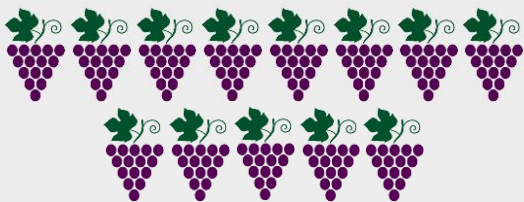


The Minor Grapes: Cinsault

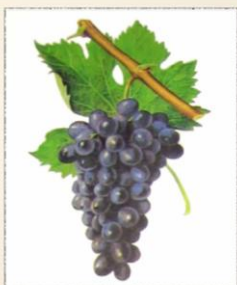


The Châteauneuf 13:
Handout Part Three

Val

Cinsault

- ◆ Less than 4% of vines planted
- ◆ Part of the Piquepoul family
- ◆ High-yielding with large berries & bunches
- ◆ Heat & drought resistant
- ◆ Bright red fruits, floral, sweet spice, herbs, soft tannins
- ◆ Contributes to structure

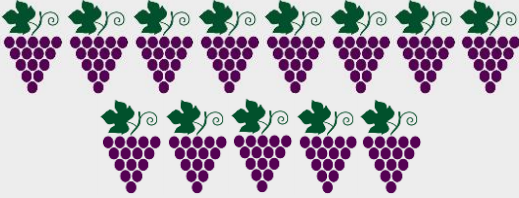


Cinsault

- ◆ Also found:
 - ◆ Languedoc-Roussillon
 - ◆ Australia
 - ◆ Algeria
 - ◆ Lebanon
 - ◆ Italy
 - ◆ US
- ◆ Synonyms:
 - ◆ Cinsaut
 - ◆ Hermitage
 - ◆ Marroquin
 - ◆ Ottavianello
 - ◆ Picardin Noir
 - ◆ Prunelat
 - ◆ Black Prince
 - ◆ Blue Imperial



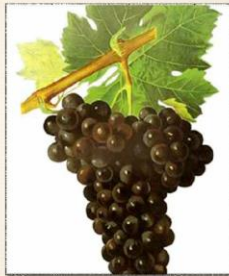
The Minor Grapes: Counoise



Val

Counoise

- ◆ Less than .5% of vines planted
- ◆ Part of Piquepoul family
- ◆ "Big berries" (Robinson)
- ◆ Disease resistant, yet bunch-rot is a threat
- ◆ Late ripening
- ◆ Alternate year yields
- ◆ Spice, pepper, black fruits, floral, & earth, low tannins, moderate acid
- ◆ Oxidizes easily



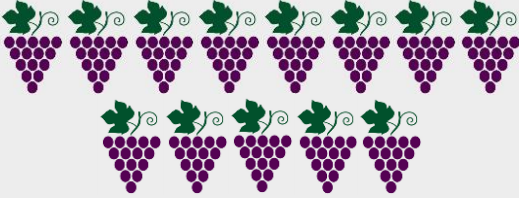
Counoise

- ◆ Also found:
 - ◆ Other CdR appellations
 - ◆ Provence
 - ◆ California
 - ◆ Washington State
- ◆ Synonyms:
 - ◆ Quenoise
 - ◆ Rivier



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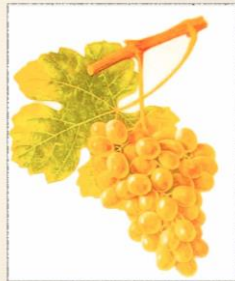
The Minor Grapes: Bourboulenc



Val

Bourboulenc

- ◆ ~ 1% of vines planted
- ◆ Origins in Provence
- ◆ Late ripening
- ◆ Vigorous vines
- ◆ Long, loose bunches of large berries
- ◆ Citrus, white flowers, low alcohol, often blended
- ◆ Authorized in both white and red C-d-P

