



# WINE "DOGGIE BAG" LAW

Maryland restaurant dinners can take home their unfinished wine bottles. Under Maryland law, restaurants may allow unfinished bottles to leave the premises, if servers recork or recap the bottle.



## UNFINISHED WINE BOTTLES

Restaurants may allow unfinished wine bottles to leave the premises, provided that servers recork or recap the unfinished bottle.



## THE BOTTLE SHOULD BE SECURELY RECORKED

Unfinished bottles should be securely recorked, pushing the cork as far into the bottle as possible or tightly recapping them.



## APPLIES ONLY TO WINE

The law applies **ONLY** to WINE and does not cover beer or spirits. It does not apply to unopened bottles of wine either.



## THE WINE BOTTLE IS STILL CONSIDERED AN "OPEN CONTAINER" UNDER THE LAW

Maryland law prohibits open containers in "passenger areas" of automobiles. Unfinished bottles must be transported in the trunk, cargo hold, lockable glove box or behind the rear-most seat of an automobile.



## DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF UNOPENED WINE BOTTLES TO-GO.

This law **DOES NOT** allow for unopened bottles of wine to be sold to-go unless the restaurant has a "By the Drink" permission.