

BOURBON:

If a company is Jewish owned, which is very common, there is an issue of "Chametz She'avar Alav HaPesach" (Chametz that remained in a Jew's possession over Pesach, Without being sold to a Non-Jew) which is forbidden for one to have any benefit from.



These are just a few examples of brands that are owned by Jews over Pesach and are not acceptable.



Buffalo Trace does have a special run certified by the CRC Chicago that says Kosher on it. This is not Kosher for Pesach. It is chametz. However, it is NOT "Chametz She'avar Alav HaPesach" (Chametz that remained in a Jew's possession over Pesach), and therefore it IS acceptable.



Scan here for a short audio class with more information. Access helpful resources with constantly updated lists.



“... Similarly in our time - the last days of exile - it is necessary for there to be an extra strengthening in the observance of *kashrus* and *Taharas Hamishpacha* as a preparation and introduction to entering into Eretz Yisroel with the redemption through our righteous Moshiach.”

- Likutei Sichos,
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Booze Schmooze

The Kashrus of Alcoholic Drinks

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Sip Smartly. Problematic Drink Detection.

PROBLEMATIC CASKS:

- SHERRY
- BORDEAUX
- PORT
- DUAL FINISH
- SHIRAZ
- PINOT NOIR
- MADEIRA
- OLOROSSO
- SAUTERN
- COGNAC
- FRENCH CASK
- PEDRO XIMÉNEZ
- EUROPEAN CASK
- DOUBLE OAK/ CASK
- TRIPLE OAK/ CASK
- DOUBLE MATURED/FINISHED
- TRIPLE MATURED/FINISHED



FLAVORS:

Any type of added flavor present in any alcoholic beverage including spiced rum or the like) requires it to have a reliable hashgacha.

BEER:

It's best to drink certified beers. Most uncertified unflavored beers from the popular large scale brands are assumed kosher. The moment any flavor, lactose or other kosher sensitive ingredients are present it needs a Reliable Hashgacha. Even for unflavored beer, there can be equipment issues which render the beer not kosher. It is important to investigate if the brewery produces non-kosher flavored beers (oyster, bacon, clam, or lobster etc.) before consuming.



LIQUEUR:

All liqueurs require a reliable hashgacha due to added flavoring.



USUALLY MADE FROM GRAPE ALCOHOL:

- OUZO
- ARAK

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POSSIBLY MADE FROM
GRAPE OR WHEY (DAIRY)
ALCOHOL: (check description, especially when coming from France, Ireland, & New Zealand):

- GIN
- VODKA

GRAPE ALCOHOL-BASED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:



- BRANDY
- COGNAC
- GRAPPA
- VERMOUTH
- TSIPOURO
- ARMAGNAC
- MARC
- PISCO

NORM DOESN'T SET THE "BAR"

Just because a certain alcoholic drink is very commonly used at Simchas, Farbrengens, Kiddush club and the like, that does not mean it's acceptable. Follow a reputable Hashgacha's list to set your bar to a higher standard. Scan code on the back for constantly updated lists.

