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Annual Report of the Vine Improvement Association (VIA)

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ABBREVIATIONS

VIA	VINE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
PIO	PLANT IMPROVEMENT ORGANISATION
PLANT SA	PLANT IMPROVEMENT SOUTH AFRICA
DoA	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SATGI	SOUTH AFRICAN TABLE GRAPE INDUSTRY
SAVGA	SOUTH AFRICAN VINE GROWERS ASSOCIATION
PBR	PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS

W1	CERTIFIED – VISUALLY FREE OF LEAFROLL VIRUS
W2	CERTIFIED – ALL VINES TEST FREE OF LEAFROLL VIRUS
K1	CANDIDATE – VISUALLY FREE OF LEAFROLL VIRUS
K2	CANDIDATE – ALL VINES TEST FREE OF LEAFROLL VIRUS
O	NOT CERTIFIED

1. OVERVIEW

1.1 Financial year

At the end of 2024, the VIA Board approved that the year-end be moved from 31 December to 31 October to better align with the seasonal course of the year. To accommodate the transition the 2025 financial year were therefor a ten-month period. Consequently, this Annual Report only includes events over the ten-month period.

1.2 Members of the VIA

Stargrow resigned from the VIA in June 2025. Since Hexberg also resigned at the beginning of 2025, there are currently six registered PIOs, compared to the eight at the end of 2024.

1.3 Constitution

A Constitution working group was appointed by the VIA Board to review the entire Constitution, following the fact that various amendments to the Constitution was made in the previous year. The appointment of the Executive Committee is one of the amendments that was approved in 2025. However, the entire revised document will only be finally approved in 2026.

1.4 Directors of Plant SA

The VIA Board appointed two new Directors during 2025, namely the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the VIA Board to serve on the Plant SA board to look after the interests of the VIA.

1.5 Inspector training

Plant SA offered a VIA Inspector training course in June. The course were attended by 16 persons, of which 8 existing inspectors did the refresher. 14 Candidates wrote the theory exam.

1.6 Standard Operating Procedures

The Standard Operating Procedure for nurseries has been amended to provide for mandatory hot water treatment for all scion and rootstock plant material used for the propagation of table grape vines.

The Standard Operating Procedure for block units has been amended to extend the list of red wine grape cultivars where visual inspection for Leafroll is recognised as equivalent to testing, to include Durif, Pinotage, Pinot Noir, Malbec and Ruby Cabernet.

2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS ON 31 OCTOBER 2025

According to the preliminary audited Income Statement for the fiscal year 1 January 2025 to 31 October 2025, prepared by BGR de Villiers Inc., the financial year ended with a surplus of R 95 045.

This surplus resulted in the accumulated funds of the VIA increasing from R 513 754 on 1 January 2025 to R 608 799 on 31 October 2025.

3 EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY OF THE VIA

3.1 VIA BOARD

Ms Roleen Carstens served as Chairperson of the VIA Board. The following members represented their respective organisations:

Producers

Mr.	S Jordaan	Raisins SA
Mr.	F Botha	Raisins SA (VIA Deputy Chairman)
Mr.	D Moelich	SATGI
Ms.	M Petersen	SATGI
Mr.	S Du Toit	Vinpro NPC
Mr.	JF Viljoen	Vinpro NPC

PIOs

Mr.	JC Bosman	Bosman Adama
Mr.	F De La Querra	Duikerfontein Nursery
Ms.	E Muller	SAPO
Ms.	E Goosen	Stargrow (Until 17.06.2025)
Mr.	S Amos	TopFruit
Mr.	A Van Wyk	Vititec (Until 31.07.2025)
Mr.	C Schutte	Vititec (From 10.09.2025)
Mr.	C Brink	Voor-Groenberg

Nurseries

Mr.	T Heydenrych Jnr	SAVGA
Mr.	R Joubert	SAVGA

Co-opted members

Mr.	NL Africander	DoA (Directorate – Inspection Services)
Me.	A. Kistnasamy	DoA (Registrar – Plant Improvement)
Dr.	E Terblanche	Chairman – VIA Technical Committee

Secretary

Ms.	RM Kriel	Plant SA

3.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ms.	R Carstens
Mr.	A Van Wyk (Until 13.03.2025)
Mr.	F Botha (From 13.03.2025)
Ms.	R Kriel

3.3 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Dr.	E Terblanche	Vinpro (Chairman)
Mr.	D Moelich	SATGI
Mr.	A Vermeulen	Raisins SA
Mr.	G Botma	Bosman Adama

Mr.	F De la Querra	Duikerfontein
Ms.	G Carelse	SAPO
Ms.	L Van Der Merwe	Stargrow (Until 17.06.2025)
Mr.	AJ Jansen Van Vuuren	TopFruit
Mr.	H Slabber	Vititec
Mr.	J Laubscher	Voor-Groenberg
Mr.	WI Laubscher	SAVGA
Mr.	JH Malan	SAVGA

Co-opted

Mr.	P du Toit	DoA – Inspection Services
Ms.	L Frazenburg	DoA – Plant Health
Ms.	P Burger	Agricultural Research Council
Dr.	G Pietersen	Patho Solutions

Ms.	R Kriel	Secretary

4. DIRECTORS OF PLANT SA

The following VIA members served as directors of Plant SA in 2025:

Mr. HJT Heydenrych (Deputy Chairman), Mr. JC Bosman and Mr JF Viljoen, with Mr. A Van Wyk as the alternate director, until 12.03.2025.

Ms. Roleen Carstens and Mr Ferdie Botha from 13.03.2025.

