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Does soil and vine nutrient status affect wine quality?

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Great wine from grafted vines

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Paul Henschke



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Neil Scrimgeour



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Vine balance & wine quality



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- ❖ What is vine balance?
- ❖ How do we measure vine balance?
- ❖ What is the best way to achieve vine balance?



What determines wine quality?



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Yield/ha?

Berry size?

Shoot vigour?

Canopy density?

Bunch exposure?



for a given variety x location



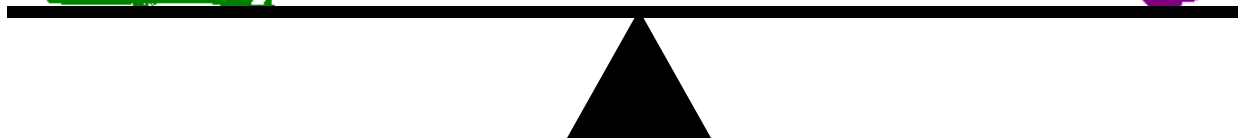
‘Balance is achieved when vegetative vigour
and fruit load are in equilibrium and
consistent with high fruit quality’

Gladstones (1992) Viticulture and Environment

Vegetative growth

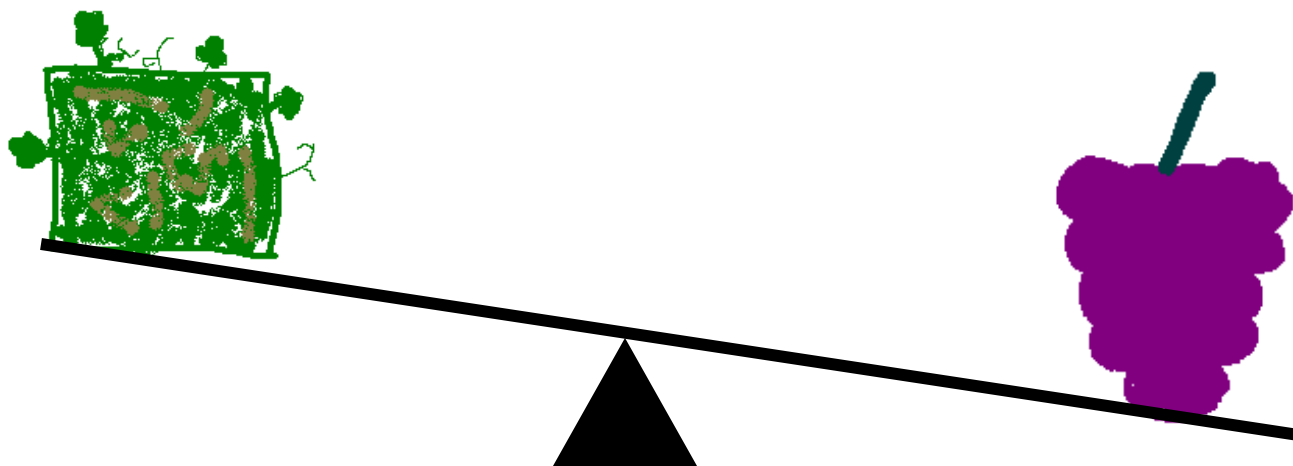


Fruit production



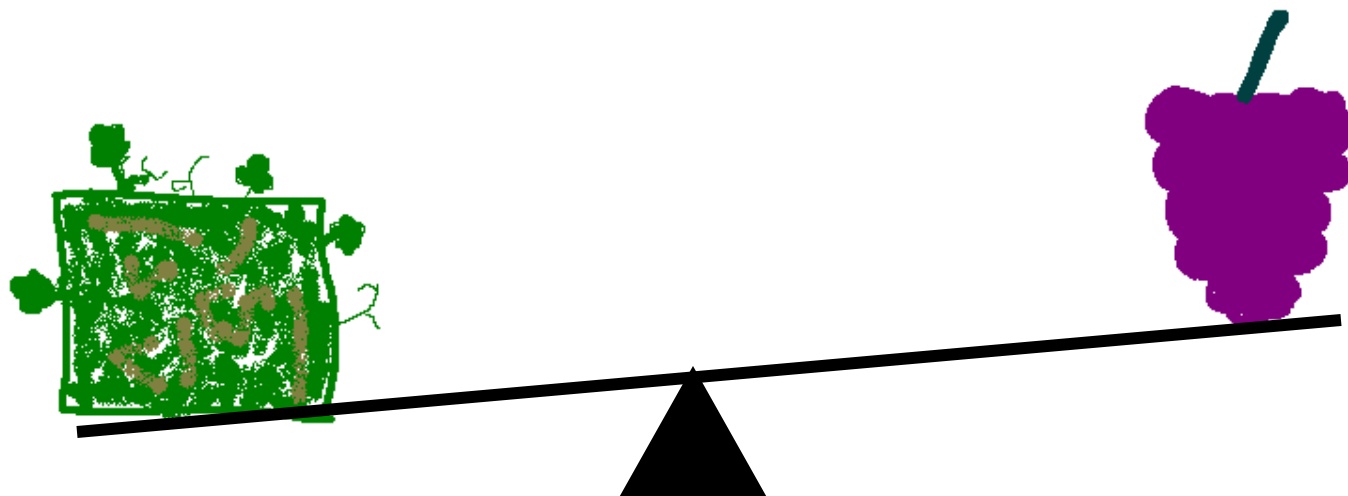


‘overcropping’





excessive vigour; undercropping



The indices of vine balance



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1. Fruit yield to pruning weight (Y/P, Ravaz Index)

recommended range for Y/P is generally between

5 and 10

Cool climates

Hot climates

Yield to pruning weight contd



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$Y/P = 6$



$Y/P = 2$

Does FW/PW correlate with wine quality?



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- ❖ Cab Sauv, single vineyard, Calif (Dokoozlian et al. 2011)
- ❖ Bunch thinning 3 weeks after fruitset

Treatment	Yield t/ha	FW/PW	Days to reach 24° Brix (relative to BA)
'Undercropped' UC	4	3	-12
'Balanced' BA	15	8	0
'Overcropped' OC	30	14	+11

Does FW/PW correlate with wine quality?



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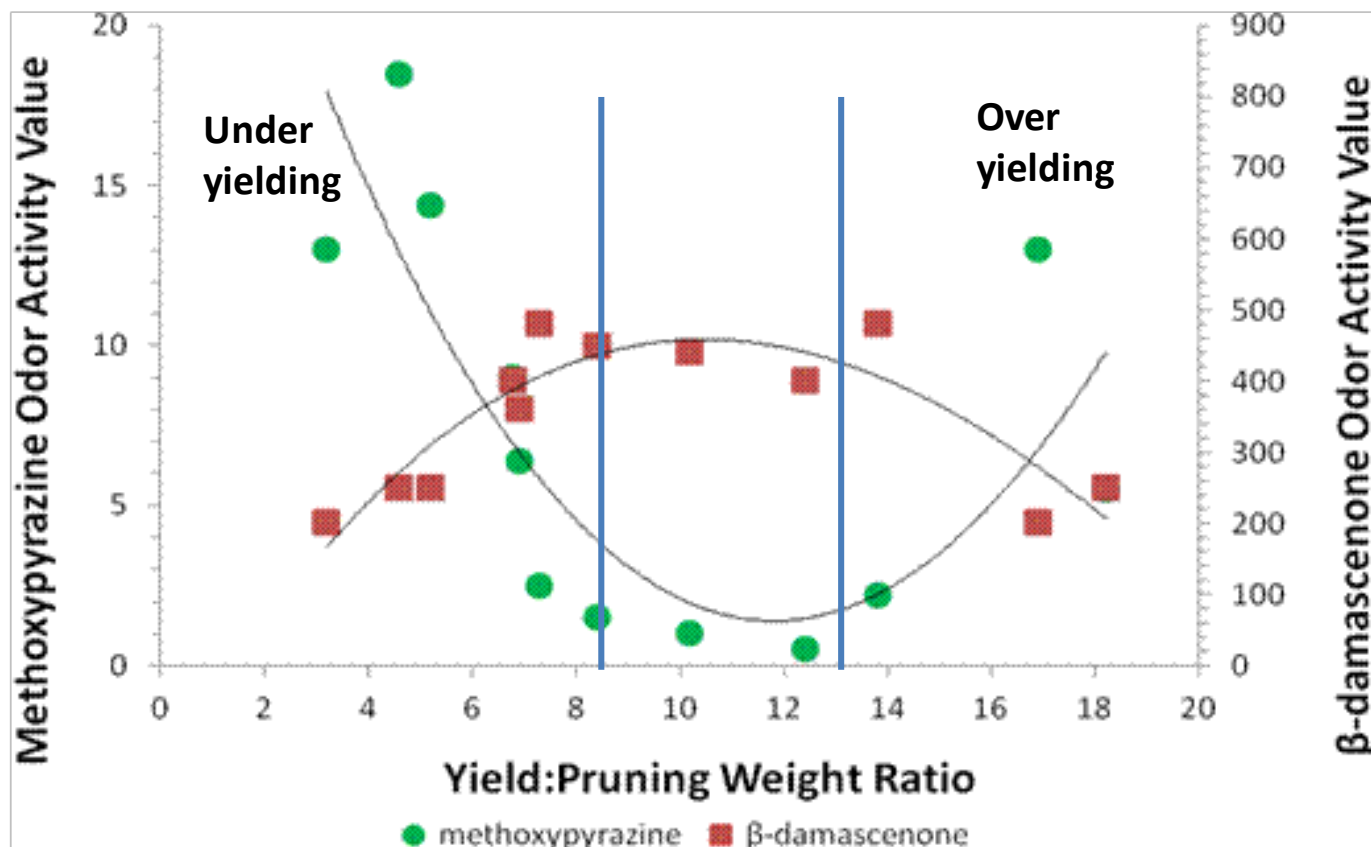
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Treatment	Yield t/ha	FW/PW	Days to reach 24° Brix	OAV damascenone at 24° Brix
'Undercropped'	4	3	-12	200
'Balanced'	15	8	0	380
'Overcropped'	30	14	+11	160

Does Y/P correlate with wine quality?



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redrawn from Dokoozlian et al. 2011 with permission from authors



2. Leaf Area to Fruit Yield ratio (LA/Y)

recommended range:

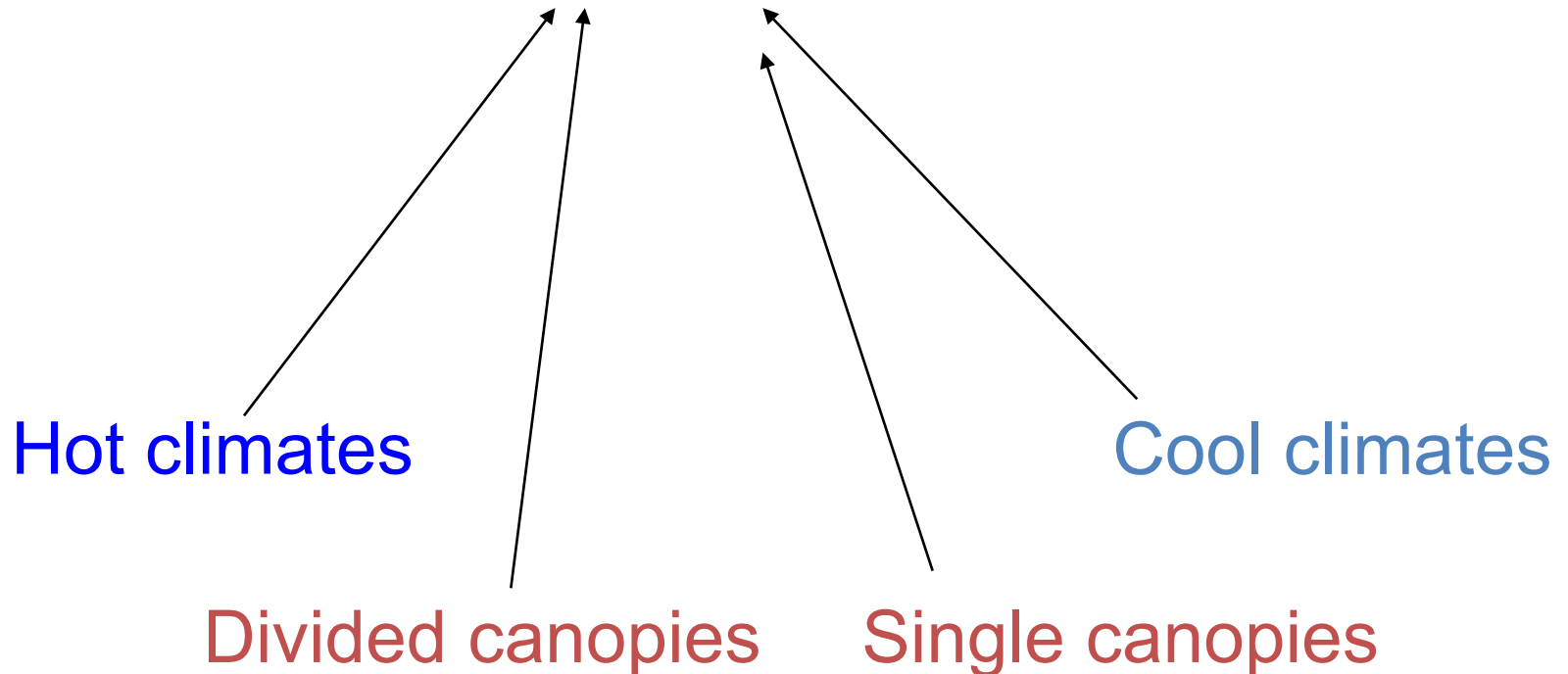
0.5 to 1.5 m²/kg

Hot climates

Cool climates

Divided canopies

Single canopies



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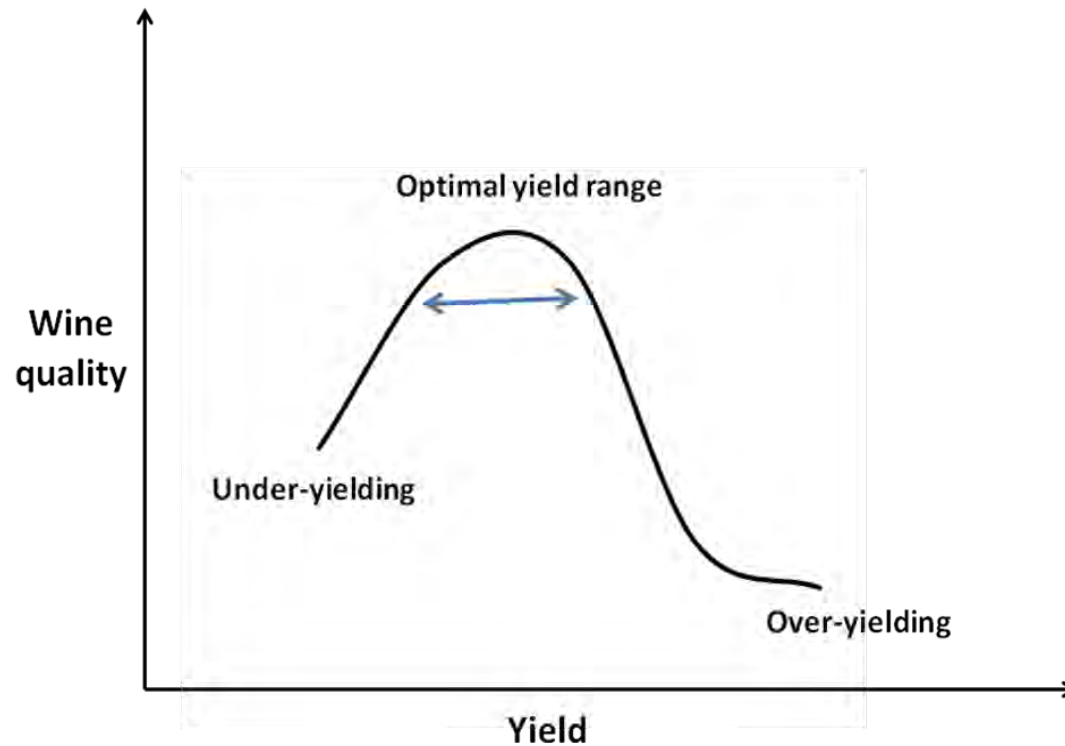


- ❖ low yielding vineyards MAY produce better wine than high yielding
- ❖ However, *it is not necessarily the low yield per se* — rather it is where the vines are grown and the way that they are managed that determines the quality.

Yield



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Generalised relationship between grape yield and wine quality.

A diversion to Bordeaux

Source: van Leeuwen et al. (2004)



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Terroir study

- ❖ 3 soil types
 - 'dry' = gravelly
 - 'moist' = clay subsoil
 - 'wet' = sandy + roots in contact with high water table
- ❖ Cab Sauv, Cab Franc, Merlot

Insert Bordeaux photo

A diversion to Bordeaux

Source: van Leeuwen et al. (2004)



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What were the seasonal factors most closely associated with vintage rating?

- ❖ ~~Yield?~~
- ❖ ~~Berry size?~~
- ❖ ~~Sunshine?~~
- ❖ ~~Temperature?~~
- ❖ ~~Length of ripening period?~~
- ❖ Rainfall? – flowering to harvest

yes

A diversion to Bordeaux

Source: van Leeuwen et al. (2004)



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- ❖ Best vintages when water supply to vine from flowering to harvest was **most limiting**
- ❖ Either soil effect or seasonal effect or both
- ❖ Water deficit prior to veraison → **early cessation of shoot growth**



Other indices of vine balance



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Cessation of shoot growth by veraison



Can this be quantified?



Cessation of shoot growth by veraison

Why is this significant?

- ❖ Diversion of resources to fruit?
 - Or some other factor?
- ❖ Diversion of resources to roots?
 - → increased supply of hormones from roots to ripening fruit?

Other indices of vine balance



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Periderm development



poor shoot periderm development after leaf fall

Other indices of vine balance



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Early maturity/harvest



The first vineyards to be harvested for given variety within a particular climatic zone will produce the best wine. Is this true?



Riverland Shiraz (1995)

- 40 vineyards studied within same region/macroclimate
 - different vineyards harvested at the same maturity, ie. 23.0 ± 0.5 °Brix
 - difference of 37 days between the first vineyard to reach this target maturity and the last
- the earlier the harvest, the better the wine score.

How to achieve vine balance: some principles

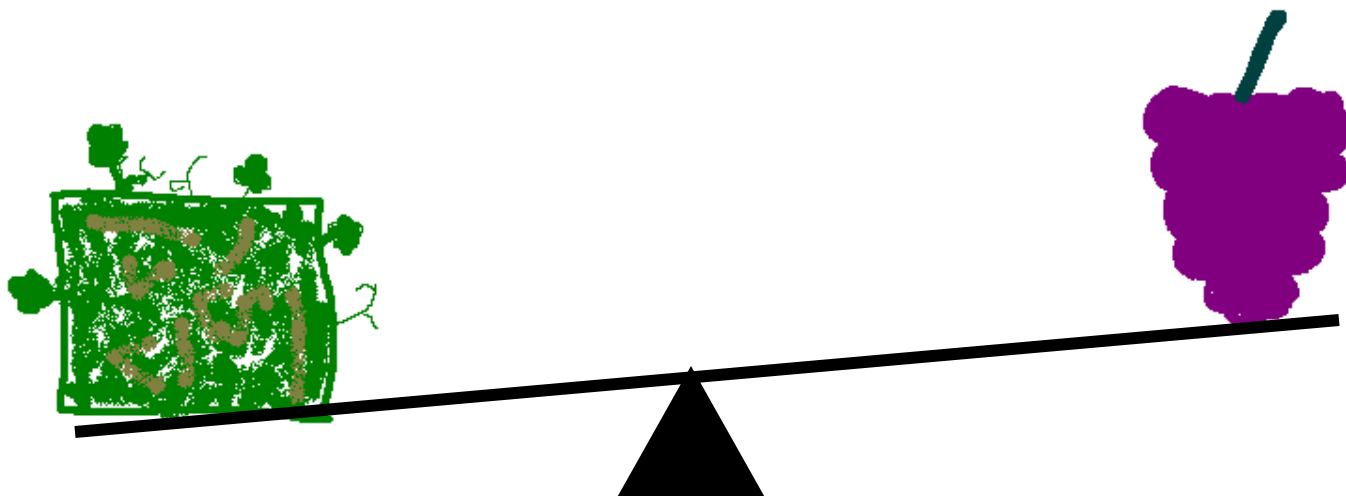


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- ❖ Need to achieve balance prior to veraison
- ❖ Need to develop adequate LA for ripening
- ❖ Avoid excessive shoot vigour



What do you do if vineyard is like this?

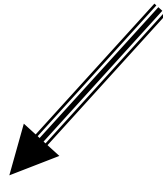


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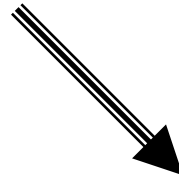


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Control vegetative growth by inducing mild to moderate water stress



Irrigation management

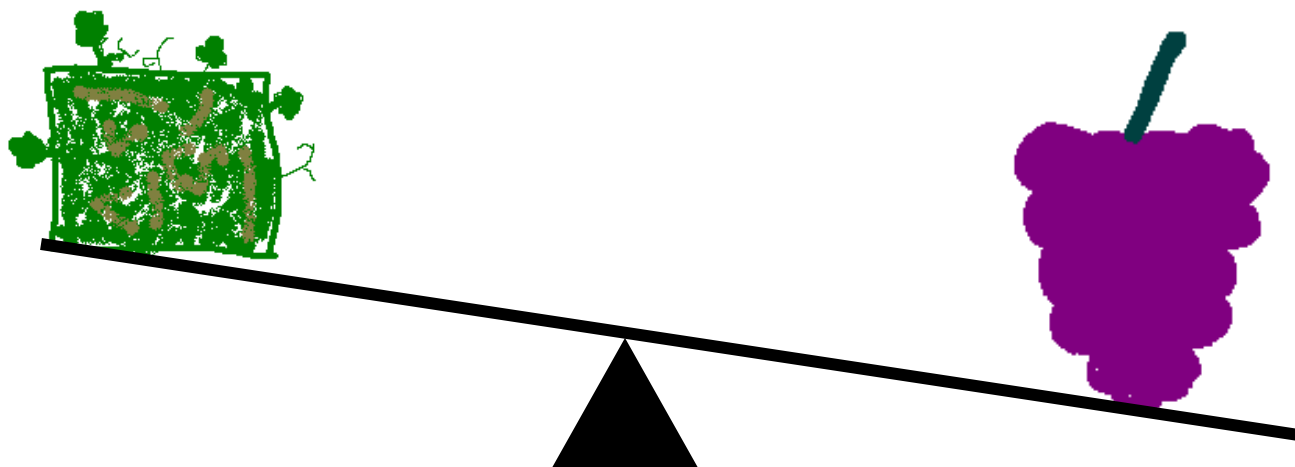


Soil management





What do you do if vineyard is like this?



How to achieve vine balance



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Yield control

- Pruning level
- Bunch thinning





Does yield regulation lead to improved wine quality?

Perhaps – but it depends on:

- ❖ The starting point
- ❖ How and when it is done
- ❖ May only be effective if it improves vine balance
 - It will be ineffective if it disrupts vine balance
 - and causes sugar ripening to be too advanced relative to flavour ripening

Early vs late bunch thinning?



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- ❖ Early is more economical than later
- ❖ If too early may stimulate shoot vigour
- ❖ In a high rainfall climate,
 - leave high bud number to reduce shoot vigour
 - then bunch thin relatively late
- ❖ In dry climate can use severe pruning to reduce bud load knowing that water stress will



A novel method of yield control



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Leaf removal in bunch zone just before flowering (E-L 19)

- Approx 8 basal leaves
- Manual or mechanical
- No lateral shoots removed
- ❖ Yield reduced by 20 to 70% mainly due to fewer berries/bunch
- ❖ Varieties used: Semillon, Tempranillo, Graciano, Carignan, Sangiovese, Barbera, Trebbiano, Ciliegiolo
 - Mostly warm climates



Poni et al (2009), Scheiner et al. (2010)

A novel method of yield control



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Positive effects:

- Reduced bunch compactness
- Reduced Botrytis
- No detrimental effect on Brix
- Increased concentration anthocyanin and other phenolics
- Partial recovery of LA to give later bunch protection

Why does it work?

