

## GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

### WINE TASTING NOTES BY:

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### ULLAGES (LEVEL OF WINE)

For Bordeaux, Port and other wines in bottles with defined shoulders the ullage/level is shown, if relevant, by its relevant position in the bottle. Our interpretations are as follows:

- u. - ullage/ullages (levels)
- n. - within neck; the normal level of young wines
- bn. - bottom neck; completely acceptable for any age of wine
- vts. - very top shoulder; completely acceptable for any age of wine
- ts. - top shoulder; usual level for wines over 15 years old
- hs. - high shoulder; typical reduction through the cork, usually no problem
- ms. - mid shoulder; usually some deterioration of the cork and therefore some variation

Example: (u. 3hs) means 3 bottles ullaged to high shoulder.

For Burgundy, German and other wines in bottles with sloping necks the ullage is shown in centimetres, measured from the base of the cork.

Example: (u. 2x5cm) means 2 bottles ullaged 5 centimetres.

**Fully branded cork** indicates the producer, vineyard and vintage is legible on the cork.

**Branded cork** indicates that the cork is branded with either the producer, wine and/or vintage being legible on the cork.

Sotheby's Wine does not indicate levels under 3 cm in the necks of the bottles inspected.

**Parcel** is a group of lots of the same type and quantity of wine.

Sotheby's Wine does not comment on either back labels or importer labels

### BOTTLE SIZES - QUANTITY OF LITERS PER BOTTLE SIZE

	BURGUNDY	BORDEAUX	CHAMPAGNE	PORT
hb(s) - half bottle(s)	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375
imp.pt. - imperial pint	0.568	0.568	0.568	0.568
hf.ltr. - half liter	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
bt(s) - bottle(s)	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
ltr. - liter	1	1	1	1
mag. - magnum	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
m-j. - marie-jeanne	—	2.5	—	—
d.mag. - double magnum	—	3	—	3
jero. - jero boam	3	5*	3	—
reho. - rehoboam	—	—	4.5	—
imp. - imperial	—	6	—	—
meth. - methuselah	6	—	6	—
salm. - salmanazar	9	9	9	—
balth. - balthazar	12	12	12	—
nebu. - nebuchadnezzar	15	15	15	—
melr. - melchior	—	18	—	—

### PACKING

- (oc) original carton
- (owc) original wooden case
- (sc) Sotheby's Wine/Sotheby's carton
- (cn) carton

### GENERAL

- [ ] believed e.g. [1970] believed 1970
- cm. centimetres
- bt(s) bottle(s)

The above table is a guide to the liters of wine per bottle size. Where relevant the figures have been taken from the EEC prescribed literage for light still wine, sparkling wine and liqueur wine. The different categories have separate implementation dates which, when combined with past variances in bottling quantities of some bottle sizes, means that this should be treated purely as a guide. Should you require the literage capacity of the wine in any lot, please contact the wine department.

\* up to 1978 Jeroboams were generally bottled in 4.5 liter bottles rather than 5 liter bottles.