



Roussanne B



Name of the variety in France

Roussanne

Origin

This variety is originally from the north of the Rhône valley.

Synonyms

There is no officially recognized synonym in France nor in the other countries of the European Union, for this variety.

Legal information

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

Use

Wine grape variety.

Evolution of cultivated areas in France

	1958	1968	1979	1988	1998	2008	2018
ha	71	54	51	120	676	1074	2179

Descriptive elements

The identification is based on:

- the tip of the young shoot with a high density of prostate hairs,
- the shoots with green internodes,
- the adult leaves with five or seven lobes, very deep lateral sinuses, a slightly open petiole sinus or with slightly overlapping lobes, very short teeth compared to their width at the base, no anthocyanin coloration of veins, a slightly revolute leaf blade, and on the lower side of the leaves, a very low or low density of erect and prostate hairs,
- the round-shaped berries.

Genetic profile

Microsatellite	VVS2	VVMD5	VVMD7	VVMD27	VRZAG62	VRZAG79	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD32
Allel 1	131	223	239	182	196	240	240	257	251
Allel 2	131	229	253	186	200	252	248	257	255

Phenology

Bud burst: 8 days after Chasselas.

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

Suitability for cultivation and agronomic production

Roussanne has very long shoots and, as a consequence, requires careful trellising. This variety can be pruned short or moderately long. This grape variety is well suited to poor clay-limestone soils that are rather stony and well exposed.

Susceptibility to diseases and pests

Roussanne is very sensitive to powdery mildew, grey rot, mites and thrips.

Technological potentiality

The bunches are small to moderate. The berries are small in size and turn red when fully ripe. Roussanne produces powerful wines of great finesse and complexity (floral and fruity notes of honey, hawthorn and apricot) with a good acidity balance. These wines are suited for ageing. This variety highlights and brings out the nuances of excellent terroirs.




Clonal selection in France

The five certified Roussanne clones carry the numbers 467, 468, 469, 522 and 1040. A conservatory of over 50 clones was planted in the Rhône valley in 2001.

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Description of clones certified in France

Clone no.	Identity and availability		Agronomic data		Technological data	
	Origin	Selection	Fertility	Production level	Sugar level	Color potential
	Year of certification	Agronomic references	Bunch weight	Vigor	Titration acidity	Tannic structure
	Surface area used for propagation (year)		Berry size	Susceptibility to grey rot	Aromatic intensity	Oenological suitability
467	Savoie	ENTAV	low to medium	low	medium	
	1976	Rhône-Valley	low		medium	
	2.04 ha		medium			aromatic, round and balanced wines
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468	Savoie	ENTAV	medium	medium	medium	
	1976	Rhône-Valley	medium		medium	
	0.87 ha		medium			representative wines of the variety
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469	Non précisée	ENTAV	medium	medium	medium	
	1976	Rhône-Valley	medium		medium	
	1.22 ha		medium			representative wines of the variety
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522	Savoie	ENTAV	low to medium	medium	medium	
	1976	Rhône-Valley	medium		medium	
	4.18 ha		medium			representative wines of the variety

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	<i>Year of certification</i>	<i>Agronomic references</i>	<i>Bunch weight</i>	<i>Vigor</i>	<i>Titration acidity</i>	<i>Tannic structure</i>
	<i>Surface area used for propagation (year)</i>		<i>Berry size</i>	<i>Susceptibility to grey rot</i>	<i>Aromatic intensity</i>	<i>Oenological suitability</i>

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1040	Savoie	CA 07 - ENTAV	high	high	medium	
	2006	Rhône-Valley	medium		medium	
			medium			balanced wines with floral aromas, volume and that last long on the palate

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