

# TYPES OF BOTTLES FOR WINE

Bottle Shapes,  
Bottle Sizes, and  
Other Options



## BOTTLE SHAPES

**Claret AKA Bordeaux Bottle**

**Straight Sides**

Popular for Bordeaux varietal wines.

**PRIMARY CHOICES**

**Euro-Neck Option**

These bottles often are available in "Euro Neck". Euro Neck is a wider format neck which requires a larger foil or shrink, but takes the same size cork.

**Burgundy Bottle**

**Sloped Sides**

Popular for Burgundian varietals such as Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

## specialty bottle shapes

**Hock Bottle**

**Tall & Slender**

Popular for German wines such as Riesling.

**Champagne Bottle**

**High Pressure Tolerant**

Requires a mushroom corker or crown capper.

**Bellissima Bottle**

**Very tall & Very slender**

Popular for specialties such as dessert wine, liqueur, port, mead and olive oil.

## BOTTLE COLORS



## BOTTLE SIZES

Wine bottle sizes are available in an assortment of metric sizes. Below are standard equivalents for reference.

- 250 ml = 8.45 oz
- 375 ml = 12.7 oz
- 500 ml = 16.9 oz
- 750 ml = 25.35 oz
- 1.5 liter (Magnum) = 50.7 oz

## BOTTLE FINISH

**Cork Finish**

**Corker Required for Installation**

Standard size is 1.75" height by 0.95" width. Cannot hold pressure.

**Screw Cap**

**Some Types Require Machine Installation**

**STELVIN®** type screw caps are used commercially but are not practical for home use. Other screw caps provide only temporary protection. Cannot hold pressure.

**Swing Top**

**No Tools Required**

Swing tops can be installed by hand and can be used for both carbonated and still beverages.

**Crown Cap**

**Capper Required for Installation**

Two sizes are available. 26 mm is standard in the US, 29 mm is standard in Europe. Appropriate for bottles intended to hold pressure for carbonation.

## THE BOTTOM

**Punted AKA Kick-Up**

Most wine bottles have a punted bottom. The higher the punt, the taller the bottle will be along with a larger overall appearance.

**Flat Bottom**

Flat bottom bottles are sometimes available, generally as an "eco" or economy option with lighter glass.