

MERLOT KANTHUS®

Red cultivar obtained from the cross Merlot x 20-3 (code UD. 31-122).



Ampelographic characters: some characteristics of mature leaves are in common with the parental grapevine Merlot. Cluster dimensions slightly lower the average, cylindrical, semi-compact with an evident wing. Slightly small, lower than average berry size, elliptical; blue-black thick skin with thick pruinosity. The pulp is slightly hard white with fresh herbaceous taste.

Bud break: average.

Flowering time: average.

Ripening time: early.

Yield: medium.

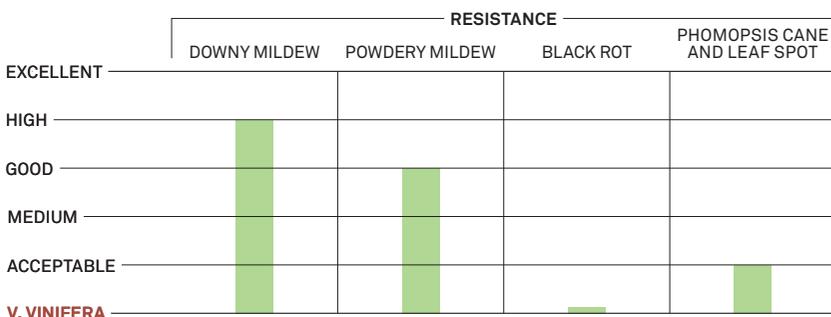
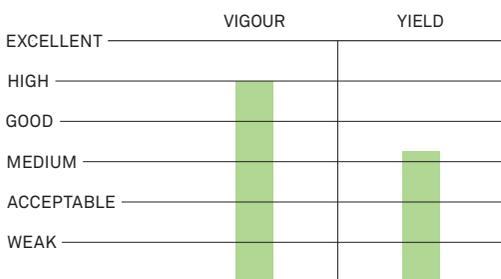
Cultural aptitude: grapevine with fairly good vigour and with semi-upright growth habit.

Trellising and pruning: adaptable to different trellising and pruning systems. It can be pruned to spur cordon system because of the high fertility of the base buds.

Resistance to disease and adverse conditions: good resistance to downy (Rpv 3) and powdery mildew. Attention to black rot, less to anthracnose. Sensitive to lack of magnesium. Winter hardiness survival at -20°C.

Enological potential: high sugar accumulation though maintaining a good acidity in the must. The aromatic profile of free compounds is positive with evident pyrazine notes, whereas the glycosylated compounds are within the average range. Excellent polyphenol content for quality, intensity and amplitude with a high anthocyanin content. It is conducive to the production of wines requiring a medium-long refinement period.

Awards: in 2017 and 2018 Merlot Kanthus® VCR won the **gold medal**, with 95 and 92 points out of 100 respectively, at the International **PIWI WINE AWARD** in Germany.



SENSORY PROFILE

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