CILIEGIOLO

Of uncertain origin, it spread to central Italy and subsequently to almost the whole country.

Ampelographic characters: this vine is grown almost everywhere: that is why assessing any genetic variations is a rather difficult task. The bud has an averagely expanded apex, which is velvety white with golden highlights and white velvety apical small leaflets, with golden or carmine edges. The leaves are large, pentagonal and three-lobed with an open U-shaped petiolar sinus. They are slightly tomentose underside, thick, wavy, smooth, with a dark green blade. The cluster is large and long, cylindrical, winged and semi-compact. The large sub-rounded berry has a blue-purple colour, thick and pruinose skin and a juicy, neutral-flavoured flesh.
Cultural aptitude: very vigorous vine with an upright growth habit, strong with long branches, with abundant and elastic ramifications. It adapts to different environments and it prefers soils that are not too fertile and humid, as well as temperate-hot and dry climates for an overall vegetative balance of the plant.
Training system and pruning: it prefers expanded training systems and long pruning; it may adapt difficultly to extensively mechanised systems in cold-temperate climates, due especially to the poor lignification of its shoots. For this reason, an adequate green pruning in the more northernly climates is crucial.
Bud-burst period: average.
Ripening period: early.
Yield: very copious and constant.
Susceptibility to diseases and adverse conditions: normal, slightly susceptible to mildew in wetter climates. Good drought resistance.
Enological potential: it produces a more-or-less deep ruby-red wine, fairly bodied and not too alcoholic, poorly acidic, fruity, to be consumed preferably young.
Clones in propagation: Ciliegiolo VCR1, CRA223.
Clones undergoing homologation procedure: VCR421, VCR422, VCR423.

CULTIVATED AREA IN ITALY

YEAR	1970	1982	1990	2000	2010
HECTARES	3,537	6,032	5,100	3,335	2,563

CILIEGIOLO

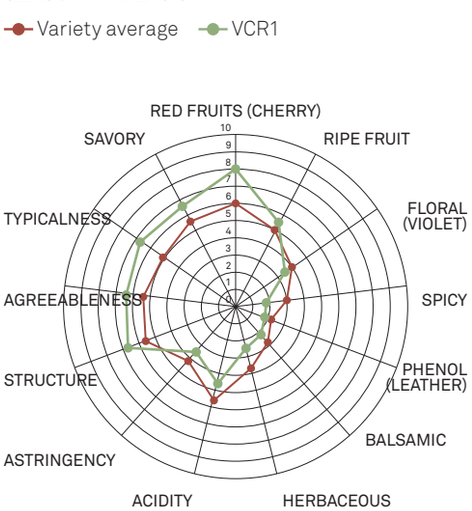
VCR1

Origin: Pisa

Registration year: 1999

▼ VARIETY AVERAGE

VIGOUR
CLUSTER
BERRY
YIELD

Enological potential: it produces wines of a dense purple colour, with a fruity scent of morello cherries, a round, full taste with good acidity and structure. Suitable for medium ageing (1-2 years).

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