

Pinot gris Pinot blanc
Gruner Veltliner Silvaner

Quiz week 4

Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet franc

- 1) Why is merlot favoured over Cabernet Sauvignon in the Pomerol region?
- 2) Which variety is more likely to rot with autumn rains PN or CS? Part B Why? Because PN has tight clusters and thin skins
- 3) Blackcurrant, cassis, cigar box, mint describe which variety?
- 4) Raspberry/ pencil shavings/ bell pepper when underripe describe which variety?
- 5) name two areas where cabernet franc is widely grown •
- 6) T or F - U of C Davis has proved (genetically) that Cabernet Sauvignon is a cross between Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Franc.

- 7) Which is considered the benchmark areas for Cabernet Sauvignon
 - a) Mendoza and Cahors
 - b) Pommard and Santa Rita Hills
 - c) Pauillac and Rutherford
 - d) Pomerol and Saint Emilion
 - e) Cote Rotie and Meursault

- 8) Which variety is more likely to be blended with Merlot in the Saint Emilion Region?

- 9) Bolgheri, Coonawarra, Margaret River, Maipo Valley famously grow which variety? CS

- 10) the classic wine match with roast lamb is
 - a) Pinot noir
 - b) Baco noir
 - c) Gamay noir
 - d) Cabernet Sauvignon
 - e) None of the above

Pinot gris

- Synonyms:
 - Alsace: Pinot gris (formerly Tokay)
 - Germany: Grauburgunder (dry style)
Rulander (mainly off dry style)
 - Italy: Pinot Grigio
- Pink/grey berry mutation of Pinot noir
- One of the four noble grape varieties of Alsace (Pinot Gris, Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Muscat)
- berries are grey green, pinkish, greenish, blue - often on the same cluster
- Mainly grown central Europe – Baden, Pfalz (Germany), Alsace (France), Veneto, Friuli, Trentino-Alto Adige (Italy). Pinot gris heartland is Alsace and Baden
- With age Pinot gris develops Smokey/honey/mushroom notes
- One time known as tokay in Alsace, 1993 the EU banned the name

gris

- From www.alemdovinho.wordpress.com



Alsace

- AC Alsace vs AC Grand Cru Alsace
- 2nd sunniest climate
- In the rain shadow of the Vosges mountains
- Most planted varieties (in order)2008
 - Riesling
 - Gewurztraminer
 - Pinot gris
 - Pinot noir
 - Pinot blanc
 - Silvaner
 - Muscat

Pinot blanc

Synonyms:

Germany - Weissburgunder, Weisser Burgunder

Italy - Pinot bianco

- Along with Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris, part of the great Pinot family (i.e., it is a mutation of Pinot noir)
- Grown in Alsace since the middle ages (though considered inferior to Pinot gris - which is considered noble in Alsace)
- Does not have Grand Cru Status in Alsace (as does Gewurztraminer, Riesling, Muscat, Tokay Pinot Gris)
- Grown in the same regions as Pinot gris

Silvaner

- Silvaner (ger)/Sylvaner(fra)
- main quality regions are Alsace (France), Franken (Germany)
- fairly neutral variety
- crisp acidity and mineral flavours are its hallmark -usually dry, neutral, green apple, mineral, steely
- almost always vinified dry in both Alsace and Germany
- covers 10% of the vineyard area in Alsace and about 7% of the total German Vineyard area
- in 2006 Sylvaner was allowed to be planted in the Grand Cru vineyards of Alsace (along with the noble varieties)

Gruener Veltliner

- “gru – vee”
- most planted in Austria, where it represents 1/3 of the total vineyard plantings
- Austria’s most planted grape variety – Riesling is only 3%
- Kremstal, Wachau, Kamptal, Weinviertel (NE Austria) are the main quality regions for Gruener – best vineyards are steep, south facing vineyards facing the Danube
- The only other significant plantings are in the Czech republic on the border with Austria
- Usually dry, peppery (black and white), spice, mineral, citrus, honey

Web sites

- <http://www.vinsalsace.com/en/> (Alsace)
- <http://www.deutscheweine.de/icc/Internet-EN/nav/796/79620c41-2768-a401-be59-26461d7937aa> (Germany)
- www.austrianwine.com (Austria)
- http://www.kobrandwineandspirits.com/education/vineyard_maps (wine maps)