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TABC Label

TABC Certificate Number  Permit/License Number  Letter Prefix and six digits - ex. S987654

Brand Name  Type

Approval Date  -  (MM/DD/YYYY) Trade Name

Alcohol By Volume Content From:  To:

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- **TABC Certificate Number:** Enter exact 6-digit TABC certificate number.
- **Permit/License Number:** Enter exact permit/license number. (Include beginning alpha character.)
- **Brand Name:** Enter full or partial brand name.
- **Type:** Select Malt Beverage, Wine or Spirits.
- **Approval Date:** Enter full or partial approval date.
- **Trade Name:** Enter full or partial trade name.
- **Alcohol By Volume Content:** Enter a numerical range.

## Additional Information

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# Alcoholic Beverage Labels

*...what the label tells you*



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# What the label tells you...

## NAME AND ADDRESS

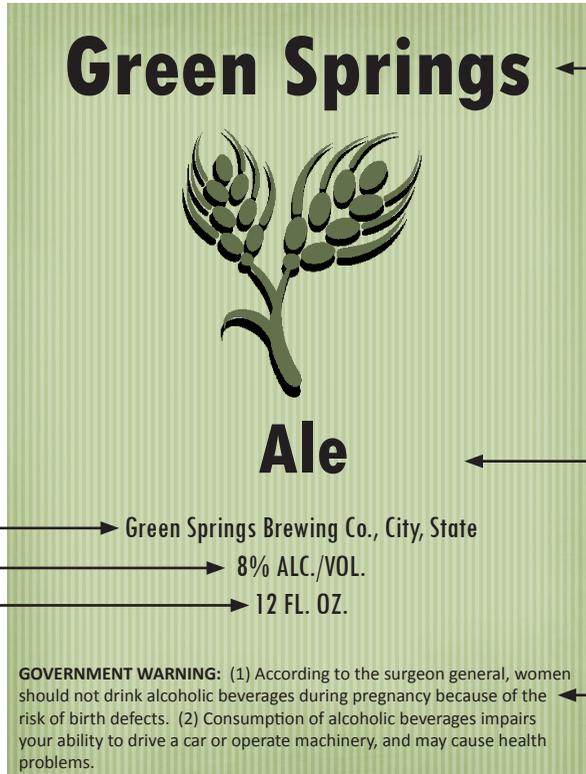
The name and address of the bottler or importer must appear on the brand label.

## ALCOHOL CONTENT

The alcohol content is required on labels for flavored malt beverages that derive alcohol from added flavors. Also required on distilled spirits labels.

## NET CONTENTS

The net contents must be stated in English units of measure for malt beverages and metric units of measure for wine and distilled spirits. There are additional requirements for container sizes for wine and distilled spirits.



## BRAND NAME

The brand name is required and is used to identify and market the product.

## CLASS DESIGNATION

A malt beverage label may contain a class designation of the product. For example: beer, lager, ale, stout, porter, etc. When a malt beverage is made with the addition of spices, fruit, honey, or natural flavors, it requires specific labeling to indicate the class designation.

A distilled spirit label must contain a designation that accurately identifies the product in the bottle. For example: gin, vodka, rum, tequila, etc.

## HEALTH WARNING STATEMENT

This statement is required on all beverages containing 0.5% or more alcohol by volume.

## Additional information you may see on malt beverage labels:

**Draft/Draught** - Generally means the product has not been pasteurized and some other method of removing or inhibiting the growth of bacteria has been utilized.

**Lite/Light/Low-Carb** - Malt beverages labeled as "Lite" or "Light" must include a statement of average analysis. The statement must include the amount per serving of calories, carbohydrates, protein, and fat. Malt beverages labeled as "Low-Carbohydrate" must include a statement of average analysis and the product can contain no more than 7 grams of carbohydrates per 12-ounce serving.

## Additional information you may see on wine labels:

**VINTAGE DATE** - Indicates the year in which the grapes were harvested.

**ESTATE BOTTLED** - Means that 100% of the wine came from grapes grown on land owned or controlled by the winery. The winery and the vineyard must be in the same viticultural area.

**APPELLATION OF ORIGIN** - Another name for the place in which the dominant grapes used in the wine were grown. Means at least 75% of the wine is produced from grapes grown in the place named.

**VITICULTURAL AREA** - A grape-growing region in the U.S. with geographic features (such as soil or climate) that set it apart from the surrounding areas. Means at least 85% of the wine was produced from grapes grown in the region.

**VARIETAL DESIGNATIONS** - Names of dominant grapes used in the wine. For example: Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Zinfandel, Merlot. Means at least 75% of the grapes used to make the wine are of that variety and that the entire 75% were grown in the labeled appellation.

**OTHER DESIGNATIONS** - Wine labels are not required to bear a varietal designation. Other designations may be used to identify the wine, such as Red Wine, Rose Wine, White Wine, Table Wine (if no more than 14% alcohol by volume) or Dessert Wine (if over 14% alcohol by volume). Some imported wines are designated with a distinctive name which is permissible only on specific wines from a particular place or region within the country of origin. For example: Asti Spumanti from Italy and Bordeaux from France.

**DECLARATION OF SULFITES** - Required if the wine is intended for interstate commerce and contains 10 or more parts per million of sulfur dioxide.

