

Roussanne B

Wine grape variety.



Origin

This variety is originally from the north of the Rhône valley.

Use

Wine grape variety.

Name of the variety in France

Roussanne

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, Roussanne is officially listed in the "Catalogue of vine varieties" on the A list and classified. This variety is also listed in the catalogues of other Member States of the European Union: Bulgaria, Italy and Spain.

Description elements

The identification is based on:

- the tip of the young shoot with a high density of prostrate hairs,
- the shoots with green internodes,
- the adult leaves with five or seven lobes, very deep lateral sinuses, a slightly open petiole sinus or with slightly overlapping lobes, very short teeth compared to their width at the base, no anthocyanin coloration of veins, a slightly revolute leaf blade, and on the lower side of the leaves, a very low or low density of erect and prostrate hairs,
- the round-shaped berries.

Evolution of cultivated areas in France

Year ha

195871

196854

197951

1988120

1998676

20081074

20182179

Genetic profile

Microsatellite	VVS2	VVMD5	VVMD7	VVMD27	VRZAG62	VRZAG79	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD32
Allele 1	131	223	239	182	196	240	240	257	251
Allele 2	131	229	253	186	200	252	248	257	255

Cultivation and agronomic skills

Roussanne has very long shoots and, as a consequence, requires careful trellising. This variety can be pruned short or moderately long. This grape variety is well suited to poor clay-limestone soils that are rather stony and well exposed.

Susceptibility to Diseases and Pests

Roussanne is very sensitive to powdery mildew, grey rot, mites and thrips.

Clonal selection in France

The five certified Roussanne clones carry the numbers 467, 468, 469, 522 and 1040. A conservatory of over 50 clones was planted in the Rhône valley in 2001.

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Phenology

Bud burst: 8 days after Chasselas.

Grape maturity: mid-season, 3 weeks and a half after Chasselas.

Technological potential

The bunches are small to moderate. The berries are small in size and turn red when fully ripe. Roussanne produces powerful wines of great finesse and complexity (floral and fruity notes of honey, hawthorn and apricot) with a good acidity balance. These wines are suited for ageing. This variety highlights and brings out the nuances of excellent terroirs.



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