Take home messages



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- ❖ Indices of vine balance are useful guide but use other indicators as well
- ❖ Low yield does not mean good balance
- ❖ Control of shoot growth before veraison is important
 - It is better to achieve vine balance earlier in season rather than later
- ❖ The timing and method of yield control must be appropriate for the site

Further reading



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How can irrigation management strategies be used to manipulate wine quality?

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Winegrape quality can be defined as:
*the suitability of a batch of grapes to produce a wine
of the highest quality for a targeted style.*

- ❖ Irrigation options
- ❖ When deficit irrigation is appropriate
- ❖ When DI won't work
- ❖ How it works
- ❖ Why it works





- ❖ Maintain RAW range for 'no stress'
- ❖ Sustained deficit irrigation (SDI)/ deficit irrigation (DI)
e.g. 70% ET_v
- ❖ Regulated deficit irrigation (RDI)

When is deficit irrigation appropriate?



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When is deficit irrigation appropriate?



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Cabernet Sauvignon, Sunraysia: after 2 seasons of deficit
Irrigation. Photo taken at end of January



When won't it work?



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RDI: How do you do it?



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Effect of irrigation strategy on sensory attributes:

Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Chapman et al (2005)

- ❖ Standard Irrigation (SI) = 32 L/vine/week
- ❖ “Minimal” Irrigation (MI) = ‘deficit 32 L/vine/week applied when midday LWP < -1.6 MPa

Effect of irrigation strategy on sensory attributes:

- ❖ 'Deficit wine' was rated much higher than standard wine with more desirable fruity aromas and flavours
- ❖ 'Standard wine' had more undesirable herbaceous/vegetal aromas and flavours

Water deficit improves Wine Quality



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Why does it work?



Water deficit: why does it work?



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- ❖ Lower yield ?
- ❖ Smaller berries ?
- ❖ Reduced vegetative growth ?
- ❖ More open canopy and better bunch exposure ?
- ❖?

If it is lower yield ...?



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❖ What is the possible mechanism?





- ❖ Often not large yield decrease for deficit irrigation relative to “well-watered” control
 - e.g. 15 to 20%

Standard = 17.6 t/ha

Deficit = 15.0 t/ha

(Chapman et al. 2005)

Lower yield...?



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- ❖ Deficit imposed at 'right' time (e.g. pre-veraison) has much greater effect on vegetative growth than on yield.
- ❖ Some deficit irrigation studies show no yield change but still increased wine quality
 - e.g. PRD (Dry et al. 2001)





Does yield reduction by any means necessarily improve quality?

- ❖ No
- ❖ In fact, yield reduction may reduce quality
 - e.g. by bunch thinning (Chapman et al. 2004, Reiger 2009)

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Is it the result of smaller berries?



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Small berries have larger **skin surface area** relative to volume of juice than large berries

TRUE

But do they have a larger **weight of skin** relative to volume of juice than large berries?

NOT NECESSARILY

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Concentration of wine components

Is it the result of smaller berries?



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- ❖ Irrigation deficit produces berries with more skin and seed tissues relative to whole berry mass than well-irrigated controls
- ❖ INDEPENDENTLY OF ANY CHANGE IN BERRY SIZE
(Roby and Matthews 2004; Roby et al. 2004)

Is it the result of smaller berries?



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Berry size – the evidence against:

- ❖ Wines made from different berry size classes of Shiraz found characteristics including colour are similar from small and large berries (Walker et al. 2005)
- ❖ PRD increases anthocyanin concentration without any change in berry size (Bindon et al. 2008a)
- ❖ Leaf removal in bunch zone just before flowering increases anthocyanin concentration without any change in berry size (Poni et al. 2009)

Water deficit: why does it work?



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Reduced vegetative growth?



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Bordeaux study (van Leeuwen et al. 2004)

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- ❖ Either soil effect or seasonal effect or both
- ❖ Water deficit prior to veraison → early cessation of shoot growth → highest vintage rating



Reduced vegetative growth?



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- ❖ Reduced shoot vigour by veraison...but can this be related to wine composition?



Reduced vegetative growth?



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Cessation of shoot growth by veraison

- ❖ Relationship between shoot vigour and concentration of methoxypyrazines (MP) in Cabernet Sauvignon fruit



- ❖ MP strongly correlated with pre-veraison shoot vigour
 - Independent of bunch exposure

Reduced vegetative growth?



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Cessation of shoot growth by veraison

- ❖ Diversion of resources to fruit or roots?
- ❖ Or is something happening to roots?
 - → increased supply of hormones from roots to ripening fruit?
e.g. ABA



ABA and grape ripening

- ❖ ABA known to be involved in:
 - in initiation of ripening
 - and promotes partitioning of resources to fruit after veraison
- ❖ Ripening depends on constant supply of ABA external to bunches
- ❖ Main source = roots
 - Mild to moderate water stress is key to maintenance of ABA supply

Water deficit: why does it work?



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- ❖ ~~Lower yield ?~~
- ❖ ~~Smaller berries ?~~
- ❖ Reduced vegetative growth ? - perhaps
- ❖ More open canopy and better bunch exposure ?
- ❖ ?

More open canopy?



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❖ Reduced canopy density?

- Better bunch exposure
- Less leaf shading
- Less disease



More open canopy?



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Bunch exposure:

- ❖ Good evidence that bunch exposure is associated with wine quality

Several possible explanations:

- ❖ **Direct effect** of light and/or temperature on primary and secondary metabolites
- ❖ **Indirect effect**
 - e.g. bunch exposure effect on skin thickness

More open canopy?



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Bunch exposure and skin thickness

❖ Pre-flowering defoliation of Barbera and Lambrusco salamino (Poni et al. 2009)

- Increased bunch exposure
- **Increased relative skin weight**
- Increased anthocyanins
- **(Increased berry size)**



More open canopy?



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Bunch exposure

- ❖ Only moderate light is required for colour development
- ❖ Flavour compounds (eg isoprenoids) form more in exposed bunches – however, degradation is also greatest in exposed bunches
- ❖ Therefore, greatest aromatic intensity and varietal typicity is achieved in **partial or reduced intensity sunlight** plus **moderate air temperatures**.

Is it possible to have too much bunch exposure?



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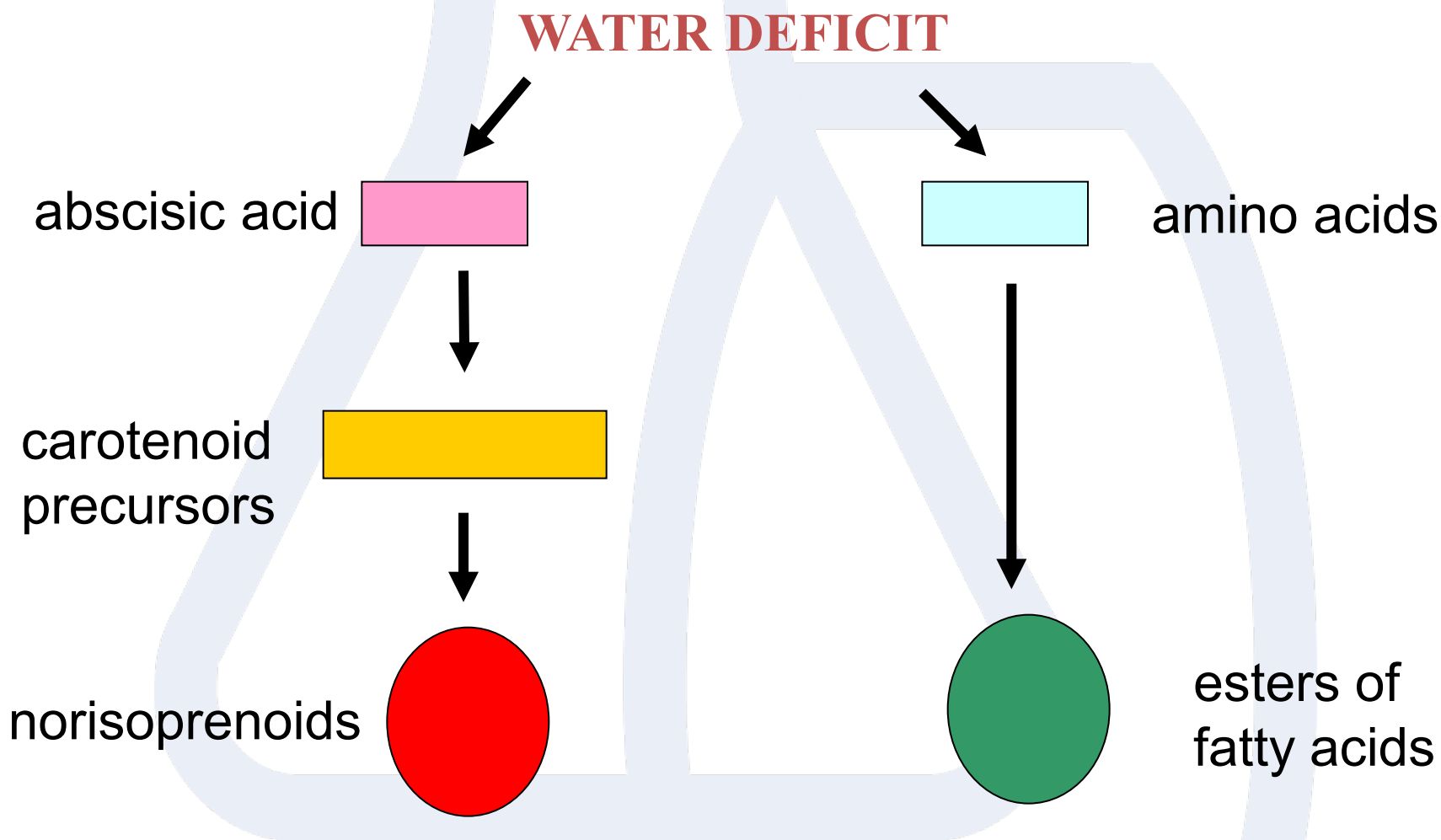


- ❖ Or is it the effect of water deficit on plant metabolism directly?
 - e.g. biosynthesis of amino acids, carotenoids
 - Bindon et al 2008 (Barossa shiraz and cabernet sauvignon under PRD) suggested that stress-related signalling may directly affect the isoprenoid metabolic pathway.

Hypothetical effect of water deficit on aroma and flavour compounds in grape berries



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Water deficit: why does it work?



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- ❖ More open canopy and better bunch exposure ? - perhaps
- ❖ Direct effect on metabolism ? - **probably**



- ❖ It is likely that the “physiological effect” of the deficit irrigation that is often used to control yield is more important in determining the sensory properties of the resulting wine than any yield or berry size effects.



- ❖ Therefore, a water deficit (achieved by irrigation management or otherwise) may not have to result in a significant decrease in either yield or berry size in order to affect wine quality in a positive manner



- ❖ The successful imposition of a water deficit via irrigation management will be dependent on many environmental factors, and conditions that lead to mild or moderate water stress are preferable to severe stress – which should always be avoided
- ❖ The timing of a deficit will vary from site to site
 - e.g. it may be difficult to impose a deficit before veraison in some locations



- ❖ While an effect on vegetative growth—achieved by pre-veraison deficit—appears to be important, perhaps a post-veraison deficit may still have some positive effect on quality

Take home messages



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- ❖ Be prepared to change your strategy if a heat-wave is predicted

Further reading

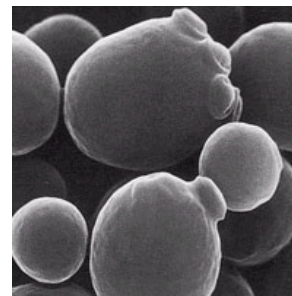


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Does soil and vine nutrient status affect wine quality?

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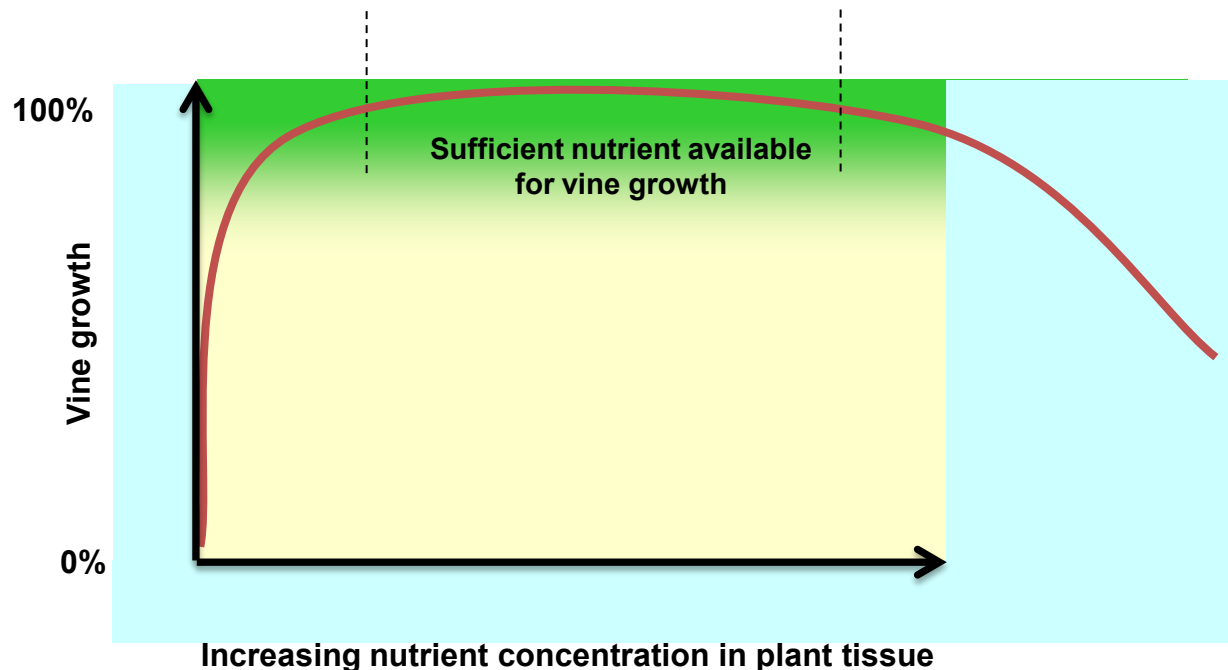


Does soil nutrient status affect wine aroma and flavour?



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- ❖ Wine quality is not easily manipulated by fertiliser practices.
- ❖ Many studies – no correlation between wine quality and soil content of any nutritive element with exception of N (and salt)





Red wine quality: negatively correlated with vine N

- particularly when water not limiting

❖ **Low soil N best for red wine quality**

White wine: moderate soil N best for quality

- ❖ Low N → decreased aromatic precursors and increased tannin
- ❖ High N → increased Botrytis

NITROGEN



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- ❖ Of all mineral nutrients, N has greatest effect on growth, yield and fruit composition
 - \uparrow soil N \rightarrow \uparrow photosynthesis \rightarrow \uparrow sugar
- ❖ As for water, excess N can have negative effect
 - e.g. increased canopy size



- ❖ Demand for N greatest from **budburst to flowering**
 - But most uptake from soil after flowering
 - Overwintering reserves thus very important
- ❖ Storage reserves are lowest at flowering
 - Therefore plant is vulnerable to deficiency if insufficient N in soil after flowering



Total berry NITROGEN

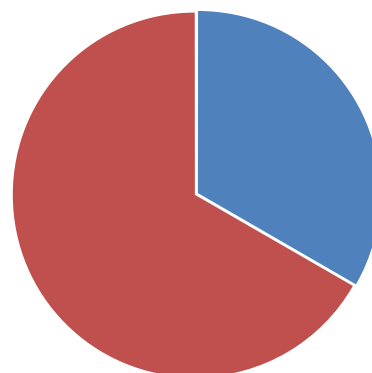
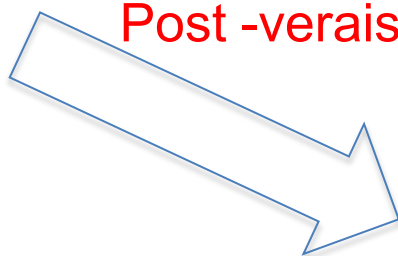


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LEAVES

Post -veraison N (as amino acids)



FRUIT

What is effect of N fertilisation on vine performance?



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❖ Deficit to marginal status (based on tissue analysis)

- N fert. generally has a positive effect

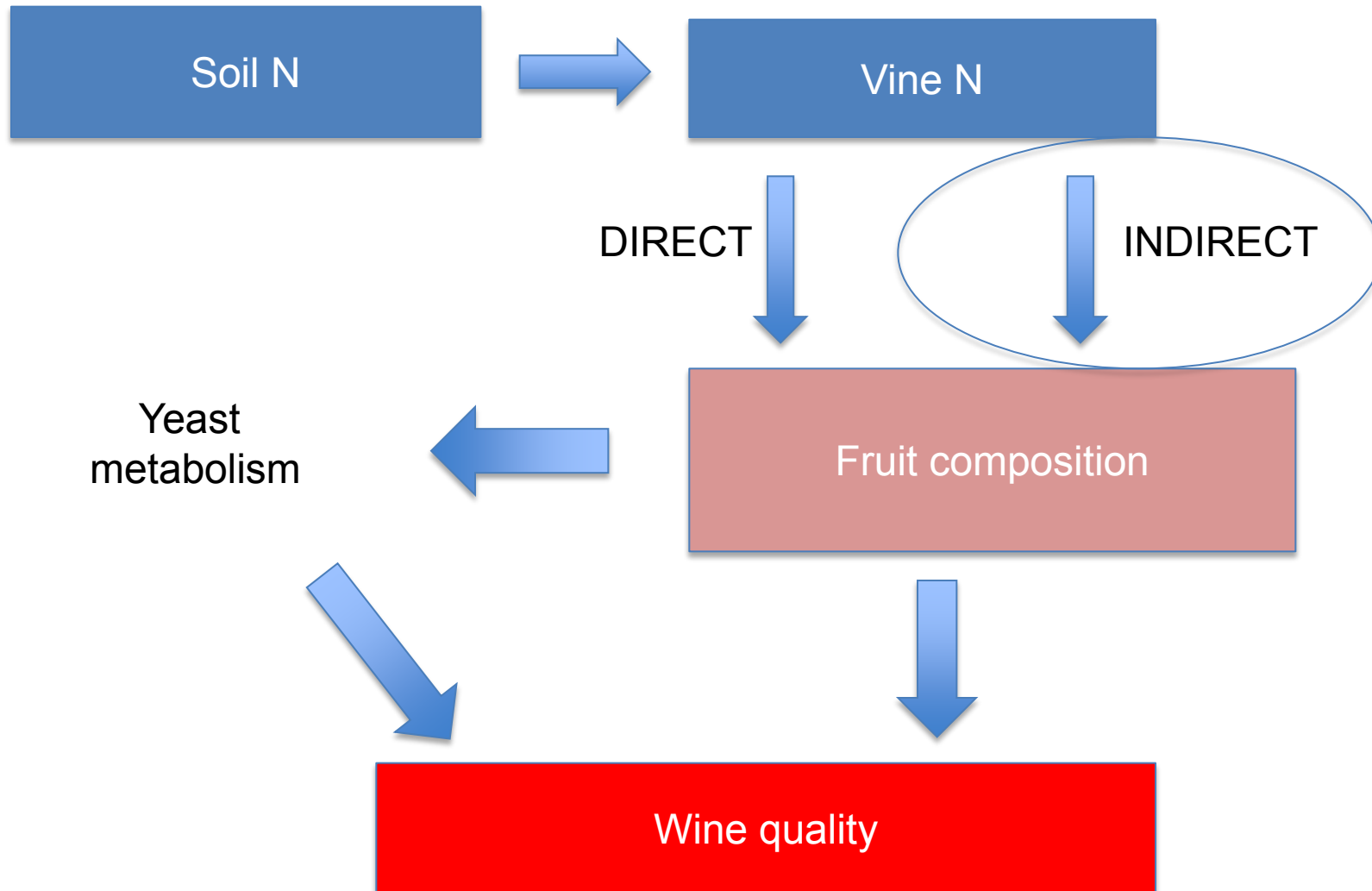
❖ Adequate to high status (based on tissue analysis)

- N fert. may have negative effect
 - Disrupt balance
 - Increases vegetative growth
 - Increases shading
 - Decreases net photosynthesis
 - Assimilates diverted from fruit to shoots

Nitrogen effect on fruit composition and wine quality



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N impact on wine quality: Indirect effect



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❖ Excess → ↑ vegetative growth ↑ canopy density

- More bunch zone shading → fruit composition
 - e.g. increased methoxypyrazine concentration in Cab Sauv in response to N fertilization



N impact on wine quality: Indirect effect



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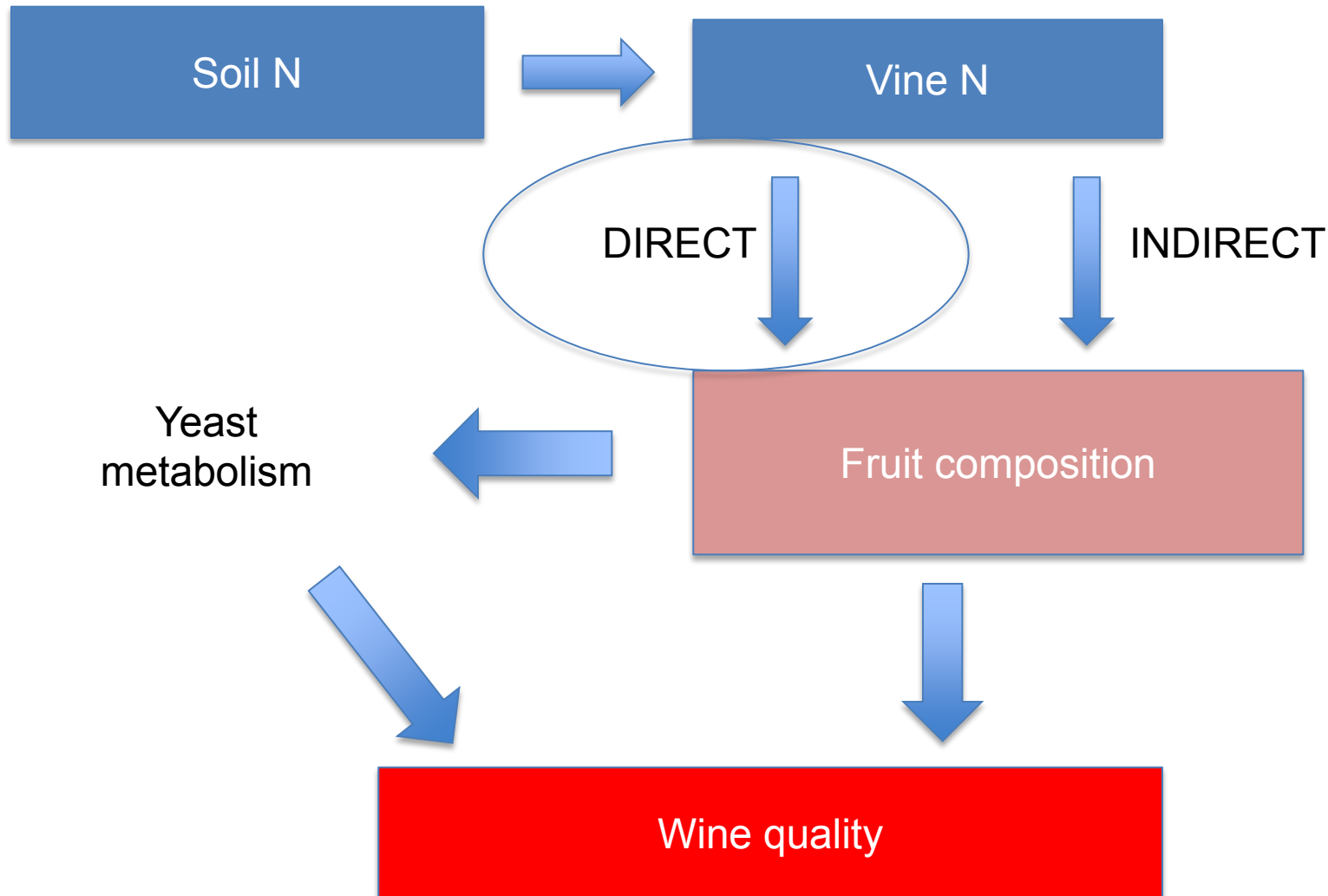
❖ Excess → ↑ vegetative growth ↑ canopy density

- More bunch zone shading → fruit composition
 - generally decreased monoterpenes in response to N fertilisation.
- More disease
- Growing tips compete with fruit for assimilate

