



Agreed Principles of Approval for the New Zealand Winegrowers' Wine Standards Management Plan Code of Practice Version 2

In recognition of the legislative framework that governs grape winemaking in New Zealand, and without affecting any of the obligations under that framework, we agree to the following guiding principles with respect to the availability of, and future amendment and use of, the New Zealand Winegrowers' Wine Standards Management Plan Code of Practice: Grape Wine, Version 2 October 2011.

Principle 1

Version 2 of the Code of Practice will be freely available from New Zealand Winegrowers website and accessible to all New Zealand grape winemakers and MAF (with a link to the document from the MAF website).

Principle 2

The approved Code of Practice is the New Zealand Winegrowers' Wine Standards Management Plan Code of Practice: Grape Wine, Version 2 October 2011. The Code is approved on the basis that the Director (New Zealand Standards)¹ considers the Code of Practice to be valid and appropriate to base a wine standards management plan, under the Wine Act 2003. Any changes, updates, amendments or modifications to the Code of Practice may affect its validity or appropriateness, and potentially the approved status. Accordingly it is agreed that changes, updates, amendments or modifications to the Code of Practice will be undertaken in discussion between New Zealand Winegrowers' and MAF and may need to be approved by the Director (New Zealand Standards).

Principle 3

Amendments to the Code of Practice that are deemed to be minor will have no effect upon operators. Minor amendments include correcting typographical errors, correcting/updating references, updating guidance text or the pre-vintage checklist, and other changes that are inconsequential to winemaking, labelling or bottling practice or procedure.

Principle 4

Amendments to the Code of Practice that are deemed to be significant will require approval by the Director (New Zealand Standards). Operators will be notified of, and/or given access to, amended sections. Significant amendments include those that necessitate a change in winemaking, labelling, or bottling practice or procedure, a change in legal requirements or regulated limits, or a change in the records required to be kept.

¹ The Director (New Zealand Standards) can act under delegated authority from the Director-General MAF for the Wine Act 2003



Principle 5

The decision about whether an amendment is minor or significant will be jointly undertaken by MAF and New Zealand Winegrowers. In the event that a consensus is not reached, the decision rests with the Director (New Zealand Standards).

Principle 6

In the event the Code of Practice undergoes significant amendment without the approval of the Director (New Zealand Standards), the changes will require independent evaluation by a person recognised under the Wine Act 2003 and registration of an amendment by each operator who uses the amended version.

Principle 7

The Code of Practice is subject to version control.

Signed at Wellington & Auckland this 4th day of October 2011

Approved

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