A of the Scheme is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph:

“(a) The WCA may register a single vineyard block, on which only white grape varieties or only red grape varieties are grown, as a unit for the production of single vineyard wine, and also amend or withdraw such registration.”.

Amendment of section 6B of the Scheme

5. Section 6B of the Scheme is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (6) of the following subsection:

“(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2)(d), the non-adjointing land of the units registered for the production of estate wine under the names Bergsig, De Wetshof, Goedverwacht, Mont Blois, Neethlingshof, Rietvallei and Delheim (previously known as Vera Cruz), as registered on 1 January 2006, shall be deemed to be adjoining land for the purposes of this section: Provided that an application in terms of subsection (3) in respect of such non-adjointing land shall not be allowed by the WCA.”.

Insertion of section 6C in the Scheme

6. Section 6C is hereby inserted in the Scheme after section 6B:

“6C Registration of units for the production of single vine wine

- (1) (a) The WCA may register a piece of land, on which a single vine is grown, as a unit for the production of single vine wine, and also amend or withdraw such registration.
- (b) The WCA may in its discretion impose conditions which shall apply to such registration, amendment or withdrawal.
- (2) (a) Any person desiring a registration, amendment or withdrawal in terms of subsection (1) shall apply therefore to the WCA in writing.
- (b) Such application shall be accompanied by -
 - (i) the information required by the WCA; and
 - (ii) the applicable fee determined by the WCA for this purpose.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this section the WCA may also of its own accord amend or withdraw the registration of a unit for the production of single vine wine if in its opinion sound reasons exist therefore.

- (3) (a) If any change with regard to the particulars by virtue of which a unit for the production of single vine wine was registered, has occurred or is envisaged, the applicant concerned or his successor in title shall forthwith notify the WCA thereof in writing.
- (b) The WCA may direct that such notice be dealt with as an application in terms of subsection (2) for the amendment of the registration of the unit concerned.”.

Amendment of section 7 of the Scheme

7. Section 7 of the Scheme is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph:

“(e) the wine concerned complies with the applicable requirements set out in sections 8, 8A, 8B, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M, 14N, 14O, 14P, 14Q, 14R, 14S, 14T, 14U, 14V, 14W, 14X or 14Y of this Scheme, and has been provisionally approved in terms of section 25 of this Scheme;

Amendment of section 8A of the Scheme

8. Section 8A of the Scheme is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph:

“(a) It shall be produced solely from grapes that were harvested on a single unit that

is registered for the production of single vineyard wine: Provided that if such a single unit has more than one grape variety, all varieties shall be harvested at the same time and crushed and fermented together.”.

Insertion of section 8B in the Scheme

9. Section 8B is hereby inserted in the Scheme after section 8A:

“(8B) Requirements for single vine wines

- (1) A single vine wine shall comply with the following requirements:
 - (a) It shall be produced solely from grapes that were harvested on a single unit that is registered for the production of single vine wine.
 - (b) It shall comply with the appropriate requirements in the Act for wine or a particular class of wine.
 - (c) It shall not display any unacceptable quality characteristics.
 - (d) It shall also be a wine of origin.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1)(a) -
 - (a) must, concentrated must or sweet reserve that is added to a single

vine wine for purposes of sweetening shall be deemed to have been derived from grapes that were harvested on the relevant unit that is registered for the production of single vine wine, provided the total of the products thus added does not constitute more than five per cent of the volume of the single vine wine concerned;

- (b) a spirit that is added to a single vine wine for purposes of fortification shall be deemed to have been produced from grapes that were harvested on the relevant unit that is registered for the production of single vine wine; and
- (c) concentrated must that is added before or during alcoholic fermentation to must that is intended for a single vine wine shall be deemed to have been harvested on the relevant unit that is registered for the production of single vine wine.”.

Amendment of section 14W of the Scheme

10. Section 14W of the Scheme is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (b) of the following paragraph:

“(b) comply with the requirements for a low alcohol wine as set out in the regulations made under the Act.”.

Insertion of section 14X in the Scheme

11. Sections 14X and 14Y is hereby inserted in the Scheme after section 14W:

“14X. Requirements for moscato

Moscato shall -

- (a) also be a wine of origin;
- (b) comply with the requirements for moscato as set out in the regulations made under the Act; and
- (c) not reveal any unacceptable quality characteristics.”;

14Y. Requirements for skin fermented white

Skin fermented white shall -

- (a) also be a wine of origin;
- (b) comply with the requirements for skin fermented white as set out in the regulations made under the Act; and
- (c) not reveal any unacceptable quality characteristics.”.

Amendment of section 17 of the Scheme

12. Section 17 of the Scheme is hereby amended by the insertion after subparagraph (v) of subsection (2) of the following subparagraph:

“(vi) in the case of a single vine wine, not constitute more than five per cent of the volume of the must or wine to which it is added, unless it was prepared from grapes that were harvested on the relevant unit that is registered for the production of single vine wine.”.

