

Essential Australian Wine Export Documentation Checklist

Document	Issued By	Purpose & Notes
Export Licence	Wine Australia	Mandatory for exports >100L; verifies exporter eligibility and compliance.
Product Registration Cert.	Wine Australia	Confirms product meets standards and Food Code; required for each wine/label.
Shipping Approval (Permit)	Wine Australia	Export permit for each >100L shipment; generates WBC number.
Export Declaration Number	Australian Border Force (ABF)	Mandatory for customs clearance; references WBC number.
Certificate of Origin	Wine Australia / Chamber of Commerce	Needed for Free Trade Agreements; often required for China and others.
VI-1 Document (EU/UK)	Wine Australia	Mandatory composition/analysis certificate for EU; <i>not for Great Britain after Feb 2022</i> .
Organic Goods Certificate	Dept. of Agriculture	Proves organic/biodynamic status; required for organic wine exports above 10L.
Commercial Invoice, Packing List	Exporter	Key transaction and contents docs for customs and freight.
Bill of Lading / Air Waybill	Carrier	Official receipt and contract for shipment; necessary for customs, delivery, and any insurance claims.
Insurance Certificate	Exporter/Carrier	Proof of shipment insurance; strongly recommended (though not a legal requirement).

Important: VI-1 remains mandatory for the EU but not for Great Britain as of February 2022. Confirm requirements with your freight forwarder.

Note: The information provided in this documentation checklist is accurate as of July 2025. However, export regulations and documentation requirements can change. Therefore, you should always confirm the latest requirements with your freight forwarder, Wine Australia, the Department of Agriculture, or other relevant authorities before finalising any shipment. This will help you avoid unnecessary delays, compliance issues, or legal complications.