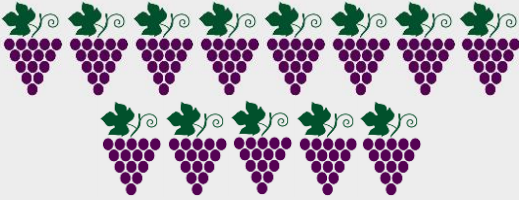


Bourboulenc

- ◆ Also found:
 - ◆ Other CdR appellations
 - ◆ Provence
 - ◆ Languedoc-Roussillon
- ◆ Synonyms:
 - ◆ Blanquette
 - ◆ Clairette Doree
 - ◆ Malvoisie
 - ◆ Picardin



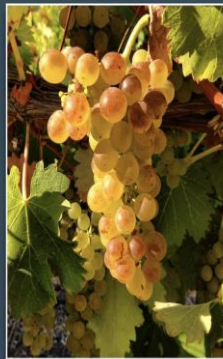
The Minor Grapes: Roussanne



Sam

Roussanne

- A white wine grape grown originally in the Rhône wine region in France
- It is one of six white grapes allowed in Chateaufort du Pape, along with Grenache blanc, Piquepoul blanc, Clairette, Bourboulenc and Picardan
- It is a difficult variety to grow, with vulnerability to mildew, poor resistance to drought and wind, late and/or uneven ripening, and irregular yields



Roussanne's Aroma's and Flavors

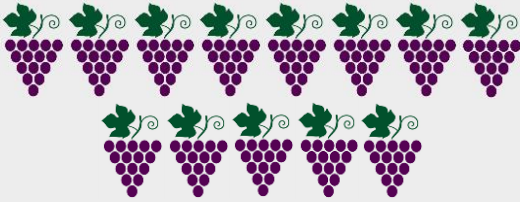
- Aromas are often described as flowery herbal tea
- In warm climates, it produces full-bodied white wines, with flavors of honey and pear
- In cooler climates it is more aromatic, with delicate floral notes and higher acidity



Roussanne's Visual Characteristics



The Minor Grapes: Brun Argenté (Vaccarèse)



Sam

Brun Argenté

- A rare, relatively light red grape variety
- The grape produces a broad profile range sometimes described as similar to Syrah, producing wines with a peppery and tannic structure, and sometimes described as similar to Cinsaut producing light red wines
- The grape gets its name from the brownish hue of its skin and the silvery color of its leaves



Brun Argenté Characteristics

- Large bunches with tight clusters of relatively large berries
- Prone to rot and botrytis
- Brings spice, tannins, and a rustic backbone to Chateauneuf du Pape
- Only about 4 hectares remain under vine
- It is rarely made into a varietal wine
- Clos Saint Jean is one of the last wineries to grow this grape

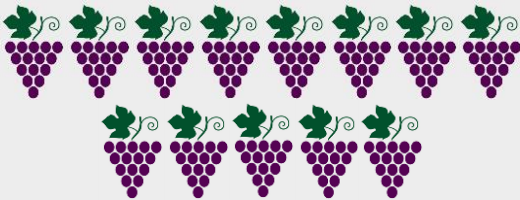


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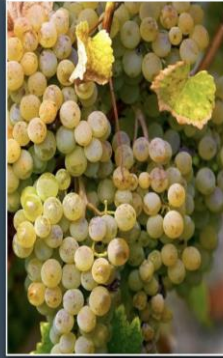
The Minor Grapes: Clairette



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Clairette

- Clairette blanche is a white wine grape variety and is the most common white variety in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, slightly ahead of Grenache blanc
- It produces full-bodied whites that can maintain their acidity and add aroma and acidity to blends
- It is probably most famous in the sparkling wine Clairette de Die and was often used to make Vermouth

