A photo catalogue of Battersea (Ravenet) Enamel Wine Labels

This article is based upon a number of articles and reviews of these labels (1,2) I do not speculate on names not shown below, as this is thoroughly covered in The Wine Circle's book (3). I would also like to apologise for the quality of some of the photographs, but unfortunately these were only available to me as second or even third generation copies, some only in black and white.

The first part of the article will focus on names, the second on the use of styles for various names and the third part on the variation of colour decoration for a Ravenet design. At the end I show monochrome versions of some of these labels, as well as "Birmingham" Ravenets.

List of names shown in the photographs below.

| ALE | GRAVE | PALME |
|------------|----------------|-------------|
| BEER | НОСК | PONTAC |
| BRANDY | HONGRIE | PORT |
| BOURGOGNE | HUILE DE VENUS | PUNCH |
| BURGUNDY | LISBON | RANCIE |
| CANARIE | LUNEL | RHEIN |
| CAPE | MADEIRA | RHENISH |
| CHAMPAGNE | MALAGA | ROTA |
| CHAMPAIN | MALVOISIE | RUM |
| CLARET | MARASQUIN | SHERRY |
| CURRANT* | MORACHE | s'. emëlion |
| CYDER | MOSELLE | TOQUAY |
| ESPAGNE | MOUNTAIN | W.PORT |
| FRONTINIAC | MUSCAT | W.WINE |

^{*} In the monochrome section

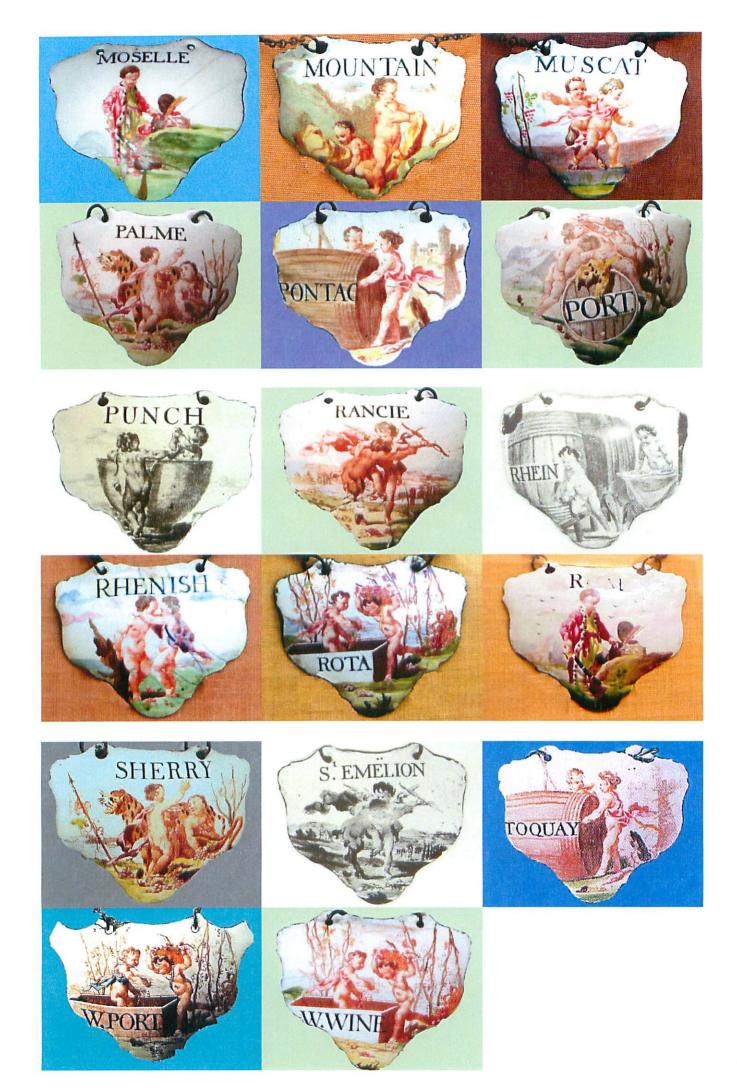
Photographs of names shown in the table above









