Standard 2.7.3

Fruit Wine and Vegetable Wine

Purpose

This Standard defines the composition of fruit wine, vegetable wine, fruit wine product, vegetable wine product, mead, cider and perry.

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1 Interpretation

(1) In this Standard –

**cider** means the fruit wine prepared from the juice or must of apples and no more than 25% of the juice or must of pears.

**mead** means the product prepared from the complete or partial fermentation of honey.

**perry** means the fruit wine prepared from the juice or must of pears and no more than 25 % of the juice or must of apples.

(2) Any reference to fruit wine or vegetable wine in the Code refers to a product prepared from the complete or partial fermentation of fruit, vegetable, grains, cereals or any combination or preparation of those foods, other than that produced solely from grapes.

(3) Any reference to fruit wine product or vegetable wine product in the Code refers to a food containing no less than 700 mL/L of fruit wine, or vegetable wine, or both fruit and vegetable wine, which has been formulated, processed, modified or mixed with other foods such that it is not a fruit wine or vegetable wine.

2 Addition of other foods during production

Fruit wine, vegetable wine and mead may contain –

(a) fruit juice and fruit juice products; and

(b) vegetable juice and vegetable juice products; and

(c) sugars; and

(d) honey; and

(e) spices; and

(f) alcohol; and

(g) water.

Editorial note:

See Standard 1.3.1 – Food Additives and Standard 1.3.3 – Processing Aids for the respective requirements for additives and processing aids. See Standard 2.7.1 – Labelling of Alcoholic Beverages and Food containing Alcohol for specific labelling requirements for alcoholic beverages.

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