

C12G

WINE; PREPARATION THEREOF; ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (beer [C12C](#)); PREPARATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT PROVIDED FOR IN SUBCLASSES [C12C](#) OR [C12H](#)

Relationships with other classification places

[C12H](#) deals only with pasteurisation, sterilisation, preservation, purification, clarification or ageing of alcoholic beverages.

Low alcohol beer is classified in [C12C 12/04](#).

Low alcohol wine is classified in [C12G 1/14](#) and other low alcohol beverages are classified in [C12G 3/00](#).

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Beer; Preparation thereof	C12C
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Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Generic equipment and processes for separation of solids from liquids	B01D
Generic distillation processes or apparatus	B01D 3/00

Glossary of terms

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

Dégorgeage	Process for removing yeast which has settled in the neck of a bottle or on a specially formed closure
Desulfiting	Process for the removal of excess sulfur dioxide
Fermentation	Process whereby yeast converts sugar to ethyl alcohol.
Immobilized yeast	The yeast is absorbed on a material instead of being dispersed throughout the liquid
Must	Juice extracted from grapes
Pompage	Pumping
Sulfiting	Process for adding sulfur dioxide (SO ₂)
Wine	This term includes fortified wines such as Sherry, Port or Madeira, but does not include barley wine which is a synonym for beer used in older documents
Winestone	Crystals of potassium bitartrate precipitated from the wine

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents, the following words/expressions are often used as synonyms:

- "Traditional method", "Champagne Method" and "Méthode Champenoise"

- "Low alcohol", "Reduced alcohol" and " dealcoholized"

In patent documents, the following words/expressions are often used with the meaning indicated:

"Dégorgeage"	"degorgement".
"degorge"	"disgorge".
"agitation prior to removal of yeast "	"remuage".
"dead yeast"	"lees" or "sediment".

C12G 1/00

Preparation of wine or sparkling wine

Definition statement

This place covers:

- Methods for preparing wine or sparkling wine;
- Apparatus adapted for use in such methods.

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Preparation of alcoholic beverages other than beer and wine	C12G 3/00
Alcoholic fermentation of fruit juice derived from non-grape material, e.g. apples, pears or peaches to give "fruit wine"	C12G 3/02
Simulation of ageing by flavouring	C12G 3/06
Recovery of by-products from fermented solutions (including wine)	C12F
Methods as well as apparatus pertaining to pasteurisation, sterilisation, preservation, purification, clarification, ageing of alcoholic beverages (including wine)	C12H
Pitching / depitching machines, venting devices for casks, barrels and the like, and cellar tools (used in winemaking)	C12L
Apparatus for enzymology in general	C12M

C12G 1/005

**{Methods or means to load or unload, to weigh or to sample the vintage;
Replenishing; Separation of the liquids from the solids before or after
fermentation}**

Definition statement

This place covers:

Methods or means for loading, unloading, weighing and/or sampling vintage, i.e. grape material to be used in winemaking, for replenishing, or for separation of the liquids from the solids before or after fermentation.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Extraction of juices	A23L 2/04
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Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Grape harvesting machines	A01D 46/28
Subject-matter of general interest relating to apparatus for extracting juice	A23N 1/00
Subject-matter of general interest relating to presses	B30B 9/00
Methods as well as apparatus pertaining to pasteurisation, sterilisation, preservation, purification, clarification, ageing of alcoholic beverages (including wine), wherein precipitate and/or added materials is/are removed	C12H 1/02

C12G 1/02

Preparation of must from grapes; Must treatment and fermentation

Definition statement

This place covers:

- Preparation of must from grapes;
- Treatment or fermentation of the must.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Separation of the liquids from the solids before or after fermentation	C12G 1/005
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Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Preparation of fruit and vegetable juices	A23L 2/02
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C12G 1/0203

{by microbiological or enzymatic treatment}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Treatment or fermentation of the must (i.e. grape juice) using microorganisms and/or enzymes.

