



Alvarinho B



Name of vine variety in France

Alvarinho

Origin

This variety is originally from the west coast of the Iberian Peninsula.

Synonymy

There is no officially recognized synonym in France. In the European Union, Alvarinho B can be officially designated by other names: Albariño (Spain) and Albarina (Malta).

Regulations

In France, Alvarinho B is officially listed in the "Catalogue of vine varieties". This variety is likewise listed in the Catalogues of other European Union member states: Spain, Malta and Portugal.

Use

Wine grape variety

Evolution of area under vines in France



Description

Identification signs include:

- the tips of the young shoots are densely covered with flat-lying hairs,
- young leaves are yellow,
- herbaceous shoots with long red Internodes or with red striations,
- obicular adult leaves, slightly revolute edges with an open U-shaped petiolar sinus, small teeth with straight or convex sides, slight or no anthocyanin coloration of veins, the leaf blade is slightly bubbled and the underside has a sparse or medium coat of flat-lying hairs.
- round-shaped berries with substantial presence of bloom

Genetic profile

Microsatellite	VVS2	VVMD5	VVMD7	VVMD27	VRZAG62	VRZAG79	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD32
Allel 1	133	219	239	186	186	248	238	233	239
Allel 2	149	229	239	186	204	252	254	235	271

Phenology

Bud burst: 2 days before Chasselas. Grape maturity: period II, 3 weeks after Chasselas

Suitability for cultivation and agronomic production

Alvarinho B is a moderately vigorous variety with a horizontal port which must be carefully trellised. It is not very productive and it requires long pruning. It is adapted to acidic, granite, and sandy soils.

Sensitivity to diseases and pests

Alvarinho B is somewhat susceptible to grey rot.

Technological potential

Alvarinho B grape clusters are small and the berries small to medium sized. The sugar potential is average and this variety is used to produce appreciated and aromatic (apricot, mint, etc.) wines, and fine wines with good acidity.

Clonal selection in France

The only approved Alvarinho B clone carries the number 1143

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Description of clones approved in France

Clone number	Identity and availability		Agronomic data		Technical data	
	Origin	Selection	Fertility	Production level	Sugar content	Potential color
	Year approved	Agronomic references	Weight of grape bunches	Vigor	Total acidity	Tannic structure
	Growing surface area		Size of berries	Sensitivity to Botrytis	Aromatic intensity	Oenological aptitudes
1143	Portugal	IFV	medium to high	medium	medium	
	2010	Languedoc	medium		medium	
			medium			distinctive wines of the vine variety

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