

AIREN

It is the most widely grown variety in the world. Planted mainly in central Spain, and locally also known as Lairen, Manchega or Valdepeñera.



Ampelographic characters: whitish apex with closed edge; medium, pentagonal leaf with semi-open petiolar sinus; large, winged cluster; spherical berry, soft pulp.

Cultural aptitude: vigorous vine with a distinct downward growth habit (creeping).

Training systems and pruning: its base is characterized by an accentuated fertility thus resulting extremely suitable for a very short pruning, such as Gobelet type. Also adaptable to espalier.

Bud-burst period: late.

Ripening period: late.

Yield: abundant and constant.

Susceptibility to diseases and adverse conditions: very resistant to diseases. Not susceptible to spring frosts. Excellent resistance to drought due to its rusticity.

Enological potential: it gives wines with high alcoholic content and, due to its high yield, of medium-low quality. The level of acidity is low.

Clones in propagation: Airen 22-23, 24-13, 18-22.

Clones undergoing homologation procedure: VCR332, VCR337, VCR338, VCR40, VCR41, VCR42, VCR43, VCR44, VCR45, VCR47, VCR49, VCR325.



CULTIVATED AREA IN SPAIN

YEAR	1990	1999	2009
HECTARES	479,229	425,788	255,840

Vineyards in Castille - La Mancha

