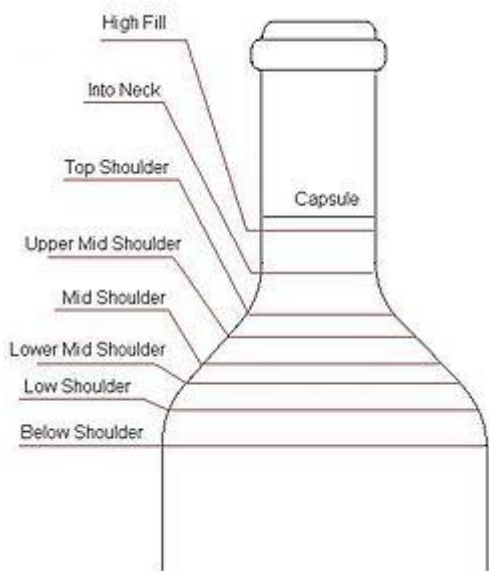


Condition and Ullage

Lots are sold as seen and with no guarantee of the condition of the contents. Any notes regarding provenance can be found in the condition reports available at www.tennants.co.uk. It is not our policy to inspect every unopened case, however those that have been inspected may no longer have an intact lid.

The ullage (U.), where available, is listed in the catalogue. Champagne ullage is measured from the base of the bottom when inverted. Ullage levels or bottle conditions may change as a result of transport. Corks in older wines may fail naturally or as a result of transport. Tennants cannot accept responsibility at any point for failed corks, and no refunds will be given.



High Fill	Normal fill, level of young wines
Into Neck	Very good for any age of wine, outstanding for a wine over 10 years old
Top Shoulder	Normal for any Bordeaux over 15 years old
Upper Shoulder	Acceptable for wines 20 years old, exceptional for pre 1950 wines. Slight natural reduction due to cork easing and evaporation through cork and capsule
Mid Shoulder	Not abnormal for wines 30-40 years old. Probably some weakening of the cork and some risk.
Mid Low Shoulder	Some risk
Low Shoulder	Risky, only accepted for sale if exceptionally rare or interesting
Below Low Shoulder	Normally undrinkable, only accepted for sale if exceptionally rare or interesting
Burgundy	The condition and drinkability of Burgundy is less affected by the ullage than Bordeaux. 5-7cm ullage in a 50 year old bottle can be considered normal, or even good. 3.5-4cm is excellent for its age, and even 7cm is rarely a risk.