



Roussanne B



Name of vine variety in France

Roussanne

Origin

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

Synonymy

There is no officially recognized synonym for this variety in France. In Bulgaria, Roussanne B can officially be called by the name "Rusan".

Regulations

In France, Roussanne B is officially listed in the "Catalogue of vine varieties".

This variety is likewise listed in the Catalogues of other European Union member states: Bulgaria, Spain and Italy.

Use

Wine vine variety

Evolution of area under vines in France

	1958	1968	1979	1988	1998	2008	2016
ha	71	54	51	120	676	1074	2128

Description

Identification signs include:

- the tips of the young shoot have a dense coat of flat-lying hairs,
- the shoot has green internodes,
- adult leaves are 5 or 7 lobed with a slightly open petiole sinus or slightly overlapping lobes with very deep lateral sinuses; very short teeth compared to width at base; absence of anthocyanin coloration of veins; slightly revolute leaf blade and the underside with a very sparse coat of flat-lying and upright hairs,
- 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: period II, 3 and 1/2 weeks after Chasselas.

Suitability for cultivation and agronomic production

Roussanne B has very long shoots and due to this requires careful trellising. This variety can be trained and moderately long or short pruned. This grape variety fares well in poor clay-limestone soils that are rather stony and well exposed.

Sensitivity to diseases and pests

Roussanne B is very sensitive to oidium, grey rot, mites and thrips.

Technological potential

The grape clusters are small to moderate and the berries are small in size. Roussanne B produces wines of great finesse and complexity (floral and fruity notes of honey, hawthorn and apricot) with powerful and good acidic balance along with capacity for ageing. This variety highlights and brings out the nuances of excellent terroirs.




Clonal selection in France

The 5 approved Roussanne B clones carry the numbers 467, 468, 469, 522 and 1040. A conservatory with over 50 clones was set up in the Rhone valley in 2001.

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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
467	1976	ENTAV	low to medium	low	medium	
	1976	Vallée-du-Rhône	low		medium	
	2.04 ha		medium			aromatic, round and balanced wines
 Clone appreciated for its agronomic characteristics and quality of wines produced						
468	1976	ENTAV	medium	medium	medium	
	1976	Vallée-du-Rhône	medium		medium	
	0.87 ha		medium			distinctive wines of the vine variety
						
469	1976	ENTAV	medium	medium	medium	
	1976	Vallée-du-Rhône	medium		medium	
	1.22 ha		medium			distinctive wines of the vine variety
						
522	1976	ENTAV	low to medium	medium	medium	
	1976	Vallée-du-Rhône	medium		medium	

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	<i>Origin</i>	<i>Selection</i>	<i>Fertility</i>	<i>Production level</i>	<i>Sugar content</i>	<i>Potential color</i>
	<i>Year approved</i>	<i>Agronomic references</i>	<i>Weight of grape bunches</i>	<i>Vigor</i>	<i>Total acidity</i>	<i>Tannic structure</i>
	<i>Growing surface area</i>		<i>Size of berries</i>	<i>Sensitivity to Botrytis</i>	<i>Aromatic intensity</i>	<i>Oenological aptitudes</i>
4.18 ha		medium			distinctive wines of the vine variety	

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

ENTAV  INRA® Wines appreciated in wine tastings with a higher than average production level for the grape variety



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