



Case History

£70k worth of wine saved at domestic property

Rainbow International received a regular insurance instruction to clear the cellar of a domestic property following a fire. A dehumidifier within the property had caught alight and the resulting fire had burnt through the entire cellar of the property. Rainbow was instructed all contents within the cellar were a total loss, so they would need to be removed from the property and placed in a skip once a full BER (Beyond Economical Repair) list had been created for the loss adjuster.

Once all contents were removed, Rainbow returned these to their unit - to begin the inspection of the products so a thorough list could be created for the loss adjuster. Rainbow's technician had noticed a lot of expensive looking wine was within the contents removed from the cellar, so decided to make an inventory of this to send to a wine merchant to find out the true value replacement value for the wine.

When the wine merchant's valuation came back it was close to £70,000 the adjuster was justifiably apoplectic.

After a discussion on the the possibility of restoring the wine to pre-incident condition, Rainbow agreed to process the wine for restoration. With great care and attention the wine was assessed, triaged and all but 10% of the total loss was restored.

Next the condition of the wine was checked by contacting the Initial agent for sales of many of these particular wines in UK.

All wines were assessed for proximity to fire and analysis of smoke particulate settlement, for example hot smoke on a hot bottle has fire deposits and hot smoke condensing on a cold bottle provides a denser sticky residue.

When wine is hot it bubbles through cork and after 2-6 weeks produces oxidation in the wine, effectively causing a corked bottle. A total of just three bottles that were tested, were beyond economic repair.

Oxidisation is appropriate for vintage and age of bottles.

Key Facts

Service

- Fire Restoration

Market

- Domestic Property

Location

- Swindon

Once these processes were complete the wine was stored at the Rainbow unit until repairs were conducted to the cellar. Rainbow's fire clean team completed the clean, removing all deposits from the friable unfinished surfaces, scrubbing and media blasting the affected areas before treating them with two coats soot of lock. Once all work was complete the wine was returned to the grateful owners.



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