5. MEMBERS OF THE VIA

5.1 Producer organisations

The following industry organisations were registered with the VIA in 2025 to represent the interests of producers:

Vinpro (wine grape producers)

SATGI (table grape producers)
Raisins SA (drying grape producers)

5.2 Plant Improvement Organisations

The following Plant Improvement Organisations were members of the VIA during 2025:

Bosman Adama
Duikerfontein
SAPO
Stargrow (until 17.06.2025)
TopFruit
Vititec
Voor-Groenberg

5.3 Nurseries

There were 51 nurseries registered to propagate vines in 2025, 21 of these nurseries were registered as foundation nurseries by four PIOs. The nurseries are represented on the VIA Board and Technical Committee by the South African Vine Growers Association.

The list of registered nurseries (in alphabetical order) is as follows:

CERT	VIA REGISTERED NURSERIES 2025-2026
10226	Attie Brink Kwekery
10230	Bacchus Kwekery
10229	Bosman Adama Kwekery
12091	Bosman Fisantevlug Kwekery
12012	Bosman Herculesfontein Kwekery
12089	Bosman Moutonshoek Kwekery
12090	Bosman Nuhoop Kwekery
12155	Bosman Riviera Kwekery
10218	Constantia Kwekery
10224	Cordiersrus Kwekery
10779	Duikerfontein Kwekery

10203	Elnie Kwekery
10611	Fleury Kwekery
10356	Groenendal Kwekery
12099	Hexberg-Gifberg Kwekery
11514	Hexberg Pampoentuin Kwekery
12130	Hexvines (Pty) Ltd
10566	Kingsway Vineyards (previously Cornerstone Nursery)
10391	Koplande Boerdery
10204	Leeuwrivier Kwekery
10396	Olifantskop Kwekery
10205	Patatskloof Familietrust
10615	Rooiheuwel Kwekery
11752	Vitigraft BK
12061	Vititec Dunedin
12004	Vititec Kleinfontein
12141	Vititec Leeuwrivier
11746	Vititec Picardi
12160	Voor-Groenberg Tonnel Kwekery
10394	Wamakersvallei Kwekery

PIO registered foundation nurseries

Bosman GV Kwekerye
SAPO GV Kwekery
Vititec GV Kwekerye
Voor-Groenberg GV Kwekerye

6. STATUS OF VARIETIES AND CLONES

6.1 Varieties

During the 2025 financial year, only two varieties were added to the official variety list (both within the scheme).

The status of the official varieties, as well as their utilisation, as on 31 October 2025 is shown in Table 1. The table also indicates how many varieties within each vine group

are currently protected by Plant Breeders' Rights and how many of the varieties are within the scheme.

TABLE 1 Official varieties and the utilisation thereof in 2025

VINE TYPE	OFFICIAL VARIETIES (with PBR)	IN THE SCHEME (with PBR)	PROPAGATED IN 2025	
			OFFICIAL VARIETIES (IN THE SCHEME)	EXPERIMENTAL VARIETIES (IN THE SCHEME)
SCIONS				
WHITE WINE	87 (3)	68 (2)	39 (39)	*3 (3)*
RED WINE	80 (4)	63 (2)	47 (47)	*1 (-)*
TABLE GRAPE	231 (181)	105 (80)	62 (43)	*46 (10)*
DRYING GRAPE	15 (4)	14 (4)	11 (11)	*2 (1)*
TOTAL	**413 (192)**	**250 (88)**	**159 (140)**	***52 (14)***
ROOTSTOCKS				
	48 (3)	28 (3)	12 (12)	*4 (3)*
GRAND TOTAL	**461 (195)**	**278 (91)**	**171 (152)**	***56 (17)***

6.2 Clones

The status of the clones as on 31 October 2025 is presented in **Table 2**.

TABLE 2 Number of varieties and clones per category on the clone register

VINE TYPE		OFFICIAL VARIETIES		*EXP. VAR.*	TOTAL
		REGISTERED	CANDIDATE	*CANDIDATE*	
WHITE WINE	VARIETIES	47	39	*16*	**82**
	CLONES	225	140	*16*	**381**
RED WINE	VARIETIES	50	47	*12*	**75**
	CLONES	295	184	*17*	**496**
TABLE GRAPE	VARIETIES	77	49	*49*	**155**
	CLONES	166	98	*67*	**335**
DRYING GRAPE	VARIETIES	11	9		**14**
	CLONES	28	27		**55**
ROOTSTOCKS	VARIETIES	18	22	*15*	**43**
	CLONES	128	51	*18*	**197**
TOTAL	**VARIETIES**	**203**	**166**	***92***	**369**
	CLONES	**842**	**500**	***118***	**1460**

The four varieties with the most clones are Chardonnay with 67, Cabernet Sauvignon with 66, Shiraz with 64 and Chenin Blanc with 62.

The following clones were added to the VIA clone register during 2025:

Candidate clones
1 white wine
17 table grapes
2 rootstocks

Registered clones
2 white wine
3 red wine
10 table grapes
1 drying grape

The removal of clones for 2025 included one rootstock, 36 white wine-, 54 red wine-, 92 table grape- and two drying grape clones.

- There are 39 wine grape, 126 table grape, one drying grape and 20 rootstock varieties on the official variety list that do not currently appear on the clone register.

These varieties have fallen into disuse or belong to owners who do not participate in the scheme. Eight of these table grape varieties were propagated this year.

- 48% of the scion varieties on the register were utilised in the past year, while only 33% of the scion clones on the clone register were propagated in nurseries. For rootstocks, 37% of varieties and 24% of clones on the clone register were utilised. (This utilisation refers to plant material grafted by registered nurseries in 2025.)

- Of the four varieties with the most clones, 34 clones of Chenin Blanc, 25 clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, 23 clones of Chardonnay and 16 clones of Shiraz were utilised.

NOTE

For the purposes of this report, all varieties that can, according to the official variety list, be used as drying grapes (including Flame seedless), are fully included in the drying grape component.

