PETIT VERDOT

This variety originated in Medoc (France) and it was once grown in the cooler areas of the region, but it is now spreading to warmer areas due to its late ripening. It is cultivated in central and southern Italy, too.

Ampelographic characters: this variety is highly uniform, partly due to the fact that, for several years, only one French clone was available: the Inra-Entav400. The bud apex is open, cottony and greenish-white. The leaves are medium-sized, pentagonal, five-lobed. The closed V-shaped petiolar sinus has sometimes teeth. The leaf blade is blistered and wavy. The underside is slightly tomentose. The cluster is medium-small, conical-pyramidal, elongated and compact to medium-compact, sometimes with a wing. The medium-small, spheroidal berry has a blue-black colored, pruinose skin.
Cultural aptitude: vine of medium high-vigor with a horizontal growth habit. It adapts to different types of soil, but it prefers cooler, lighter soils where it ripens earlier. Its ripening does not always reach an optimal stage in temperate environments with humid and cold soils.
Training system and pruning: it adapts to different pruning systems, but it prefers espalier training systems, Guyot in particular. Due to its expanded and drooping growth habit, in the counter-espalier system, green pruning and tying are required.
Bud-burst period: early.
Ripening period: average-late.
Yield: average.
Susceptibility to diseases and adverse conditions: susceptible to powdery mildew and mites, good tolerance of downy mildew and botrytis. Susceptible to hot, dry winds and to spring frosts.
Enological potential: it gives wines with a good color intensity and spicy, red fruits scents with a full, dry, tannic flavor. Suitable for long aging and blending with other wines to which it brings color, structure and acidity. It is rarely vinified pure.
Clones in propagation: VCR207; French clones: Inra-Entav400, 1058.
Clones undergoing homologation procedure: Petit Verdot VCR82, VCR458.

CULTIVATED AREA IN ITALY

YEAR	1970	1982	1990	2000	2010
HECTARES	-	-	n.d.	63	737

CULTIVATED AREA IN FRANCE

YEAR	1968	1979	1988	1998	2006
HECTARES	501	422	338	364	729

PETIT VERDOT

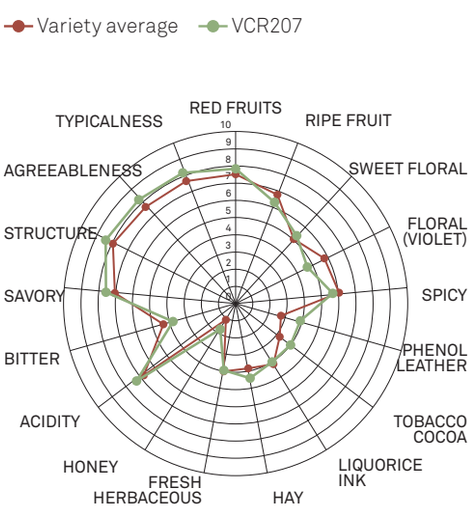
VCR207

Origin: Giavera del Montello (TV)

Registration year: 2014

▼ VARIETY AVERAGE

VIGOUR
CLUSTER
BERRY
YIELD

Enological potential: it gives wines with excellent tonality and color intensity, that are structured, fairly savoury and with a broad aromatic profile, ranging from fruity to spicy. Suitable for prolonged aging.

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