

STATE OF NEW YORK
LIQUOR AUTHORITY

TO: All licensed wineries and farm wineries

SUBJECT: Ingredient standards for New York state labelled wines and wines produced by Farm Wineries

The purpose of this Advisory is to provide guidance to: 1) licensed wineries with respect to the statutory requirements to designate a product as a New York state labelled wine, and 2) farm wineries with respect to the production of any wine under their license.

New York state labelled wine

Pursuant to Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (“ABCL”) Section 3(20-a), New York state labelled wine must contain at least 75% by volume New York grown grapes or other fruits.

Wineries

Winery licensees are reminded that while they may import out-of-state wine, grapes or other fruits for manufacturing purposes, they may not represent any wine as “New York state labelled wine” unless at least 75% of the grapes or other fruits utilized to produce the wine were grown in New York. As part of the licensee’s obligation under ABCL Section 103(7) to maintain adequate books and records, wineries should maintain documentation to demonstrate that any New York state labelled wine produced by the licensee conforms to the statutory standard.

Farm Wineries

Farm winery licensees are reminded that they may only utilize grapes or other fruit grown in New York State absent a declaration from the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets permitting the use of out-of-state agricultural products because of a natural disaster, act of God or adverse weather conditions. As part of the licensee’s obligation under ABCL Section 103(7) to maintain adequate books and records, farm wineries should maintain documentation to demonstrate that any wine produced by the licensee is made using only New York State grapes or other fruits.