

# KASHRUT: UNCOOKED GRAPE JUICE/WINE

## **Kashrut: Open, Uncooked Wine: Drinking or Benefiting From**

You may not DRINK or DERIVE ANY BENEFIT FROM open (unsealed), non-mevushal (uncooked, previously kosher) wine or grape juice that has been handled by:

- A non-Jew, or
- Any Jew who intentionally does not observe the laws of Shabbat.

**NOTE** Even though some people are not stringent about this, they should be since the prohibition is from the Talmud.

**NOTE** “Deriving benefit” includes that you may not sell it, feed it to an animal, etc.

**NOTE** There may be exceptions for cases involving large losses. A large loss is subjective to the individual's actual wealth and also to that person's perception of what is a large loss. Consult a rabbi.

## **Kashrut: Open, Uncooked Wine: From When May a Non-Observant Person Not Handle?**

A non-Jew or non-shomer Shabbat Jew may not handle wine (or grape juice) once the juice has been separated from the lees (the remaining solid parts of the grapes).

**NOTE** Once ANY juice has been removed from the vat, all of the remaining grape juice or wine becomes subject to becoming non-kosher if contacted by anyone other than a shomer-Shabbat Jew.