

English Enamel Wine labels with miswritten letters

I mentioned in a previous article (1) of a number of miswritten “A” and “N” I am now expanding this topic which includes some additional examples.



The upper AN is as normally found written on wine labels and other objects, the lower AN as found on these labels. As will be seen below, sometimes it is only one of the letters miswritten, other times more.

Labels with the A miswritten and no N



It is interesting to note the similarity of decoration between the smaller and larger labels, suggesting their being manufactured in the same workshop. More examples of these types of labels can be seen in reference 1

Labels with the A miswritten and the N correct



Labels with both the A and N miswritten



The confused prize

A label with N correct, the first A miswritten and the second one correct



Conclusion

As the labels have the same decoration and sizes for the three small labels family two (1) and the nine larger labels family four (1) (most common size for Staffordshire type labels) you have to wonder on the different types of mistakes and how many individuals were involved in the lettering, the final stage of the label preparation. Does the fact that all four brandy labels of family four in my collection are miswritten, while all of my bourbon and gin labels have correct Ns, mean that one individual was responsible for all brandy labels, and another one for the boubon and/or gin labels?

Reference

1) Some observations on Staffordshire type Enamel Wine Labels. drrwells.com