



THE ART OF SABRAGE

THE JCB SABERING GUIDE



STEP 1- PREPARE THE BOTTLE

Most importantly, the bottle **MUST** be cold! If you take your chilled bottle off the ice for a long period of time, beware of the temperature change. 45 degrees or less is highly recommended to minimize a bottle shattering. It's essential the bottle be well-chilled to avoid leakage, foaming, and premature cork-popping. Beginners should consider safety glasses or eye wear.

Start by wiping down the bottle ensuring its completely dry. You don't want the bottle to slide around in your hand. Some prefer wearing a glove though this is not necessary.

Take your well-chilled bottle of JCB and remove both the foil and the wire cage covering the cork.

STEP 2- LOCATE YOUR TARGET

Locate one of the two vertical seams running up the side of the bottle, where the seam meets the lower lip of the bottle is the point at which you'll aim.

STEP 3- CLEAR THE CROWD

Safety first, be considerate of your guests. Never aim toward people or windows. Serious injuries can occur from a razor sharp bottle neck striking a person. Those standing close by could receive a sparkling shower or an errant glass shard. Your audience should be well behind you or off to the side.

STEP 4- HITTING THE MARK

Grip the bottle firmly around the base. Tilt the bottle to a 20-30 degree angle so excessive spillage doesn't occur. Carefully line up the blade with the bottle neck rim ensuring the two line up and are flush.

STEP 5- STRIKE THE JCB BOTTLE

Draw the saber back along the seam and then swing (perhaps more of a push) from your body, upward and into the bottom of the lip. Don't forget to follow through. To minimize spillage, turn the bottle upright immediately afterward.

SERVE

After sabering the bottle of JCB and pouring it, please be careful as the edge is very sharp and you could cut yourself. It is always a good practice to hold the flute up and visually check for glass shards!

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