



Melon rouge Rg



Name of the variety in France

Melon rouge

Origin

This variety corresponds to the red mutation of Melon.

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, Melon rouge is officially listed in the "Catalogue of vine varieties" since 2019 on the A list but is not yet classified.

Use

Wine grape variety.

Descriptive elements

The description corresponds to that of Melon, except for the berry skin color which is, in this case, red sometimes turning purple, when ripe.

Genetic profile

| Microsatellite | VVS2 | VVMD5 | VVMD7 | VVMD27 | VRZAG62 | VRZAG79 | VVMD25 | VVMD28 | VVMD32 |
|----------------|------|-------|-------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Allel 1 | 135 | 236 | 239 | 178 | 194 | 240 | 238 | 227 | 239 |
| Allel 2 | 141 | 238 | 249 | 182 | 204 | 244 | 254 | 235 | 249 |

Phenology

Bud burst: 9 days after Chasselas.

Grape maturity: early-season, 1 week after Chasselas.

Suitability for cultivation and agronomic production

The aptitudes are close to those of Melon, with an erect bearing and a similar production.

Susceptibility to diseases and pests

As Melon, this variety is sensitive to downy mildew and less to powdery mildew. It is however less susceptible to grey rot than Melon.

Technological potentiality

Melon rouge's bunches and berries are small. As Melon, this variety produces not very colored, light, fresh, pale white wines with floral aromas. It can also be used to make rosé wines and sparkling wines, but does not have enough color to produce red wines.

Clonal selection in France

The only certified Melon rouge clone carries the number 1292.

Bibliographic references

- Documentary collections of the Centre de Ressources Biologiques de la Vigne de Vassal-Montpellier, INRAE - Montpellier SupAgro, Marseillan, France.

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 |
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