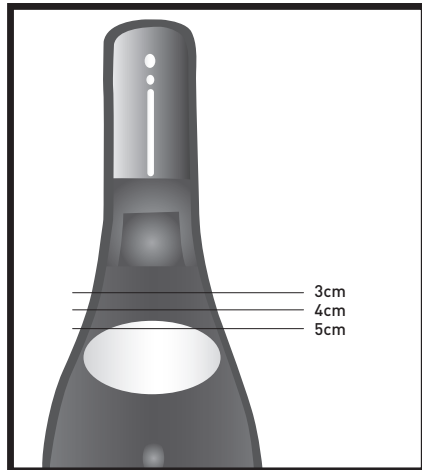
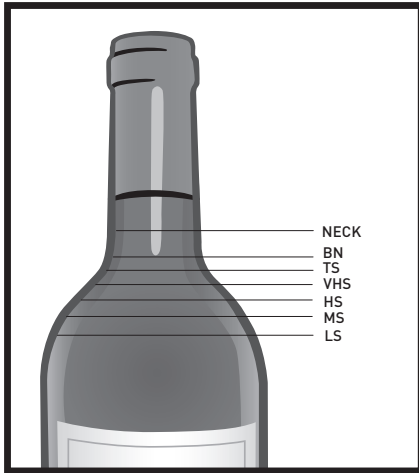


# Ullage, Bottle Size Descriptions & Summary of Abbreviations Used in this Catalog



## LEVELS OF WINE

**For Bordeaux, Port and other wines in bottles with defined shoulders** the extent of ullage (or wine level in the bottle) is described by its position in the bottle. Our policy is to note levels only when we feel that significant ullage has taken place since bottling. Our interpretations are as follows:

### NECK

**BN:** Base neck

The normal level of young wines

**TS:** Top shoulder

Totally acceptable for any age of wine

**VHS:** Very high shoulder

Normal level for wines 15-20 years old

**HS:** High shoulder

Typical for any wine of 20 years of age or older

**MS:** Mid shoulder

Natural reduction through the cork, usually acceptable

Typically due to some deterioration of the cork and therefore some variation in overall condition of wine

**LS:** Low shoulder

Risky, usually not accepted for sale

**For Burgundy, German and other wines in bottles with sloping necks** the ullage is measured in centimeters from the base of the cork or capsule, whichever is lower.

## BOTTLE SIZES

Half-bottle:

375 milliliters (ML)

Bottle:

750 milliliters (ML)

Magnum:

1.5 liters (L)

Double-magnum:

3 liters (L)

Jeroboam:\*

5 liters (L), except when used to designate Burgundy or sparkling wine, in which case the contents are 3 liters (L)

Rehoboam:

Same literage as a jeroboam, but in a bottle of different shape

Imperial:

6 liters (L)

Methuselah:

Same literage as imperial, but in a bottle of different shape

Salmanazar:

9 liters (L)

Balthazar:

12 liters

Nebuchadnezzar:

12 to 16 liters (L)

Melchior:

18 liters (L)

Case:

12 standard bottles, 24 half-bottles or 6 magnums

*\* Please note that prior to 1978 Bordeaux wines bottled in jeroboams were typically 4.5L bottles*

**KEY:** oc = original case • owc = original wooden case