

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
REGISTRATION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION**

NAME OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

COTEȘTI

PRODUCT CATEGORY

Wine

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Romania

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PROTECTION IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

• **Raw Material**

Varieties:

1. **Still white wines:** Aligoté, Băbească gri, Chardonnay, Crâmpoșie selecționată, Fetească albă, Fetească regală, Frâncușa, Mustoasă, Pinot gris, Riesling de Rhin, Riesling italian, Sauvignon, Galbenă de Odobești, Plăvaie, Traminer roz, Traminer aromat, Furmint.
2. **Red/rosé still wines:** Fetească neagră, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Băbească neagră, Burgund mare, Cadarcă.
3. **Flavoured still wines:** Șarbă, Muscat Ottonel, Tămâioasă românească, Busuioacă de Bohotin, Negru Aromat
4. **Sparkling wines:** Aligoté, Muscat Ottonel, Tămâioasă românească, Fetească albă, Fetească regală, Chardonnay, Sauvignon, Pinot Gris, Riesling de Rhin, Riesling italian, Băbească neagră, Merlot, Fetească neagră, Pinot noir.
5. **Wine distillate:** Aligoté, Galbenă de Odobești, Plăvaie, Miorita, Fetească regală, Traminer, Băbească gri, etc.

• **Alcohol content :**

The total alcoholic strength of wines bearing the 'COTEȘTI' controlled designation of origin, when released for consumption, may not exceed 15% by volume.

The total alcoholic strength of the wines may be higher than 15% by volume and may even reach 20% by volume if such wines are obtained without enrichment. Such wines should also be classified in the still wine category.

Under these specifications and the European legislation in force, it is permitted to obtain non-alcoholic wines and wines with controlled designation of origin that have undergone partial de-alcoholisation

- **Physical Appearance**

White, Rosé, Red Wine.

DESCRIPTION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

The COTEȘTI vineyard is located on the Southern side of the Vrancea foothills of the Eastern Carpathian and Sub-Carpathian Mountains, forming a continuation of the Panciu and Odobești vineyards, which are located to the North. Together, the three form the widely-known 'Vrancea Vineyards' or the 'Putna Vineyards'. The vineyard is arranged in rows running from North to South between the valleys of the Milcov and Râmna rivers. The vineyard overlays the biological, pedological and climate foothill transition zone between the 'Câmpia Română' (the Romanian Plain) to the East (altitudes below 100 m) and the Sub-Carpathian arc to the West (Deleanu Hill, 698 m and Căpățânei Hill, 592 m) at an absolute altitude of over 300 m, with a length of over 33 km and a width of 3-6 km, at the intersection between the 45° parallel and the 27° meridian.

The area demarcated for the production of the wines bearing the COTEȘTI controlled designation of origin includes the following localities in

Vrancea County:

-Localities: Vârteșcoiu, Câmpineanca, Pietroasa, Faraoanele, Râmniceanca, Beciu, Pietroasa, Olteni;

- Localities: Broșteni, Căpățanu, Pitulușa, Arva
- Localities: Cârligele, Dălhăuți, Bonțești, Blidari;
- Localities: Cotești, Budești, Valea Cotești, Goleștii de Sus;
- Localities: Urechești, Popești, Terchești;
- Localities: Dumbrăveni, Dragosloveni, Cândești, Alexandru Vlahuță, Dumbrăveni;
- Localities: Bordești, Bordeștii de Jos
- Localities: Tâmboești, Slimnic, Trestieni, Pietroasa, Pădureni, Obrejița
- Localities: Slobozia Bradului, Sihlea, Coroteni, Valea Beciului, Cornetu, Olăreni;

Buzău County:

- Localities Grebănu, Zăplazi, Livada, Livada Mică, Plevna, Homești;
- Localities: Podgoria, Oratia, Coțatcu, Tăbăcari
- Localities: Topliceni, Răducești

The list of the abovementioned localities shall also be deemed to include the villages and any other territorial-administrative division in the area demarcated as specified.

LINK WITH THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Lithologic substrate: alternation of foothill sands and gravel of the Lower and Middle Pleistocene, covered by a mantle of clayish and sandy loess sediment. This continental Pleistocene deposit lies on top of the Pliocene marine clay, sand and marl sediments.

Relief: wide, quasi-horizontal stretches between rivers, mainly exposed to sunshine on their Southern and Eastern sides, but the Western slopes also benefit from sufficient sunshine and, as such, they are

adequate for the cultivation of vines, and as a result vine plantations account for a large proportion of agricultural land in the area.

Water: the region takes its water from the Siret, Milcov, Putna, Râmna rivers and their tributaries (Valea Seacă, Dălhăuți, Mera, Dalgovu, Oreavu, Slimnic, Râmna, etc). The annual water flow regime is typically continental, and there is a water network which to a great extent provides the necessary water. In order to counteract the negative impact of periods of drought, especially those generated by global warming, it is advisable to set up a drip irrigation system to provide the necessary quantity water in the optimum period for the growth of the plantation.

Climate: typical to the steppe woods found in this area, it provides excellent conditions for the growth of high quality grape varieties, mainly due to rich solar warmth and a favourable rainfall regime. The abundant radiative flux and the average sunshine hours ensure optimal conditions for vine growth, grape ripening and sugar concentration in grapes.

Soils: they have a light and medium texture, ensuring a granular structure, permittivity, aeration, vertical drainage and allows for mechanical working. The chemical and biological characteristics complement the physical characteristics, forming an ensemble of characteristics that is conducive to vine growth.

The factors presented above show that the ecosystem as a whole, with its soil and climate and litho-geomorphic components, displays a clear vocation for viticulture and that it is not by chance that the Cotești vineyard has existed for centuries and that it has a designation of origin.

SPECIF RULES FOR LABELLING, IN CASE THESE EXIST

Without additional provisions.

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