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Responsible Service Tip Sheet: **TAKE HOME THE REST**

INFORMATION SHEET FROM THE ALCOHOL AND GAMING COMMISSION OF ONTARIO



All liquor sales licensees have the option to reseal a partially consumed bottle of commercially-made wine so that patrons can take it home to enjoy later – instead of trying to finish the entire bottle before they leave. Called “Take Home the Rest”, this option supports responsible service and moderate consumption.

Under Take Home the Rest, the licensee or an employee of the licensed establishment must reseal the bottle with a cork that is inserted flush with the top of the bottle so that it cannot be re-opened and consumed while in transit or in public places. Even if the wine bottle originally came with a screw cap or other similar top, it must still be sealed with a natural or synthetic cork if your patrons want to take it home.

Take Home the Rest applies only to commercially-made wine purchased under your Liquor Sales Licence or commercially-made wine brought into your establishment under a Bring Your Own Wine (BYOW) Endorsement (for more information on BYOW, please see the Responsible Service Tip Sheet entitled *Bring Your Own Wine Endorsement*). Take Home the Rest does not include wine made at a Ferment on Premise facility, wine made at an establishment with a wine pub endorsement, homemade wine, fortified wine (containing more than 14.9% alcohol), beer or spirits.

Take Home the Rest also offers licensees and patrons additional flexibility. For example, if a patron wishes to purchase a glass of a particular wine that is only sold by the bottle on the menu, the server can offer the opportunity to purchase a bottle of that wine. The patron can then enjoy just a glass and have the remainder of the bottle corked to take home.

Offering the opportunity to allow patrons to “Take Home the Rest” is voluntary and does not require an application or any additions or endorsements to a liquor sales licence.

include a suspension or revocation of your licence. For more information, please contact AGCO Customer Service at 416-326-8700 or 1-800-522-2876 (toll free in Ontario) or visit us online at www.agco.ca.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Take Home the Rest only applies to wine. It does not apply to spirits or beer.
- The bottle must be resealed with a cork that is flush with the top of the bottle.
- Only the licensee or an employee of the establishment is permitted to recork a bottle that is being removed from the licensed premises.
- Wine from one bottle cannot be poured into another in order to combine more than one partial bottle before recorking.
- Take Home the Rest does not permit a licensee to sell “wine to go”. Patrons cannot remove unopened bottles of wine that they purchased at the establishment. Take Home the Rest only applies to opened, partially consumed bottles of wine remaining at the end of the patrons’ visit.
- If a patron is or appears to be intoxicated, you cannot allow that patron to remove liquor from your premises under Take Home the Rest. You must also ensure that the intoxicated person immediately and safely leaves your establishment.
- Take Home the Rest is separate from the BYOW Endorsement. You do not need a BYOW Endorsement on your Liquor Sales Licence to offer Take Home the Rest. Any establishment with the ability to fully recork a bottle of wine may offer this service.
- There is no fee to participate in the Take Home the Rest program.

KNOW THE LAW

As a liquor sales licensee, you must operate in compliance with the *Liquor Licence Act* and its regulations. This includes not serving to minors or serving to intoxication. Breaches of the liquor laws can lead to an administrative sanction against your Liquor Sales Licence, and could