

FRONTENAC GRIS

ORIGIN

Frontenac gris is a mutation of Frontenac rouge. Isolated from vines at the University of Minnesota, Frontenac rouge is a cross between Landot 4511 and *Vitis riparia*.

VITICULTURAL CHARACTERISTICS

As it produces loose clusters and has easily trainable shoots, Frontenac gris is very grower friendly. It is also disease resistant and cold hardy to -34°C . However, high Brix and high acid make for a challenge in the winery.

COMMON WINE STYLES

Frontenac gris is versatile. The juice has a pink/orange hue to it, with intense peach and tropical fruit notes. The wines tend to have a lot of weight and contribute excellent mid-palate to blends. The high acidity means single varietal wines tend to have residual sugar to balance. This varietal can also make excellent dessert wines.

PLANTERS RIDGE PRODUCTS

Frontenac gris is an important blending component for us as it contributes tropical characters and great mid-palate weight.