Nitrogen effect on fruit composition and wine quality



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Nitrate uptake → reprogramming of gene expression

- ❖ High nitrate suppresses genes involved in phenolic production
 - Delayed accumulation of phenolics and flavonols
- ❖ Low N at flowering stimulated sugar and phenolics
- ❖ High nitrate → ↑ organic acid production
↑ amino acid

Overall effect is decreased phenolics



Impact on organic acids:

❖ Increased N fertilisation

- Often no change in malic and tartaric acids
- Some studies found higher acid, lower pH (with significant yield increase). Keller 2001
- Increased TA Christensen 1994



❖ Response to N fertilisation depends on starting point

- Less than adequate level:
 - may increase anthocyanins
- Adequate or more:
 - may decrease anthocyanins
- High N → lowest colour density in wine
- Low N → highest total anthocyanins and phenolics



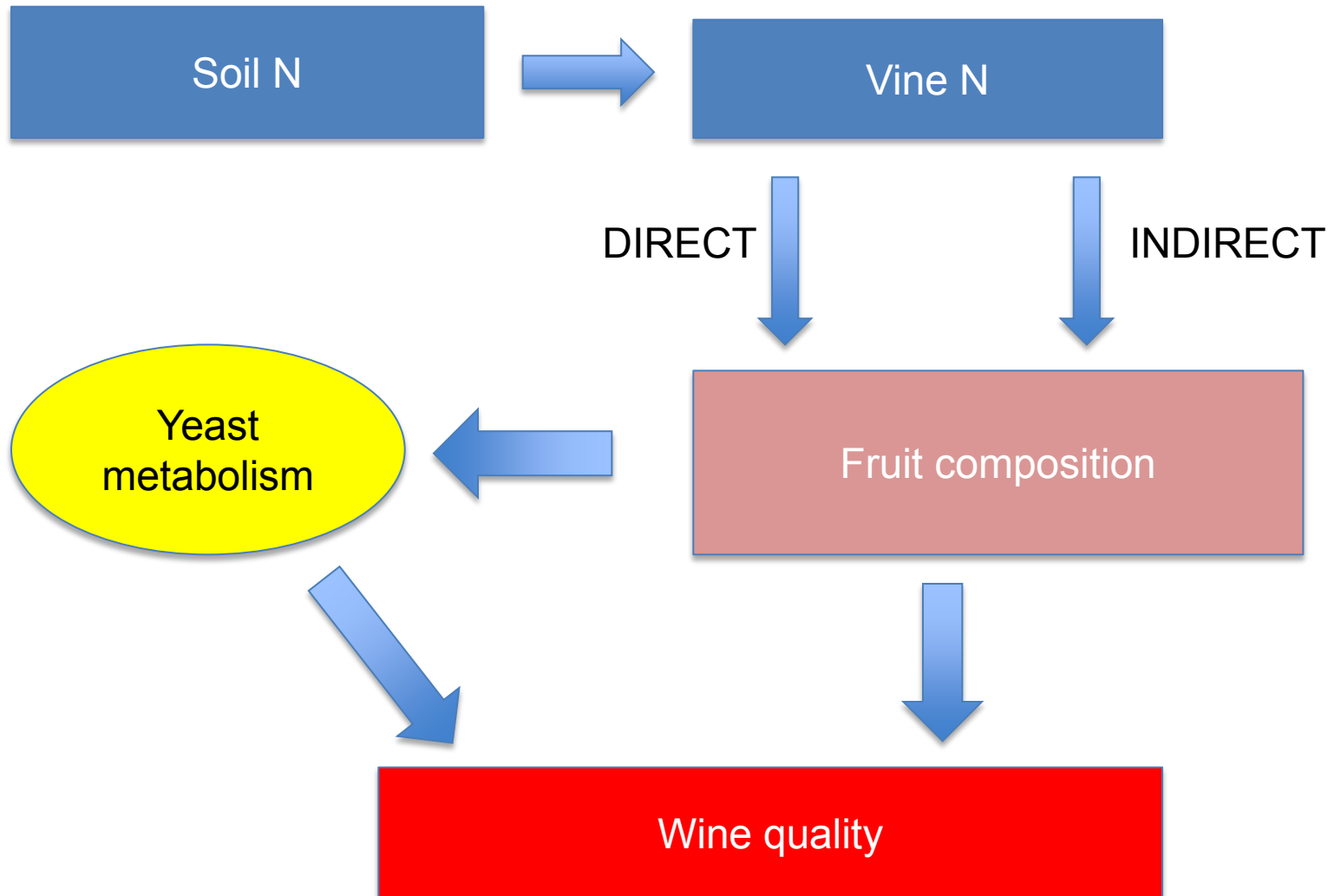
- ❖ Can the negative effect of shading caused by high N be overcome by leaf removal in bunch zone etc?
 - Not necessarily – high N and low flavonol make berries more susceptible to sunburn

- ❖ Or hedging?
 - This may waste resources because removes young leaves and retains old inefficient leaves
 - Also diversion of assimilates away from fruit

Nitrogen effect on fruit composition and wine quality



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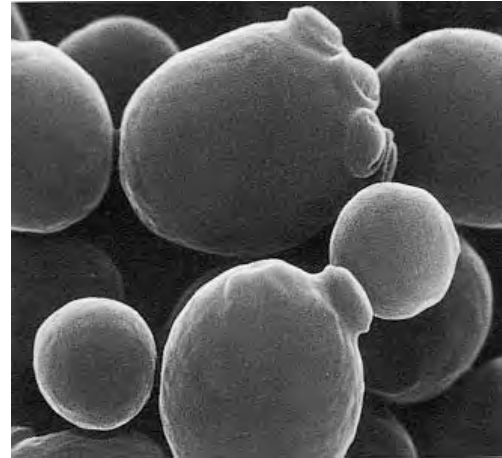
N and fermentation



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Nitrogen affects

- ❖ Yeast growth
- ❖ Metabolic activity
 - Fermentation rate
 - Flavour active compounds (fermentation bouquet)



Grape nitrogen: effect on yeast



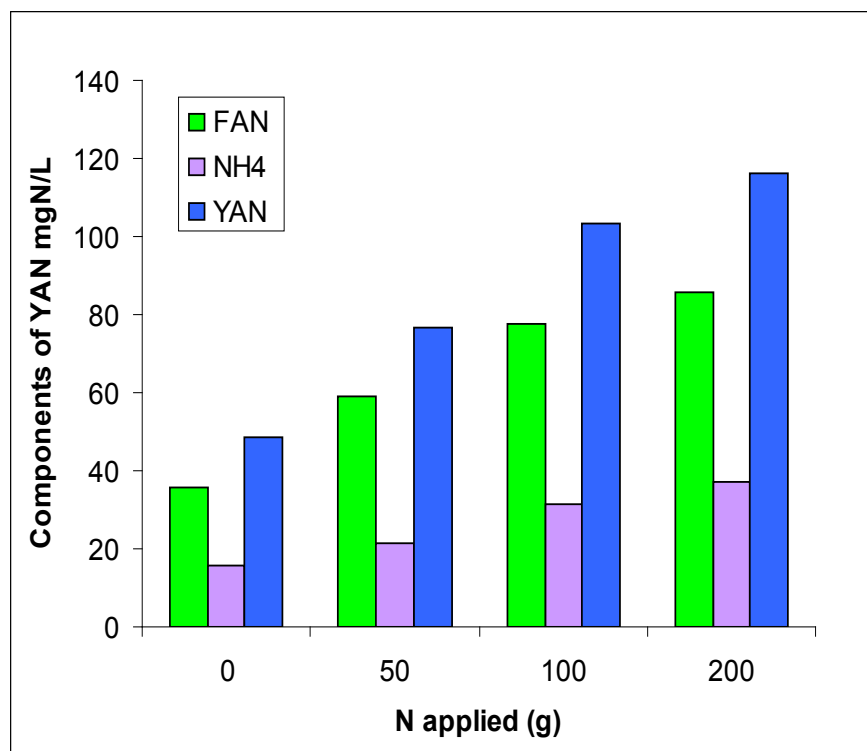
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- ❖ Total Nitrogen in juice is mainly
 - Ammonium
 - Free Amino Acids
- ❖ Yeast assimilable N (YAN)
= free amino N (FAN) + ammonium N (NH_4^+)
- ❖ Yeast will use ammonium N initially, then most assimilable amino acids
- ❖ If YAN too low → stuck or slow ferments
- ❖ Low N → lower total amino acids (and more proline)
- ❖ High N → higher total amino acids (and more arginine)

Does N fertilization affect YAN in grapes?



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Grape N that yeast can use

AWRI fermentation study

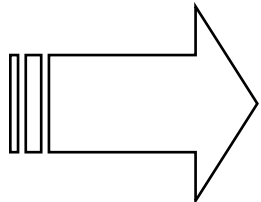
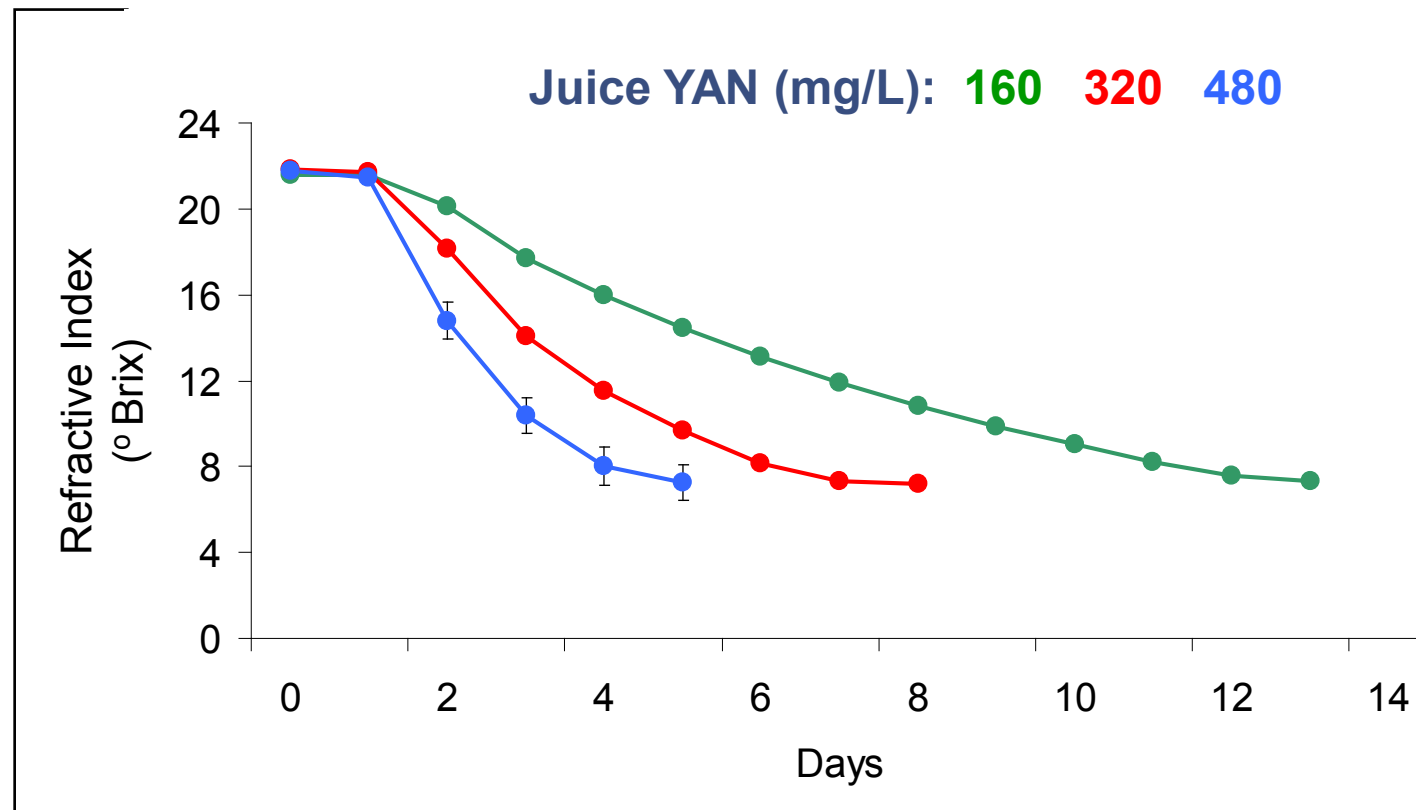
- ❖ Filtered Chardonnay juice
- ❖ Low N (YAN = 160 mg/L)
- ❖ High N demand yeast (AWRI 796)
- ❖ Wine analysis and descriptive sensory analysis



Effect of Juice N on Fermentation



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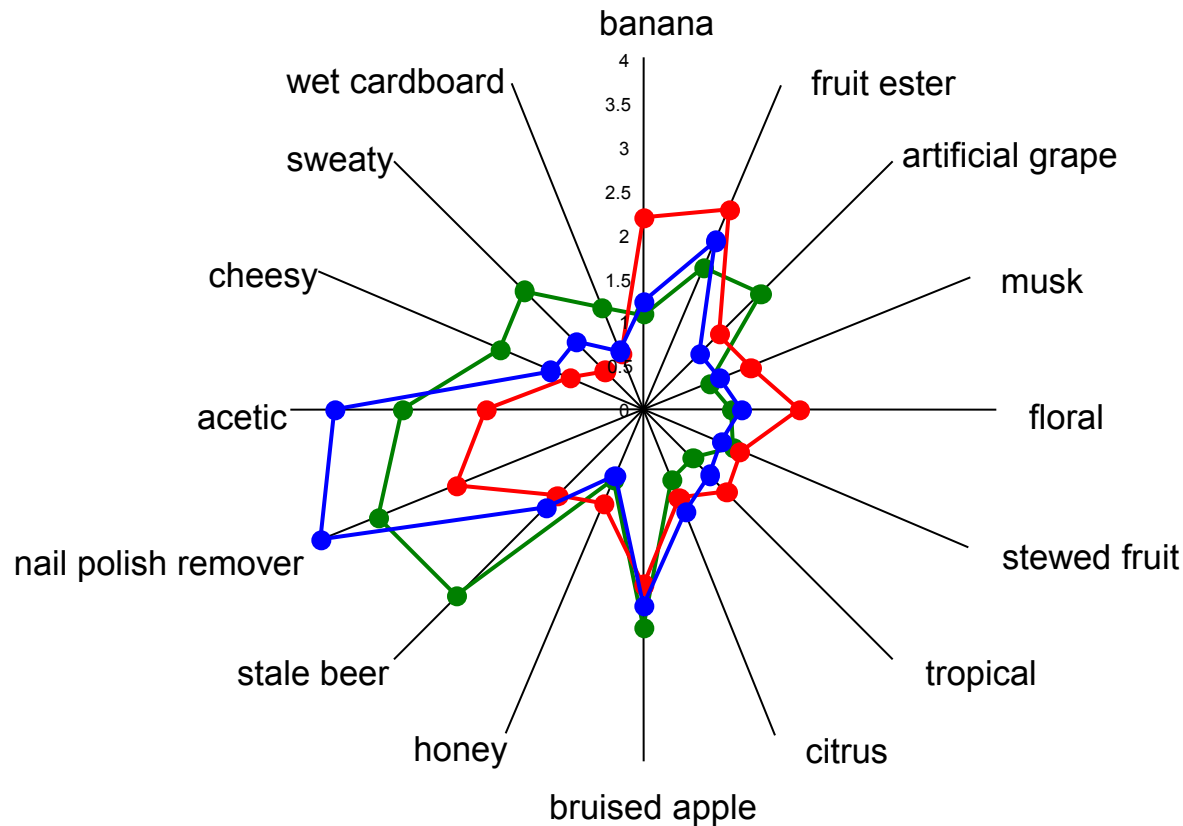


Juice YAN affects: i) yeast growth,
ii) fermentation, and
iii) fermentation duration

Effect of juice N concentration on wine aroma profile



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Low & High N: Negative effects
Moderate N: Positive effects

Juice YAN (mg/L): 160 320 480

- ❖ Increased PR proteins with increased plant N
 - → haze and increased need for bentonite fining





- ❖ No evidence for direct effect of soil K on wine quality
 - Except K deficiency may impair sugar accumulation
- ❖ K fertilisation effect on juice K concentration?
 - No consistent results
- ❖ Factors such as rootstock type, irrigation, canopy management etc much more influential than K status of soil
 - ❖ Reduced irrigation → reduced juice K concn
 - ❖ Shoot trimming → increased leaf blade K concn



❖ High K in juice

- → decreased concentration of free acids particularly tartaric (and \uparrow pH)
- → may decrease rate of degradation of malic acid
- Reduced colour intensity
- Lack of acidity in flavour
- Poor wine stability

What factors determine how much
K ends up in juice?

Impact of K movement from leaves to fruit



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EXPOSED CANOPY
Less potassium
moves from leaves to
the berries

Shading → ↑ K in leaves at veraison
→ ↑ K in berries at maturity
Therefore more K in wine, higher pH

SHADED CANOPY
More potassium moves from
leaves to the berries





❖ Direct or indirect effect?

❖ Direct

- Rootstock type affects:
 - a) uptake by roots ✓
 - b) transport from roots to shoots ✓
 - c) transport from leaves to fruit ?

❖ Indirect

- Rootstock type affects shoot vigour, canopy shading



- ❖ Mg deficiency may decrease export of sugar and amino acids to fruit
- ❖ No direct effect of Ca
 - High Ca soils usually well drained so may be indirect effect
- ❖ High soil Mg or Ca may decrease K uptake by roots → lower juice/wine pH
 - Therefore high soil pH (associated with high soil Ca) may be coupled with low wine pH



Take home messages



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- ❖ Know the nutrient status of your vines so you can correct a deficiency if there is one
- ❖ Wine quality is not easily manipulated by fertiliser practices – if nutrient status is adequate
- ❖ N is the only soil nutrient that has a significant impact on wine quality
- ❖ N has both direct and indirect effects on fruit composition and wine quality
- ❖ Only use N fertiliser to correct a deficiency or to maintain adequate levels (timing is important)
- ❖ Measure must YAN before fermentation

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Can great wines come from grafted vines?



Mardi Longbottom

Barossa 2011



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- What is the rootstock mix in the Barossa?
- Why the bad rap? - historical use / evaluation of rootstocks & progress
- Can great wines come from grafted vines?





Barossa stats

In 2010:

- ❖ 11,029 ha of vines, 6631 blocks

- ❖ Area on rootstock?

2725 ha or 25%

- ❖ What is the most common rootstock in the Barossa?

Ramsey

- ❖ Of those vines on rootstock, what is the most common scion variety?

Pre 1990



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Year	Area (ha)	Scion variety	Rootstock variety
1928	0.3	Semillon	Ramsey
1964	0.4	Semillon	Unknown
1966	0.6	Riesling	K51-32
1975	1.6	Shiraz	101-14
1977	0.5	Cabernet Sauv.	Ramsey
1980	0.34	Riesling	Schwarzmann
1980	1	Semillon	Ramsey

