# CABERNET FRANC

*Originally from south-western France, it initially sparingly spread in the Italian provinces of Brescia and Frosinone, then in many wine-growing areas specialized in the production of Bordeaux red wines.*

**Ampelographic characters:** the variety is rather homogeneous, the differences are just about the production potential, which can vary even quite significantly. The expanded bud apex, whitish-green in colour, is tinged with red-bronze reflections. The leaves are medium-sized, pentagonal, three- or five-lobed, with a narrow lyre-shaped petiolar sinus, frequently presenting a tooth; they are slightly tomentose underside. The medium-sized, cylindrical-conical cluster is moderately compact. The medium-small, spheroidal berry has a thick skin, the flesh is juicy with herbaceous taste.
**Cultural aptitude:** this quite vigorous vine has a semi-upright growth habit. It prefers clayey-calcareous soils, but it can give good results even in sandy or loose soils, provided there is no water stress.
**Training system and pruning:** it prefers long pruning, but in hot and dry environments it can be conveniently be spur pruned. Its lignification is good - better than in Cabernet Sauvignon and Carménère; it can hence be grown in areas with cold winters.
**Bud-burst period:** average.
**Ripening period:** average.
**Yield:** good and constant.
**Susceptibility to diseases and adverse conditions:** average, with regard to botrytis and Esca disease. Susceptible to leafhoppers and Eutypa dieback.
**Enological potential:** this vine produces wines of good quality, with a high sugar content, good structure and polyphenol content. Normally blended with Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon; on its own, it has a slightly herbaceous flavour that wanes with ageing.
**Clones in propagation:** Cabernet Franc VCR2, VCR4, VCR10, ISVF4, ISV101, ISVSAVARDO7, ISVSAVARDO8; French clones: Inra-Entav 210,212,214.
**Clones undergoing homologation procedure:** Cabernet Franc VCR165, VCR166.

CULTIVATED AREA IN ITALY

| YEAR | 1970 | 1982 | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 |
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| HECTARES | 477 | 590 | 600 | 710 | 845 |

CULTIVATED AREA IN FRANCE

| YEAR | 1968 | 1979 | 1988 | 1998 | 2006 |
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| HECTARES | 17,864 | 22,606 | 30,256 | 35,163 | 38,691 |

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## VCR2

Origin:
Cervignano (UD)

Registration year: 2014

▼ VARIETY AVERAGE

VIGOUR
CLUSTER
BERRY
YIELD

Oenological potential: it gives wines of good tonality and colour intensity, with good structure and excellent acidity, characterised by fruity (red fruits) and floral (violet) scents with pleasant spicy notes. Suitable to be vinified on its own or in blends with Bordeaux wines.

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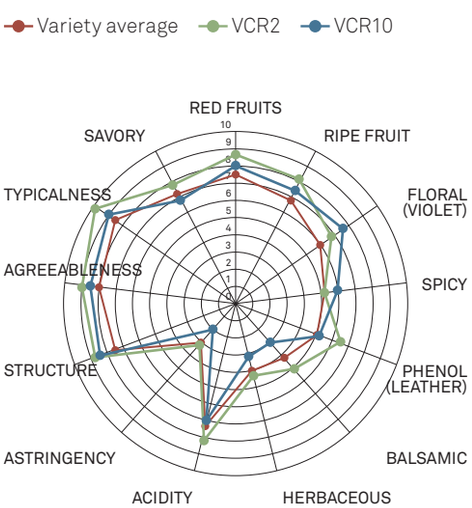
## VCR10

Origin:
Passirano (BS)

Registration year: 1992

▼ VARIETY AVERAGE

VIGOUR
CLUSTER
BERRY
YIELD

Oenological potential: it gives elegant, structured, soft and balanced wines, rich in colour, characterised by floral, red fruit and spicy hints. Suitable for blending with Bordeaux wines or even on its own.

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