CHECKLIST

Spotting a corked bottle

- [ ] Smell the wine before tasting
- [ ] Look for damp, musty or cardboard aromas
- [ ] Wait a few minutes and smell again to rule out reduction
- [ ] Check whether the wine shows any fruit or brightness
- [ ] Compare the smell to wet cloth or a damp cellar
- [ ] Return the bottle if the musty character persists
- [ ] Describe the smell plainly to the seller or server