7. STATUS OF BLOCK UNITS

7.1 Scions

The six registered PIOs collectively have a total of 3 793 scion block units on 211 sites. There are 3 868 553 scion vines on the block register, of which 6% do not have status because the blocks are new additions or do not yet meet all the necessary requirements.

There is a total of 3 042 foundation block units of which 84% have been tested vine by vine for Leafroll in 2025. The tested vines represent 42% of the total number of vines in the foundation block units.

Vines with Leafroll symptoms were marked out and scrapped in 181 mother block units.

The status of the scion block units as on 31 October 2025, is summerised in **Table 3**.

TABLE 3 Number of scion varieties and clones according to unit type and status

		STATUS		VARIETIES	CLONES	SITES	BLOCKS	VINES
WHITE WINE	FOUNDATION	CERTIFIED	W1	8	34	22	56	149 811
			W2	44	181	32	712	248 186
		CANDIDATE	K1	1	1	2	2	261
			K2	41	83	10	188	7 453
		NONE		16	37	9	61	56 804
		TOTAL		70	267	46	1 019	462 515
	MOTHER	CERTIFIED	W1	22	87	62	262	985 236
			W2	1	1	1	1	76
		CANDIDATE	K1	3	3	3	3	7 173
		NONE		13	28	15	32	69 096
		TOTAL		29	99	69	298	1 061 581
		GRAND TOTAL		**70**	**269**	**89**	**1 317**	**1 524 096**
RED WINE	FOUNDATION	CERTIFIED	W1	9	43	29	130	361 746
			W2	49	242	16	1 155	79 951
		CANDIDATE	K2	49	86	10	166	5 642
		NONE		11	28	9	36	34 053
		TOTAL		74	332	44	1 487	481 392
	MOTHER	CERTIFIED	W1	30	110	78	316	1 237 936
			W2	1	1	1	4	11 862
		CANDIDATE	K1	3	3	3	3	1 649
		NONE		13	16	14	23	58 797
		TOTAL		34	121	89	346	1 310 244
		GRAND TOTAL		**75**	**347**	**113**	**1 833**	**1 791 636**
TABLE GRAPES	FOUNDATION	CERTIFIED	W1	24	29	8	45	20 479
			W2	43	60	11	99	36 153
		CANDIDATE	K1	16	18	3	27	1 812
			K2	69	85	11	154	16 617
		NONE		61	63	10	92	5 361
		TOTAL		129	199	22	417	80 422
	MOTHER	CERTIFIED	W1	11	14	17	23	84 202
			W2	5	7	8	10	22 660
		CANDIDATE	K1	1	1	1	2	5 000
			K2	3	4	4	4	16 356
		NONE		8	10	10	11	20 762
		TOTAL		17	29	33	50	148 980
	SOURCE	CANDIDATE	K1	8	8	4	11	8 022
			K2	11	11	4	25	13 900
		TOTAL		16	16	6	36	21 922
		GRAND TOTAL		**132**	**207**	**55**	**503**	**251 324**
DRYING GRAPES	FOUNDATION	CERTIFIED	W1	8	11	12	30	86 405
			W2	8	18	18	61	117 776
		CANDIDATE	K1	1	1	1	1	5
			K2	8	12	10	25	10 058
		NONE		1	1	2	2	2 271
		TOTAL		13	32	27	119	216 515
	MOTHER	CERTIFIED	W1	3	5	6	14	44 301
			W2	3	5	6	6	38 568
		CANDIDATE	K2	1	1	1	1	2 113
		TOTAL		5	7	11	21	84 982
		GRAND TOTAL		**13**	**32**	**36**	**140**	**301 497**

7.2 Rootstocks

The status of the rootstock blocks, as on 31 October 2025, is set out in **Table 4**. The rootstock blocks without status are blck units of experimental varieties where statuses have not yet been assigned or new blocks for which the Fanleaf tests have not yet been completed.

TABLE 4 Number of rootstock varieties and clones by certification category and unit type

	STATUS		VARIETIES	CLONES	SITES	BLOCKS	VINES
FOUNDATION	CERTIFIED	W1	10	23	20	133	527 170
		W2	2	3	5	7	20 600
	CANDIDATE	K1	20	20	6	51	61 400
	NONE		14	21	11	33	79 461
	TOTAL		30	49	29	224	688 631
MOTHER	CERTIFIED	W1	9	21	40	194	871 069
	NONE		3	5	3	6	40 449
	TOTAL		9	21	40	200	911 518
	GRAND TOTAL		**30**	**49**	**62**	**424**	**1 600 149**

8. GRAFTED VINES AVAILABLE FOR SALE

8.1 Vine numbers

The vines propagated per type of vine is summerised in **Table 5**.

TABLE 5 Vines propagated in 2025

VINE TYPE	CERTIFIED	CANDIDATE	NONE	TOTAL
WHITE WINE	5 232 949	303 925	303 576	5 840 450
RED WINE	3 239 237	64 113	51 714	3 355 064
TABLE GRAPE	1 253 850	596 551	2 372 929	4 223 330
DRYING GRAPE	1 758 887	175 674	215 153	2 149 714
ROOTSTOCKS	261 635	1 900	157	263 692
TOTAL	**11 746 558**	**1 142 164**	**2 943 529**	**15 832 250**

- A total of 1 998 260 more vines were propagated in 2025 than in 2024.

- The percentage of certified and candidate vines decreased from 87% in 2024 to 81% in 2025. This decrease can be largely attributed to the large number of table grape vines that were not certified.

- The figures for vines grown in registered nurseries for 2025 are compared in **Table 6** with the corresponding figures for 2024.

