

Primitivo N

Wine grape variety.







Origin

Primitivo is a traditional variety from the south of Italy (Puglia).

Use

Wine grape variety.

Name of the variety in France

Primitivo

Synonymy

In the Euopean Union, Primitivo is officially called by other names: Zinfandel (Portugal) and Crljenak kastelanski (Croatia). These synonyms are officially recognized in France regarding plant propagation material.

Regulatory data

In France, Primitivo is officially listed in the "Catalogue of vine varieties" since 2011 on the A list and classified. This variety is also listed on the catalogues of other Member States of the European Union:

Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Malta and Portugal.

Description elements

The identification is based on:

- the tip of the young shoot with a medium density of prostrate hairs,
- the young leaves with bronze spots or that are reddish,
- the shoots that are red or with red stripes,
- the wedge-shaped or pentagonal adult leaves, with five, seven or nine lobes, a closed U-shaped petiole sinus, with sometimes naked petiole veins, medium to large teeth with straight sides, a strong anthocyanin coloration of veins, a flat or slightly involute leaf blade, and on the lower side of the leaves, a medium to high density of erect hairs and a low density of prostrate hairs,
- the round-shaped or slightly ellipsoid berries.

Evolution of cultivated areas in France

Year	2008	2018
ha	1	1.7

Genetic profile

Microsatell	iteVVS2	VVMD5	VVMD7	VVMD27	VRZAG62	VRZAG79	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD32
Allele 1	131	223	247	176	200	238	238	247	255
Allele 2	141	234	249	178	204	260	238	257	263

Cultivation and agronomic skills

Primitivo is moderately vigorous, with a semi-erect to erect bearing. It must be trained and pruned short. Its adaption to drought is modest and grape maturity can be irregular.

Susceptibility to Diseases and Pests

Primitivo is rather sensitive to grey rot.

Clonal selection in France

The only certified Primitivo clone carries the number 1174.

Phenology

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

Technological potential

Primitivo's bunches are medium to large in size, quite compact and the berries are medium in size. This variety produces rather warm, colored, tannic, but moderately aromatic wine.

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