

Savagnin Blanc: The 900-year-old grape still used in wine making today

DNA from [ancient grape seeds](#) shows the grapevine behind a local vintage has been cultivated continuously for 900 years.

Ancient grapes found at archaeological sites also reveal what the Romans grew in their vineyards 2,000 years ago. They may have made wines closely related to Pinot Noir and Syrah, according to scientists.

It has long been suspected that some grape varieties used in modern wine are identical to plants grown hundreds of years ago Savagnin or Savagnin Blanc (not to be confused with Sauvignon Blanc) is an ancient European grape variety.

It can still be found growing in the Jura region of France, where it is made into Savagnin wine or vin jaune and vin de paille, as well as in parts of Central Europe, where it often goes by the name Traminer.

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