



Better Looking Bottles

Sometimes kiln fired wine bottles can look just fine and other times they look dull because they lose a bit of their shine. An easy way to get great looking bottles is to add a little bit of food safe overglaze to the top side of the bottle before it is fired. Because overglaze can stick to kiln wash you want to be sure you only coat the top side of the bottle. Here is an easy system.

- Lay the bottle in the bottle mold and rotate it until you find the spot where it wants to stay in the center of the mold without rolling to one side.
- Mark where the top edge of the mold comes up the side of the bottle with a clean burning marker like the **Staedtler Lumocolor pen**.
- Trail a little bit of overglaze onto the bottle. I prefer **Fuse Master Fusing Solution** because it has a little body to it and doesn't run over the side.



- With a soft brush smooth out the overglaze bringing it right up to the marked line.



I fired this bottle to 1375 and was able to keep the mouth open enough to insert a cork.



The upper right was fired without any overglaze; the lower left was fired with coat of Fusing Solution.

- Seg 1 - 400 DPH / 1375 / :01
- Seg 2 - 999 DPH / 1010 / :30
- Seg 3 - 5 DPH / 1000 / :30
- Seg 4 - 60 DPH / 750 / :01