

Altesse B

Wine grape variety.



Origin

Altesse is a native variety from the Savoie region.

Use

Wine grape variety.

Name of the variety in France

Altesse

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, Altesse is officially listed in the "Catalogue of vine varieties" on the A list and classified. This variety is also listed in the catalogue of Cyprus.

Description elements

The identification is based on:

- the young leaves that are very bronzed,
- the small adult leaves, with three lobes, an open U-shaped petiole sinus, long teeth compared to their width at the base with convex sides, a slightly involute, leaf blade, curly on the edges, and on the lower side of the leaves, a low to medium density of prostrate hairs and a moderate density of erect hairs,
- the round-shaped berries.

Evolution of cultivated areas in France

Year	1958	1968	1979	1988	1998	2008	2018
ha	175	206	129	175	294	348	408

Genetic profile

Microsatellite	VVS2	VVMD5	VVMD7	VVMD27	VRZAG62	VRZAG79	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD32
Allele 1	131	223	247	186	194	246	240	243	255
Allele 2	149	234	253	188	204	252	266	257	271

Cultivation and agronomic skills

This variety can be pruned short (head trained) or in cordon de Royat and simple Guyot. Altesse produces best results on well exposed clay-limestone scree, gravelly soil (fairly luminous micro-climates, slopes).

Susceptibility to Diseases and Pests

This delicate variety is very sensitive to downy mildew, phomopsis, rust mites and to powdery mildew. It is also very susceptible to grey rot.

Clonal selection in France

The three certified Altesse clones carry the numbers 265, 403 and 404. A conservatory of ten or so clones was planted in the French department of Savoie in 2014.

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Phenology

Bud burst: same as Chasselas.

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

Technological potential

The bunches are small to medium in sized and the berries are small. This variety has a good qualitative potential. It produces generous, full-bodied wine, rich in aromas, elegant and delicate, with ageing capacity.