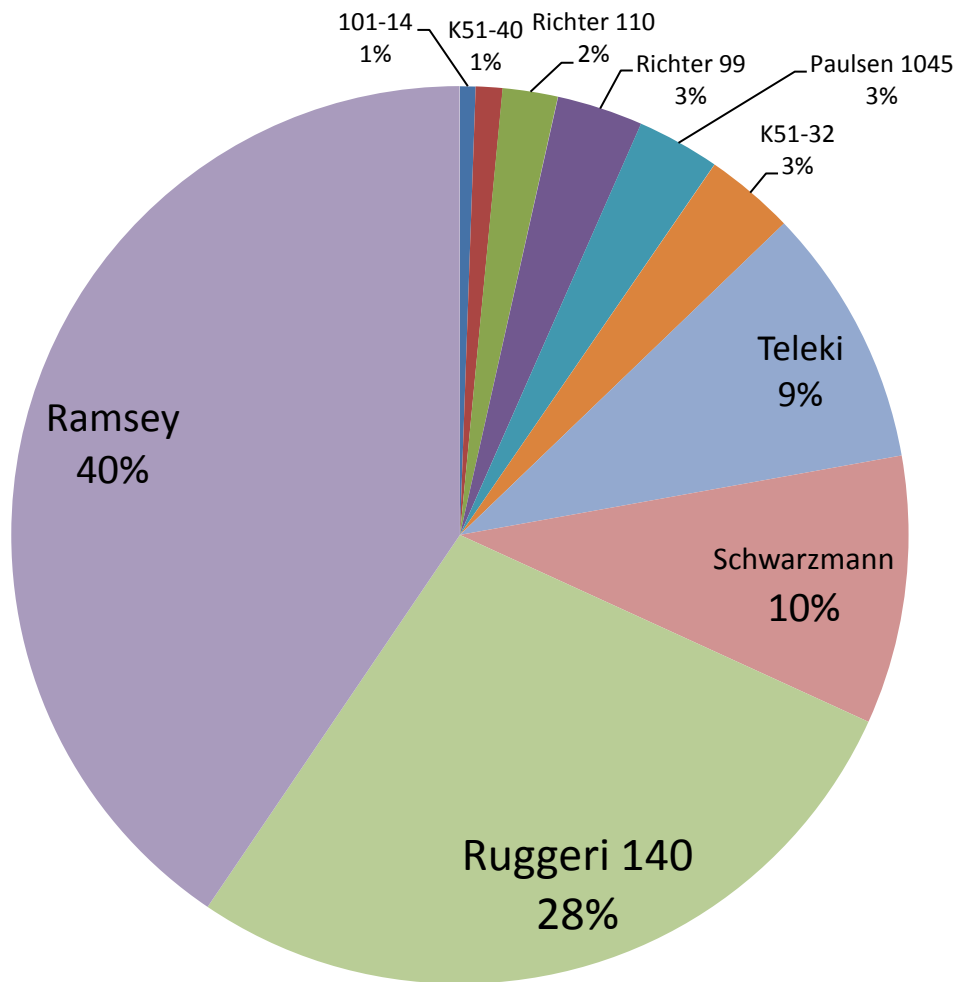
1980-1990 – Ramsey dominated

1990-1995 – Schwarzmann, Ramsey, 140 Ruggeri, 5A Teleki

1995 + - Increased mix but still dominated by the above rootstocks



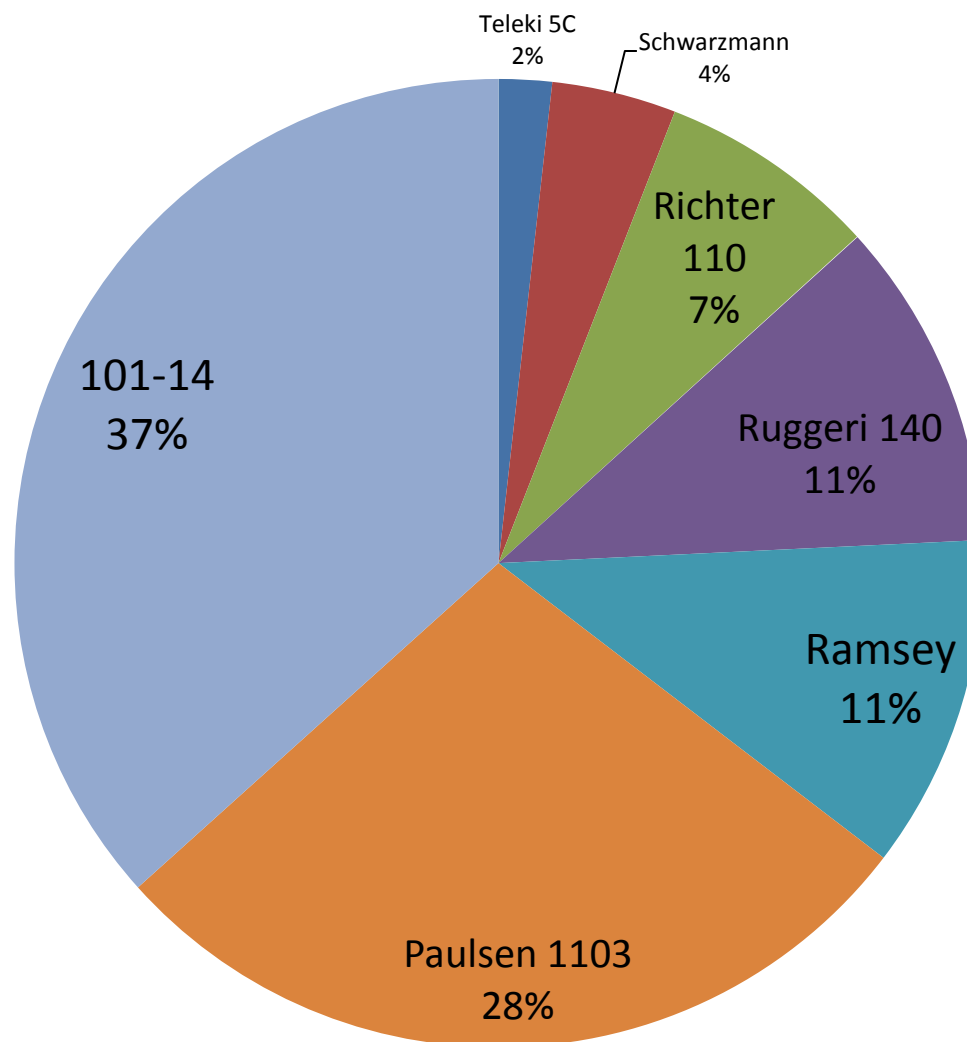
1990-1999



2000-2010



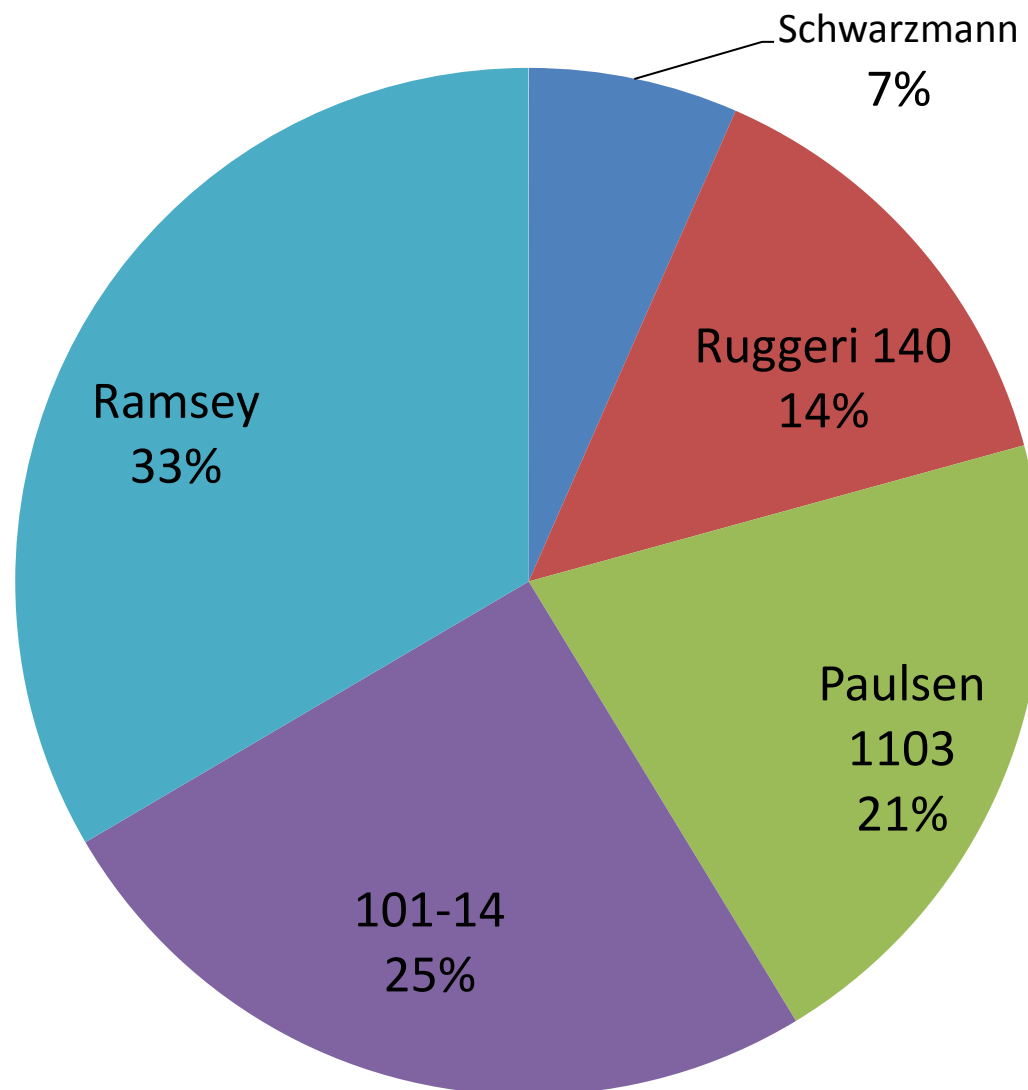
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Barossa 2010



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% of variety on rootstock



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	% var on rtsk
Grenache	4%
Cabernet Franc	16%
Riesling	17%
Semillon	20%
Shiraz	24%
Cabernet Sauvignon	27%
Viognier	41%
Chardonnay	42%
Sauvignon Blanc	47%
Merlot	52%

Cheval Blanc



Isole e Olena



What do these vineyards have in common?

Romaneé-Conti



Vega Sicilia





Do grafted vines have a bad reputation with some winemakers in Australia?

- ❖ Not in Rutherglen, Corowa, Alpine Valleys, King Valley, Goulburn Valley, Glenrowan, Yarra Valley.....





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ungrafted



grafted

If not for phylloxera-resistant rootstocks, then ...?



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- ❖ Perhaps reputation mainly applies to nematode-resistant rootstocks?
 - but many of phylloxera-resistant stocks also nematode-resistant

History of nematode-resistant rootstocks in Australia



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- ❖ Commercial evaluation from 1970s
- ❖ Main focus on nematode resistance
 - Vigour
 - Yield
- ❖ Problems with some high 'vigour' stocks
 - wine with high K, high pH, low colour
 - direct or indirect effect?



Was the 'problem' exaggerated by some winemakers?

Shiraz, Riverina (1986)

❖ Wine pH*

- Ramsey 3.82
- Own roots 3.70

❖ Ramsey 46% higher yield*

- * Average over 4 years

Do all rootstocks produce wines with high pH?



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Related to potassium accumulation in fruit

❖ High K

- champinii parentage
 - eg Ramsey, Freedom, Harmony, K51-32, K51-40

❖ Moderate K

- Schwarzmann, 140 Ru, 99 R, 101-14

❖ Low K

- 1103 P, 5C Teleki, SO4, 420A, 110 R, 5BB, own roots

What about the wine quality rating?



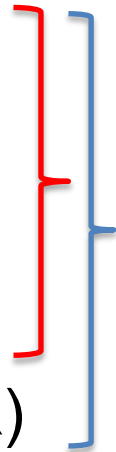
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McLaren Vale: Chardonnay (3 years) (1993)

- Ramsey
- 5C Teleki
- 140 Ruggeri
- Schwarzmann
- own roots (OR)



Grafted higher yield than OR

Wine quality rating: no difference



Langhorne Creek: Cabernet Sauvignon (3 years) (2000)

- Ramsey,

- 5C Teleki,

- 110 R,

- Schwarzmann,

- own roots

Colour and phenols = ns

❖ Wine (final year only)

- 5C Teleki better than own roots

- 5C Teleki higher yield “ “

What has changed in past 25 years?



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- ❖ Some high vigour stocks discarded
 - eg Dog Ridge, Freedom
- ❖ Better matching of scion and stock
- ❖ More rootstocks now available that can produce good wine
- ❖ Better management of grafted vines
 - eg Yalumba Ramsey story

What has changed in past 25 years?



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- ❖ Not only nematode resistance that is important
 - Salt tolerance
 - Drought tolerance (avoidance)
 - etc

New CSIRO nematode resistant rootstocks



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- ❖ Low to moderate 'vigour'
- ❖ Lower K and pH and better wine than Ramsey, 1103 P or 140 Ru
- ❖ Good water-use efficiency
- ❖ Good salt tolerance
- ❖ Tolerant of phylloxera



Grafted vines can produce better wine than own roots when:

- ❖ Avoidance of excessive water stress

- ❖ More tolerant

- ❖ Less salt uptake

- ❖ Better N use

- ❖ Earlier or later

- ❖ Less within-block variability



Avoidance of excessive water stress / drought tolerance

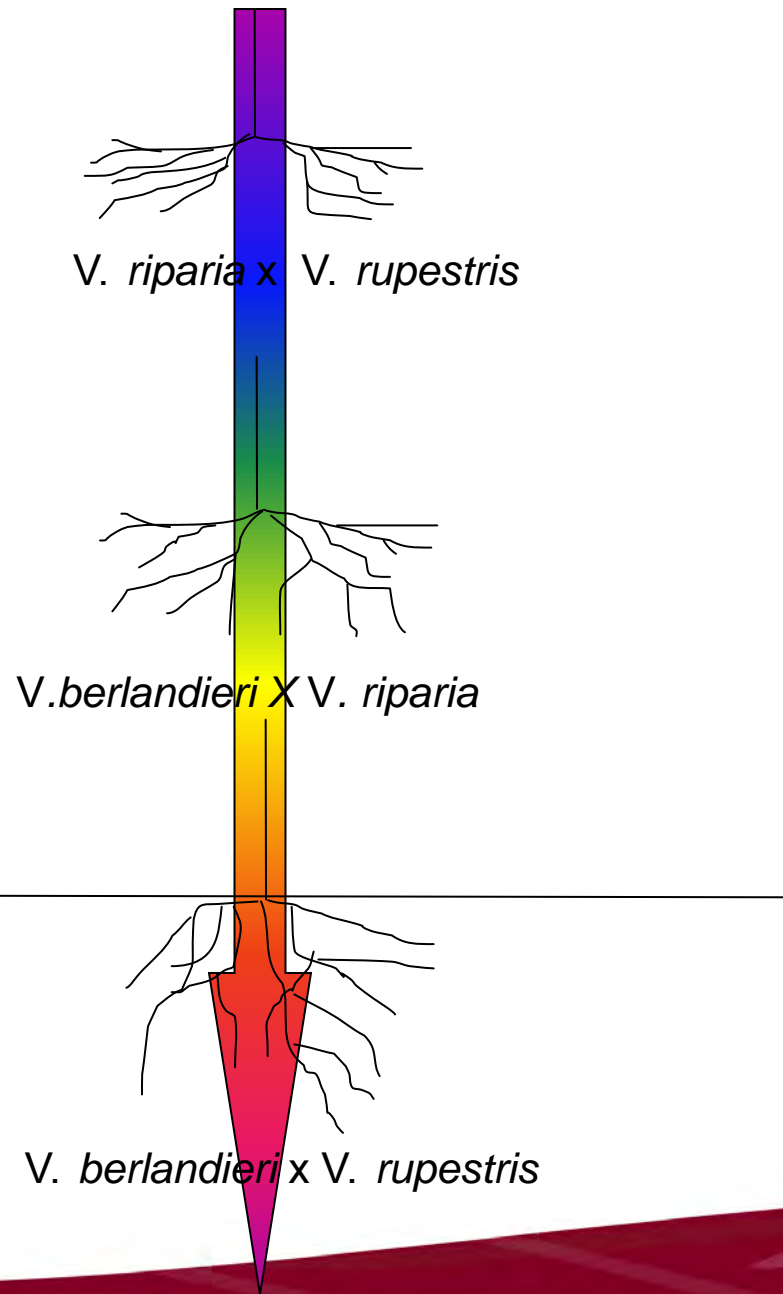
Rootstock genotype can influence:

- Root biomass and architecture
- Hydraulic conductivity
(water uptake/movement into roots & shoots)
- Canopy leaf area
- Stomatal conductance
- Canopy transpiration
- Yield
- Drought tolerance
- Salinity tolerance



Drought avoidance

Source: Dry, N. (2007)



Salinity tolerance



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❖ Tolerant

- 1103 P

❖ Moderately tolerant

- 140 Ru, Schw., Ramsey, 101-14



❖ Moderately sensitive

- 5BB, 5C Teleki, 110 R, 99 R, K51-32

❖ Sensitive

- Own roots, 3309, 1202, K51-40

Better N composition - effect on YAN



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Merlot, Napa:

- 1103 P and 101-14

Rootstock	Nitrogen Fertiliser	YAN (mg/L)
1103 P	None	430
101-14	high	290

❖ Advance

- 101-14, Schw., 3309, 420A, 5C Teleki

❖ Delay

- Ramsey, 140 Ru, 1103 P, 110 R, 99 R

But the differences are only minor

Less within-block variability



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LOW

Potential Site Vigour

MODERATE

HIGH

This is a hill in a vineyard

Rootstock	5C Teleki	Schwarzmann	101-14
Relative Vigour	moderate	low-moderate	low
PWt (kg/vine)	0.7	0.6	0.6
Yield (kg/vine)	1.3	0.8	1.1



Take home message:

If you are dealing with these issues in the vineyard, consider the use of rootstocks as a tool to improve fruit and wine quality

Consider available information in your region

Case study: effect of rootstock on wine quality rating



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Source: Phylloxera and Grape Industry Board of SA

Quality classification used in case studies



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Classification	Price \$/bottle
Super-premium	> 35
Premuim	18 - 35
Semi-premium	12 – 18
Commercial	< 12

(PGIBSA)

McLaren Vale Chardonnay, Coonawarra Cabernet S., Barossa Shiraz



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Out of all grafted vineyards in study, what % super-premium and premium?

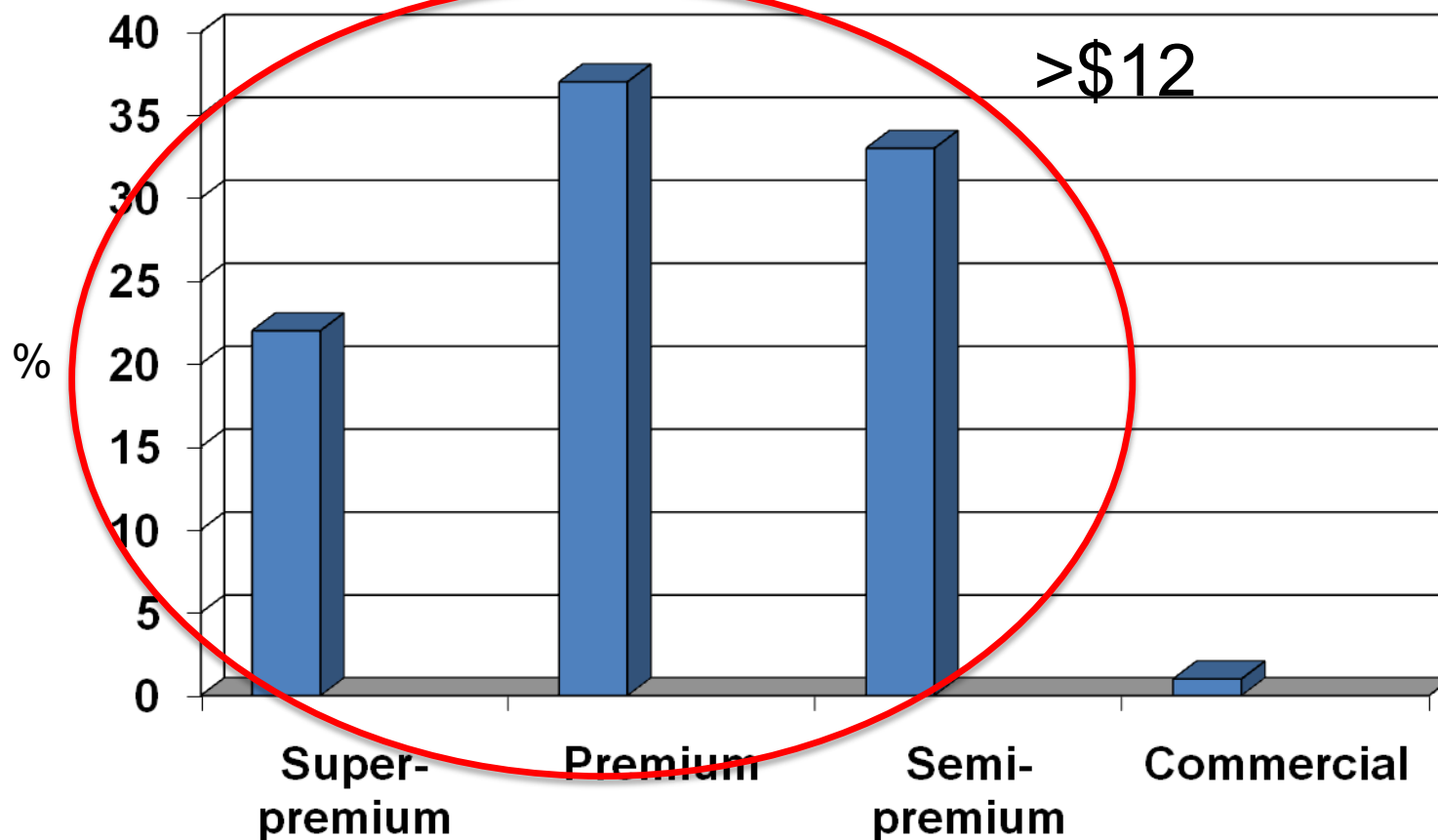
- > 50?
- > 30?
- < 30?

Quality grading of wines from grafted vines (2005)



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McLaren Vale Chardonnay, Coonawarra Cabernet S., Barossa Shiraz



Similar story in 2006

Source: Phylloxera and Grape Industry Board of SA

- ❖ Most great wines of world are from grafted vines
- ❖ The bad reputation of a **few** nematode-resistant rootstocks for wine quality in the past may have been deserved
- ❖ But now the situation is different
 - Better management
 - Better rootstocks

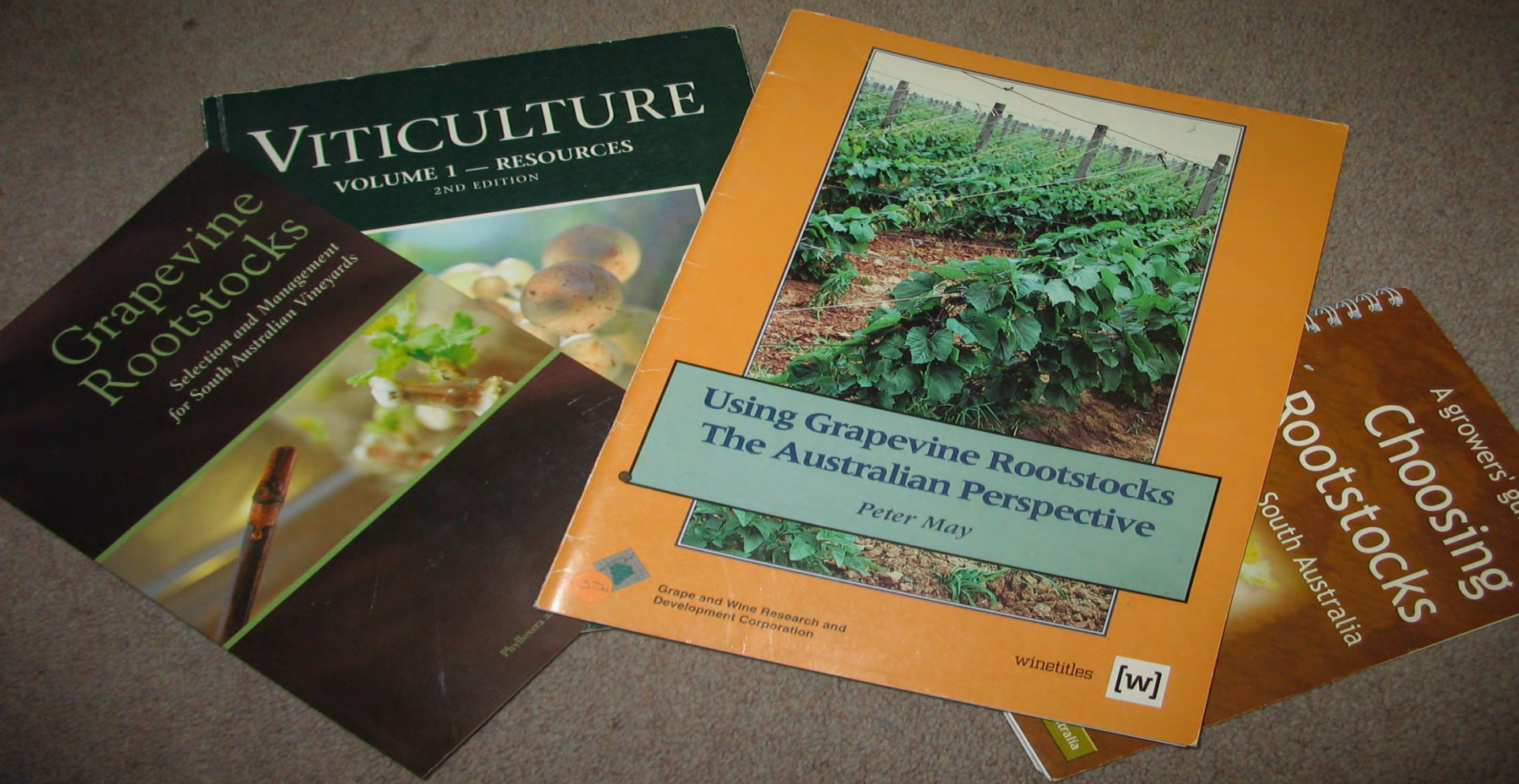


- ❖ Grafted vines can produce better wine quality than own-roots in many situations due to a combination of traits

For further information



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Improving water use efficiency with rootstocks

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Why improve water use efficiency?

92% of vineyard area in Australia is irrigated,

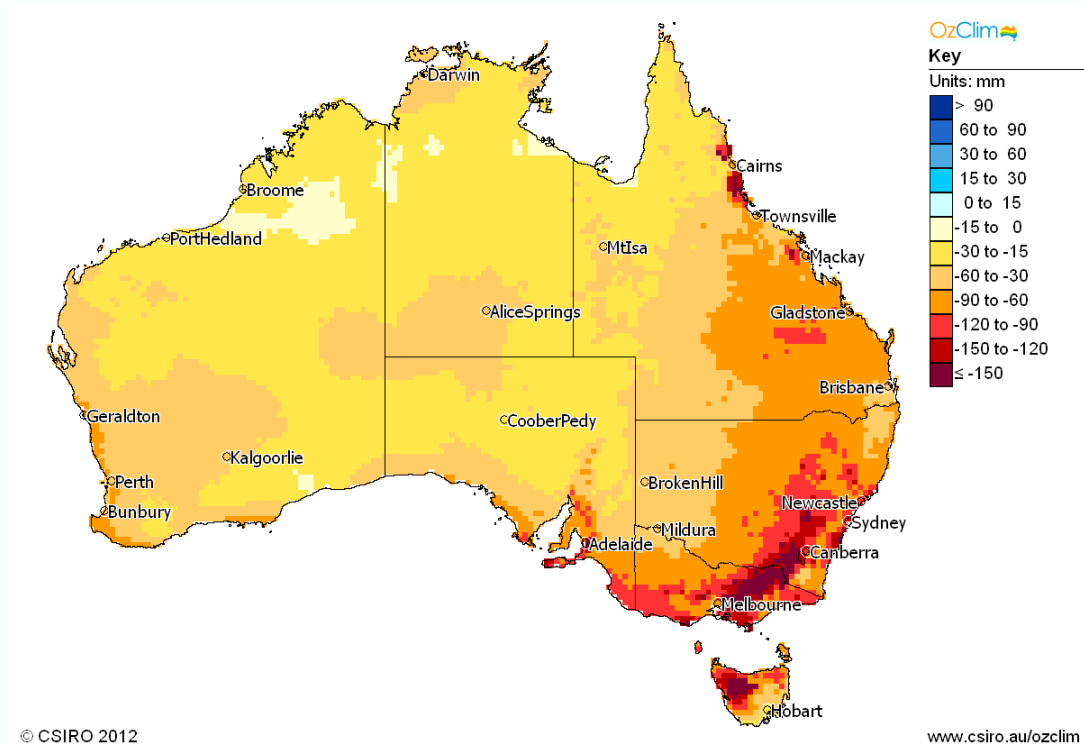
- 73 GL of water (but <10% of MDB use),
- 4.5% from intercepted on farm rainfall,
- 78% from rivers/irrigation schemes.

Availability of irrigation water is, and will remain, under pressure:

- environmental demands,
- future droughts,
- climate change.



