



Pinot blanc B



Name of vine variety in France

Pinot blanc

Origin

This variety corresponds to the white mutation of Pinot noir N.

Synonymy

There is no officially recognized synonym for this variety in France. In the European Union, Pinot blanc B can officially be called by other names: Beli pinot (Slovenia), Grossburgunder (Austria), Klevner (Austria), Pino blan (Bulgaria), Pinot Bianco (Italy, Malta, Germany), Pinot (under certain conditions in Italy), Rulandské biele (Slovakia), Weisser Burgunder (Germany, Austria), Weissburgunder (Germany, Austria, United Kingdom and under certain conditions in Italy).

Regulations

In France, Pinot blanc B is officially listed in the "Catalogue of vine varieties". This vine variety is likewise listed in the Catalogues of other European Union member states: Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Great Britain, Italy, Hungary, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Use

Wine vine variety.

Evolution of area under vines in France

	1958	1968	1979	1988	1998	2008	2016
ha	610	812	1491	1565	1503	1262	1269

Description

The description corresponds to Pinot noir N, except for the color of the skins of the berries when ripe, which in this case, are greenish-yellow. Moreover, the adult leaves of Pinot blanc B are oftentimes less serrated than Pinot gris G and Pinot noir N.

Genetic profile

Microsatellite	VVS2	VVMD5	VVMD7	VVMD27	VRZAG62	VRZAG79	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD32
Allel 1	135	225	239	182	188	240	238	216	239
Allel 2	149	236	243	186	194	246	248	235	271

Phenology

Bud burst: 1 day after Chasselas. Grappe maturity: period I, 1 and 1/2 weeks after Chasselas.

Suitability for cultivation and agronomic production

Pinot blanc B is quite vigorous and displays regular productivity (more productive than Pinot gris G or Pinot noir N). It is a bit sensitive to chlorosis and is suited for deep soils, rather hot, stoney or not. Pinot blanc B has good resistance to the cold.

Sensitivity to diseases and pests

This variety is rather delicate and is relatively sensitive to major diseases.

Technological potential

Grape clusters are small to moderate in size and the berries are small. Pinot blanc B can produce pleasant, light bodied wines with moderate acidity. This variety can likewise be used to make base wine for sparkling wines.

Clonal selection in France

The 2 approved Pinot blanc B clones carry the numbers 54 and 55. A conservatory collection including 200 or so clones was set up in Alsace in 1984.

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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
54	Haut-Rhin	INRA	medium	medium	medium	
	1971	Alsace	medium		medium	
	3.06 ha					distinctive wines of the vine variety
55	Haut-Rhin	INRA	low to medium	medium	medium	
	1971	Alsace	medium		medium	
	1.39 ha					distinctive wines of the vine variety

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