

PRIMA

Cultivar obtained by INRA in France in 1974 crossing Lival with Cardinal.



Ampelographic characters: the bud has a green opened-leaf apex with an average density of laying hairs. The orbicular or cuneiform leaf has 5 or 7 lobes, deep lateral sinuses and a U-shaped petiolar sinus, often limited by ribs. The ribs are averagely red pigmented. The lower side is slightly hairy. The cluster is medium-sized and semi-sparse. The berries are medium-sized, uniformly and intensely coloured. The skin is thick and the pulp is averagely crunchy.

Phenological and agronomic characteristics:

Bud-burst period: average-late.

Ripening period: early.

Vigour: average.

Real fertility: 1.1.

Yield: good and regular.

Cluster weight: 300-400 g.

Berry weight: 5-6 g.

Berry seeds: 2 per berry.

Sugar content: 14-15%.

Total acidity: 4.5‰.

PH: 3.4.

Transportation resistance: good.

Training systems and pruning: variety with semi-upright growth habit, requiring short or medium-long pruning. Green pruning, leaf-thinning and suckering are required.

Susceptibility to diseases and adverse conditions: susceptible to coulure and green millerandage which can often occur in cold and rainy springs. A bit susceptible to botrytis.

Overall rating: interesting variety as far as precocity, productivity, cluster-sparsity and uniformity in cluster colour.



CULTIVATED AREA IN ITALY

YEAR	1990	2000	2010
HECTARES	-	-	5

Prima in the VCR catalogue field in San Ferdinando di Puglia