TABLE 6 Comparative figures for vines propagated in 2025 vs. 2024

	2024	**2025**
WINE GRAPES		
Number of nurseries	32	32
Vines lifted	8 442 575	9 195 514
Grafting efficacy (%)	38%	44%
% Certified & Candidate	96,3%	92,2%
TABLE GRAPES		
Number of nurseries	37	30
Vines lifted	3 395 680	4 223 330
Grafting efficacy (%)	36%	41%
% Certified & Candidate	59%	44%
DRYING GRAPES		
Number of nurseries	33	29
Vines lifted	1 705 396	2 149 714
Grafting efficacy (%)	35%	39%
% Certified & Candidate	92%	90%
ROOTSTOCKS		
Number of nurseries	8	7
Vines lifted	290 339	263 692
Grafting efficacy (%)	62%	66%
% Certified & Candidate	97%	99,9%
TOTAL		
Number of nurseries	47	44
Vines lifted	13 833 990	15 832 250
Grafting efficacy (%)	37%	42%
% Certified & Candidate	87%	81%

8.2 Wine grape vine propagated

The most important wine grape varieties propagated in 2025, are provided by status in **Table 7**.

TABLE 7 Most important wine grape varieties propagated in 2025

VARIETY	CERTIFIED	CANDIDATE	NONE	TOTAL
WHITE WINE				
CHENIN BLANC	1 502 389	77 028	49 011	1 628 428
SAUVIGNON BLANC	1 307 225	59 114	50 124	1 416 463
COLOMBAR	1 044 882	70 835	47 690	1 163 407
CHARDONNAY	920 189	22 475	1 050	943 714
PINOT GRIS	171 013	14 583	52 354	237 950
MUSKADEL WIT	73 917	4 891	37	78 845
SEMILLON	38 795	10 973	15 568	65 336
MUSCAT D'ALEXANDRIE BLANC	51 928	1 370	1 476	54 774
GRENACHE BLANC	44 501		8 400	52 901
VIOGNIER	39 821			39 821
IRSAI OLIVER	3 200		26 666	29 866
GEWURZTRAMINER	3 040		20 212	23 252
SAUVIGNON GRIS		22 870		22 870
UGNI BLANC	1 743		19 304	21 047
ALVARINHO		16 190		16 190
OTHER (24)	30 306	2 306	11 684	44 296
OTHER EXP. (3 VAR)		*1 290*		*1 290*
GRAND TOTAL	**5 232 949**	**303 925**	**303 576**	**5 840 450**
RED WINE				
CABERNET SAUVIGNON	791 248	24 866	25	816 139
PINOTAGE	589 897	20 914	20 173	630 984
MERLOT	414 150	1 436	0	415 586
SHIRAZ	367 522	9 151	135	376 808
PINOT NOIR	318 159			318 159
CABERNET FRANC	116 443			116 443
GRENACHE NOIR	108 532	872		109 404
RUBY CABERNET	104 509			104 509
PETIT VERDOT	91 900	592		92 492
MALBEC	54 350		8 357	62 707
CINSAUT NOIR	51 310	235		51 545
DURIF	36 048		1 216	37 264
MUSKADEL ROOI	36 979			36 979
ALICANTE BOUSCHET	29 460		1 500	30 960
TANNAT	29 823			29 823
MOURVEDRE	28 408			28 408
ROOBERNET	17 871			17 871
MARSELAN	13 421			13 421
CHAMBOURCIN		157	13 132	13 289
SANGIOVESE	10 406			10 406
OTHER (27)	28 801	5 890	4 350	39 041
OTHER EXP. (1 VAR)			*2 826*	*2 826*
GRAND TOTAL	**3 239 237**	**64 113**	**51 714**	**3 355 064**

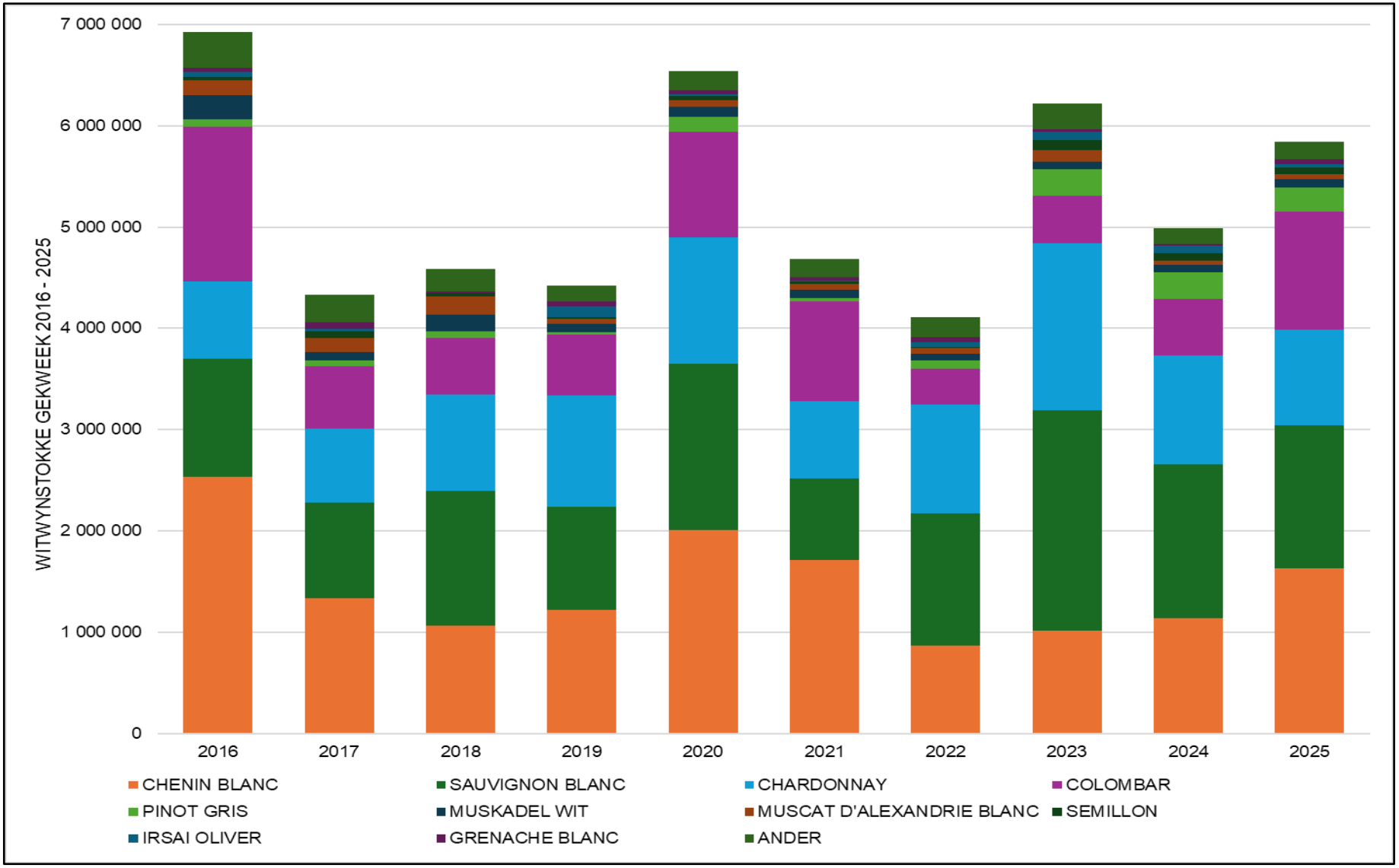
- 14 nurseries declared uncertified wine grape vines, 86% of the uncertified vines were declared by four of the nurseries.