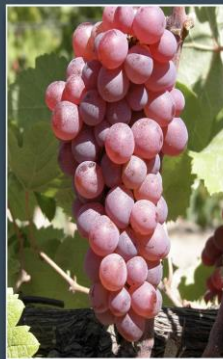


Clairette's Profile

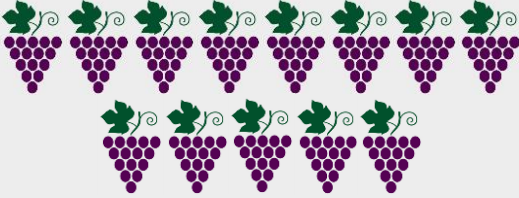
- Clairette is one of southern France's oldest grape varieties, typical of the Mediterranean region
- Its cylindrical/conical clusters are of medium size
- The flesh of the grape is especially juicy
- The vine is well adapted to dry, infertile limestone soils
- Wines made from this grape are characterized by flavors of fennel, licorice, apple, lime, apricot, peach and floral character with a slightly bitter finish
- Wines made of 100% Clairette do not age well and are easily prone to oxidation

Clairette Rosé

- Clairette Rosé is a pink skinned mutation of Clairette which is used almost exclusively for rosé wines



The Minor Grapes: Muscardin



Muscardin

- Muscardin is a dark-skinned grape variety primarily found in the southern part of the Rhône region
- Clusters are cylindrical, compact and of average size with egg-shaped berries are bluish black in color
- This grape is not normally vinified on its own, and adds light crisp floral notes to Chateaufeuf du Pape

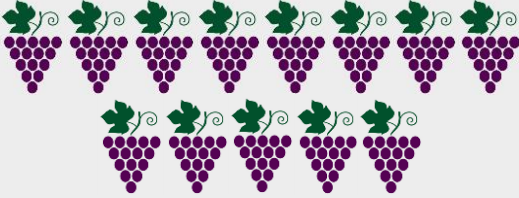


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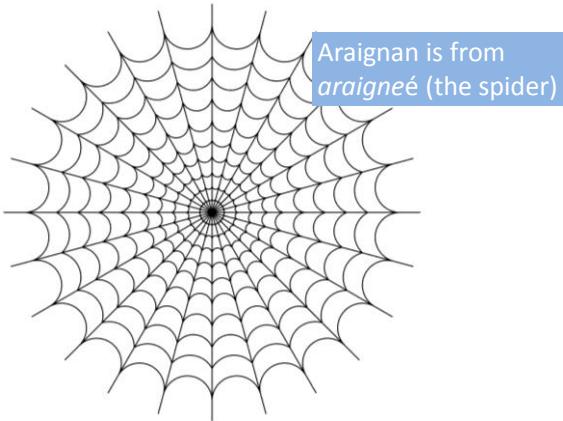
Picardan is a white grape and is sometimes referred to as Picardan Blanc

Picardan aka:

OeilladeBlanche
GrosseClairette
Aragnan AragnanBlanc
AraiganBlanc GalletBlanc
Papadoux
Gallet



Named for the French *piquer* ("to sting")



Araignan is from *araignée* (the spider)

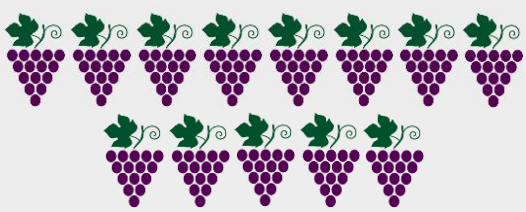


Cited as early as 1544 in Provence

Picardan



The Minor Grapes:
Piquepoul



Jane



Piquepoul has three color mutations:
Noir, Blanc, and Gris...