A changing climate – Australia in 2050



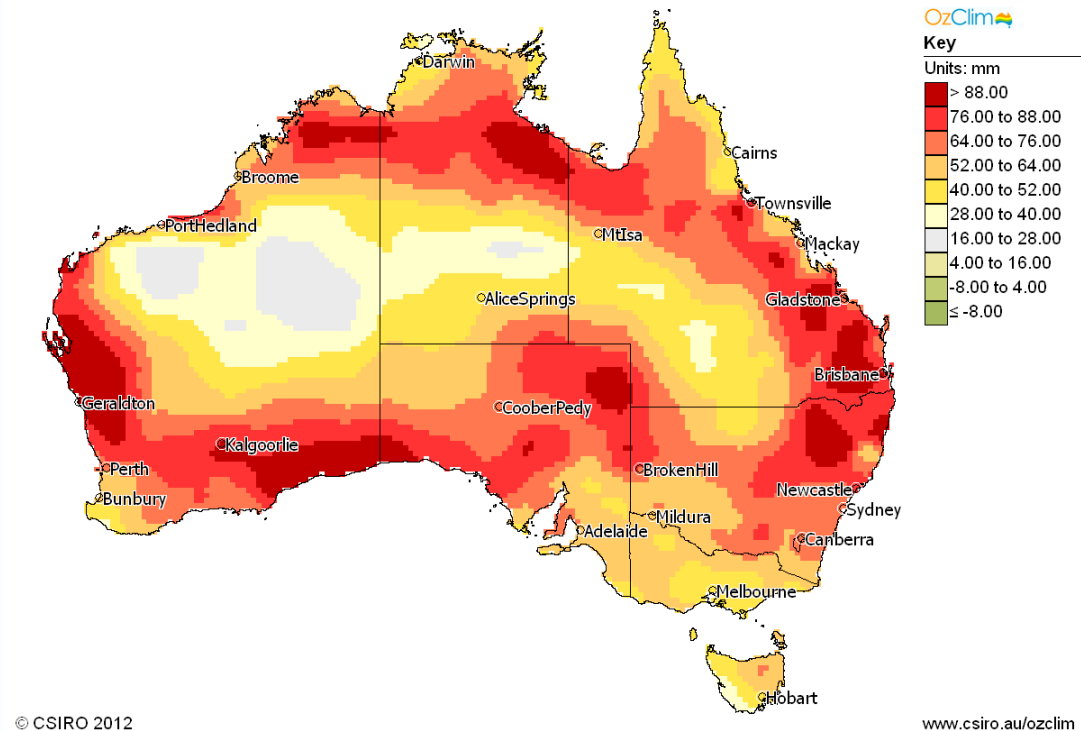
Reduced winter rainfall

OzClim: SRES A1B emission scenario, CSIRO Mk 3.5 model, moderate global warming rate.

A changing climate – Australia in 2050

Hotter summers

State	Air temperature increase
South Australia	+2.3
Victoria	+2.1
New South Wales	+2.5
Western Australia	+2.4
Tasmania	+1.6
ACT	+2.1



Higher evapotranspiration

Water use efficiency (WUE)

Water use efficiency may be defined in many ways:

The diagram illustrates the relationship between different definitions of Water Use Efficiency (WUE) and the role of a Physiologist, Grower, and Breeder. It features three definitions of WUE, each enclosed in a red oval. A red arrow points downwards from the first oval to the second, and another red arrow points from the second oval to the third. Below the third oval, the text 'Physiologist', 'Grower', and 'Breeder' is written in red, stacked vertically.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{photosynthesis (leaf level)}}{\text{transpiration}} &= \text{instantaneous WUE} \\ \text{fruit mass/irrigation applied} &= \text{irrigation WUE} \\ \text{as fruit mass/water transpired} &= \text{crop water use index} \end{aligned}$$

Physiologist
Grower
Breeder

To improve WUE we can optimise the crop management, the vine or both (intrinsically linked).

Optimising *the vine* requires improving the crop water use index (CWUI):

i.e. increase yield and/or reduce transpired water.

A role for rootstocks?

Limited acceptance of improved scion varieties by consumers.

Decisions on use of rootstocks by vineyard/winery not marketing.



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Rootstocks known for effect on vigour,
e.g. Ramsey vs 1103 Paulsen.

Vigour (canopy size) and water use linked. Opportunity to use rootstocks to alter WUE.



Shiraz on 1103 Paulsen



Shiraz on Ramsey

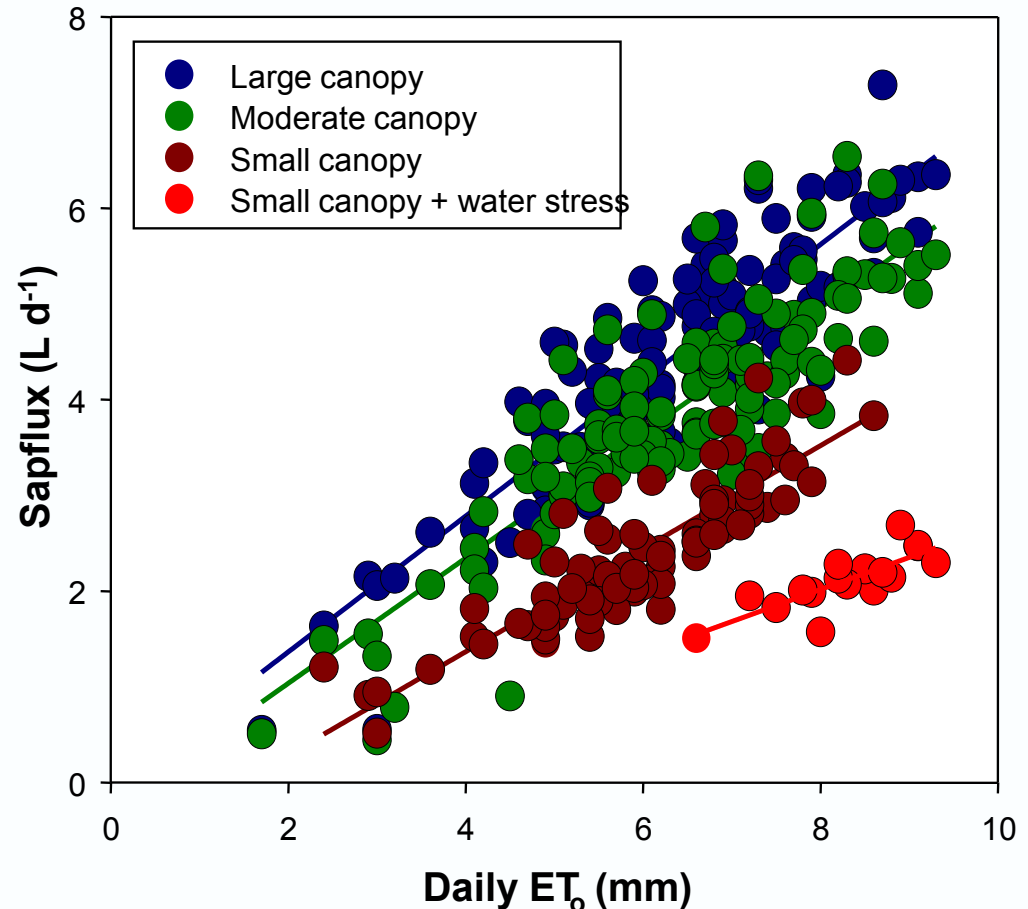
Crop water use (transpiration)

Vine water use is a function of:

- *vapour pressure deficit (air dryness),*
- *canopy size,*
- *stomatal conductance ('ease' of water loss).*



For example:



Cabernet Sauvignon, Murray Valley, Australia.

Improving crop water use index (CWUI) with rootstocks

Crop water use index = yield / water transpired

Water transpired = VPD * conductance * canopy size

Rootstock choice may alter:

- yield per vine,
- canopy size,
- conductance
(via hormones or hydraulics).



Sunraysia rootstock trial



- 60+ rootstocks,
- Grafted with Shiraz.
- Over 20 years old.
- Project utilising:
 - Dog Ridge,
 - Ramsey,
 - 1103 Paulsen,
 - 140 Ruggeri,
 - Three CSIRO released stocks (M5489, M5512 & M6262).

Rootstock conferred vigour: canopy size

Flowering



Canopy closure



Ramsey

1103 Paulsen

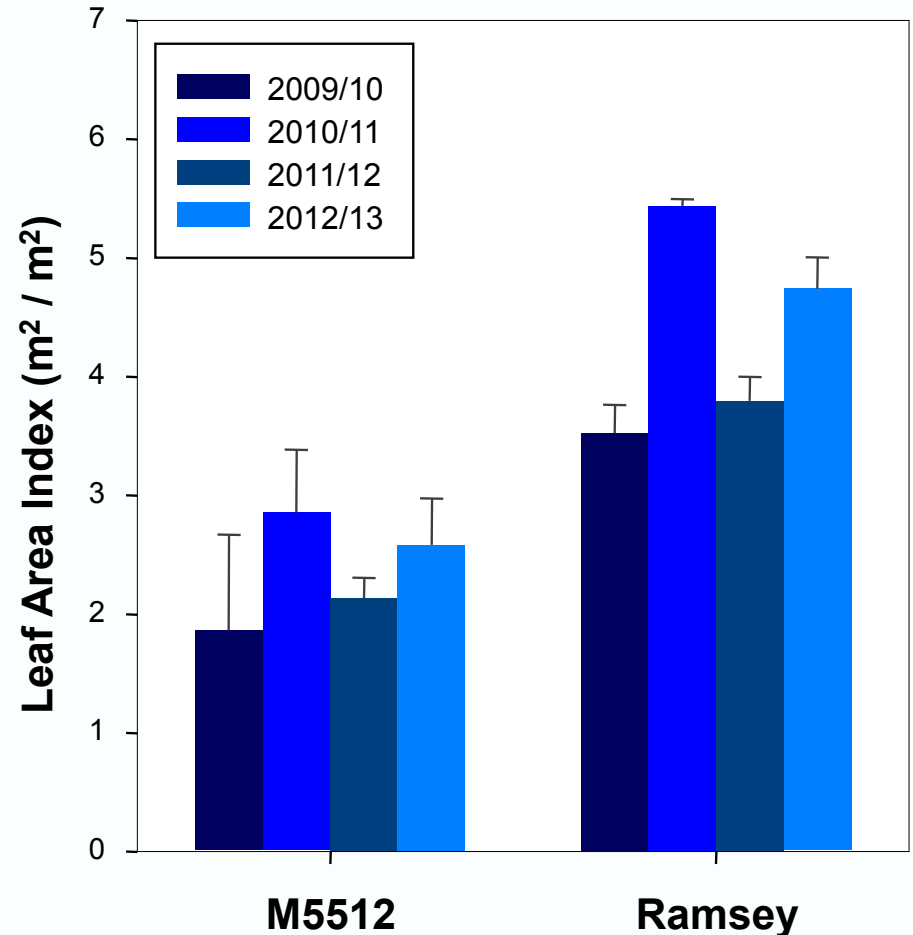
M5512

Canopy size: rootstock and season

Can directly measure canopy size to compare rootstocks.

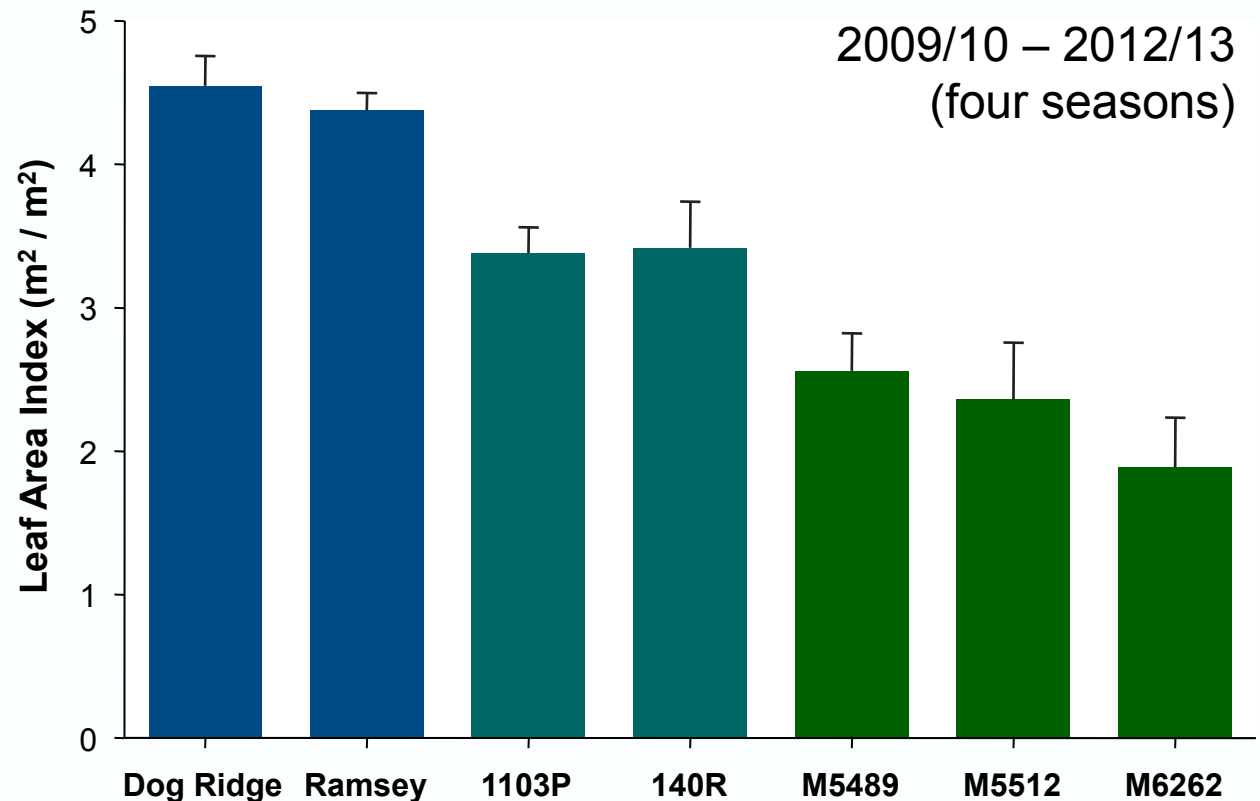
Easiest as *leaf area index* (LAI), area of leaf / area of ground.

Large effects of both season and rootstock.



Rootstock conferred vigour: canopy size

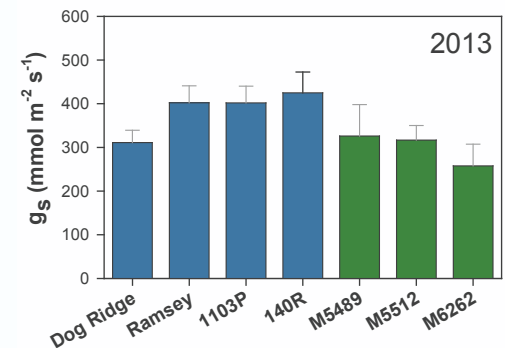
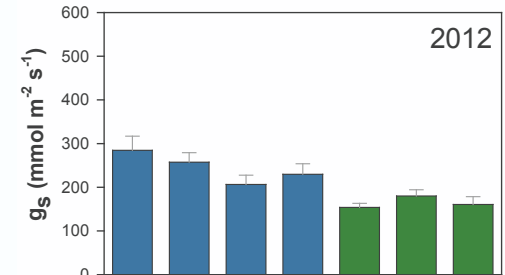
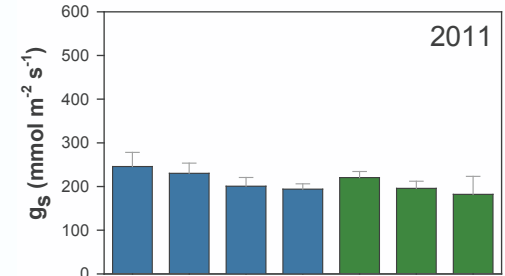
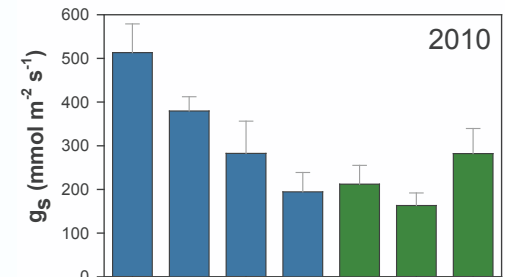
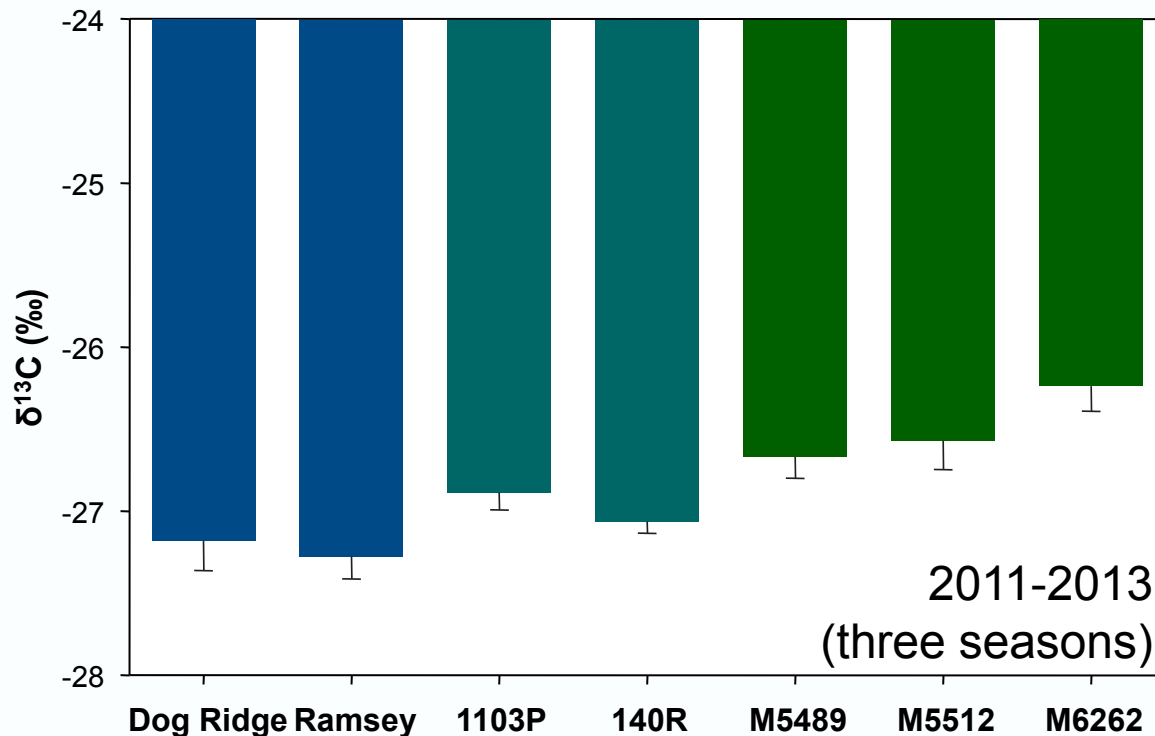
Averaging across many seasons isolates effect of rootstock.
Rootstocks split into three groups, two-fold range.



Drivers of water use: stomatal conductance

Effect of rootstock on a given day was variable, but typically related to vigour.

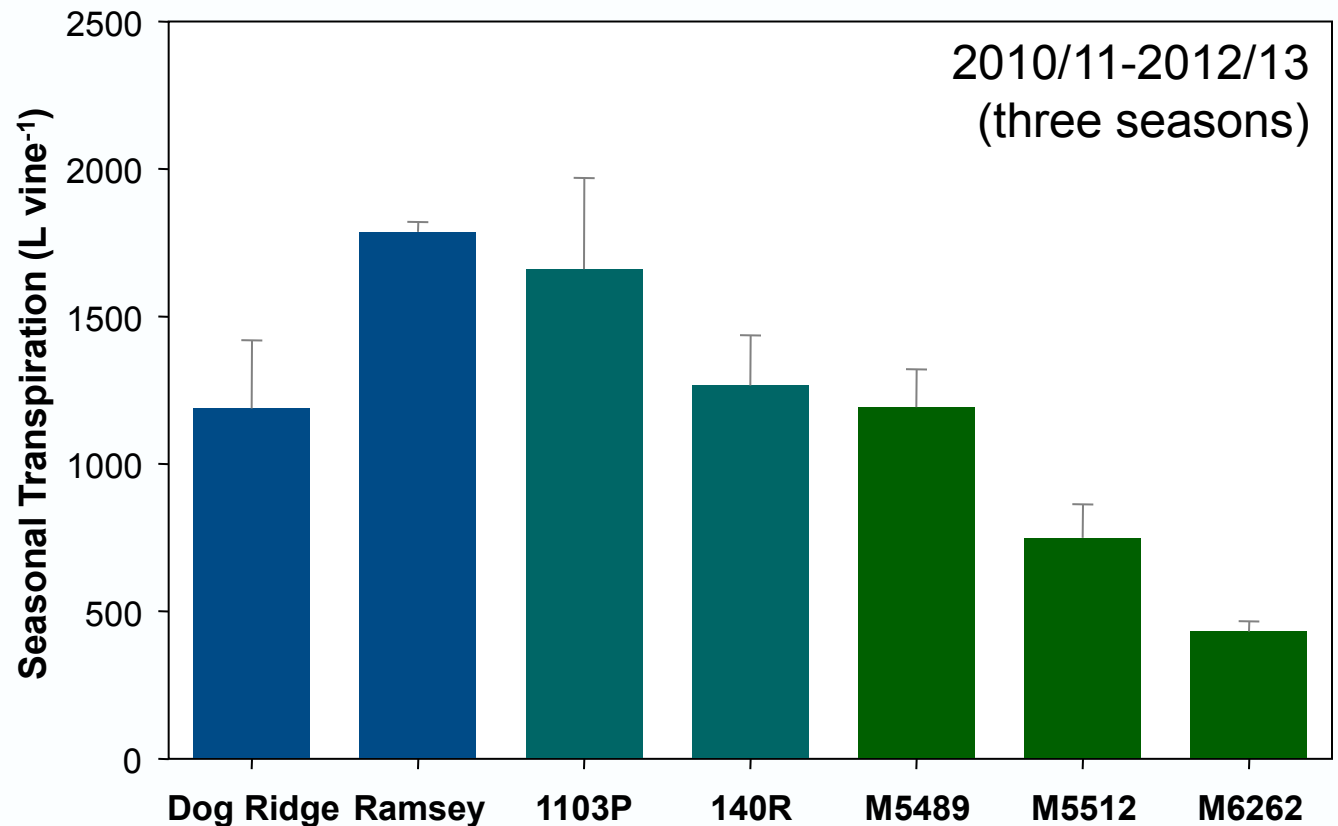
Over entire seasons (lower $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ = higher conductance), the lower vigour rootstocks conferred lower conductance.



Vine water use – sap flow

Expect rootstock effect on vine water use due to effect on canopy size and conductance.

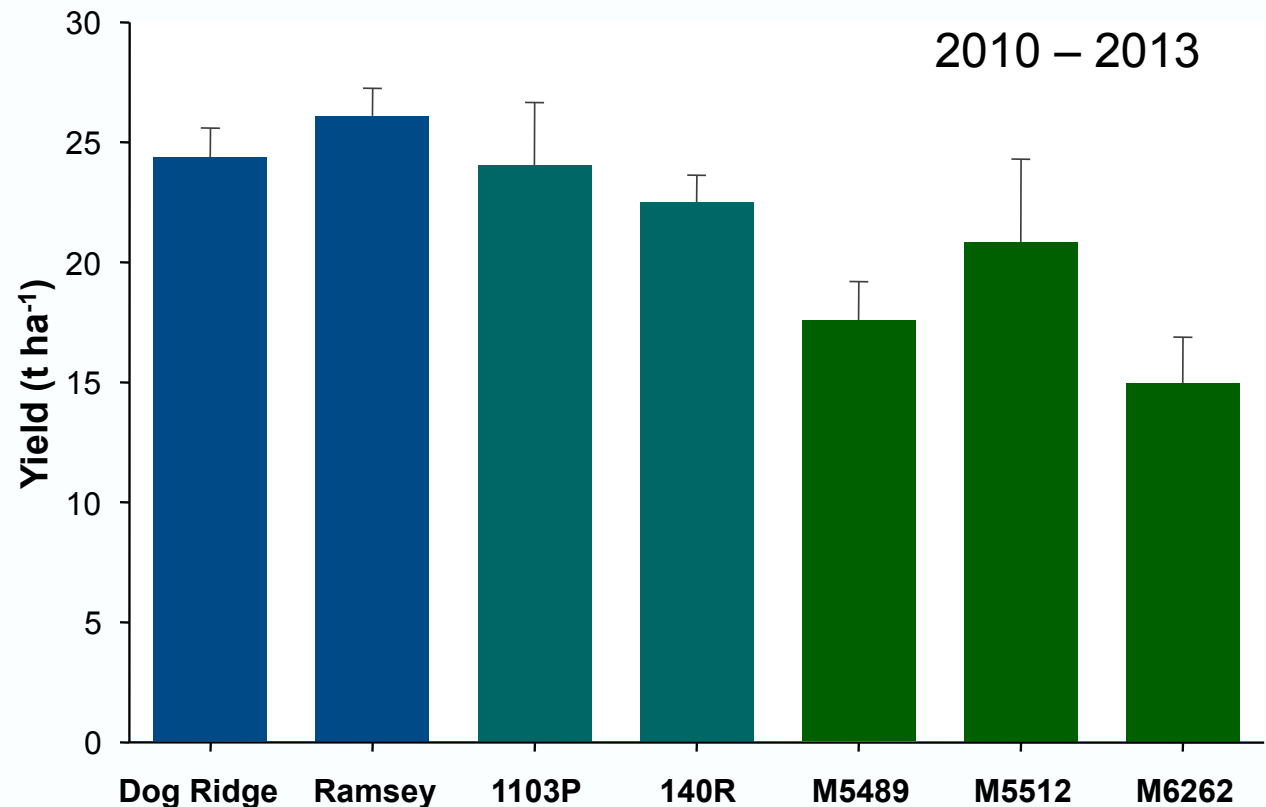
Can measure directly with sap flow sensors.



