

Xinomavro N

Wine grape variety.



Origin

This variety is originally from Greece.

Use

Wine grape variety.

Name of the variety in France

Xinomavro

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, Xinomavro is officially listed in the "Catalogue of vine varieties" since 2015 on the A list and classified. This variety is also listed in the catalogue of Greece.

Description elements

The identification is based on:

- the tip of the young shoot with a high density of prostrate hairs,
- the green yellowish young leaves,
- the shoots with red-striped internodes,
- the dark green, entire adult leaves, with a closed petiole sinus with overlapping lobes, short teeth compared to their width at the base with straight or convex sides, a weak anthocyanin coloration of veins, a moderately to strongly blistered, sometimes goffered leaf blade, involute on the edges and undulate between the veins, and on the lower side of the leaves, a low density of erect hairs and a medium density of prostrate hairs,
- the round-shaped berries with a significant bloom.

Evolution of cultivated areas in France

Year 2018

ha 0

Genetic profile

Microsatellite	VVS2	VVMD5	VVMD7	VVMD27	VRZAG62	VRZAG79	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD32
Allele 1	131	229	249	176	194	238	238	227	249
Allele 2	131	232	249	178	204	252	240	243	251

Cultivation and agronomic skills

Xinomavro is a vigorous and productive variety with a semi-erect or erect bearing. It must preferentially be pruned short and grown onto light soils, with a limited fertility, for the production of red wines. As a late-season variety, it needs high temperatures during the season and a good pruning and trellising management to reach a proper maturity. Xinomavro may be susceptible to potassium and boron deficiency.

Clonal selection in France

The only certified Xinomavro clone carries the number 1255.

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Phenology

Bud burst: same as Chasselas.
Grape maturity: late-season, 5 weeks after Chasselas.

Technological potential

Xinomavro's bunches and berries are medium in size. The berries have a juicy pulp. The wines have a rather high acidity, tannins and a moderate color. This variety can produce a large range of wines, from the light and aromatic rosé to the tannic, full-bodied red wines that are suited to barrel ageing. Thanks to its acidity level, Xinomavro can also be used to make "blanc de noir" sparkling wines. Too high yields or an insufficient maturity can lead to unbalanced wines. Xinomavro's typical aromas are complex and involve red berries and spices.



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