CABERNET SAUVIGNON PEDIGREE DIAGRAM

The discovery of the natural parents of CABERNET SAUVIGNON in 1997 opened the new era of 'historical genetics'. The reconstruction of this complete pedigree of natural crosses traverses France and unexpectedly includes such world-famous varieties as SAVAGNIN (Traminer), CHENIN BLANC, MERLOT and COT (Malbec). Since question marks represent unknown (and probably extinct) varieties, the inverse relationships are also possible, so that in theory ABOURIOU, MORENOA and HONDARRIBI BELTZA could be the parents rather than — as illlustrated here — the offspring (this is not true for SAUVIGNON BLANC and Chenin Blanc because they have been shown to be siblings).