Amendment of section 20 of the Scheme

13. Section 20 of the Scheme is hereby amended by the insertion after paragraph (g) of subsection (4) of the following paragraph:

“(h) in the case of a single vine wine, that sweet reserve has also been obtained from grapes harvested on the relevant unit that is registered for the production of single vine wine.”.

Amendment of section 23 of the Scheme

14. Section 23 of the Scheme is hereby amended by the insertion after paragraph (i) of subsection (4) of the following paragraph -

“(j) It may, if the particulars required in terms of section 24(2) of this Scheme have

been indicated once as set out in section 24(6) of this Scheme, be the name of the geographical unit, region, district or ward concerned, with or without the expression "wine of origin" or "wyn van oorsprong" or the abbreviation "W.O.".

Amendment of section 24 of the Scheme

15. Section 24 of the Scheme is hereby amended by the insertion after subsection (2A) of the following subsection:

“(2B) The following particulars shall be indicated on the labels of the containers of a single vine wine:

- (a) The expression “single vine wine” or “enkeldruifstokwyn”.
- (b) The particulars required in terms of subsection (2).”.

Amendment of section 27 of the Scheme

16. Section 27 of the Scheme is hereby amended by -

- (a) the substitution for subsection (2) of the following subsection:

“(2) The WCA shall for the purposes of the consideration of an application referred to in subsection (1) take a sample of the wine concerned in the manner set out in section 28 of this Scheme: Provided that the WCA need

not take a sample if satisfied that:

- (a) in the case of red wine, that red wine has been in glass containers for at least 10 years and batches thereof have been finally approved in terms of this section at least 3 times; and
- (b) in the case of white wine, that white wine has been in glass containers for at least 7 years and batches thereof have been finally approved in terms of this section at least 3 times."; and

(b) the substitution for subsection (3) of the following subsection:

"(3) An application referred to in subsection (1) shall be approved by the WCA only if it is satisfied that -

- (a) the wine concerned has been provisionally approved in terms of section 25 of this Scheme;
- (b) such provisional approval has not lapsed in terms of section 25(6) of this Scheme before the application concerned was lodged with the WCA;
- (c) the sample of that wine does not in any material respect differ from the sample that was analysed and judged sensorially in terms of section 25 of this Scheme; and

- (d) the applicable labels and seals or marks were affixed to or placed on the containers of that wine:

Provided that the provisions of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) shall not apply to wine referred to in the proviso to subsection (2)."

Substitution of Table 1 of the Scheme

17. Table 1 of the Scheme is hereby substituted by the following table:

**"TABLE 1
VINE CULTIVARS TO WHICH SCHEME APPLIES
[Section 4]**

Agiorgitiko
Alicante Bouschet (Henri Bouschet)
Alvarinho (Albariño)
Assyrtiko (Asyrtico)
Auxerrois
Barbarossa
Barbera
Bastardo do Castelo
Bastardo do Menudo
Bourboulenc
Bukettraube
Cabernet franc
Cabernet Sauvignon
Carignan (Carinena)
Carmenère
Chardonnay
Chenel
Chenin blanc (Steen)
Cinsaut (Cinsault)
Cinsaut blanc (Albatros)
Clairette blanche
Colombar (Colombard)
Cornifesto
Counoise

Crouchen (Riesling*; Cape Riesling; Kaapse Riesling)
 Diamond Muscat
 Donzellinho do Castello
 Donzellinho do Gallego
 Durif (Petite Sirah; Petite Syrah)
 Emerald Riesling
 Erlihane
 Fernão Pires
 Furmint
 Gamay noir
 Gewürztraminer
 Grachen
 Graciano
 Grasa de Cotnari
 Grenache (Rooi/Red Grenache; Grenache noir; Garnacha)
 Grenache blanc (White/Wit Grenache)
 Grenache gris
 Grillo (Riddu)
 Grüner Veltliner
 Harslevelü
 Irsai Oliver (Irsay Oliver)
 Kerner
 Kristal
 Lledoner Pelut
 Malbec
 Marsanne
 Marselan
 Merlot
 Meunier (Pinot Meunier)
 Morio Muscat (Muscat; Moscato)
 Mourisco tinto
 Mourvèdre (Mataro; Monastrell; Monastrel)
 Müller-Thurgau
 Muscat d' Alexandrie (Hanepoot; Muscat of Alexandria)
 Muscat de Frontignan (Muskadel; Muscadel; Muscat blanc; White Muscadel; Wit
 Muskadel; Muscat Rouge; Red Muscadel; Rooi Muskadel; Muscat blanc á Petit
 Grains)***
 Muscat de Hambourg
 Muscat Ottonel
 Nebbiolo
 Nero d'Avola
 Nouvelle
 Olasz
 Palomino (White French; Fransdruif; Malvasia Rei; Listán blanc; Listón blanco)
 Petit Verdot (Verdot)
 Pinotage
 Pinot blanc (Weissburgunder)
 Pinot gris (Pinot grigio; Rulander; Gruaburgunder)
 Pinot noir
 Piquepoul blanc