The most important clones of the varieties of which more than 100 000 vines were propagated are shown in **Table 8**. Subclones have been combined for the purpose of this information. Subclones marked with an * belong to different PIOs.

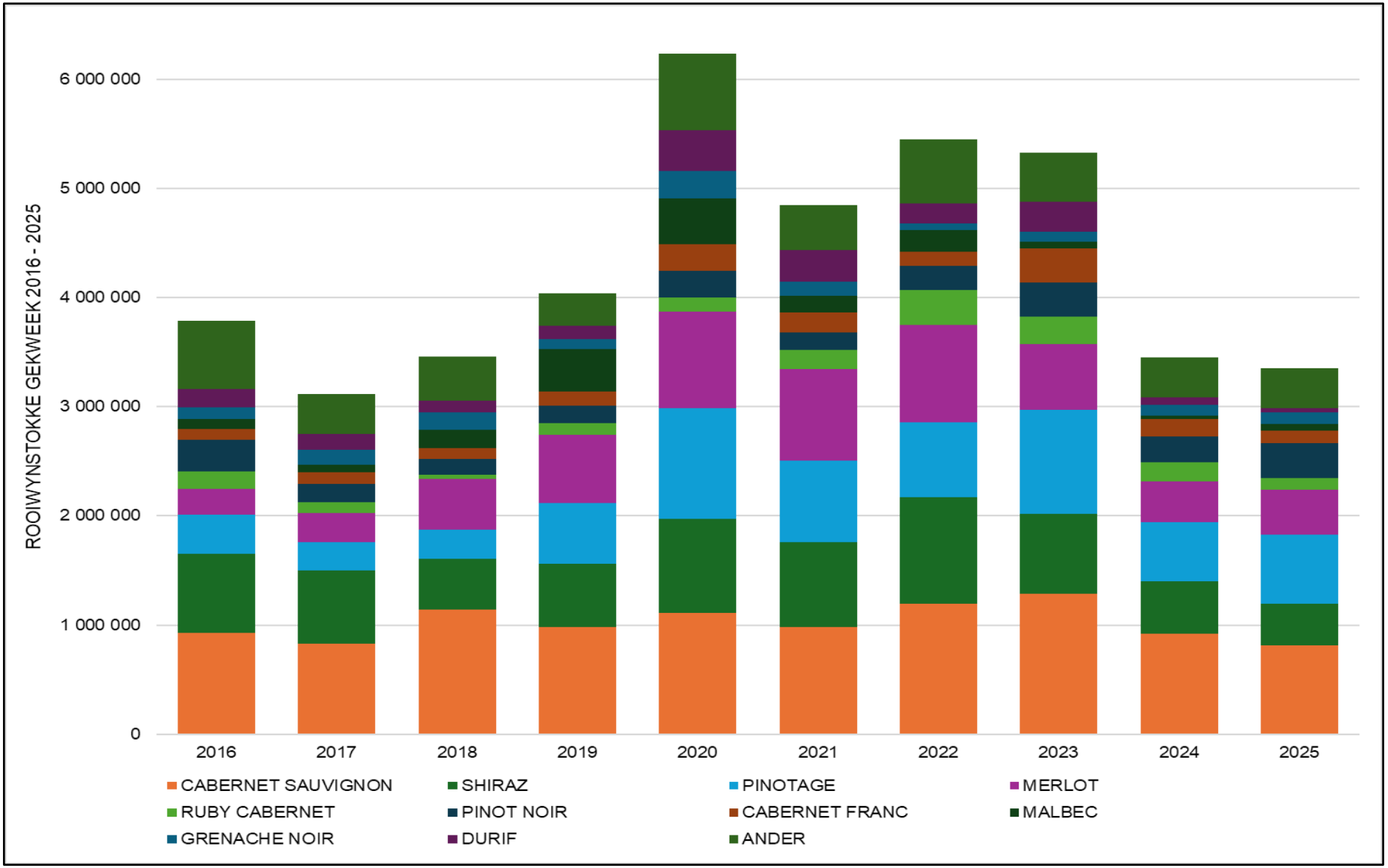
TABLE 8 The most important clones of wine grape varieties propagated in 2025