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Fermentation processes for alcoholic beverages other than beer & wine	C12G 3/02
Fermentation processes for beer	C12C 11/00
Propagation of microorganism in general	C12N 1/00
Enzymes in general	C12N 9/00

C12G 1/0206

{using a home wine making vessel}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparation, treatment or fermentation of the must (i.e. grape juice) using a home (or comparable small scale) wine making vessel.

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Containers in general	B65D
Home brew equipment for use in beer production	C12C 13/10

Special rules of classification

This class should be given if reference is made to home (or small scale) wine making or if the dimensions of the vessel are significantly smaller compared to standard equipment (which is of course and inevitably subjective to some degree).

Moreover, this class takes precedence over [C12G 1/0209](#) and [C12G 1/0213](#).

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents, the following words/expressions are often used as synonyms:

- "Home wine making" and "small scale wine making"

C12G 1/0209

{in a horizontal or rotatably mounted vessel ([C12G 1/0206](#) takes precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparation, treatment or fermentation of the must (i.e. grape juice) in a horizontal and/or rotatably mounted vessel.

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Containers in general	B65D
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Special rules of classification

[C12G 1/0206](#) takes precedence over [C12G 1/0209](#).

C12G 1/0213

{with thermal treatment of the vintage ([C12G 1/0206](#) takes precedence)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparation, treatment or fermentation of the must (i.e. grape juice) wherein the vintage is subjected to thermal treatment (i.e. heating and/or cooling).

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Using a home wine making vessel	C12G 1/0206
Post fermentation heating and/or cooling	C12H

Special rules of classification

[C12G 1/0206](#) takes precedence over [C12G 1/0213](#).

Glossary of terms

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

Cryomaceration	Maceration of vintage at decreased temperature
Thermovinification	Vinification at increased temperature

C12G 1/0216

{with recirculation of the must for pomace extraction}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparation, treatment or fermentation of the must (i.e. grape juice) wherein the must is recirculated for pomace extraction.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Immersion (or "plunging") of the pomace (or "cap") in/into the must	C12G 2200/25
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C12G 1/04

Sulfiting the must; Desulfiting

Definition statement

This place covers:

Methods or apparatus for sulfiting and/or desulfiting of must (i.e. grape juice) as part of a winemaking process.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Preservation of fruit juices	A23B 70/10
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Glossary of terms

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

sulfiting	preservation by the addition of compounds such as sulfuric acid, sulfur dioxide or SO ₂
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C12G 1/06

Preparation of sparkling wine; Impregnation of wine with carbon dioxide (methods for reducing the alcohol content after fermentation [C12H 3/00](#); methods for increasing the alcohol content after fermentation [C12H 6/00](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

- Preparation of sparkling wine (such as champagne);
- Impregnation of wine with carbon dioxide.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Methods for reducing the alcohol content after fermentation	C12H 3/00
Methods for increasing the alcohol content after fermentation	C12H 6/00

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Non-sparkling wine	C12G 1/02
Sparkling wine derived from non-grape material, e.g. apples, pears or peaches	C12G 3/00
Impregnating non-alcoholic beverages with carbon dioxide	A23L 2/54
Introduction of gases into liquids in general, apparatus for impregnating liquids with gases per se	B01F 23/23

C12G 1/062

{Agitation, centrifugation, or vibration of bottles}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Methods for agitation, centrifugation or vibration of bottles in sparkling wine production and apparatus specifically designed or adapted therefor.

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Shelves for bottles	A47F 7/28
Champagne and similar bottles per se	B65D 1/0276
Rigid pallets with side walls which can be charged with champagne bottles	B65D 19/08 , B65D 19/10 , B65D 19/12
Bottle stoppers used for trapping (mainly yeast) sediments per se	B65D 51/24
Cellar tools (in general)	C12L 11/00

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents, the following abbreviations are often used:

Keywords relating to the loosening of sediments / deposits in sparkling wine and champagne bottles	Vibrating, agitating, riddling, shaking etc.
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C12G 1/064

{using enclosed yeast}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparation of sparkling wine (such as champagne) or impregnation of wine with carbon dioxide, wherein enclosed yeast is used.