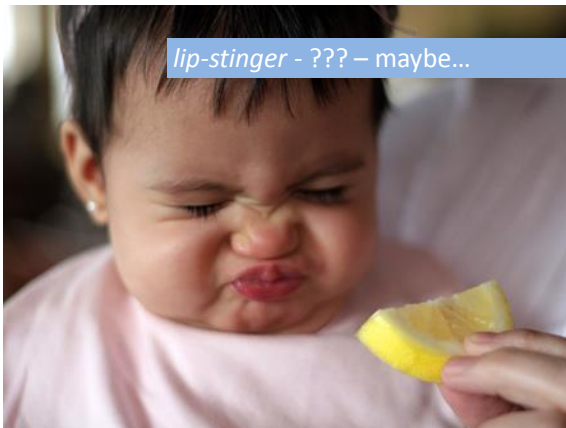
All three are authorized for use in C-d-P



However, Piquepoul Gris is on the verge on extinction with no known vineyards in C-d-P

Piquepoul aka:

Picpoule
Piquepoul Picpoul
Piquepout
Piccapoule



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From the French *picpol* (rock or cliff, place with a peak)



Earliest mention in 1348 near Toulouse



Piquepoul Blanc is planted to about 4,000 acres (1,620 ha) in France

With additional acreage in California...

Piquepoul Blanc in France



Vinsobres **Pierrevert**
Gigondas **LaClape**
CotesduRhone
Palette **BeaumesdeVenise**
PicpouldePinet
Lirac **Rasteau** **Corbières**



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Piquepoul Blanc

Mid-to-late ripening

Quite fertile/highly productive

Well-suited for clay or sandy soils

Prefers hot (Mediterranean) climates

Piquepoul Blanc





Piquepoul Noir in France:

Minervois
 Languedoc Gigondas
 Vacqueyras Tavel
 Beaumes de Venise Corbières
 Cotes du Rhone
 Ventoux Vinsobres
 Rasteau Luberon

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Off the beaten tracks
C de Centeilles Rouge

BLENDS: Piquepoul noir (78%), Bivezac noir (15%), Montastel Noir à jus blanc (5%) and Ollivette (2%); average yields of 40t/ha; grapes are hand-picked when alcohol level is over or equal to 13° C.

VINIFICATION: Complete de-stemming, fermentation in open vats, frequent « pigeage » (pressed by feet) during the entire fermenting period, with an extended period of 5 weeks (almost 5 weeks after completion of the alcoholic fermentation). The press juice is reincorporated into the free-run wine.

MATURATION: 12 to 18 months in enamelled steel tanks.

About the C...
 C de Centeilles is the accomplishment of the work of a lifetime, and of the will of its winemakers to restore the originality of Languedoc wine through ancient and almost lost grape varieties.

After several trials, this cuvée is in a position to reveal the originality of these forgotten varieties: Piquepoul Noir, Bivezac noir, Montastel Noir à jus blanc and Ollivette.

Personality
 This wine, a beautiful ruby red with violet reflections, expresses aromas of raspberry, cherry, liquorice and fine scrub herbs. The silky tannins support delicately its fruity body enhanced by a crisp acidity.
 Serve it slightly chilled and try it with game birds with berries and thyme or "cassoulet".

<http://www.closcenteilles.com/>

Piquepoul Noir in Spain:

Montsant

PladeBages

Priorat Catalunya

Piquepoul Noir

Mid-to-late ripening

Tends to be quite productive—
in alternate years!

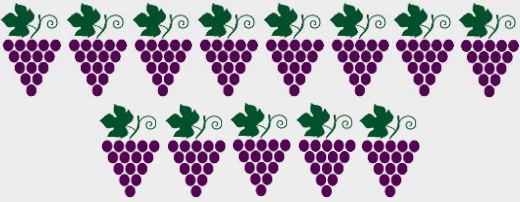
Prefers dry, low-fertility soils

Susceptible to botrytis bunch rot

Piquepoul Noir



The Minor Grapes:
Terret Noir



Jane



Terret has three color mutations:
Noir, Blanc, and Gris...



Terret Noir in France:

Gingondas Minervois
 Côtes du Rhône Terrasses du Larzac
 Beaumes de Venise
 Cassis Vinsobres
 Rasteau



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