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Purpose

The purpose of this specification is to ensure that lightly carbonated products are packaged into dry goods that are appropriate for the level of pressure within the packaging.

Guidance

Lightly carbonated product is defined as having a CO₂ level in Grams/Litre (g/L) of 1.5 – 5.0g/L

Our experienced staff members are available to answer any queries regarding the content of this specification.

All queries regarding the requirements of this specification should be directed through the customer's Account Manager.

Responsibility

Customers must ensure that supplied bottles are pressure rated to ensure consumer safety. Vinpac will require to undertake an assessment and, where necessary, trial prior to bottling to confirm we can achieve mechanical application on our automated lines.

It is the customer's responsibility to ensure the specified level of CO₂ in a product does not exceed the pressure rating of the bottle or closure used to package it.

Requirements

Manufacturer's bottle technical drawing including pressure rating and application specifications must be provided to the customer's Account Manager at least 28 days before scheduled bottling date.

Pressure rated closures must be used for wines with over 2.3 grams – 5 g/L of CO₂

Pressure rated bottles must conform to current Winemakers Federation of Australia, Wine Packaging Guidelines unless otherwise specified in this document.

The manufacturer's pressure rating is not to be exceeded.

References

Winemakers Federation of Australia – Wine Packaging Guidelines November 2010
www.wfa.com.au