

BOOZE SCHMOOZE: PROBLEMATIC DRINKS

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PROBLEMATIC CASKS:

- SHERRY
- PORT
- SHIRAZ
- MADEIRA
- SAUTERNES
- COGNAC
- BORDEAUX
- DUAL FINISH
- PINOT NOIR
- OLOROSSO
- FRENCH CASK
- PEDRO XIMÉNEZ
- EUROPEAN CASK
- DOUBLE OAK/ CASK
- TRIPLE OAK/ CASK
- DOUBLE MATURED/FINISHED
- TRIPLE MATURED/FINISHED



LIQUEUR:

ALL LIQUEURS
REQUIRE A
RELIABLE HASHGACHA
DUE TO ADDED FLAVORING.



BEER:

IT'S BEST TO DRINK CERTIFIED BEERS.
MOST UNCERTIFIED UNFLAVORED BEERS
FROM THE POPULAR LARGE SCALE BRANDS
ARE ASSUMED KOSHER. THE MOMENT ANY FLAVOR,
LACTOSE, OR OTHER KOSHER SENSITIVE INGREDIENTS
ARE PRESENT IT NEEDS A RELIABLE HASHGACHA.
EVEN FOR UNFLAVORED BEER, THERE CAN BE
EQUIPMENT ISSUES WHICH RENDER THE BEER NOT
KOSHER. IT IS IMPORTANT TO INVESTIGATE IF THE
BREWERY PRODUCES NON-KOSHER FLAVORED BEERS
(OYSTER, BACON, CLAM, OR LOBSTER ETC.) BEFORE
CONSUMING.



BOURBON:

IF A COMPANY IS JEWISH OWNED, WHICH IS VERY
COMMON, THERE IS AN ISSUE OF "CHAMETZ
SHE'AVAR ALAV HAPESACH" (CHAMETZ THAT
REMAINED IN A JEW'S POSSESSION OVER PESACH,
WITHOUT BEING SOLD TO A NON-JEW) WHICH IS
FORBIDDEN FOR ONE TO HAVE ANY BENEFIT FROM.
SEE MORE BELOW.

GET CLARITY:

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR A SHORT AUDIO CLASS. ACCESS
HELPFUL RESOURCES, & CONSTANTLY UPDATED LISTS.



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THESE ARE JUST A FEW EXAMPLES OF BRANDS THAT
ARE OWNED BY JEWS OVER PESACH AND ARE NOT
ACCEPTABLE.



BUFFALO TRACE DOES HAVE
A SPECIAL RUN CERTIFIED
BY THE CRC CHICAGO THAT
SAYS KOSHER ON IT. THIS
IS NOT KOSHER FOR PESACH.
IT IS CHAMETZ. HOWEVER, IT
IS NOT "CHAMETZ SHE'AVAR
ALAV HAPESACH" (CHAMETZ
THAT REMAINED IN A JEW'S
POSSESSION OVER PESACH),
AND THEREFORE IT IS
ACCEPTABLE.



FOR A LIST OF PROBLEMATIC BOURBONS,
AND FOR BOURBONS THAT HAVE NO CONCERN, CLICK ON LINKS BELOW FOR CRC
CHICAGO'S LIQUOR LIST AT [HTTPS://WWW.CRCWEB.ORG/LISTSANDLINKS.PHP](https://www.crcweb.org/listsandlinks.php)
OR BOURBONRABBI.COM.



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FLAVORS:

ANY TYPE OF ADDED FLAVOR PRESENT IN ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE (INCLUDING SPICED RUM OR THE LIKE) REQUIRES IT TO HAVE A RELIABLE HASHGACHA.

WHEN A BOTTLE DESCRIBES EXPERIENCING NOTES OF UNIQUE FLAVORS LIKE SPICES, VANILLA, FLORAL, CEREAL, AND SMOKE ETC., IT MAY NOT BE REFERRING TO ADDED FLAVORS. RATHER IT MAY BE DESCRIBING NATURAL FLAVORS ATTRIBUTED TO THE GRAIN OR BARREL. CAREFUL READING OF THE LABEL WILL INDICATE IF FLAVORS HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN ADDED.

