

Mérille N

Wine grape variety.



Origin

This variety is originally from the south west of France (Tarn and Garonne).

Use

Wine grape variety.

Name of the variety in France

Mérille

Synonymy

There is no officially recognized synonym in France nor in the other countries of the European Union, for this variety.

Regulatory data

In France, Mérille is officially listed in the "Catalogue of vine varieties" on the A list and classified.

Description elements

The identification is based on:

- the tip of the young shoot with a very high density of prostrate hairs,
- the shoots with red internodes,
- the dark green adult leaves, with three or five lobes, a moderate to strong anthocyanin coloration of veins, a strongly blistered revolute leaf blade, folded near the petiole sinus, undulate between the principle veins, and on the lower side of the leaves, a medium to high density of erect and prostrate hairs,
- the broad ellipsoid berries.

Evolution of cultivated areas in France

Year	1958	1968	1979	1988	1998	2008	2018
ha	2422	2458	622	226	105	80	24

Genetic profile

	MicrosatelliteVVS2	VVMD5	VVMD7	VVMD27	VRZAG62	VRZAG79	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD32
Allele 1	141	232	239	182	194	240	248	235	239
Allele 2	149	236	247	188	194	260	254	243	251

Cultivation and agronomic skills

This variety provides a steady production and high yields when long pruned.

Clonal selection in France

The three certified Mérille clones carry the numbers 444, 445 and 790.

Phenology

Bud burst: 4 days after Chasselas.
Grape maturity: mid-season, 3 weeks after Chasselas.

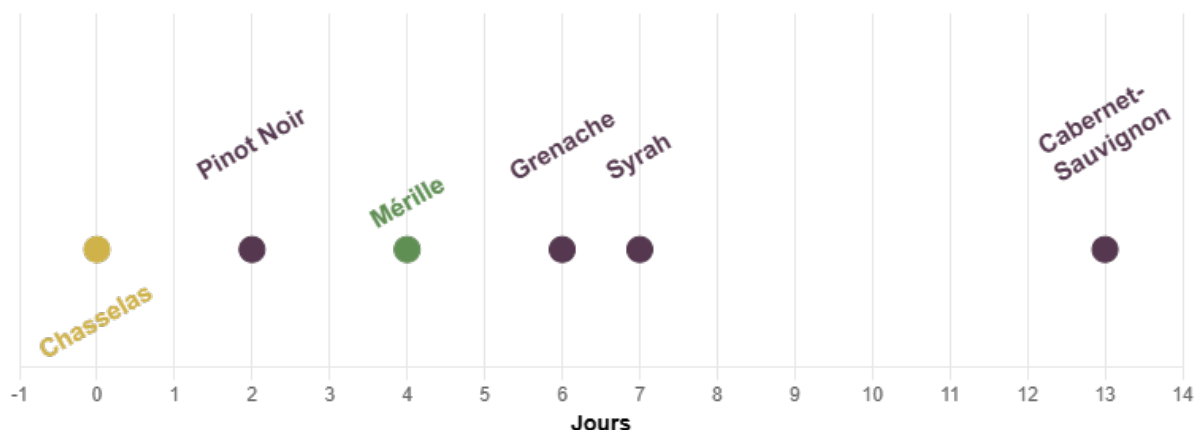
Technological potential

The bunches are very large and the berries are large. Mérille produces light (low sugar potential) and rather ordinary wines.

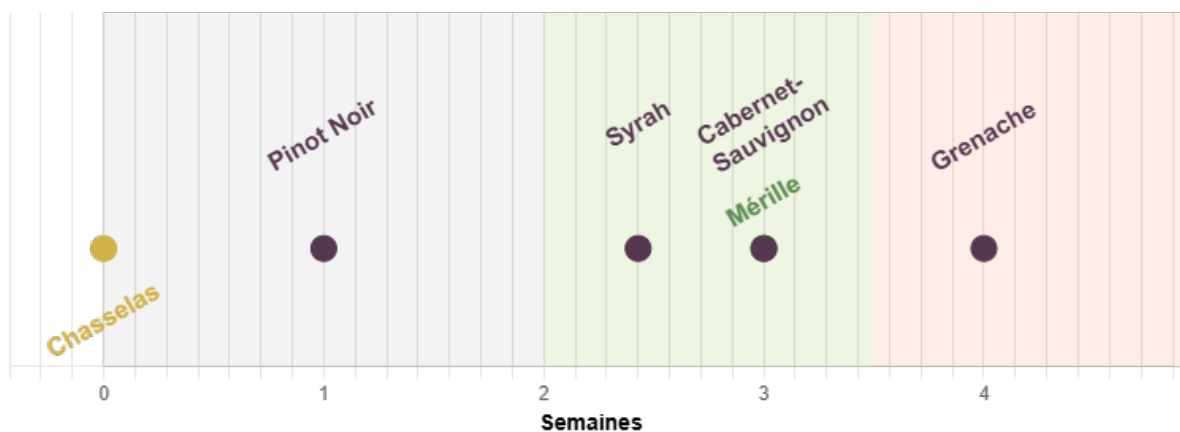
Susceptibility to Diseases and Pests

This variety is not very susceptible to downy and powdery mildew. It is a little sensitive to grey rot and more to mites, grape moths and vine leafhoppers.

Debourrement



Maturité



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