



Malbec Grapes

Malbec {mah-BehK} – A French red-wine grape grown in Bordeaux in parts of the Loire Valley and in Cahors. In Bordeaux, where Malbec is called Cot or Pressac, it plays a subordinate role to other grapes and is usually blended with Cabernet franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. In the Loire Valley, Malbec again plays a lesser role because it's blended with Gamay and Cabernet Franc. However, in Cahors, where dark-colored full-flavored, tannic wines are produced, Malbec is the prominent variety. Malbec is also widely planted in Argentina and Chile but has only modest acreage in Australia and the United States.