

SB 1013 – Wine/Spirits in Bottle Bill

CONTAINER TYPES/IMPLEMENTATION DATES

Wine containers (all types – bottles to bag-in-box) will be subject to the Bottle Bill program beginning Jan. 1, 2024. Labeling of these products begins July 1, 2025. (Spirits are also newly captured and subject to the same requirements as wine).

BOTTLE DEPOSITS

- 750ml bottles will be subject to a **10-cent CRV** (California Redemption Value). Containers less than than 24 o.z are subject to a **5-cent CRV**. New container types into the program (Tetra Pak, pouches, bag-in-box) will be subject to a **25-cent CRV**.
- CRV is normally paid to CalRecycle by the distributor, then recovered from the retailer, who
 then charges the customer (we know a complicated chain). For direct-to-consumer
 transactions, wineries would pay the charge to CalRecycle and recover by assessing the CRV
 upon their customers. The fee can be recovered by customers by returning their container
 to a recycling center.

PROCESSING FEES

- Wineries will need to pay a processing fee to CalRecycle for all containers they sell. For glass, that charge is 0.426 cents/bottle, for new container types that charge is 0.574 cents/container.
- This cost is meant to offset the cost of recycling different material types. With the addition
 of wine bottles into the program, we are hopeful this can eventually be reduced to zero
 (like is currently the case for aluminum).

MISCELLANEOUS

• There is also funds allocated in the bill to help bolster the collection and recycling of glass bottles, which we hope will be useful in particular for more rural communities. Additionally, there are policy provisions in the bill meant to encourage additional recycling centers.