Rootstock impact on yield

Vigour groupings much less distinct for yield.

Some yield penalty for lower vigour.

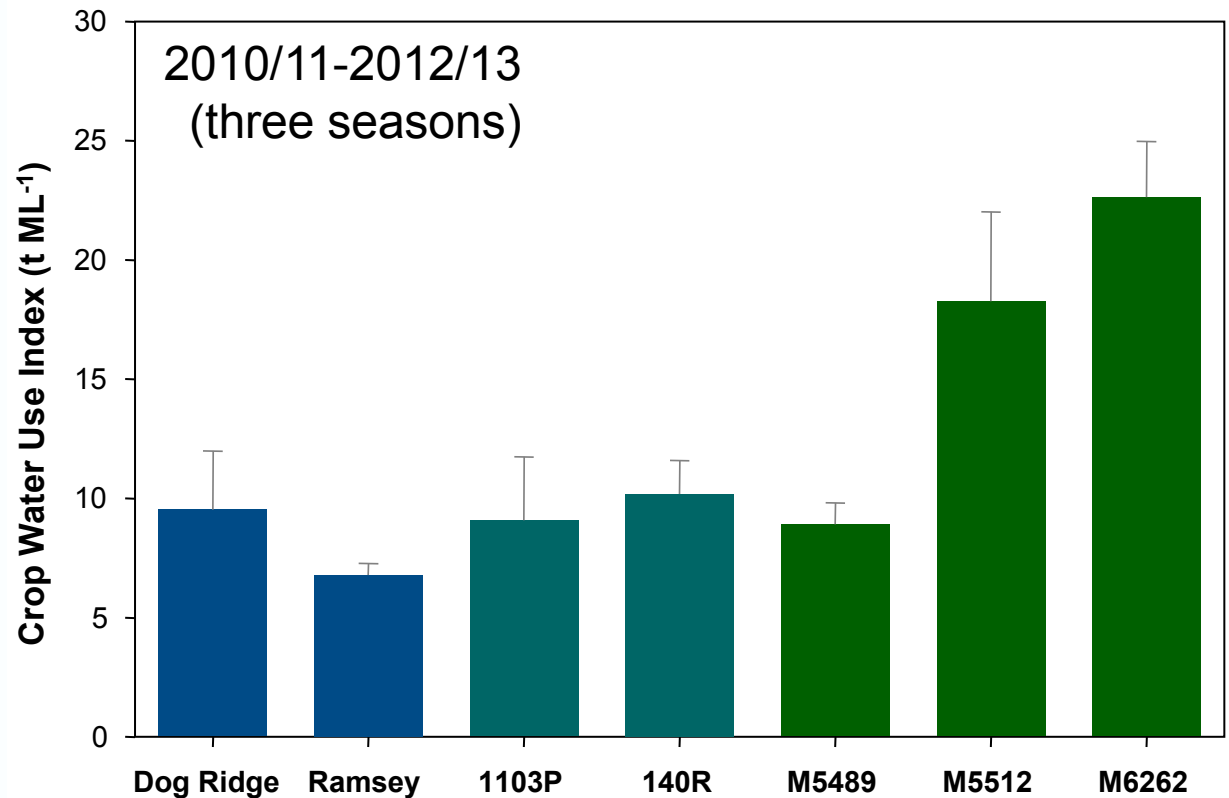


Mean yield over four seasons, n=6.

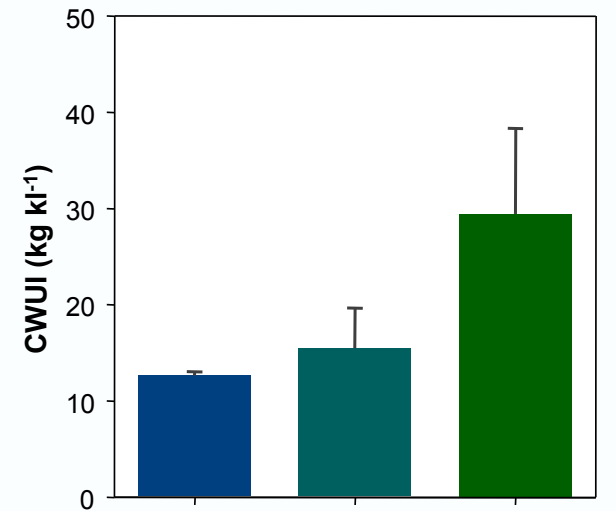
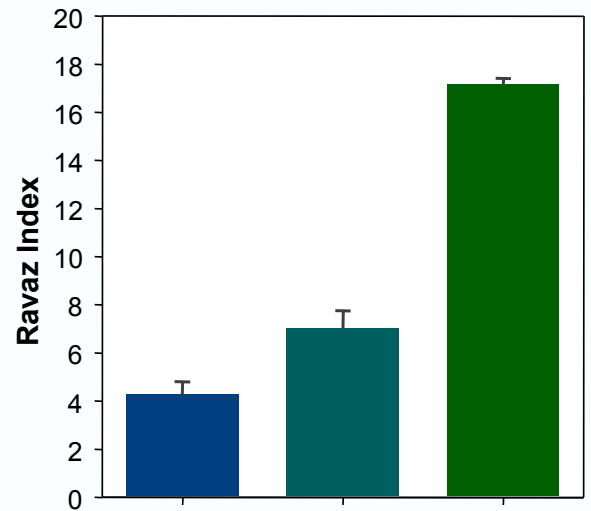
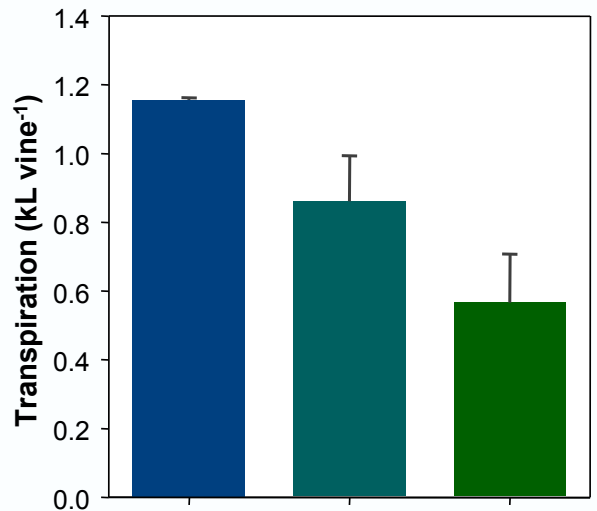
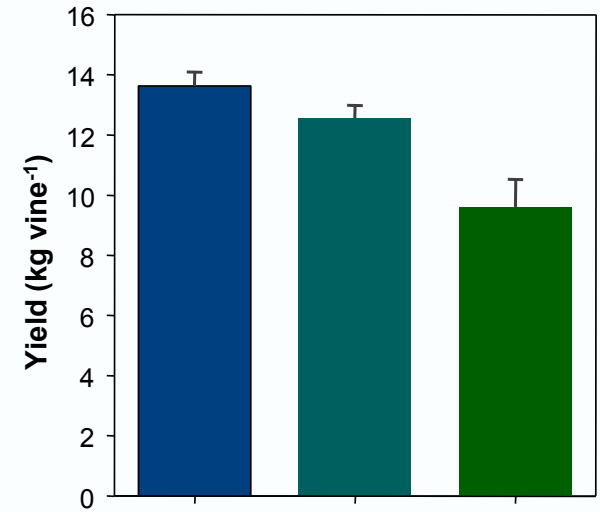
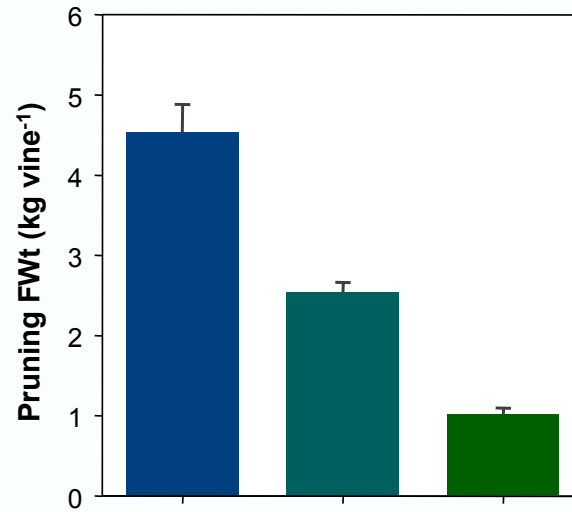
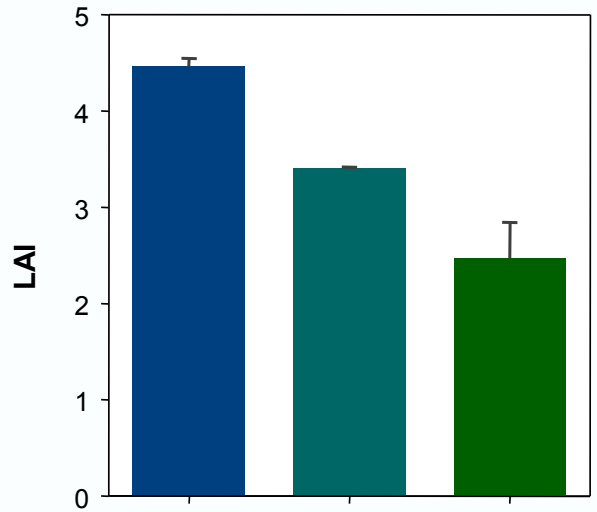
Water use efficiency ranking

Same irrigation applied to all vines, therefore *irrigation water use efficiency* = yield rank.

But ranking of vine water use efficiency (defined as CWUI) almost the reverse.



Summary: rootstock effects on water use efficiency



Vigour Category

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Summary: rootstock effects water use efficiency

- Rootstocks conferred differences in vigour, stomatal conductance and yield.
- Resulted in direct link between rootstock conferred vigour and water use efficiency.
 - Low vigour = high water use efficiency.
- But maximum productivity (yield per ha) only achieved with high vigour rootstock.
- Water savings will only be achieved through irrigating specifically to rootstock.
- Opportunities for higher density planting etc.



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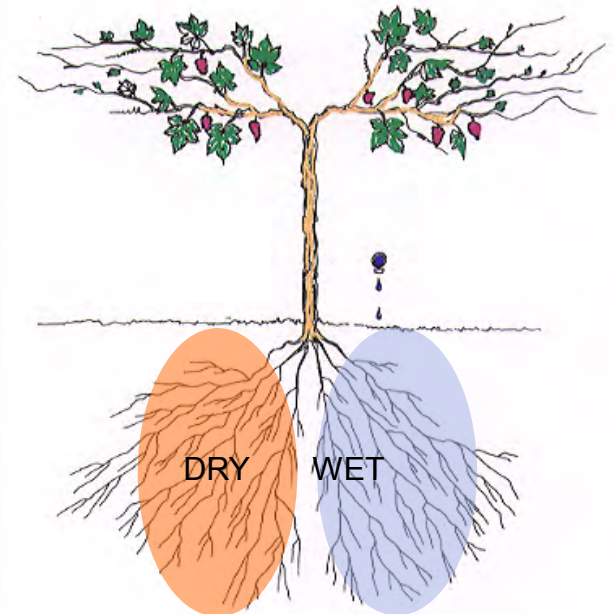


Improving WUE with irrigation strategies?

Irrigation strategies can be used to alter vine water use, e.g. PRD, RDI.

- Do not always improve WUE.
- Can be complex to implement.

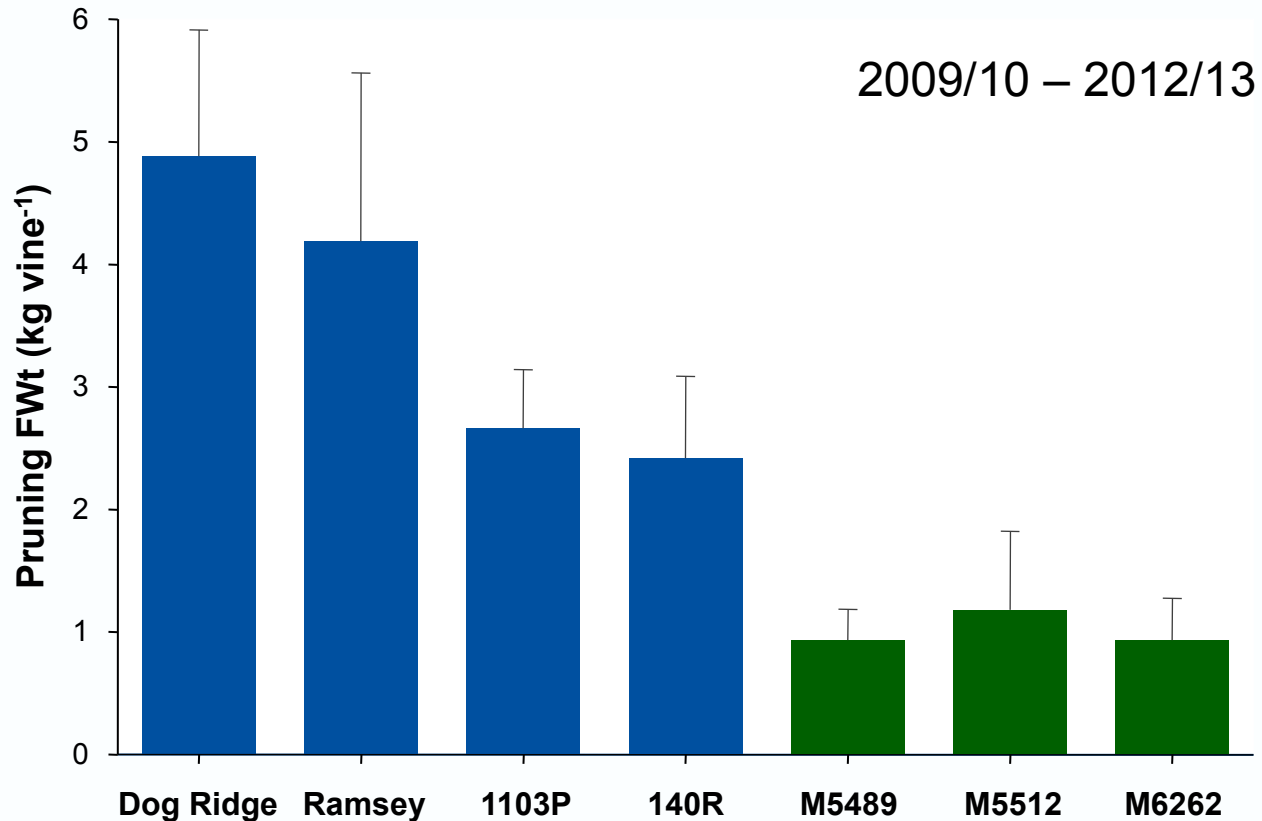
	Irrigation (ML ha ⁻¹)	Yield/Irrigation (t ML ⁻¹)	Yield/Sap flux (t ML ⁻¹)
RDI	5.6	5.2	38
Control	11.2	2.9	39



Rootstock conferred vigour: pruning weight

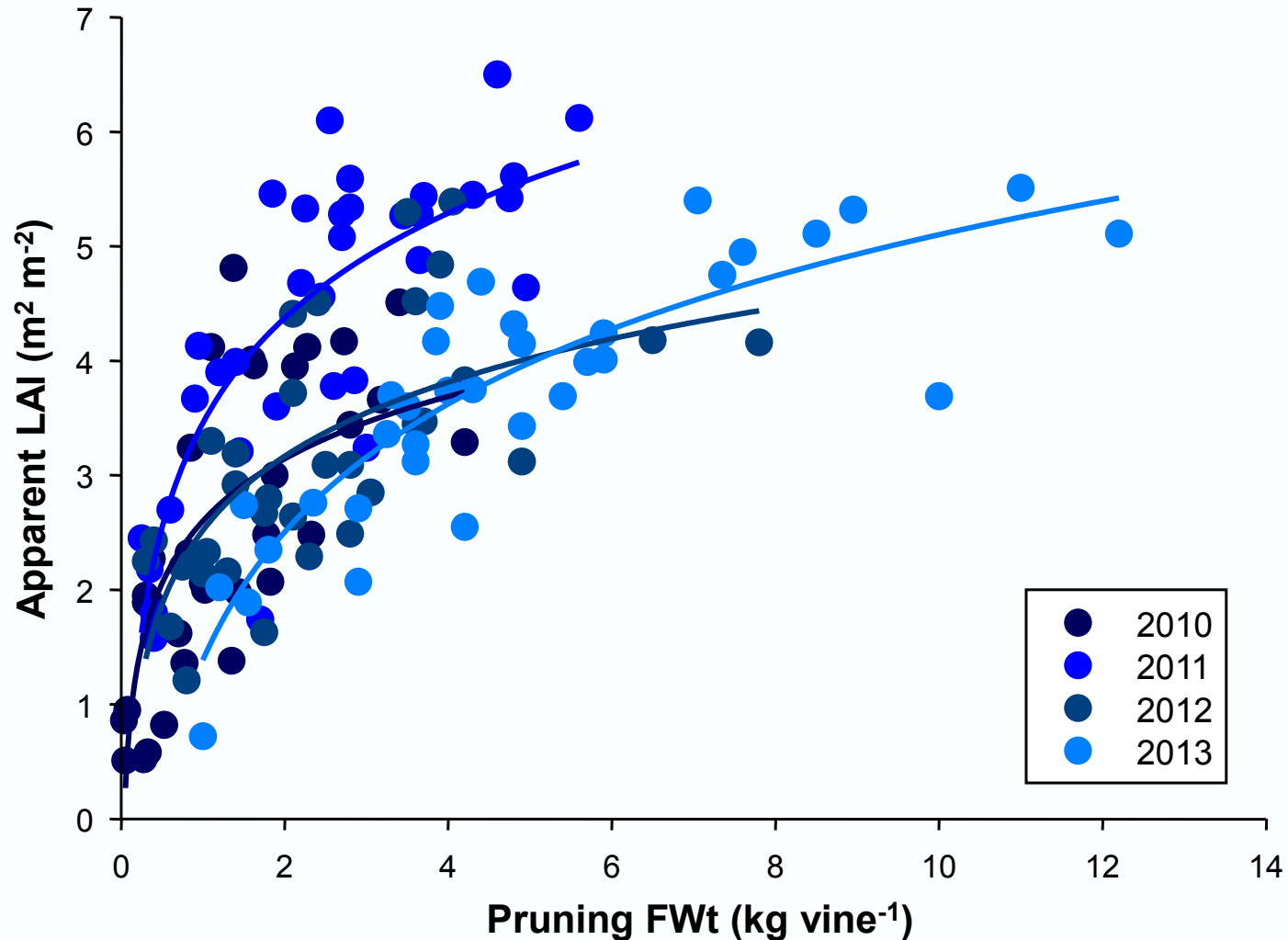
Three vigour groups still apparent.

Four fold difference in pruning weights.

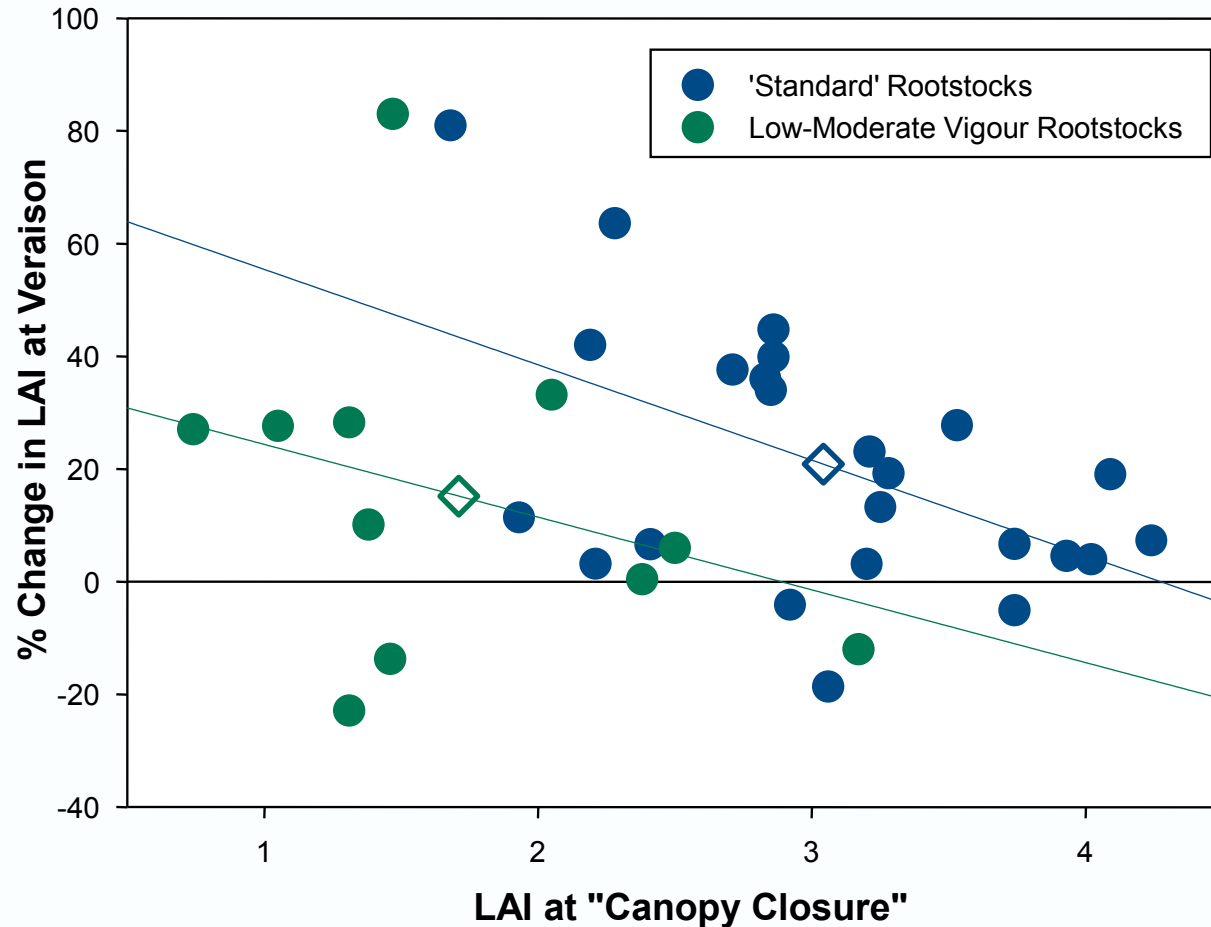


Mean pruning FWt over four seasons, n=6.

