



KOSHER SA
A Division of the UOS

Imported Alcohol Policy

Which imported alcohol is kosher?

Since the majority of alcohol is not produced in South Africa, we rely extensively on information from other kosher agencies worldwide. Please see our general policies on imported alcohol below:

BEER

All unflavoured beer that comes from major suppliers are approved (including Alcohol-Free variants). Craft and flavoured beer requires a reputable hechsher.

BRANDY, SHERRY & PORT

Requires a reputable hechsher, as these are grape-based.

GIN

All unflavoured gin produced and bottled outside of SA is Kosher, with the exception of any gins that contain grapes, wine, milk, lactose or whey. All flavoured gins require kosher certification.

LIQUEURS, CORDIALS, MIXES, VERMOUTH

Requires certification.

RUM

All unflavoured rum (including Dark Rum) produced and bottled outside SA is Kosher unless they are aged in sherry or wine casks.

TEQUILA

All unflavoured tequila produced and bottled in Mexico is acceptable in blanco, anejo and reposado varieties unless they are aged in sherry or wine casks.

VODKA

All unflavoured vodkas produced and bottled outside SA are kosher, with the exception of any vodkas that contain grapes, wine, milk, lactose or whey. All flavoured vodkas require kosher certification.

WINE

Requires a reputable hechsher. Vineyards may produce both kosher and non-kosher varieties, so please check for the hechsher on the bottle.

WHISKEY

- Scotch** - Our policy is that all Scotch whiskeys that are produced and bottled in Scotland are approved. **
- American** - Our policy is that all American whiskeys that are produced and bottled in America are approved. **
- Japanese** - Our policy is that all non-blended Japanese Single malt whiskeys are approved.
- Irish** - Our policy is that all Irish whiskeys that are produced and bottled in Ireland are approved. **
- Indian** - Not approved.

** *Sherry / Port / Wine Casks* - However, there are some opinions that are stringent and do not accept whiskeys that are aged in port, wine or sherry casks

For a more extensive list please see the following:

Star - K - https://www.star-k.org/resource/list/PCW0Z0DO/Beer,_Liquor_and_Liqueur

CRC - <https://www.crcweb.org/LiquorList.pdf>