VARIETY	CLONE	CLONE 1	CLONE 2	CLONE 3	TOTAL
WHITE WINE					
CHENIN BLANC	SN 220 B / SN 220 C	266 330	620 351		886 681
	SN 258 A				252 270
	SN 24 C				214 544
	SN 550 C / SN 550 D	24 741	25 039		49 780
	SN 737 R				48 208
	OTHER (24)				*176 945*
SAUVIGNON BLANC	SB 242 B				566 625
	SB 11 O / SB 11 R	78 165	211 369		289 534
	SB 316 G				260 705
	SB 134 C				134 031
	SB 317 A / SB 317 D	57 782	941		58 723
	OTHER (7)				*106 845*
COLOMBAR	*CO 1098 Q				617 299
	*CO 1098 D				304 386
	CO 254 E				162 364
	OTHER (4)				*79 358*
CHARDONNAY	CY 55 R				317 146
	CY 95 B				252 380
	CY 277 E				99 195
	CY 96 A / CY 96 C	49 860	49 045		98 905
	CY 76 D				56 602
	OTHER (11)				*119 486*
PINOT GRIS	PG 40 B				180 672
	OTHER (2)				*57 278*
RED WINE					
CABERNET SAUVIGNON	CS 338 C / CS 338 G	195 163	9 415		204 578
	CS 15 M				178 035
	*CS 163 I / CS 163 O	40 221	65 136		105 357
	*CS 163 C				76 815
	CS 46 C				66 178
	CS 37 C				61 785
	OTHER (13)				*123 391*
PINOTAGE	PI 48 A / PI 48 C / PI 48 H	368 246	926	208 194	577 366
	PI 6 B				33 026
	OTHER (5)				*20 592*
MERLOT	MO 348 A				343 076
	MO 343 / MO 343 A	37 051	21 559		58 610
	OTHER (4)				*13 900*
SHIRAZ	SH 9 C / SH 9 D	158 458	8 436		166 894
	SH 1 C				69 808
	SH 470 / SH 470 B	4 126	55 547		59 673
	OTHER (11)				*80 433*
PINOT NOIR	PN 115 A				124 354
	PN 52 C				100 160
	PN 777 B				41 193
	OTHER (8)				*52 452*

Graphs 1 - 2 show the top 10 white and red wine vines propagated over the last ten years. The graphs show the total number of vines propagated per year.



Graph 1 Top 10 white wine varieties propagated 2016 - 2025



Graph 2 Top 10 red wine varieties propagated 2016 – 2025

8.3 Table grapes propagated

The most important table grape varieties propagated in 2025, are provided by status in **Table 9**.

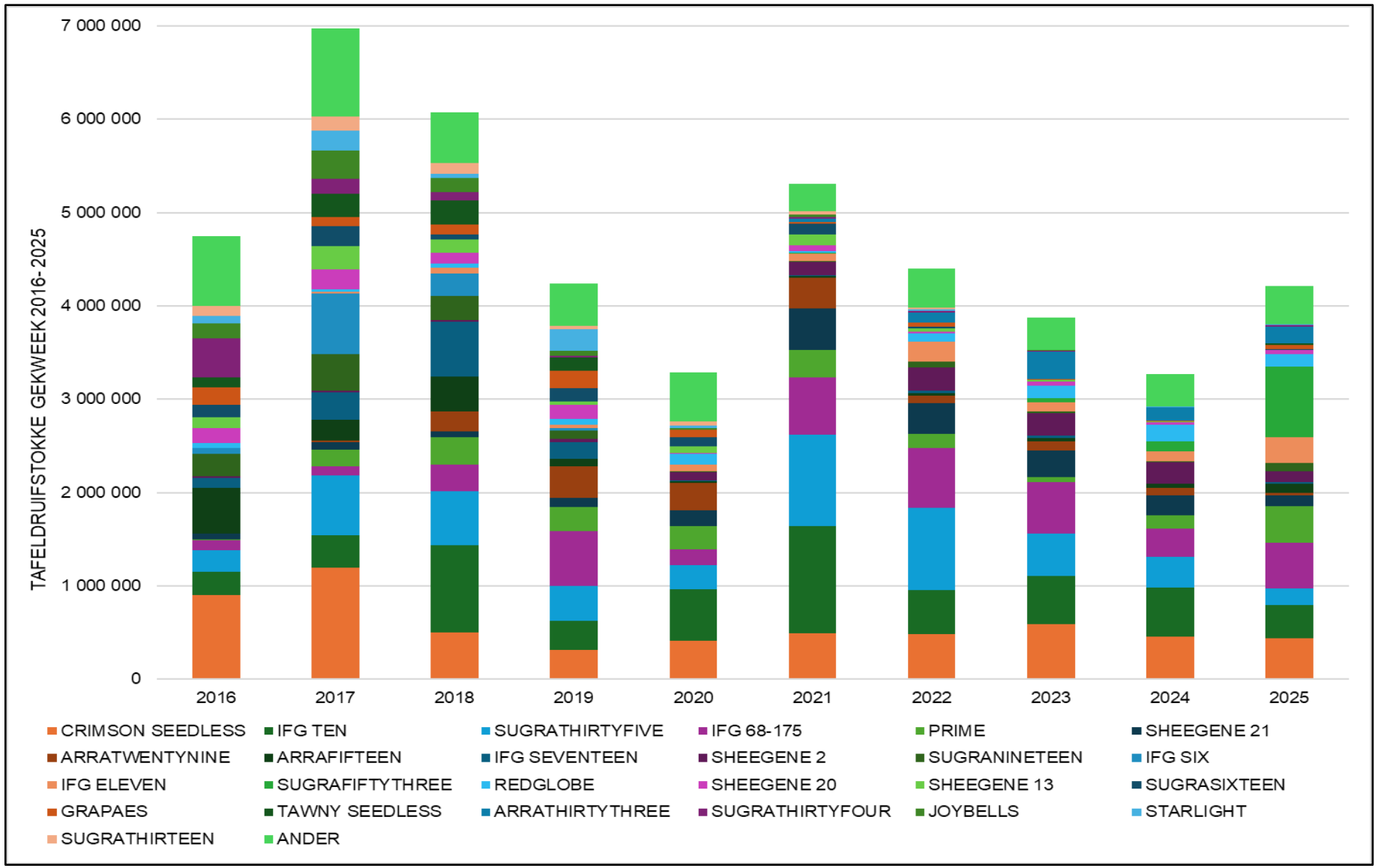
TABLE 9 Most important table grape varieties propagated in 2025

