



Wine Program Test Instructions

Two samples bottles are provided each cycle for the wine interlaboratory testing program. Each bottle has been assigned a sample code, which corresponds to the sample code found on the CTS Portal data entry forms. Record the results for each property under the corresponding column on the data entry form.

All tests are to be performed in-house on the two samples. If you typically contract an outside laboratory for a particular analysis, do not report results for that analysis. It is not necessary to perform every test in order to be included in the report.

Testing the Sample Materials

- Log into the CTS Portal (www.cts-portal.com) and claim the data entry forms for the Cycle. Review the entry forms to determine which tests you plan to complete and check each entry form to ensure your testing information is listed and correct. It is suggested that you do not open either sample until you are ready to test. Plan to conduct the testing which is most affected by volatility first (Total SO₂, Free SO₂ and Volatile Acidity).

Note: Depending on the number of analyses you plan to perform, it may be advisable to perform one replicate for each test prior to testing the second replicate. This is contrary to our usual procedure but will ensure that you have sufficient wine for at least one replicate of each test.

- A suggested test window is labeled on the Samples. Labs are not required to test their samples within this time period.
- Always use the same instrument and procedure throughout a test, i.e. do not use one procedure/assay for Sample 1 and switch to a different procedure for Sample 2.
- Do not report Density for Test 906: Specific Gravity
- Report Cu Reduction based methods on the Test 908: Residual Sugar data sheet. Report Enzymatic based methods on the Test 910 Glucose + Fructose data sheet.
- Complete all information requested on the data entry forms. To help avoid typos, please verify that the calculated averages are on the same scale as the observations in each column of data.

Returning data

- Data *must* be submitted by the data due date to be included in the report. CTS strongly recommends using our Online Portal (www.cts-portal.com) to submit data but data may be mailed or faxed as well.
- Faxed data MUST use a cover sheet indicating the total number of pages you are sending.

If you require assistance, please contact the Wine Program Manager.