

A challenging grape variety

The Chenin Blanc vegetative state is quite long. The budding is precocious, exposing it to the last frosts, while the late maturity makes it dependent of September and August climatic conditions. Temperate climate will be the best for its growing.



A mineral grape type variety

Chenin Blanc is perfect to make both sweet and dry wines that keep well. The wines will get a mineral expression and a great acidity which will show elegance, vivacity and liveliness. These wines will also deliver fine flavors that will appear through time : acacia, hawthorn, lime, quince, Mirabelle plum, pear, citrus fruits, guava, exotic fruit, honey or beeswax.



Botrytis lover

Chenin Blanc is perfect for the Noble Rot development, Botrytis Cinereas, which gives candied fruit flavors, dark amber color, wrapped in the Noble sugar, thanks to Chenin Blanc natural acidity.



A pioneer grape variety

We don't know its exact origin, but its first reference under the name of "plant d'Anjou", was in an essay written by Charles le Chauve in 845, stipulating he gave it to Saint-Maur de Glanfeuil Abbey (in the Loire Valley). A few years ago, we discovered that it was from the union of Savagnin and Sauvignonasse grape variety, also called "frioulano". Nowadays, you can find Chenin Blanc in several countries of the New world such as the United States, Argentina, Australia and particularly in South Africa, which represent 52% of the chenin Blanc international production. Chenin Blanc was planted by Huguenots, who were French protestants in exile after the 1685 Edit de Nantes Revocation. Today, the Steen (southern name of Chenin Blanc) represent 20% of the South African vineyard.



Diversity

Chenin Blanc is THE emblematic Loire Valley white grape variety. 90% of the French Chenin blanc is located in the Anjou-Saumur and Touraine vineyard. Its fickleness offers subtil sparkling wines, mineral dry wines and delicate sweet wines.

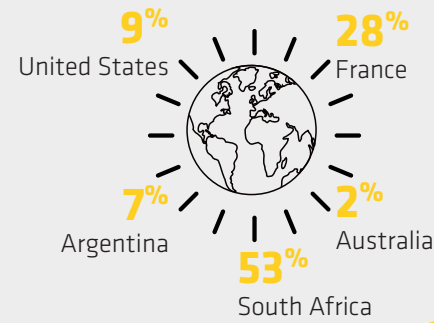


For more information on Loire Valley Chenin Blanc,
www.fandechenin.com/en



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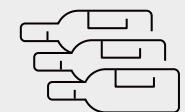


16th most planted
grappe variety
in France

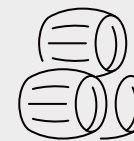


10 500
hectares
in France

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69 millions
bottles per year



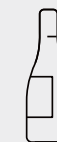
522 000
hectolitres
of Wine of origin/year
produced in the Loire Valley



Loire Valley Chenin wines distribution



26 %
of dry wines



11 %
of sweet
wines



63 %
of sparkling
wines

Sources : InterLoire - Chenin Blanc International Congress - 2019.