VARIETY	CERTIFIED	CANDIDATE	NONE	TOTAL
SUGRAFIFTYTHREE	76 397	91 933	593 393	761 723
IFG 68-175	300 791	2 620	191 633	495 044
CRIMSON SEEDLESS	148 970	54 827	233 477	437 274
PRIME		414	389 200	389 614
IFG TEN	15 692	253 553	85 212	354 457
IFG ELEVEN	181 730	53 259	35 776	270 765
ARRATHIRTYTHREE	30 585		151 549	182 134
SUGRATHIRTYFIVE	99 615	16 422	61 474	177 511
REDGLOBE	118 051	91	13 585	131 727
SHEEGENE 2	107 166	13 574	771	121 511
SHEEGENE 21	108 279	3 889	477	112 645
ARRAFIFTEEN			102 121	102 121
SUGRANINETEEN	937		85 149	86 086
SUGRAFIFTYFOUR	2 881	1 791	44 373	49 045
SHEEGENE 20	19 991		23 709	43 700
GRAPAES		28	40 396	40 424
ITUMSEVEN	815	38 166		38 981
SUGRAFIFTYSIX		12 311	25 652	37 963
IFG SEVEN	4 199		33 671	37 870
SUGRAONE	13		34 158	34 171
MOUNTAIN PEARL			32 319	32 319
ARRATHIRTY			27 620	27 620
ARRATWENTYNINE	26 681		105	26 786
IFG THIRTY-SEVEN		14 787	11 693	26 480
ARDTHIRTYFIVE		777	20 663	21 440
TAWNY SEEDLESS		20 450		20 450
EVANS DELIGHT			19 588	19 588
SUGRATHIRTYFOUR		250	17 052	17 302
IFG SEVENTEEN	5 194	2 299	8 099	15 592
ARDTHIRTYSIX		65	13 950	14 015
ARRAFOURTEENONE			12 476	12 476
VOLCANI 1744		*120*	*11 243*	*11 363*
OTHER (25 VAR)	5 863	12 899	35 380	54 142
OTHER (6 VAR)			9 316	9 316
OTHER EXP. (9 VAR)		*2 026*	*5 840*	*7 866*
OTHER EXP. (36 VAR)			*1 809*	*1 809*
GRAND TOTAL	**1 253 850**	**596 551**	**2 372 929**	**4 223 330**

- In **Table 8** above, varieties within the scheme are highlighted in green, while experimental varieties are indicated in blue.

- Where uncertified vines of varieties within the scheme have been propagated, there is either not enough certified planting material available or in some cases nurseries utilised planting material that was not issued by a PIO.

Graph 3 shows the top 25 table grape varieties propagated over the last ten years. The graph shows the total number of vines propagated per year. The varieties are arranged from largest to smallest number of vines propagated over the ten year period.



Graph 3 Top 25 table grape varieties propagated 2016 – 2025

8.4 Drying grapes propagated

The drying grape varieties propagated in 2025, are provided by status in **Table 10**.

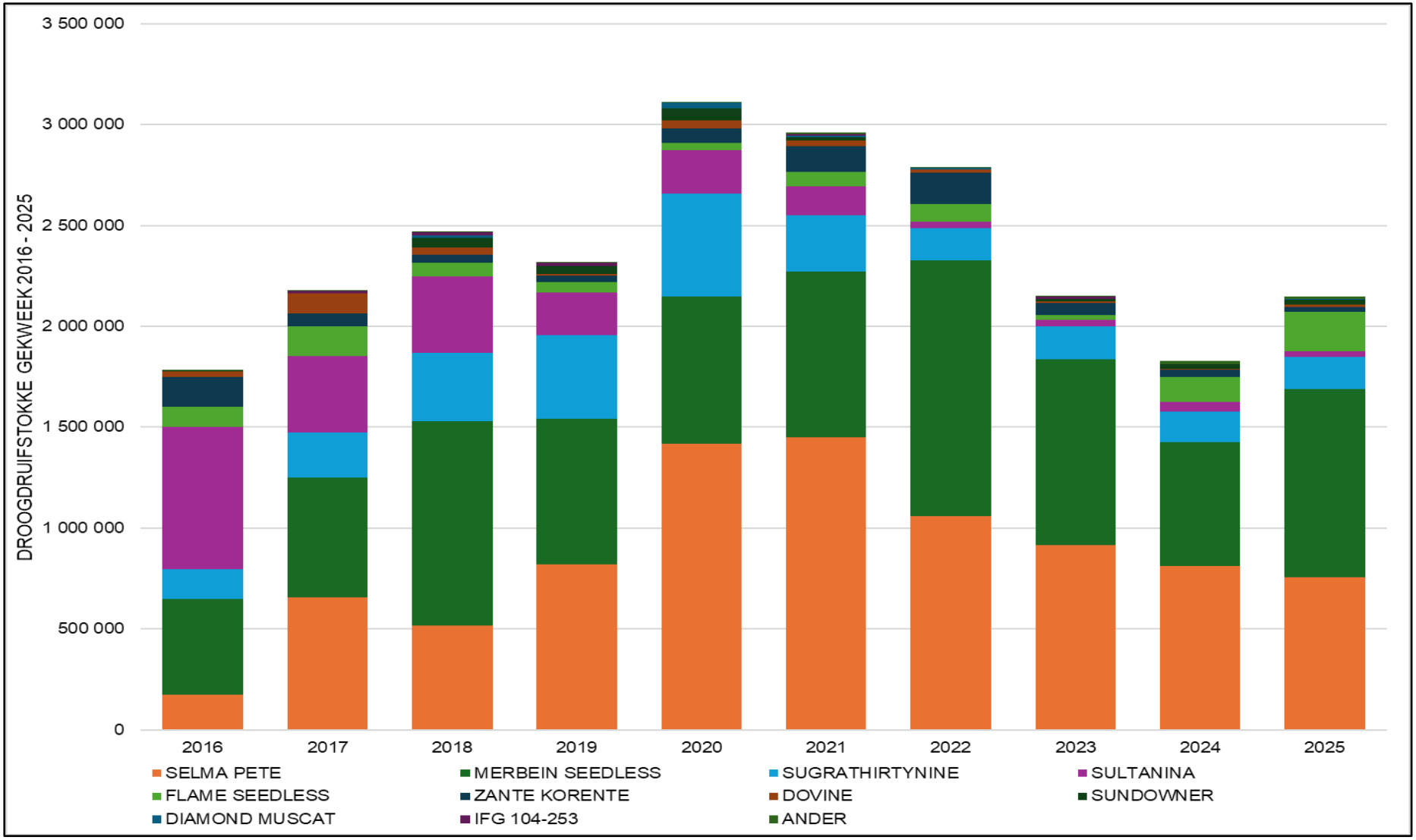
TABLE 10 Drying grape varieties propagated in 2025

