



Origin

Tardif seems to be originally from the South West of France, probably from Gascony.

Use

Wine grape variety.

Name of the variety in France

Tardif

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, Tardif is officially listed in the "Catalogue of vine varieties" since 2017 on the A list and classified.

Description elements

The identification is based on:

- the tip of the young shoot with a high density of prostrate hairs and a piping distribution of anthocyanin coloration,
- the bronzed young leaves, with a medium to high density of prostrate hairs,
- the shoots with red-striped internodes,
- the pentagonal adult leaves, with three, five or seven lobes, a closed petiole sinus with sometimes overlapping lobes, small teeth, short compared to their width at the base with straight or convex sides, a weak or very weak anthocyanin coloration of veins, a flat, finely blistered leaf blade, folded near the petiole sinus, and on the lower side of the leaves, a medium to high density of erect and prostrate hairs,
- the round-shaped berries.

Evolution of cultivated areas in France

Year	ha	
2018	0.5	

Genetic profile

MicrosatelliteVVS2		VVMD5	VVMD7	VVMD27	VRZAG62	VRZAG79	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD32
Allele 1	131	234	251	182	194	252	238	227	239
Allele 2	137	234	262	186	200	252	248	243	271

Cultivation and agronomic skills

Tardif is moderately productive and has a semi-erect bearing. It is best to prune it long to ensure sufficient yields.

Susceptibility to Diseases and Pests

Tardif is not very sensitive to grey rot.

Clonal selection in France

The only certified Tardif clone carries the number 1366.

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Phenology

Bud burst: same as Chasselas.

Grape maturity: mid-season, 2 weeks and a half to 3 weeks after Chasselas.

Technological potential

Tardif's bunches are medium in size and compact. The berries are small, simple-flavored, with a thick skin and a soft pulp. Tardif wines are intensely colored and have strong spices aromas, especially pepper. In the mouth, they are warm, and the pronounced tannins can be astringent.