The relationship between leaf area and pruning weight



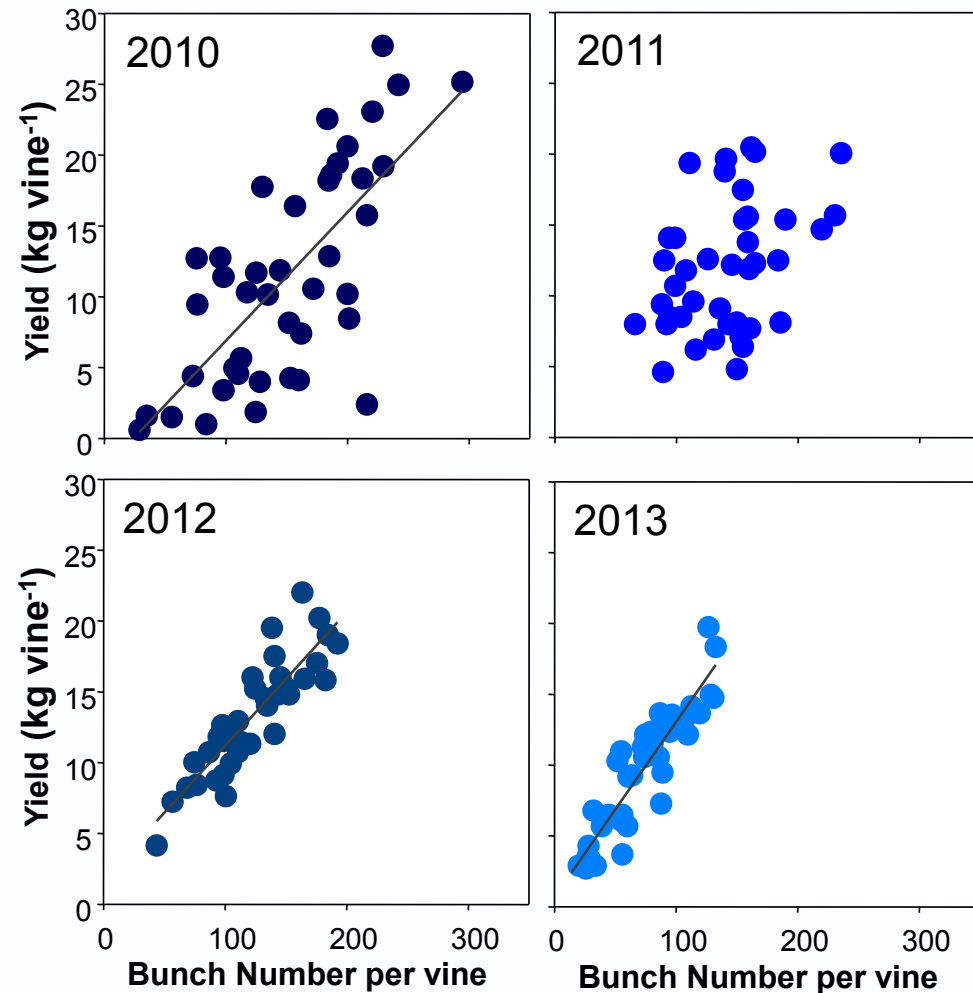
2010/11 season – extended growth period?



Relative growth similar , but growth reduced at much smaller canopy size in low-moderate stocks.

Rootstock impact on yield components

Rootstock effect on yield primarily via bunch number.
2010: shift to drip. 2011: high disease incidence.



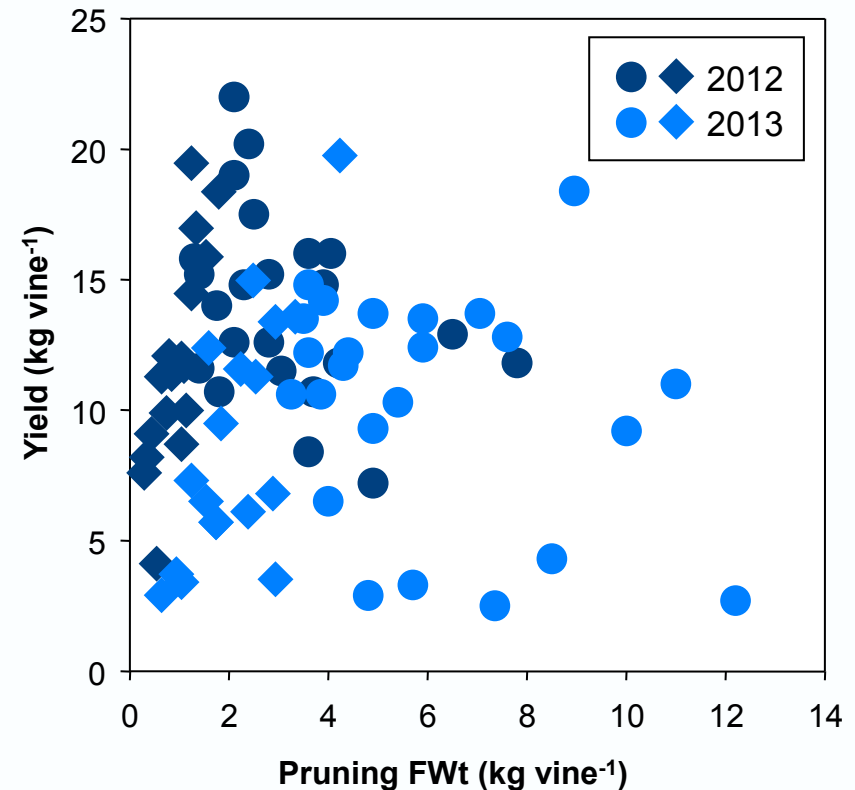
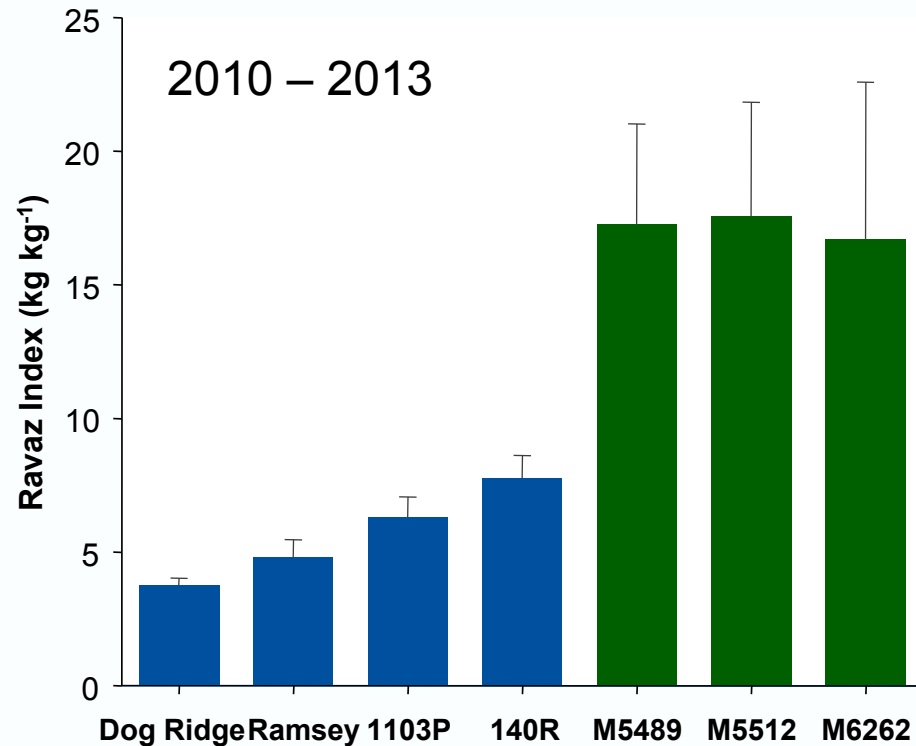
Relative effect on yield

Year	Bunch No.	Bunch Weight	Rootstock
2010	0.07	0.13	0.80
2011	0.40	0.19	0.41
2012	0.83	0.17	0.00
2013	0.88	0.12	0.00

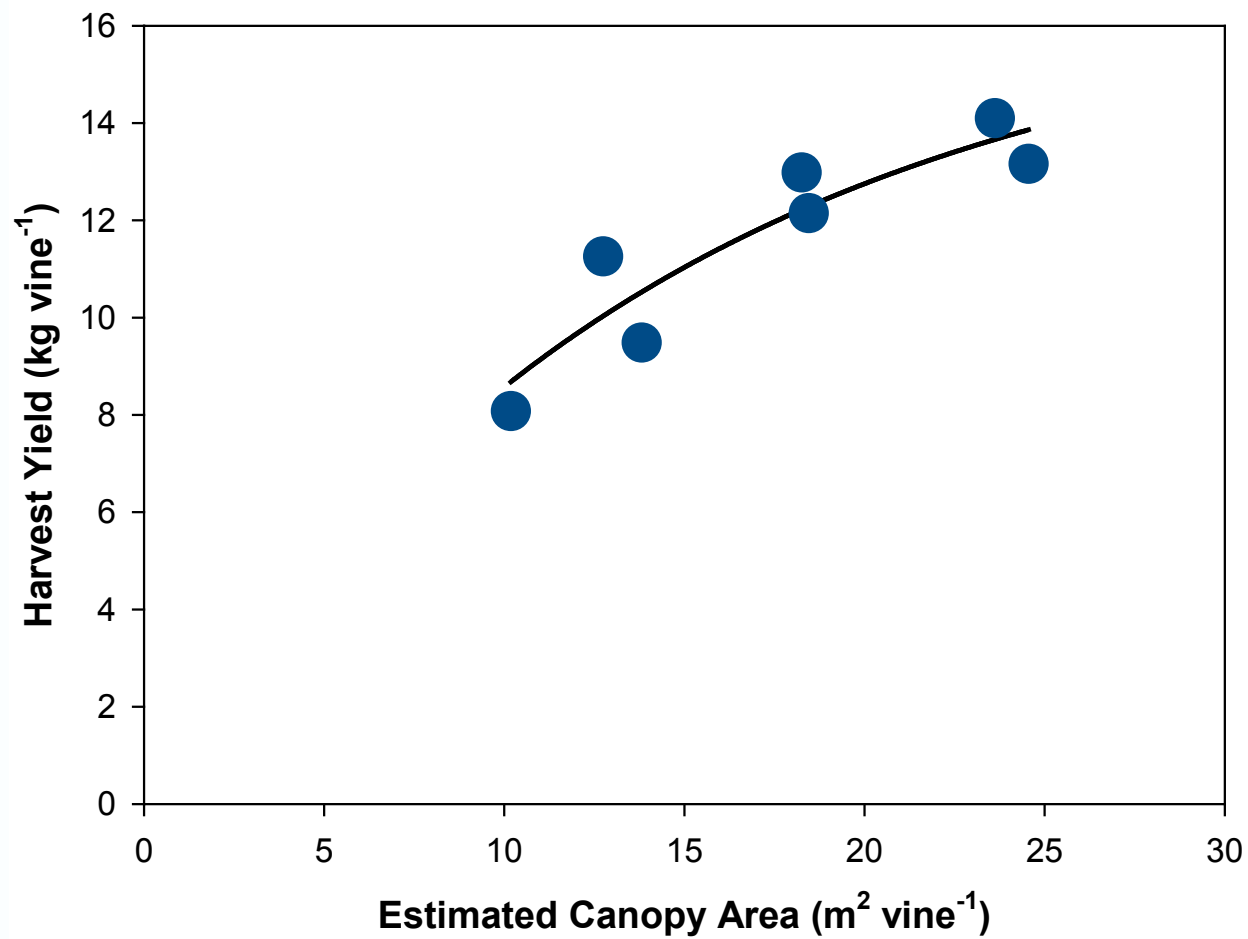
The Ravaz index

= yield / pruning weight

Sometimes referred to as harvest index.



Mean index over four seasons, n=6.



Root : shoot communication

Rootstock effects on the scion (and *vice versa*) are the result of root : shoot communication.

Root : shoot signalling may be:

- chemical signals (e.g. plant hormones, ions, assimilate supply)
- mechanical signals (e.g. hydraulics)

Effects can be long-term (e.g. vigour) or short-term (e.g. ABA production during drought).

We need to understand the mechanisms behind rootstock effects on the scion for:

- targeted breeding,
- efficient evaluation of current rootstocks,
- optimisation of resource management.

Rootstocks, drought and WUE

Does improved WUE = drought tolerance?

Existing evidence suggests high vigour = drought tolerance.

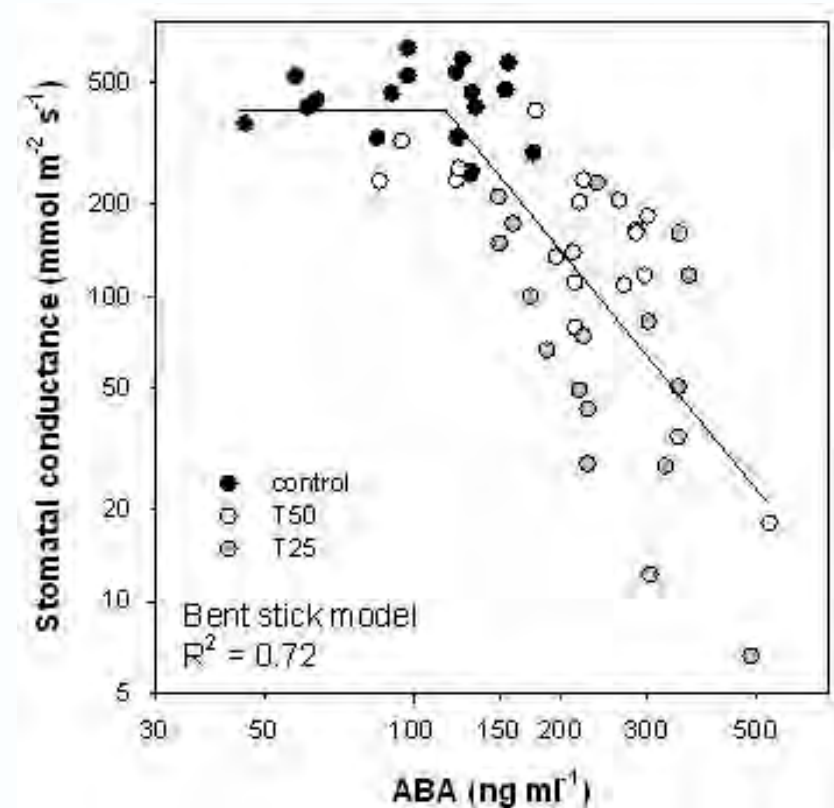
Current project also examining:

- Interactions with water deficit.

- Interactions with salinity.

Rootstocks could alter drought avoidance or tolerance.

Canopy response to deficit largely governed by ABA.

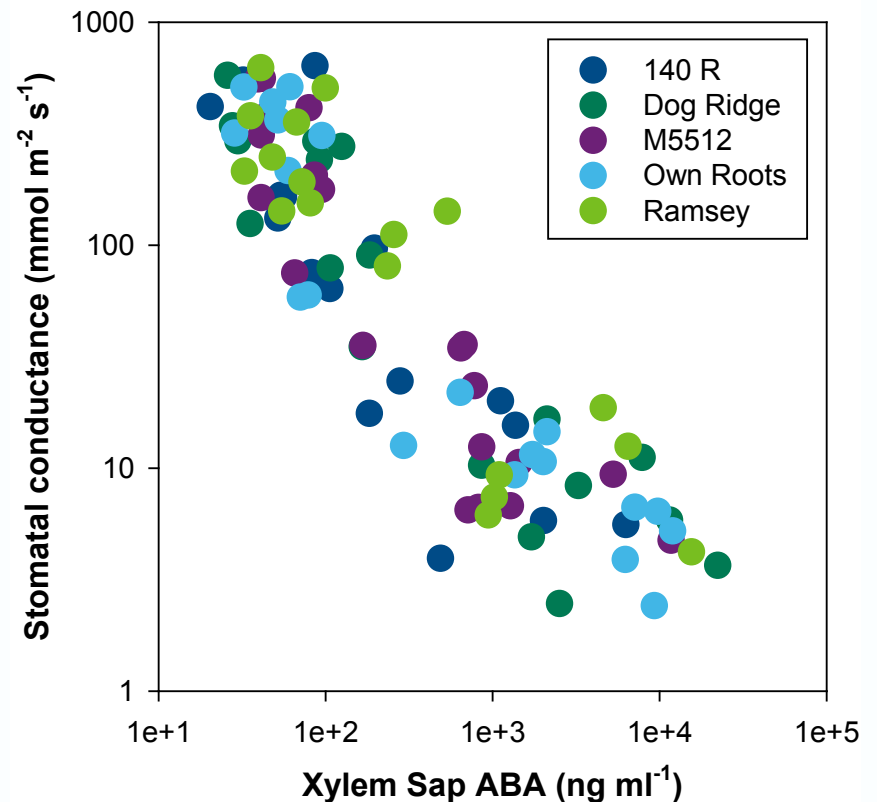


Root produced hormones?

Roots produce a number of chemical signals that can influence aboveground part of plant.

But do signals actually differ between rootstocks?

If so, does scion metabolism adjust to the differences?



Water availability and ABA

ABA at end of experiment lower in Merbein 5512.

Stomatal conductance higher during drought stress.

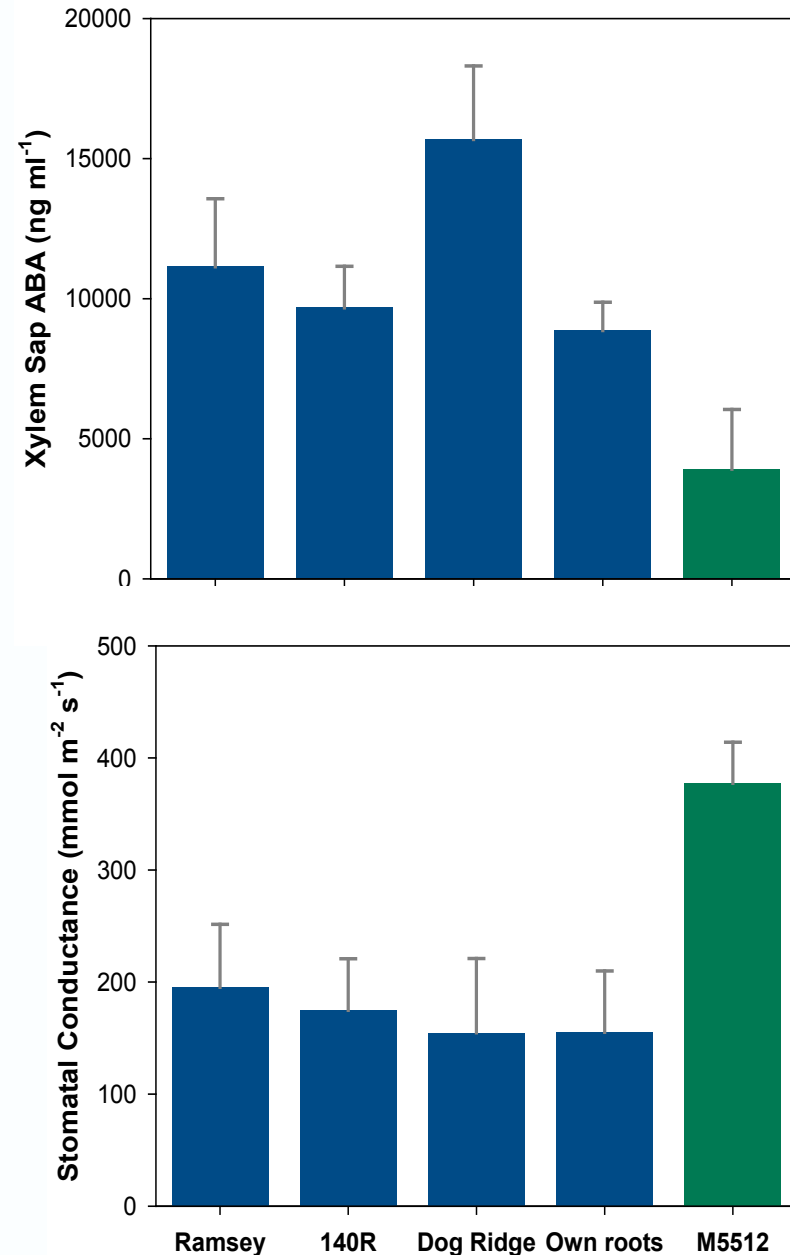
Rootstock choice has the potential to alter vine response to abiotic stress.

Glasshouse experiment on 1 yr old vines, five weeks deficit irrigation.

Xylem ABA of well watered control: 50-100 ng ml⁻¹. Excluded for clarity.

Mean soil H₂O in M5512: 6.7%

Mean soil H₂O in standards: 8.2%





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Winery Cost Reduction Strategies



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Understanding customer value

Wine Name	Price
Allegrini	\$9.99
St Hugo	\$13.99
O'Neen The Footballer	\$17.99 \$16.19
Peter Lehmann	\$21.99 \$18.69
Edge Geyersville	\$26.99 \$20.79
Red Diamond	\$29.99
Brivio	\$33.99
Sacco-Bertoni	\$5.99

► Review each bottle of wine before selecting anything.

Peter Lehmann
was ~~\$21.99~~ now \$18.69

Region Barossa Valley, Australia

% Alcohol 16.0%

Grape Type Cabernet Sauvignon

WINE CRITICS CHOICE BRONZE MEDAL WINNER

Legend

- Description
- Parker Points
- Wine Spectator Points
- Manager's Selection
- In store tasting available
- Medals



What does the market/consumer want?

