

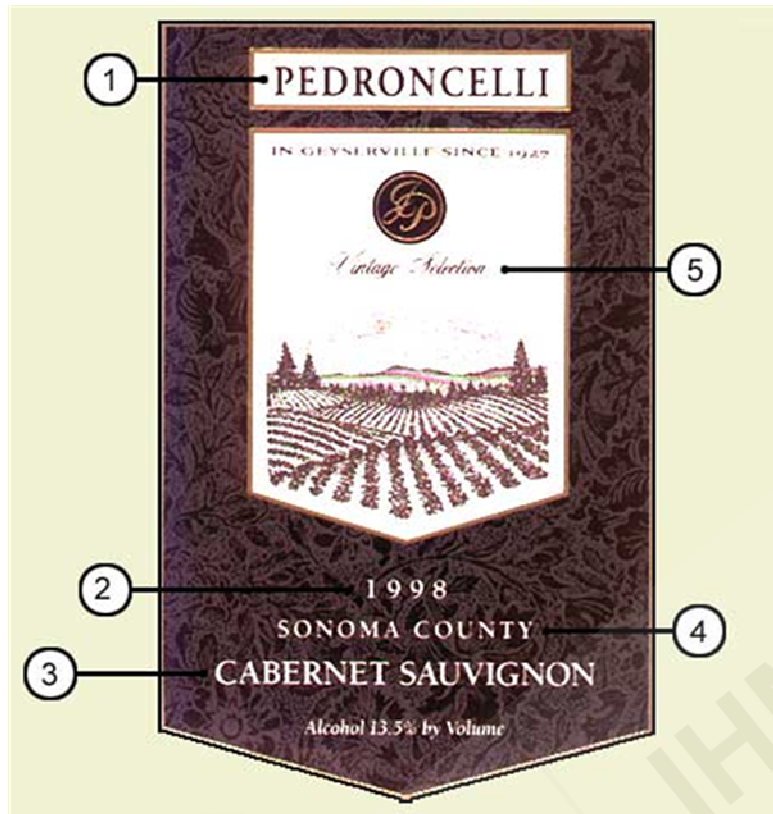
Reading a Wine Label - Australian Wine



Normal items that appear on the label:

1. **Penfolds** - This is name of the producer of the wine
2. **Grape Varietals** - May or may not be mentioned. In this case it is a blend.
3. **Percentages** - Percentages of each Varietal Grape included in the blend.
4. **Vintage 1997** - The year the grapes were harvested (and the wine, made).
5. **Clare Valley** - The wine growing district.

Reading a Wine Label - American Wine



1. **Pedroncelli** - This is the name of the producer of the wine
2. **1998** - The year the grapes were harvested.
3. **Cabernet Sauvignon** - The varietal.
4. **Sonoma County** - Viticultural Area.
5. **Vintage Selection** - Special Designation given by the winery.

Reading a Wine Label - Chilean Wine



Concha y Toro - This is the Producer of the wine

1. **Casillero del Diablo** – The wine name.
2. **Cabernet Sauvignon** - The varietal.
3. **1997** - This is the vintage, the year the grapes were harvested.
4. **Maipo Valley** - The district or region.

Reading a Wine Label - French Wine



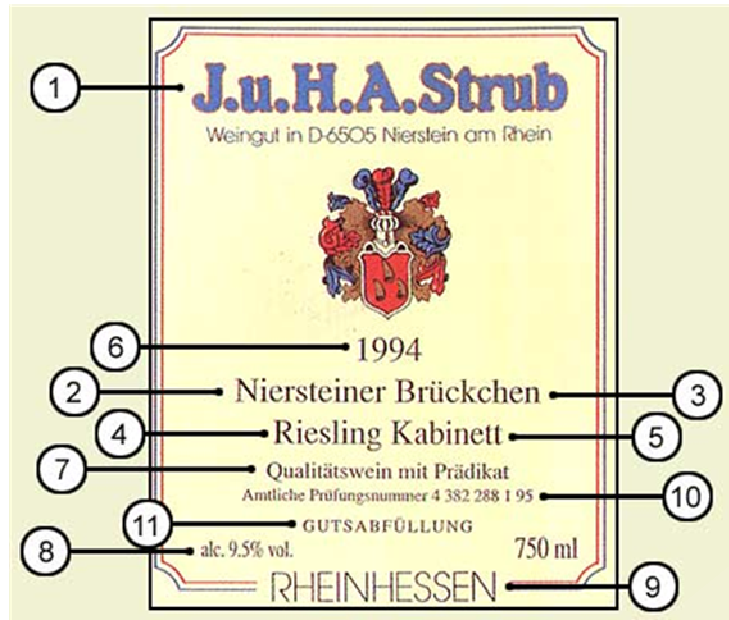
Reading a Wine Label - French Wine contd.