VARIETY	CERTIFIED	CANDIDATE	NONE	TOTAL
MERBEIN SEEDLESS	886 758	36 107	7 875	930 740
SELMA PETE	682 491	75 351		757 842
FLAME SEEDLESS	12 248	14 742	169 061	196 051
SUGRATHIRTYNINE	125 532	30 039	5 480	161 051
ZANTE KORENTE	26 258	154		26 412
SULTANINA	24 121		1 776	25 897
SUNDOWNER		561	24 492	25 053
DOVINE		8 666		8 666
DIAMOND MUSCAT	1 479		4 025	5 504
SUNMUSCAT		3 932		3 932
DATAL			1 485	1 485
OTHER (2 VAR)		*6 122*	*959*	*7 081*
GRAND TOTAL	**1 758 887**	**175 674**	**215 153**	**2 149 714**

- In **Tabel 9** above, varieties within the scheme are highlighted in green, while experimental varieties are indicated in blue.

- Where uncertified vines of varieties within the scheme have been propagated, there is either not enough certified planting material available or in some cases nurseries utilised planting material that was not issued by a PIO.

Graph 4 shows the top 10 drying grape varieties propagated over the last ten years. The graph shows the total number of vines propagated per year. The varieties are arranged from largest to smallest number of vines propagated over the ten year period.



Graph 4 Top 10 drying grape varieties propagated 2016 – 2025

8.5 Rootstocks utilised

The rootstocks utilised in 2025 are indicated in **Table 11**, the number of rootstocks utilised per vine type is shown with the statuses as issued.

TABLE 11 Rootstocks utilised in nurseries in 2025

VINE TYPE	W2	W1	K2	K1	O	TOTAL
WHITE WINE	22	5 758 521		51 195	30 712	5 840 450
TABLE GRAPE		3 954 536	40	1 500	267 254	4 223 330
RED WINE		3 350 586		592	3 886	3 355 064
DRYING GRAPE	225 399	1 794 401	10 060	104 786	15 068	2 149 714
GRAND TOTAL	**225 421**	**14 858 044**	**10 100**	**158 073**	**316 920**	**15 568 558**

The rootstock varieties with the statuses as utilised in 2025 are provided in **Table 12**.

TABLE 12 Rootstock varieties utilised in 2025

ROOTSTOCK	W2	W1	K2	K1	O	TOTAL
RAMSEY		9 512 668	40		267 164	9 779 872
P1103		1 915 806		88 731	49 731	2 054 268
RICHTER 110		1 186 223		25 998		1 212 221
US 8-7	22	967 998				968 020
RICHTER 99		480 486				480 486
101-14		449 560				449 560
143 B	201 174	173 319	10 060	12 970		397 523
RUGGERI 140		80 251		29 489		109 740
SO 4		76 674				76 674
MAKSTOK	24 225	12 532				36 757
FREEDOM		2 527		25		2 552
RS-3				793		793
KINGFISHER					*25*	*25*
GRN-4				*23*		*23*
GRN-2				*16*		*16*
GRN-3				*16*		*16*
RS-9				12		12
GRAND TOTAL	**225 421**	**14 858 044**	**10 100**	**158 073**	**316 920**	**15 568 558**

Varieties indicated in italics are experimental and do not yet appear on the official variety list.

9. SUMMARY

The propagation of nursery vines was once again of high quality in 2025 with an average percentage take that was 5% higher than in the previous year. In addition, the percentage of certified vines, with the exception of table grapes, was above 90%.

Despite the fact that two PIOs resigned their participation in the VIA, the association managed to remain financially stable with a slight increase in accumulated funds. The target set early in the year, namely to have at least 50% of the annual turnover available in accumulated funds, is still very far away, however.

The revision of the Constitution is making good progress and the target is to complete the project in early 2026. In 2025, the Standard Operating Procedure for nurseries also received some attention. The revised documentation will also be finalised in early 2026.

Continuous attention is paid to keeping the standard operating procedures and the scheme relevant in an ever-changing landscape. However, the focus of the Board remains to ensure that no amendments or adjustments will dilute the scheme or have a negative impact on the quality of planting material.

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