Wine

The principal difference between *kosher* wine (or grape juice) and non-*kosher* wine (or grape juice) is that the *kosher* wine must be produced and handled only by religious Jews. However, once the wine or grape juice has been cooked ("*mevushal*"), it may be handled by anyone, including people who are not Jewish, and it will still remain *kosher*. Pasteurization may be sufficient to be considered "cooking" for this purpose.

NOTE Many good-quality wines are NOT *mevushal* and when those bottles are opened must not be handled by anyone who is not a *shomer Shabbat* Jew.

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