

# Factsheet

## Wine Recorking

*Customers at liquor-permitted establishments can request to have partially consumed bottles of wine recorked to take home. This helps encourage responsible consumption because customers have the option to buy wine by the bottle but won't feel compelled to finish the bottle before leaving the liquor-permitted establishment.*

### **Is wine recorking available at all Saskatchewan bars and restaurants?**

All liquor-permitted establishments that sell wine by the bottle (restaurants, brew pubs, lounges, etc.) are required to offer the recorking service.

### **Is there a similar service for beer and spirits?**

No. Recorking only applies to wine.

### **Is there a charge for the service?**

It is up to liquor permitted establishments to decide whether or not they charge customers to recork the bottle.

### **How are wine bottles recorked?**

Unfinished bottles must be sealed with a new cork (natural or synthetic) so that the top of the cork is flush with the top of the bottle. Wine bottles with a twist off cap must also be sealed with a new cork.

### **Can customers bring wine to a restaurant and have it recorked?**

No. All alcohol consumed in a liquor-permitted establishment must be purchased at the establishment.

### **How does recorking promote responsible drinking?**

Recorking is a socially responsible initiative that gives the customers the option of buying wine by the bottle without feeling compelled to finish the whole bottle at one sitting.

### **Can restaurants refuse to recork a bottle of wine?**

Restaurants and other establishments that sell wine by the bottle are required to recork a bottle of wine purchased at the establishment when requested by the customer. However, for safety reasons, establishments may refuse to recork a bottle that is damaged.

### **Is it legal to transport recorked wine in a vehicle?**

Existing laws apply to transporting the wine. Recorked wine must not be easily accessible by passengers or the driver when being transported in a vehicle.

### **If customers leave their recorked wine at a restaurant, can it be given away or resold?**

No. When customers leave a partially consumed bottle of wine, the wine must be destroyed.

