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State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI) issued on August 14, 2013 the first certificates of the right to use a protected geographical indication (PGI). Thus, the certificate of the right to use the protected geographical indication "CODRU" was issued to the name of the Wine-Making and Wine-Growing Association of the delimited Geographical Region CODRU, and the certificate of the right to use the protected geographical indication "DIVIN" was issued to the name of the Association of Producers of Divin and Brandy de Moldova.

The geographical area for the production of wines with the PGI "Codru" extends on the delimited geographical territory and covers the localities of the Hancesti, Ialoveni, Anenii Noi, Criuleni Straseni, Orhei, Calarasi, Nisporeni, Telenesti, Ungheni and Dubasari districts. The total area of vineyards is 58 000 ha.

The geographical area for the production of outdated wine spirits with the PGI "Divin" extends throughout the geographical territory of the Republic of Moldova.

For detailed information on geographical indications protected in RM you can access the following address: <http://www.db.agepi.md/GeogrIndications/ResultsGI.aspx> [1]

**Geographical indication (GI)** is the name of a region or locality, a specific place or, in exceptional cases, a country, which serves to designate a product originating in that region or locality, in that specific place or in that country and which possesses a specific quality, reputation or other characteristics attributable to that geographical origin and whose production and/or processing, and/or preparation take place in the delimited geographical area.

GIs are effective tools for keeping local traditions and natural resources because:

- encourage preservation of natural resources;
- prevent standardization of foodstuffs

GIs are a component part of our culture:

- contribute to local producers collaboration to address common problems
- play a positive role in building national identity, making producers proud of their unique traditional products
- positively influence tourism

**URL sursă:** <https://agepi.gov.md/ro/node/5259>