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Purpose

The purpose of this specification is to ensure that supplied decorated bottles are suitable for use on Vinpac's automated bottling lines.

Guidance

Our experienced staff members are available to answer any queries regarding the content of this specification. They can also assist with design concepts and organise trials of bottles to ensure satisfactory results prior to bottling.

Vinpac has the capability to apply oriented labels either through an orientation mark on the bottle or by the use of bottles with a base lug.

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

Responsibility

Customers must ensure that decorated bottles provided to their contract packer are manufactured with reference to the information contained in this Specification.

It is strongly recommended that Customers check and approve their decorated bottles at the decorator's premises or receive samples for approval prior to delivery to Vinpac International to ensure artwork is correct.

Requirements

Refer to 'SU-013 - Vinpac Specification – Glass Bottles' for further information on the requirements for bottles that are being decorated.

Technical drawings and application specifications together with artwork must be supplied in PDF format to the customer's Account Manager at least 28 days before the scheduled bottling date.

The manufacturer's bottle code is to be supplied to Vinpac prior to production for fill and label capability confirmation.

Scuff resistant inks are recommended.

The supplier shall maintain pest control and glass breakage control measures within their production facility. Vinpac will not accept contaminated pallets or goods.

Orientation Marks and Lugs

Decoration Marks

Bottles with orientation marks must be compatible with Vinpac automated bottling lines. The following orientation mark dimensions and design criteria must be adhered to:

- 10mm in length and 4mm wide.
- Minimum of 3mm vertically from the start of all print.
- Contrasting colour to the filled bottle colour.
- Minimum of 170 mm from the base of the bottle.
- Exactly 180° from the centre of any print on the front of the bottle.

Bottles using orientation marks must be assessed and where necessary trialed by Vinpac prior to production to ensure we can achieve a mechanical label application.

Base Lug

The base lug size must be compatible with Vinpac automated bottling lines. Technical drawings with dimensions of base lug will be required at least 28 days before the scheduled bottling date. Please contact your Account Manager to discuss.

Bottles using base lugs must be assessed and where necessary trialed by Vinpac prior to production to ensure we can achieve mechanical label application.

Packing and Delivery

Detailed information on the packing and delivery of dry goods is contained in SU-009 – Vinpac Specification - Dry Good Packaging and Delivery Requirements.

Recycled Material and Packaging

As part of Vinpac's sustainability objectives, we request that where practical dry goods are made using recyclable materials and are packed using recycled and recyclable materials.

References

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