

Entre Deux Mers (August 2023)

Entre-deux-Mers , a white-wine-only appellation since its inception in 1937, is now approved for the production of red wines.

Approved Grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec (Cot), Cabernet Franc, and Petite Verdot.

Carmenère is considered an “accessory variety” and is limited to a maximum of 30% of the final blend of any specific wine.

The blend must consist of at least two grape varieties.

Other regulations

- Minimum of 12% abv
- Must undergo malolactic fermentation: maximum of 0.3 g/L malic acid
- Must be vinified dry: maximum of 3 g/L residual sugar
- Vines must also be planted at a minimum density of 4,500 vines per hectare (as compared to a minimum of 4,000 vines per hectare for [generic] Bordeaux AOC wines)

It is estimated that there are more than 5,700 hectares of red grapes planted in the Entre-deux-Mers region that meet the density requirements.

Red grapes grown in the remaining vineyards may be made into wine that is bottled under the Bordeaux AOC or Bordeaux Supérieur AOC.

Note: the Entre-deux-Mers Haut Benauges sub-appellation is still approved for *white wines only*.