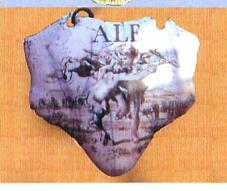


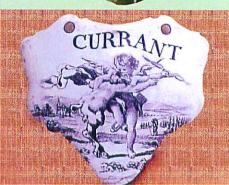
Labels of same design but different names

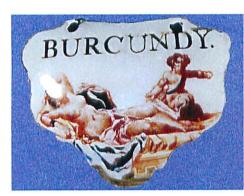












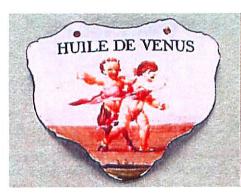






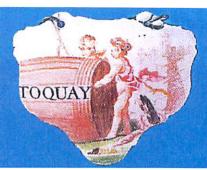






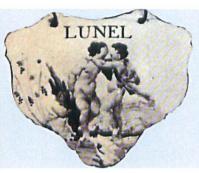






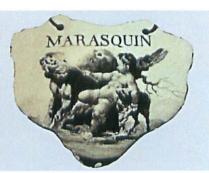


























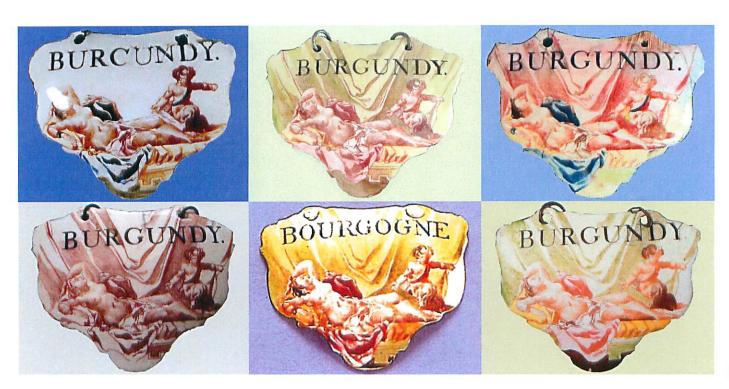




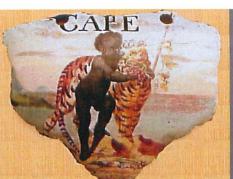
Unique name-decoration combination, from first section above



Same name, different decoration

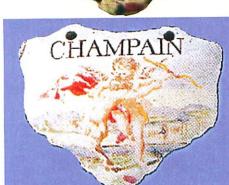




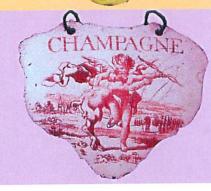


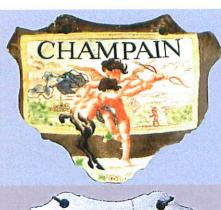








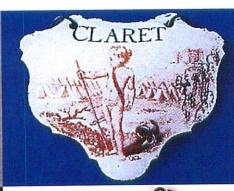






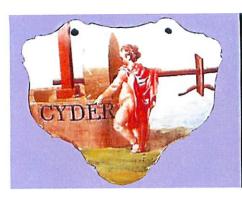




























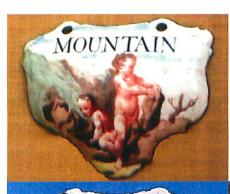














































Monochrome and/or "Birmingham" Battersea labels



Comments and observations

The use of various designs across several name types is interesting, but not surprising given the number of names on these labels. Also of interest is how a design was modified by rotation (PORT), use of colour (BURGUNDY), design (claret, with one or two figures), reversal of figures (RHENISH compared to BURGUNDY, CLARET, MADEIRA, immediately above) and name modification (W.PORT to PORT) by over-colouring the W.

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<u>Request</u> If anyone has alternative or additional photos/scans of labels in this paper, especially those in black and white, I would appreciate it, if you contact me at the email address below.

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