



Membership in respekt-BIODYN – the Admission Procedure

December 2018

The admission of new members is subject to the following admission procedure:

Active members from the respekt-BIODYN regions can propose the admission of a new member. These proposals are only submitted and discussed internally, and must be unanimously approved by the general assembly from that region.

Veto power. Members may exercise their right to veto within one month. If this veto right is not exercised, only then will the potential member be informed.

If, however, the veto right is exercised, the matter must be forwarded immediately to the regular annual general meeting, which must decide by simple majority vote on the invitation to the new operation.

Provided there is interest in a new admission, the relevant winery will be audited and the winemaker will be invited to a “respekt-Einkehr” (retreat) in December to present himself and his wines. In addition to wine quality, the human factor also counts; respekt-BIODYN is a circle of friends. Afterwards the board will decide on the admission according to the bylaws. Unanimity is required.

Conversion period

With this decision by the board, the individual conversion process begins (three years for conventional operations, two years for already organic operations), which is defined in the respekt-BIODYN guidelines. At the mentor's suggestion, according to their analysis, the changeover phase can also last only one year.

Membership fee

When a new member is admitted, an annual membership fee for a "membership subject to certification" is due. A one-time **brand usage fee** is due as soon as the certification has been confirmed by the association. From this point on, the winery may include the respekt logo on the labels of wines that comply with our guidelines. Before that, "under conversion to respekt-BIODYN" may be used in communication (including on websites).

25% of the costs of participation in respekt events is borne by the association, the rest is divided equally among the participating operations.



The admission period:

- the new member chooses a mentor who will advise them for more than one year, or longer if needed in their estimation
- mandatory participation in the respekt-Einkehr (retreat) in December and in the respekt-Johanni (St. John's Day gathering) (or VieVinum tasting) in June
- giving vineyard presentations
- completion of training or further education programmes (respekt, Dottenfelderhof, Demeter, etc.)
- **Duration of the conversion period** depending on pre-certification: the initial phase lasts three years for conventional wineries and growing areas, two years for organic operations and areas, and depending on the suggestion of the mentor, one year for already biodynamic wineries.
- presentation of new members at the respekt St. John's Day gathering (or VieVinum), or at the respekt-Einkehr (retreat) with their first certified wine, communication through public relations
- the new member will be listed on the respekt website and in the press kit as "member under conversion" until certification

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