ALBANA

Possibly original of the Colli Albani Region (Rome) with an ancient Roman Name. This vine has only spread in central Italian Romagna region, particularly in the hilly areas where it gives a characteristic product.

Ampelographic characters: a very heterogeneous and mutant variety, the "Della Sella" type has fairly stable characters. Other biotypes with more compact clusters or very large rachis are disappearing. The bud has an expanded whitish-green or yellowish apex. The large, pentagonal, trilobate leaf has a close lyre-shaped petiolar sinus, often presenting overlapping edges and a slightly tomentose underside. The very long, cylindrical winged and semi-loose, medium-large, spheroid berry shows an amber-yellow color and a thin, pruinose skin. The flesh is juicy and slightly aromatic.

Cultural aptitude: this very vigorous vine produces robust shoots with medium-long internodes; its vegetation tends to be unbalanced with a semi-upright growth habit. It is well adaptable to different types of soil, provided they are not too humid or chlorotic, and it favors hillsides with good exposure and dry climates.

Training system and pruning: it adapts to more or less expanded training systems and long pruning. Accurate green pruning in the counter espalier will favor the regular ripening of the fruit.

Bud-burst period: late.

Ripening period: average.

Yield: generous and constant.

Susceptibility to diseases and adverse conditions: normally, slightly susceptible to powdery mildew.

Enological potential: it produces wines with a mild golden-yellowy color, slightly fruity, fairly tannic, full-bodied and harmonious flavor. Two different types of wines are produced: dry-sweetish and sweet. It can be vinified as a sparkling, fruity wine with a pale-yellow color, not very alcoholic and easy to drink, and as a finer, more delicate sparkling wine.

Clones in propagation: Albana R4, VCR21, VCR462, AL7T, AL14T.

CULTIVATED AREA IN ITALY

YEAR	1970	1982	1990	2000	2010
HECTARES	9,653	6,782	4,562	2,801	839*

* Emilia-Romagna Region Average

ALBANA

R4

Origin:
Castel Bolognese (BO)

Registration year: 1969

▼ VARIETY AVERAGE

VIGOUR
CLUSTER
BERRY
YIELD

Enological potential: this clone is of the "Albana Serra" type; it gives very typical wines of a straw-yellow color, harmonic with nuances of soft tannins.

ALBANA

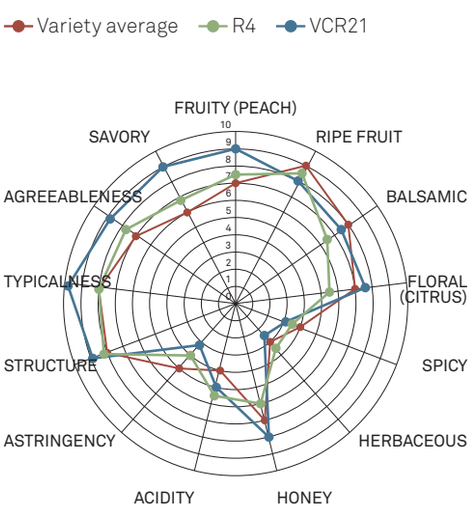
VCR21

Origin: Imola (BO)

Registration year: 1994

▼ VARIETY AVERAGE

VIGOUR
CLUSTER
BERRY
YIELD

Enological potential: it produces strong straw-yellow wines with an intense peach aroma and a slightly bitter, dry flavor.

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