

AUSTRIAN REGULATION ABOUT GROWING GRAPEVINE

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Registration of a cultivar, DUS - test according to the national law for trade with grapevine material

Classification for a federal state, according to viticulture law of a federal state (6 different regulations) allowance to grow a cultivar, legally after successful trials, in reality depending on PR work and personal influence, some federal states have classified more than 150 cultivars most of them without any relevance for the markets, differentiation between accepted and recommended varieties

Classification for quality wine, according to the Austrian wine law, most important status (80% of Austrian wines) acceptance for PDO and PGI wines, variety name on label, limit for yield, subsidies for replanting

Classification for varietal wine

This category was recently established, for mildew resistant (piwi) varieties (9), variety name on the label, subsidies for planting, limit for yield as for quality wine, no PDO or PGI wines,

Varieties not listed:

Most growers have also at least few vines from not classified cultivars (tradition)

For new plantings: Apply for an exception to the classification

Reasons for acceptance:

Maintenance of genetic resources and diversity
Experimental planting, evaluation for classification
Planting for research,
Planting for propagation (nurseries)

Problems:

no variety name on the label,
no indication of the vintage,
no geographical indication,
no subsidies