USUALLY MADE FROM GRAPE ALCOHOL:

- OUZO
- ARAK



POSSIBLY MADE FROM

GRAPE OR WHEY(DAIRY) ALCOHOL:

(CHECK DESCRIPTION. ESPECIALLY WHEN COMING FROM FRANCE, IRELAND, AND NEW ZEALAND):

- GIN & VODKA

GRAPE ALCOHOL-BASED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| • BRANDY | • MARC |
| • COGNAC | • PISCO |
| • GRAPPA | • TSIPOURO |
| • VERMOUTH | • ARMAGNAC |



SHEMITAH WINES:

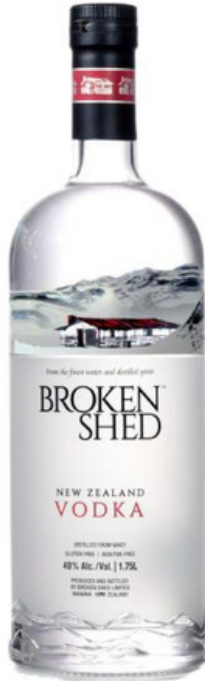
EVEN THOUGH THE SHEMITAH YEAR HAS PASSED, WINES FROM POPULAR ISRAELI BRANDS MIGHT STILL BE MADE FROM SHEMITAH PRODUCE, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM 2022. CHECK THE LABEL CAREFULLY, USUALLY ON THE BACK IN SMALL PRINT. THESE WINES MAY ORIGINATE FROM HETER MECHIRAH PRODUCE (A CONTROVERSIAL PRACTICE) OR THE OTZAR BAIS DIN SYSTEM, WHERE THE BEIS DIN MANAGES FIELDS TO MAKE THE PRODUCE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. HANDLING THESE WINES REQUIRES CAUTION AND CAN HAVE VARIOUS COMPLICATIONS, SO IT'S BEST TO AVOID PURCHASING THEM ALTOGETHER. FOR MORE ON THE TOPIC, SEE PICTURES OF EXAMPLES BELOW AS WELL AS LINKS TO CLASSES WITH MORE EXPLANATION.

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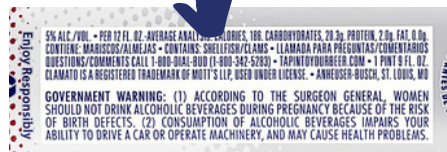
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MADE FROM WHEY (DAIRY)



MADE FROM
GRAPE
ALCOHOL



CONTAINS
SHELLFISH/CLAMS



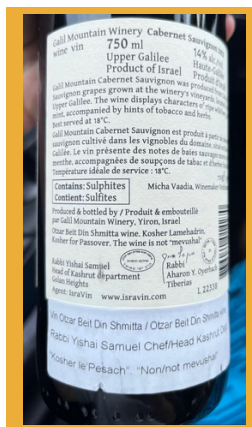
DESCRIPTORS SUCH
AS "SPICED RUM"
IS CONSIDERED
FLAVORING
AND NEEDS
PROPER
HASHGACHA

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THE FOLLOWING ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF OTZAR BEIS DIN, AND HAS KEDUSHA OF SHVI'IS



CLEARLY SAYS OTZAR BEIS DIN

SAYS OTZAR
BEIS DIN IN
ABBREVIATION

FOR MORE EXPLANATION ON THE TOPIC, CLICK TO LISTEN ON THESE CLASSES BELOW:

[THE WHY'S OF WINE \(PART 2\)](#)

[PRODUCE OF ISRAEL \(PART 3\) SHEMITAH](#)

PRODUCED BY RECANATI WINERY
PRODUCT OF ISRAEL ALC. 13% BY VOL. 750 ML

GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE
SURGEON GENERAL, WOMAN SHOULD NOT OPERATE
THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE DURING PREGNANCY. (2)
CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE IMPAIRS
YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE
MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

THIS WINE IS PRODUCED FROM GRAPES GROWN IN
ISRAEL IN THE SABBATICAL YEAR IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE REGULATIONS OF THE HETER MECHILAH OF
THE CHIEF RABBINATE OF ISRAEL.

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for PASSOVER
MEVUSHAL

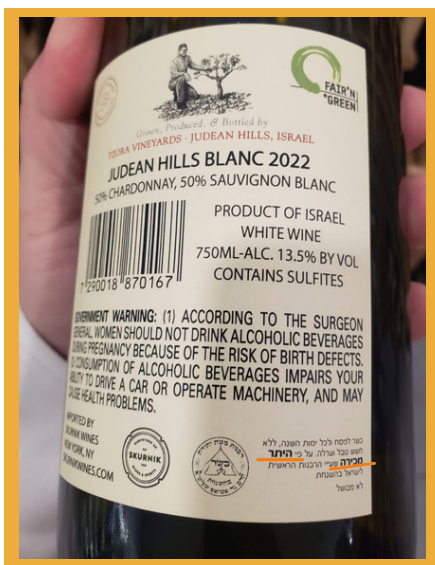
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