Five items are required by law to appear on the label:

1. Appellation Bordeaux Supérieur Contrôlée - The name of the A.O.C. (Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée) wine-growing region, district, or village to which the wine is entitled according to how it was produced. For example, a wine from the Saint-Émilion district would be labeled "Appellation Saint-Émilion Contrôlée."
2. 75 cl. - The volume of the wine in the bottle, 75 centiliters (just under one liter) is standard

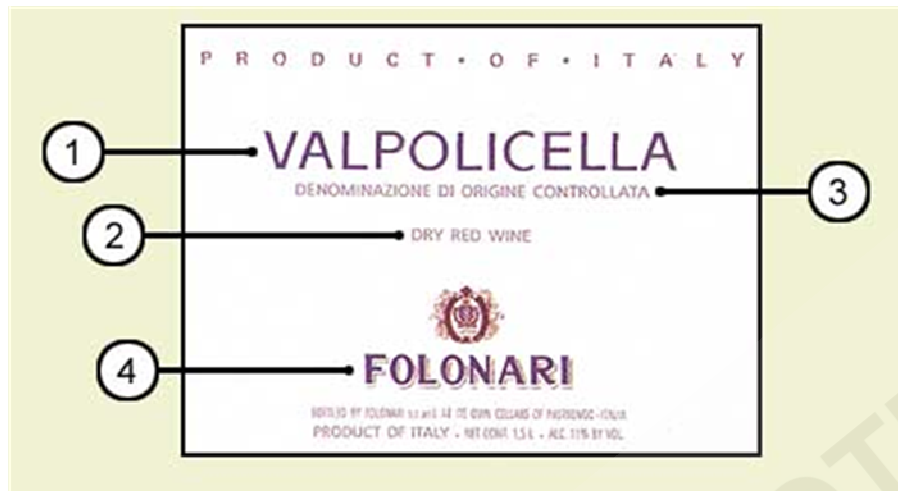
3. 11% vol. - The percentage of alcohol by volume, which varies by appellation.
4. L. 69 B 30 - The control number or lot identification number (this may instead appear on the back label or on the metal capsule).
5. "Mis en bouteille au château" means that the wine is château-bottled, otherwise the appropriate variation:
"mis en bouteille à la propriété" (bottled at the property),
"mis en bouteille dans la région de production" (bottled in the region of production), or
"mis en bouteille dans nos caves" (bottled in our cellars).
6. The country of origin must be indicated on all exported wine. "Product of France" (Produit de France) can also be used. Many optional statements are also often put on labels:
7. Château Beausoleil - The château name, which is also the name of both the product and producer. If it is not a château wine, then the regional appellation or a brand name is usually indicated.
8. 1990 - The vintage or year in which the grapes were harvested. 100% of the wine must be from the year on the label.
9. Grand Vin de Bordeaux - "Grand Vin" followed by the appellation, most often simply "Grand Vin de Bordeaux."
10. Art or logo representing the château.

Reading a Wine Label - German Wine



1. **J.u.H.A. Strub** - This is the Producer of the wine
2. **Niersteiner** - The town from which the wine originates. Germans add the suffix "er" to make Niersteiner, just as a person from New York is called a New Yorker.
3. **Brückchen** - The vineyard from which the grapes originate
4. **Riesling** - is the grape variety. Therefore, this wine is at least 85% Riesling.
5. **Kabinett** - This is the ripeness level of the grape, in this case from normally ripened grapes.
6. **1994** - The year the grapes were harvested
7. **Qualitätswein mit Prädikat**- is the quality level of the wine.
8. **alc. 9.5% vol.** - Alcohol content by volume
9. **Rheinhessen** - This is the region of the wine's origin.
10. **Amtliche Prüfungsnummer 4 382 288 1 95** - This is the official testing number, proof that the wine was tasted by a panel of testers and passed the strict quality standards required by the government.
11. **Gutsabfüllung** - means estate bottled.

Reading a Wine Label - Italian Wine



1. **Valpolicella** - The appellation.
2. **Dry Red Wine** - Type of wine.
3. **Denominazione di Origine Controllata** - Italian equivalent of the French A.O.C., controls the production and labeling of wine in Italy.
4. **Folonari** - This is the Producer of the wine.