Pontak (Pontac; Teinturier male)
 Riesling** (Weisser Riesling; Ryn Riesling; Rhine Riesling)
 Roobernet
 Roussanne
 Ruby Cabernet
 Sangiovese
 Sauvignon blanc (Blanc Fumé; Fumé blanc)
 Sauvignon Gris
 Schönburger
 Sémillon (Groendruif)
 Shiraz (Syrah)
 Souzão
 Sultana (Sultanina; Thompson's Seedless)
 Summer Muscat
 Sylvaner
 Symphony
 Tannat
 Tempranillo (Tinta Roriz)
 Therona
 Tinta Amarella (Tinta Amarela; Trincadeira; Trincadeira Preta)
 Tinta Barocca (Tinta das Baroccas)
 Tinta Francisca
 Touriga Franca
 Touriga Nacional.
 Ugni blanc (Trebbiano)
 Verdelho
 Vermentino
 Viognier
 Viura (Macabeo)
 Weisser Riesling (Rhine Riesling; Ryn Riesling)
 Zinfandel (Primitivo)

*This name (Riesling) may only be used for wine produced from the Crouchen grape cultivar until, and inclusive of, the 2009 grape harvest.

**This name (Riesling), may only be used for wine produced from the Weisser Riesling/ Rhine Riesling grape cultivar as from the 2010 grape harvest.

*****Note for information purposes only:** The name "Muscat de Frontignan" is a protected geographical indication in the territory of the European Union and may not be used on South African wine exported to that territory."

Substitution of Table 2 of the Scheme

18. Table 2 of the Scheme is hereby substituted by the following table:

**“TABLE 2
GRAPE CULTIVARS WHICH MAY BE USED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF BLANC DE
NOIR WINE
[Section 14(a)]**

Barbera	Mourvèdre (Mataro; Monastrell; Monastrel)
Bastardo do Castello	Muscat de Hambourg
Bastardo do Menudo	Nebbiolo
Carbernet franc	Petit Verdot (Verdot)
Carbernet Sauvignon	Pinotage
Carignan (Carinena)	
Carmenère	
Cinsaut (Cinsault)	Pinot noir
Cornifesto	Ruby Cabernet
Donzellinho do Castello	Sangiovese
Donzellinho do Gallego	Shiraz (Syrah)
Durif (Petite Sirah; Petite Syrah)	Souzão
Gamay noir	Tannat
Grenache (Red/Rooi Grenache; Grenache noir, Garnacha)	Tempranillo (Tinta Roriz)
Malbec	Tinta Barocca (Tinta das Baroccas)
Mourisco tinto	Tinta Francisca
Merlot	Touriga Franca
Meunier (Pinot Meunier)	Touriga Nacional
	Zinfandel (Primitivo)”.

Substitution of Table 4 of the Scheme

19. Table 4 of the Scheme is hereby substituted by the following table:

**“TABLE 4
UNACCEPTABLE QUALITY CHARACTERISTICS OF WINE
[Sect. 25(3)(c)]**

ELEMENT	CLASS OF WINE	NATURE OF UNACCEPTABILITY
1	2	3
Clarity	All classes	With regard to age, cultivar and type: (a) Turbid, hazy (b) Sediment, crust, crystals
Colour	All classes	With regard to age, cultivar and type: (a) Insufficient colour (b) Faulty colour
Flavour and	All classes except noble	With regard to age, cultivar and type:

taste	late harvest	(a) Sulphur compounds (b) Volatile character (such as ethyl acetate) (c) Mouldy character (d) Thin, watery (e) Faulty cultivar character (f) Overaged character (g) Sulphur dioxide (h) Foreign to wine character (such as geranium, oil, paint, filter material) (i) Microbiological spoilage (such as "Brettanomyces" and mouse) (j) Insufficient distinctive wine or style related character (k) Oxidation
Flavour and taste	Noble late harvest	With regard to age, cultivar and type: (a) Sulphur compounds (b) Volatile character (such as ethyl acetate) (c) Mouldy character (d) Thin, watery (e) Faulty cultivar character (f) Overaged character (g) Sulphur dioxide (h) Foreign to wine character (such as geranium, oil, paint, filter material) (i) Microbiological spoilage (such as "Brettanomyces" and mouse) (j) Insufficient distinctive wine and style related character".

General amendment of the Scheme

20. Except for the reference to "Board" in section 5(2)(b)(i) of the Scheme, the Scheme is hereby amended by the substitution for the word "board" wherever it appears in the Scheme of the expression "WCA".