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.

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