II.4.3.1 Discontinuous secondary fermentation in a closed tank

Definition :

Secondary fermentation procedure in hermetically closed tanks.

Objective :

To produce sparkling wines in tanks in a discontinuous manner.

Prescriptions :

This process comprises the following operations :

a) Preparation of the base wine or cuvee,
b) Preparation of the tirage liqueur,
c) Inoculation with yeasts,
d) Addition of clarifying agents,
e) Tirage in a closed tank,
f) Storage in a closed tank,
g) Clarification of the sparkling wine,
h) Cooling,
i) Addition of the dosage,
j) Isobaric bottling.

Remark :

Only operations (e), (f), (h), (j) and (i) are different from the operations of secondary fermentation in bottles.

Recommendation of OIV:

Refer to the practices and treatments mentioned in the present International Code of Oenological Practices.