

French zinc and enameled bin labels from early mid 19th

English bin labels are not uncommon, given that they made of pottery, and hung on nails, which when rusted allowed the bin label to fall. They are about 15 centimeters in width and ten centimeters in height. Typical manufacturers were Minton, Spode, Copeland and Wedgewood. Below are some examples from the same time period as the French bin labels.



Picture 1 Examples of two Copeland bin labels , left and right, and a Wedgewood bin label, center.

French bin labels are not found as often as their English counterparts, why is unclear to me, as there would have been many wine cellars in France requiring such information. It could be, that like the labels immediately below, they were fragile and did not survive.

Zinc bin rectangles, covered with paper labels



Picture 2 A selection of French Bin labels. Approximately 60 mm in width and 40 mm in height. From top left to lower right.

Bourgogne 1862, Vin de Bordeaux 1843, Vin de Bourgogne 1840, Bordeaux Médoc 1863, M^{ssrs} Barton Guestier en b^{elles} 1869

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(Bottled for Messrs. Barton Gustiers 1869) It is interesting to see that these wines were held in the barrels and not bottled for 6 years, which seems long by modern procedures



Picture 3 From top left to lower right. Madère 1860, Vin du Frontignan, M. Mura
1878, S^t Péray 1865, Vin de Sainte Marthe 1820, Vin de Marsallat 1863, Pouilly,
Vin Blanc de Santerre 1861, Vin Porto 1878 S. Mura

Along with these bin labels were a couple of non wine specific interesting labels



Picture 4 top

While difficult to make out it appears to say

" 4 passes de la A' io L'Arbre

neuf fait par l'enclos

le 8 Avril 1878

Picture 4 lower image

Chef de la credance? There is an old French word “crédence” which is defined as “l’épreuve des mets et boissons” which translates to “proof of food and drink” here, would it be chief of alcoholic or other proof of the wine?

Chef de la cave, chief or head of the cellar.

Metal backed enameled bin labels



Picture 5 showing a selection of bin labels, approximately 104 by 80 mm.



Picture 6, more examples of bin labels, approximately 120 by 70mm, though the Montpellier label is almost certainly not a bin label, but maybe a street or place



Picture 7, some smaller bin labels, these measuring approximately 72.30 mm by 52.00 mm.



Picture 8. An unusual oval shaped bin label. The iron background is clearly shown by the rust on the label

Conclusion.

As with all my other articles, the opinions on the labels shown are just that, an opinion. I am always open to other information or viewpoints.

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