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Bottle stoppers used for trapping (mainly yeast) sediments per se	B65D 51/24
Containers for use in immersing enclosed yeast per se	B65D 85/808

Glossary of terms

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

Enclosed yeast	This term seems not to be completely clear. It may be useful to replace it e.g. by "immobilised yeast" (although this implies a larger scope)
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C12G 1/08

Removal of yeast ["degorgeage"]

Definition statement

This place covers:

Devices and methods for removing yeast in the preparation of sparkling wine or champagne

- by the disgorgement (French: dégorgeage) procedure or
- by processes giving substantially equivalent results to disgorgement (e.g. using bottle stoppers for entrapping sediment).

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Bottle stoppers used for trapping (mainly yeast) sediments per se	B65D 51/24
Cork removing devices for champagne or sparkling wine bottles	B67B 7/066
Devices for emptying bottles	B67C 9/00

C12G 3/00

Preparation of other alcoholic beverages

Definition statement

This place covers:

Methods for preparing alcoholic beverages other than beer, wine (derived from grapes) or sparkling wine (derived from grapes) and apparatus adapted therefor.

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Preparation of wine from grapes	C12G 1/00
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C12G 3/005

Solid or pasty alcoholic beverage-forming compositions

Definition statement

This place covers:

Methods for preparing solid or pasty compositions forming (typically upon reconstitution or dilution) alcoholic beverages other than beer, wine (derived from grapes) or sparkling wine (derived from grapes).

Apparatus adapted therefor.

C12G 3/02

by fermentation

Definition statement

This place covers:

Methods for preparing alcoholic beverages other than beer, wine (derived from grapes) or sparkling wine (derived from grapes) by straight fermentation.

Apparatus adapted therefor.

C12G 3/025

Low-alcohol beverages (methods for reducing the alcohol content after fermentation [C12H 3/00](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Methods for preparing low alcoholic beverages other than beer, wine (derived from grapes) or sparkling wine (derived from grapes) by straight fermentation.

Apparatus adapted therefor.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Preparation of low alcoholic beverages other than beer, wine (derived from grapes) or sparkling wine (derived from grapes) by after-treatment of fermented solutions	C12H 3/00
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C12G 3/04

by mixing, e.g. for preparation of liqueurs

Definition statement

This place covers:

Methods for preparing alcoholic beverages other than beer, wine (derived from grapes) or sparkling wine (derived from grapes) by mixing (e.g. liqueurs)

Apparatus adapted therefor.

C12G 3/06

with flavouring ingredients

Definition statement

This place covers:

- Methods for preparing alcoholic beverages other than beer, wine (derived from grapes) or sparkling wine (derived from grapes) by mixing with flavouring ingredients, e.g. flavoured cocktails;
- Apparatus adapted therefor.

Special rules of classification

Documents disclosing the use of flavouring ingredients as essential or predominant aspect of the invention as well as documents disclosing specific embodiments (in particular examples) wherein flavouring ingredients are used, are classified in this group.

C12G 3/07

Flavouring with wood extracts, e.g. generated by contact with wood; Wood pretreatment therefor

Definition statement

This place covers:

Methods for preparing alcoholic beverages other than beer, wine (derived from grapes) or sparkling wine (derived from grapes) by mixing and thereby flavouring with wood or wood extract;

Apparatus adapted therefor;

Pre-treatment of the wood used therefor.

C12G 3/08

by methods for altering the composition of fermented solutions or alcoholic beverages not provided for in groups [C12G 3/02](#) - [C12G 3/07](#) (methods for reducing the alcohol content of fermented solutions or alcoholic beverages [C12H 3/00](#); methods for increasing the alcohol content of fermented solutions or alcoholic beverages [C12H 6/00](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

- Methods for preparing alcoholic beverages other than beer, wine (derived from grapes) or sparkling wine (derived from grapes), by methods for varying the composition of fermented solutions other than straight fermentation and mixing, e.g. by reducing the alcohol content;
- Apparatus adapted therefor.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Methods for reducing the alcohol content after fermentation	C12H 3/00
Methods for increasing the alcohol content after fermentation	C12H 6/00