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.