

Cardinal Rg

Wine and table grape variety.



Origin

This variety was obtained by E. Snyder and F. Harmon in California. Based on genetic analyses carried out in Montpellier, this variety would be the result of the crossbreeding between Reine des vignes and Alphonse Lavallée.

Use

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Name of the variety in France

Cardinal

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, Cardinal is officially listed in the "Catalogue of vine varieties" on the A list. It is classified as a wine grape variety only in some French department (see the regulations in force). This variety is also listed in the catalogues of other Member States of the European Union: Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Portugal and Spain.

Description elements

The identification is based on:

- the tip of the young shoot with no or very little prostrate hairs,
- the young leaves are reddish or green with bronze spots,
- the shoots have very long internodes and very long tendrils,
- the wedge-shaped adult leaves, with five lobes, an open U-shaped or brace-shaped petiole sinus, medium teeth compared to their width at the base with straight or convex sides, slight or moderate anthocyanin coloration of veins, a smooth shiny leaf blade, and on the lower side of the leaves, no or a very low density of erect and prostrate hairs,
- the round-shaped or slightly bumpy berries, often containing 6 pips.

Evolution of cultivated areas in France

Year	1958	1968	1979	1988	2000	2008	2018
ha	344	1483	1205	774	380	227	100

Genetic profile

Microsatellite	VVS2	VVMD5	VVMD7	VVMD27	VRZAG62	VRZAG79	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD32
Allele 1	133	223	249	176	186	252	254	243	251
Allele 2	133	234	249	182	186	256	254	267	271

Cultivation and agronomic skills

Cardinal has a strong vigor and a horizontal bearing. It can be pruned short and must be trained. It is susceptible to millerandage and coulure. Its berries are susceptible to bursting.

Susceptibility to Diseases and Pests

Cardinal is susceptible to the phomopsis and to downy mildew.

Clonal selection in France

The eight certified Cardinal clones carry the numbers 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86 and 87. These different clones are mainly used for the production of table grapes.

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Phenology

Bud burst: 9 days after Chasselas.
Grape maturity: very early season, 1 week before Chasselas.

Technological potential

Cardinal's bunches are large, loose with a long and not very lignified peduncle. The berries are very large but irregular in color. The skin is moderately thick and the pulp is firm. This simple-flavored variety displays interesting gustatory qualities. The grapes have moderate storage and a fairly good transport capacity.



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