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Wine Storage at Stafford Bonded

Where your wine lies today will most definitely decide its future. At Stafford Bonded, we offer our customers a first class service for storing wines In Bond. This document contains information about our storage facility at Stafford Bonded, the value of careful wine storage and the advantage of buying wines In Bond.

Storing Wine

Careful, controlled storage of your wine portfolio ensures that it matures well and retains its quality, taste and value. It is very difficult to recreate the optimum long-term storage conditions at home. Wine is sensitive to humidity, temperature, air quality, light and even the position in which it is stored. At Stafford Bonded, our wine storage facility is carefully managed and environmentally-controlled with the optimum conditions for maturation. Customer stock, which can be stored either In Bond or Duty Paid, is held in a separate area of our bonded warehouse in Wexford, Ireland, fully labelled and completely secure.

If you wish to transfer your wine portfolio to us or you are considering starting one, then we would be delighted to hear from you. For enquiries about wine storage at Stafford Bonded, please contact us on (+353) 053-9142655 or email info@staffordbonded.ie.

Buying Wines In Bond

Wines bought In Bond have not yet had Duty and VAT paid on them. They must be stored in a Revenue-approved bonded warehouse, like the facility we have at Stafford Bonded. The wine will become liable to Duty and VAT, invoiced at the prevailing rate, when it is dispatched from our warehouse unless it is transferred to another approved bonded facility. The majority of our wines can be purchased In Bond.

Why Buy In Bond?

From our experience in the wine industry, we believe it is wiser to purchase and retain wine stocks under bond because it facilitates the overseas shipment of these wines without complication. Wines that have Duty Paid may face the problem of further Duty in the importing country, which leads to added difficulty or trying to reclaim the original Duty Paid in the home country.

From our bonded warehouse, we regularly ship wine to Sotheby's and Christie's of London for auction. This process is done with ease if the wines are transferred under bond.

Buying In Bond means that you do not have to pay the Duty and VAT on the wine. If you sell the wine at a later date In Bond, you will still not have to pay these charges. Wines stored In Bond are more attractive to prospective buyers, be they merchants or private individuals. The provenance is easier to trace if a wine has been kept In Bond, which is another critical factor should you wish to sell.

Stafford Bonded is also a first class *en primeur* storage facility for high value wines. *En primeur* wines have not yet been bottled and are still in barrels. The popularity of *en primeur* wines in the Far East, particularly China, makes the transfer of wines under bond to these destinations a more sensible option than to have them Duty Paid.

Our Portfolio Management Service

If you decide to store your wine portfolio at Stafford Bonded, you can avail of our free portfolio management service. This service is dedicated to helping you manage your wine portfolio, be it for drinking or for investment purposes. If requested we will monitor the maturity of your cellar and contact you to advise if a wine needs drinking, as well as providing recommended drinking dates for your entire wine portfolio. We will be happy to provide you with a market valuation of your cellar on request. We will also offer to purchase your wines at competitive prices. Each year you will receive a detailed valuation and status report.

Security

At Stafford Bonded you can relax in the knowledge that your wine portfolio is stored safely and securely. There is insurance included in your stock charges so your wines are always insured against losses and breakages. Should the worst occur, we will compensate you based on the historical cost of your damaged or destroyed wines.

Rental Charges

For information about our fees and rates for wine storage at Stafford Bonded, please contact us on (+353) 053-9142655 or email info@staffordbonded.ie.

Wine Statements

We will issue monthly statements itemising your wine stock holding as well as certificates of pristine storage. If you wish, we can also give valuations on the top classed growth Bordeaux, Burgundy and great Italian wines that we store for you.

Transferring Your Wine to Stafford Bonded

We are happy to arrange a collection from your home or receive wine for you from another wine merchant. Please advise us in writing when transferring your wines from elsewhere and please instruct delivery to: Your full name, C/O Stafford Bonded, Sinnottstown Lane, Drinagh, Co. Wexford, Ireland.

Conditions of Transfer

Unlike many of our competitors, at Stafford Bonded we are happy to store wines for you bought from other merchants. Please contact us for further information. We will also provide a condition photograph of your wine for validation purposes. Wines to be stored should be advised, in writing or via e-mail, before arriving at Stafford Bonded.

Withdrawing Wine From Your Reserve

Wine can only be released from storage upon receipt of written/email instruction. To arrange delivery please contact your client advisor or email the Orders team at orders@staffordbonded.ie.

Delivery

We can arrange delivery of your portfolio as per your directions. We require 24 hour notice for all deliveries and we offer a next day delivery service provided orders are received before noon the previous day. There are fees involved so please contact us to find out more.

Export Service

If you wish to ship your wines overseas, we will be happy to arrange this for you. For any enquiries please contact us on (+353) 053-9142655, or email info@staffordbonded.ie.

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