



## *Wine Grapes*

### **MERLOT**

International variety traditionally grown in Bordeaux, although spread throughout the world.

#### **PHENOLOGY**

Early sprout, 5-7- days before the Tempranillo variety, although they ripen at the same time.

#### **CLUSTERS AND BERRIES**

Medium-large cluster. Medium-sized berry.

#### **PESTS AND DISEASES**

Sensitive to drought, mildew and botrytis. Slightly sensitive to oidium.

#### **AGRONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Open growing habit, requires fertile and damp soils.

#### **OENOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Produces highly valued young wines that are aromatic and have a high alcohol content. Used largely in Bordeaux to blend with Cabernet Sauvignon, making the wines lighter.

#### **SELECTED CLONES**

181, 182, 342, 343, 348, 246, 184, R3, R15, E-227.