

Typical French wine grape farms

Region	20L - Hérault, Languedoc Roussillon		17B - Entre Deux Mers, Bordeaux	
Total farm size, ha	20		26	
- full production, ha	18.5		15	
- non-full bearing, ha	0		1	
- in establishment & fallow, ha	1.5		1	
- other farm branch, ha	0		9	
Lifetime of vineyard, years	25-40 years		25-40 years	
Average time to first full yield after planting new vines	3 years		3 years	
Grape yield on farm 2011, t/ha	7.2 – 14.4		7.2 – 12.8	
Total grape yield 2011, t/farm	184		123	
Average use of plant protection products, EUR/ha	831		654	
Average use of fertiliser, EUR/ha	134		145	
Average rainfall, mm/year	650		920	
Share of irrigated vineyards (%)	/		/	
Irrigation system	/		/	
Total surface of these 6 international wine varieties, ha: Merlot, Pinot Noir, Syrah/Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc	14		14.8	
Top 3 varieties grown				
- Name 1, ha	Shiraz	5	Merlot	8.6
- Name 2, ha	Merlot	3.3	Cabernet S.	4.8
- Name 3, ha	Carignan	2.2	Cabernet F.	1.8
Vines per ha	3,600 – 4,000		2,000 – 4,000 (new plantings > 3,300)	
Distance between the rows (m)	2.5		4 – 3.5 – 2 – 2.2 (today: 2.5 or 3 max.)	
Less favoured area	/		/	
Legal form	family farm		family farm	
Decoupled payment, EU subsidies, EUR/ha	0		0	
Subsidies (per farm) (e.g., for irrigation system, conversion of old vineyards, grubbing-up etc.)	grubbing up old and planting quality vines: 300 EUR/ha establish new & trellising system: 8,900 EUR/ha		Grubbing up old and planting quality vines: 300 EUR/ha establish new & trellising system: 8,900 EUR/ha	

Factsheet – France

Canopy management / production system	Trellising system – Cordon de Royat	Trellising system – Double Guyot
Vertical market integration / marketing channels		
- selling grapes (with or without formal contracts) or delivering them to cooperative		100 %
- producing and marketing bulk wine	100 %	
- producing and marketing packaged wine		
Participation in private quality certification scheme	Terra Vitis: sustainable viticulture	AgriConfiance, ISO 22000
Family labour (hours per year)	1,850	1,680
Hired labour (hours per year)	560	420
Seasonal workers (hours per year)	0	0
Use of own machinery	yes	yes
Use of hired machinery / contractors / co-operative machine pool	harvest & establishment	harvest & establishment
Harvest	100 % machine	100 % machine

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