Attribute	Levels	Importance
Brand, packaging, origin	32	36.1%
Price	8	16.0%
Medal	4	15.0%
Wine sensory description	2	12.4%
Rating points	2	8.4%
Managers recommendation	2	5.6%
Alcohol level	4	2.5%
Price discount	4	2.3%
In store tasting available	2	1.3%
Closure	2	0.4%

Core product and pricing: 57%

Awards and shelf communication: 43%

Discrete Choice
Experiment



Maximise value/ minimise waste

**“Customer Value-
Adding”**
The tip of the iceberg

Customer Non Value-Added Steps
**“The hidden opportunity for
improvement”**





Tradition vs Innovation

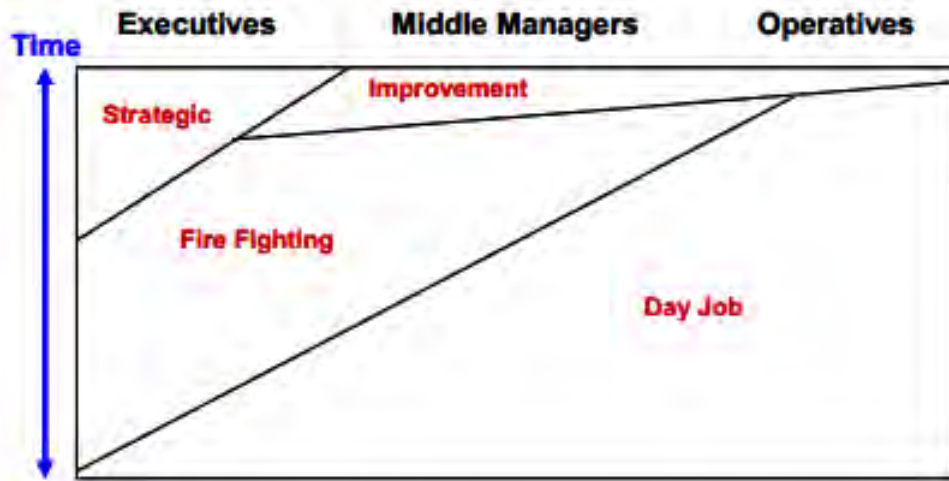
Familiar
Comfortable
Safe

Costly
Onerous
Limiting

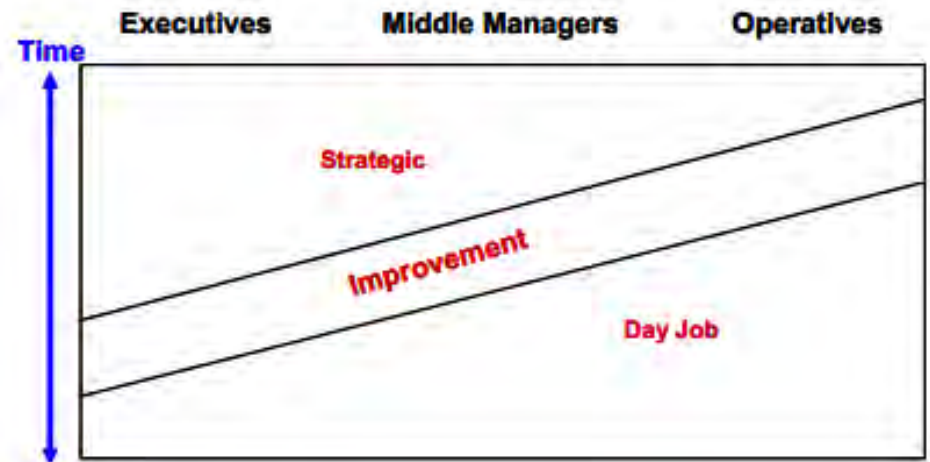




The impact on organisational roles



Current state



Ideal state



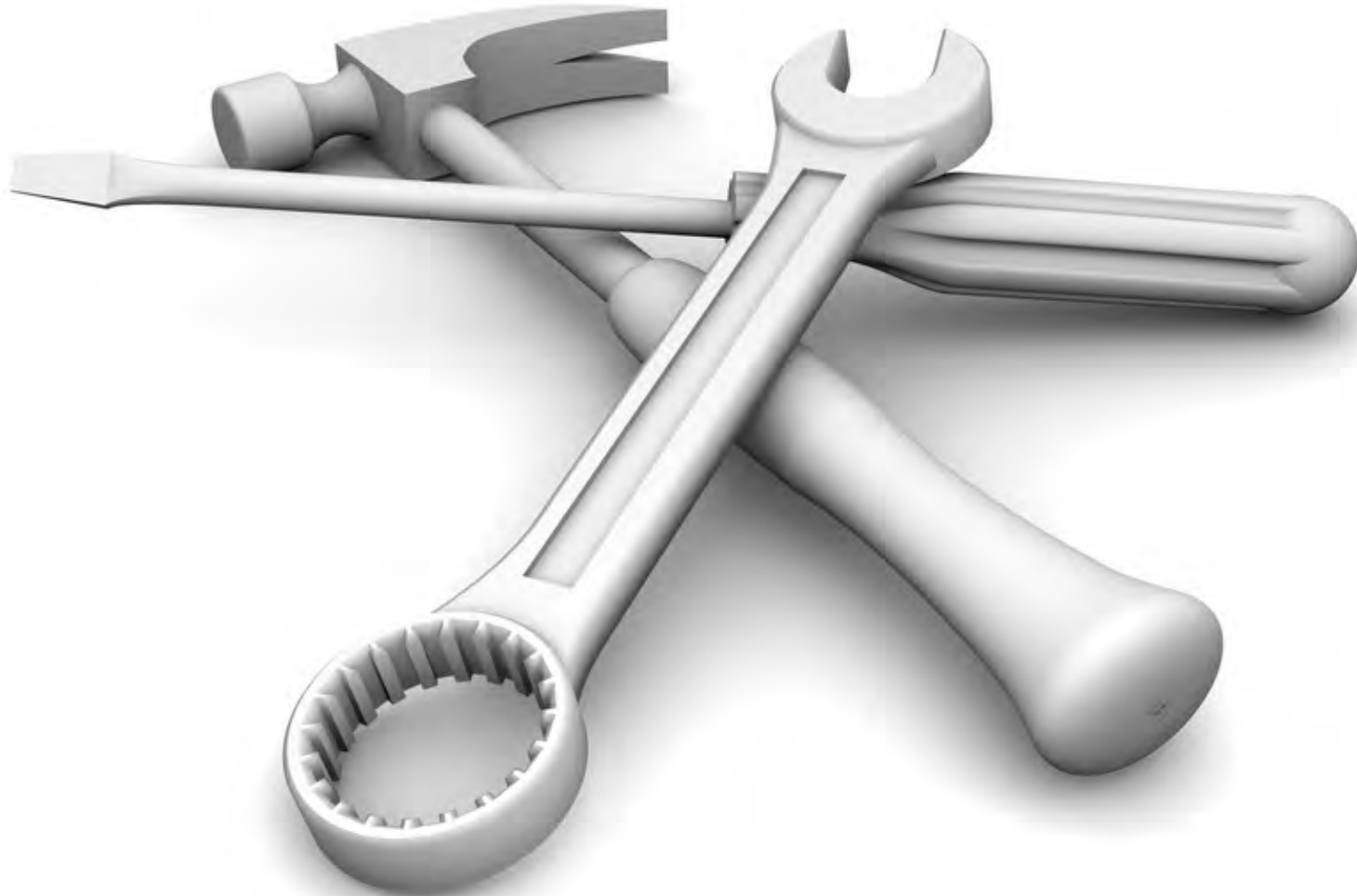
Data management



90%



Supporting Australian producers



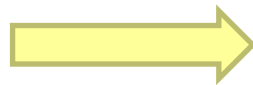


Activities based costing

Determining the true cost of production

Cost pools

- *Production management*
- *Utilities*
- *Waste management*
- *Process equipment*
- *Laboratory*



Direct costs

- *Materials (**Grapes**)*
- *Labour*



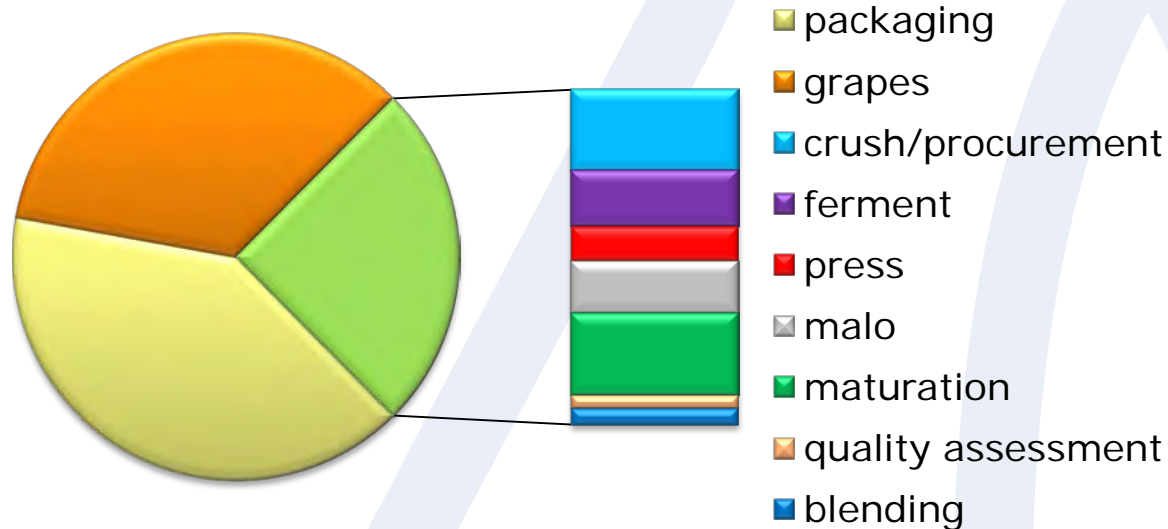
Activities

- *Crushing*
- ***Ferment***
- *Pressing*
- *2nd Ferment*
- ***Maturation***
- *Quality assessment*
- ***Blending/ullage mngt***
- ***Packaging***





The cost of production



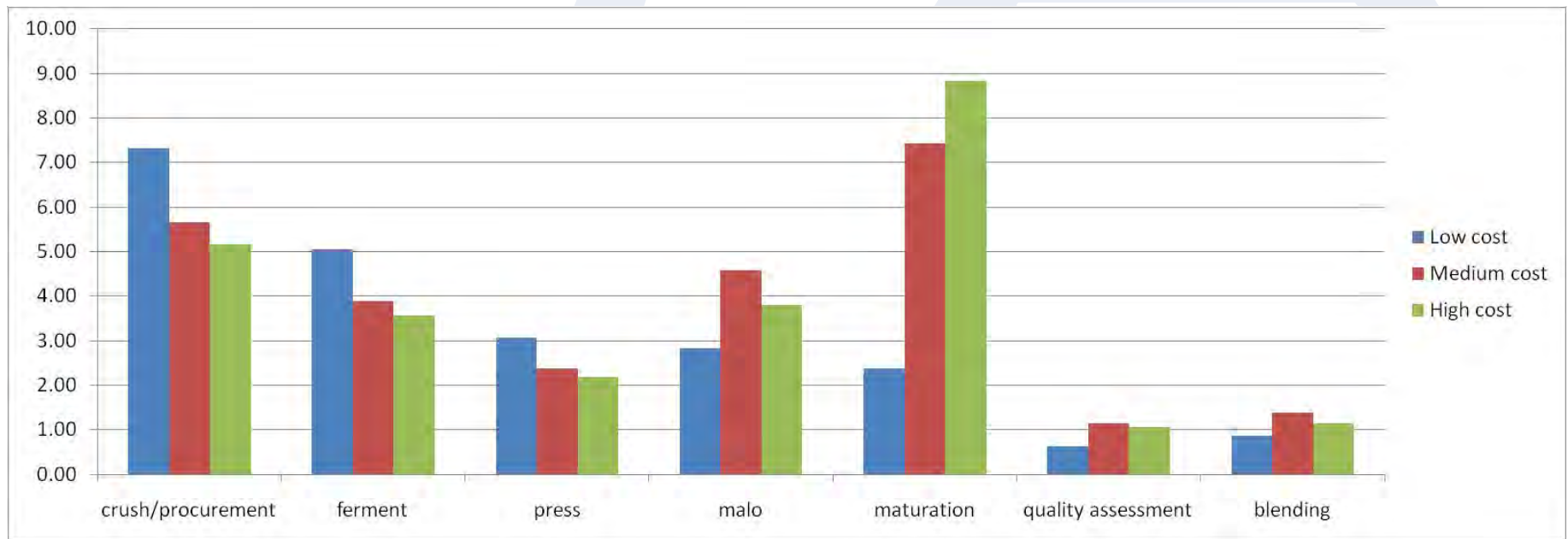
Opportunities exist at:

- Crush
- Ferment
- Maturation

Highly complex
grading system and
large number of
processing units



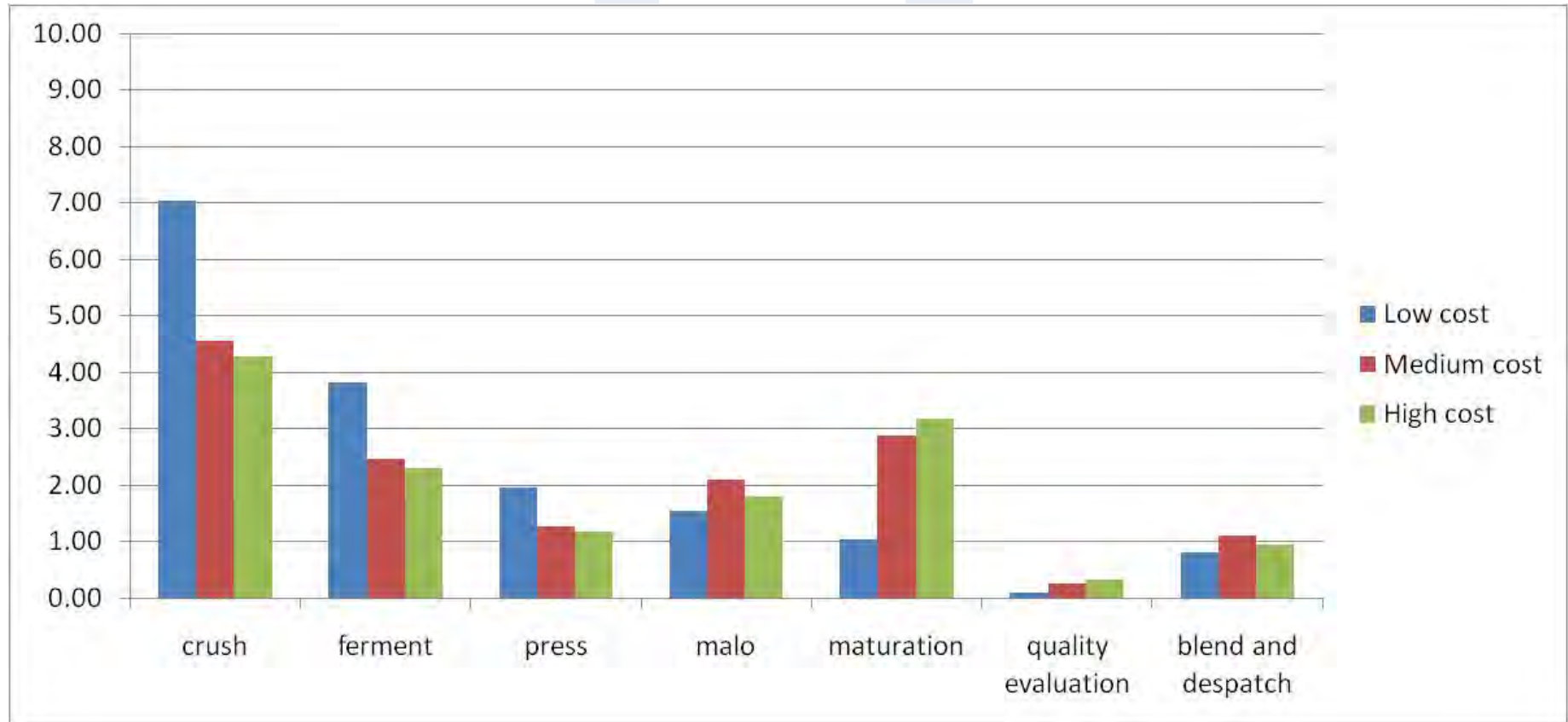
Distribution of costs for product ranges



- Low price point product opportunities at crushing
- High price point product opportunities at maturation



Labour cost contributions



- Procurement and crushing costs driven by labour
- Malo by analytical costs
- Maturation by barrels



Maximising value from grapes

1. Maximise use of low cost grapes

- Design wine styles around varieties that enable high tonnage cropping (Colombard, Fiesta etc)
- Incorporate high yield grapes as “fillers” into blends
- **Processing options to enhance flavour and aroma**

2. Maximise grape yield (>40tpha)

- Heavy irrigation throughout entire ripening period
- Targeted or no pruning regimes
- Appropriate trellis designs
- Spray irrigation in close proximity to harvest

3. Maximise production yield

- Wine styles that allow minimal separation of press fractions
- Less conservative press fraction cuts

Benefit - Reduced cost of grape juice

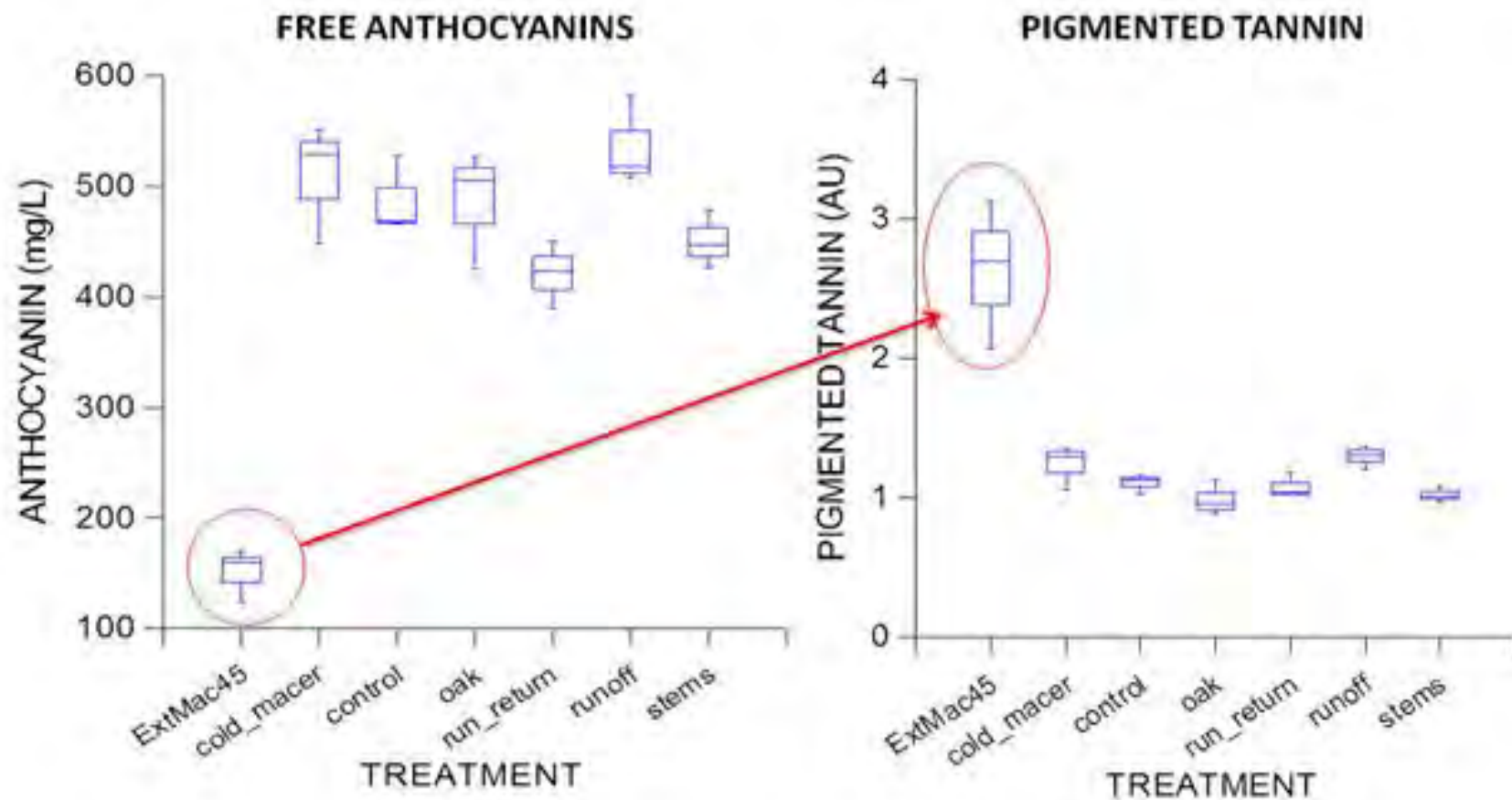
Research requirements

- Impact on consumers
- Demonstration studies - how to implement yield increase and minimise value loss
- True cost evaluations – reduced juice cost versus increased complexity in blending operations





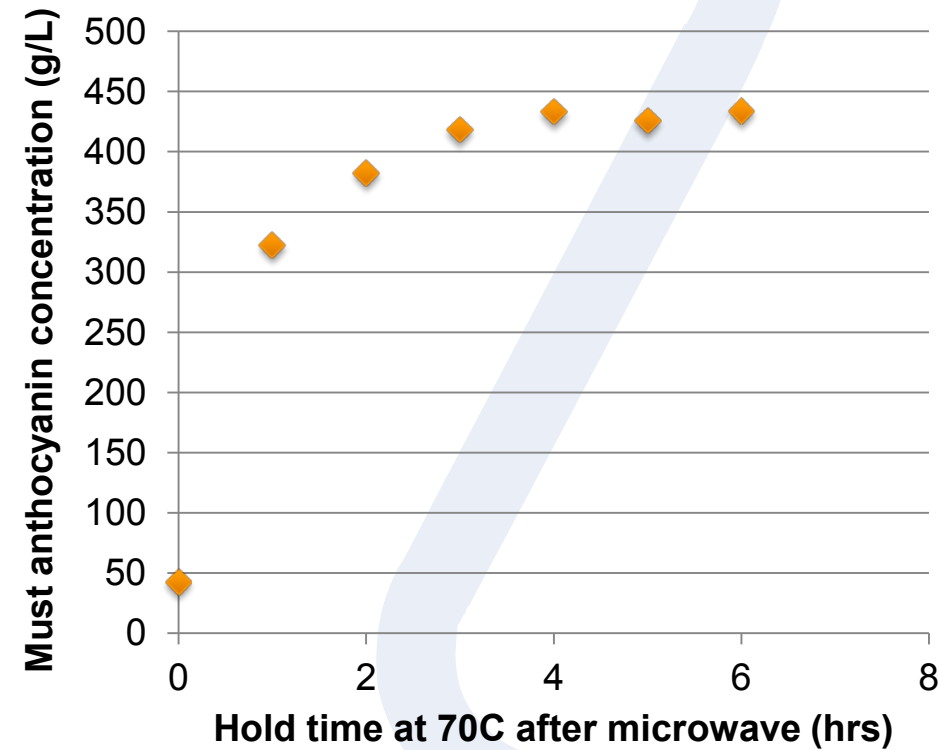
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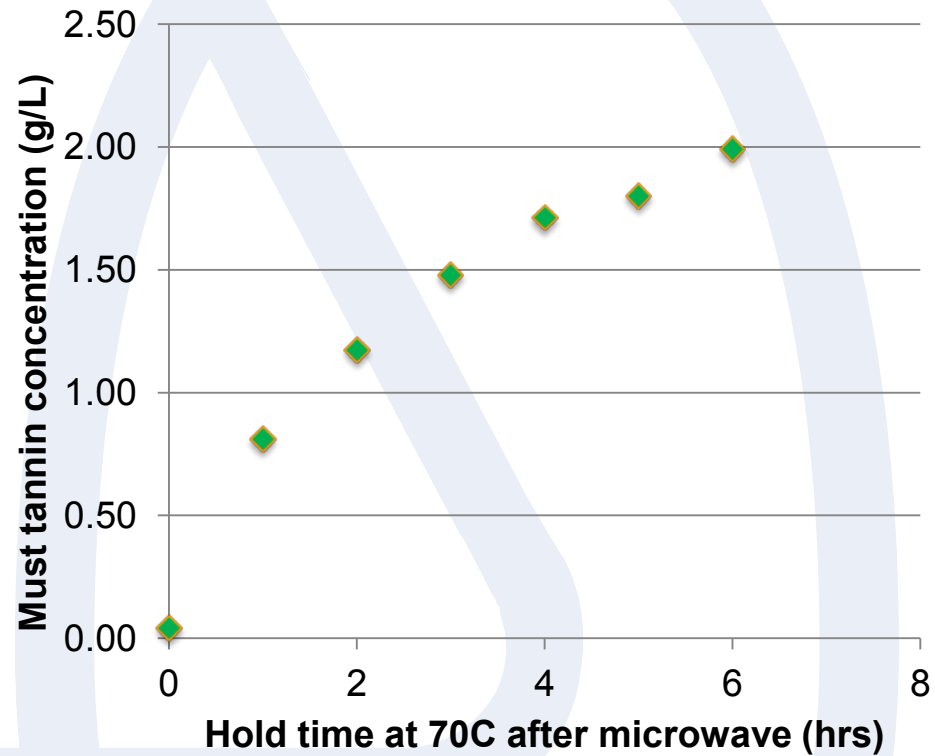


Maximising value from grapes

Anthocyanins

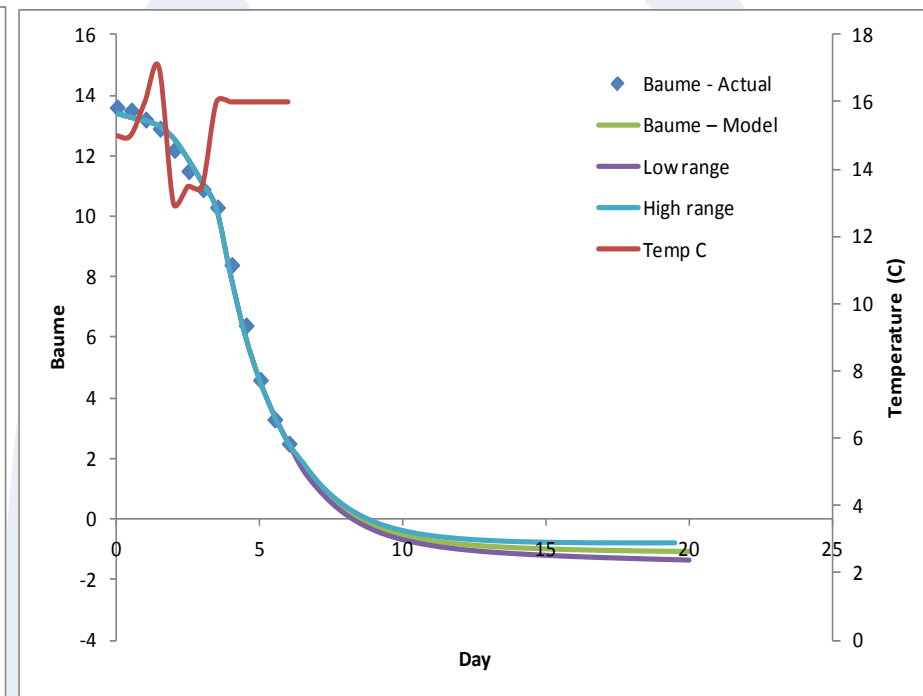
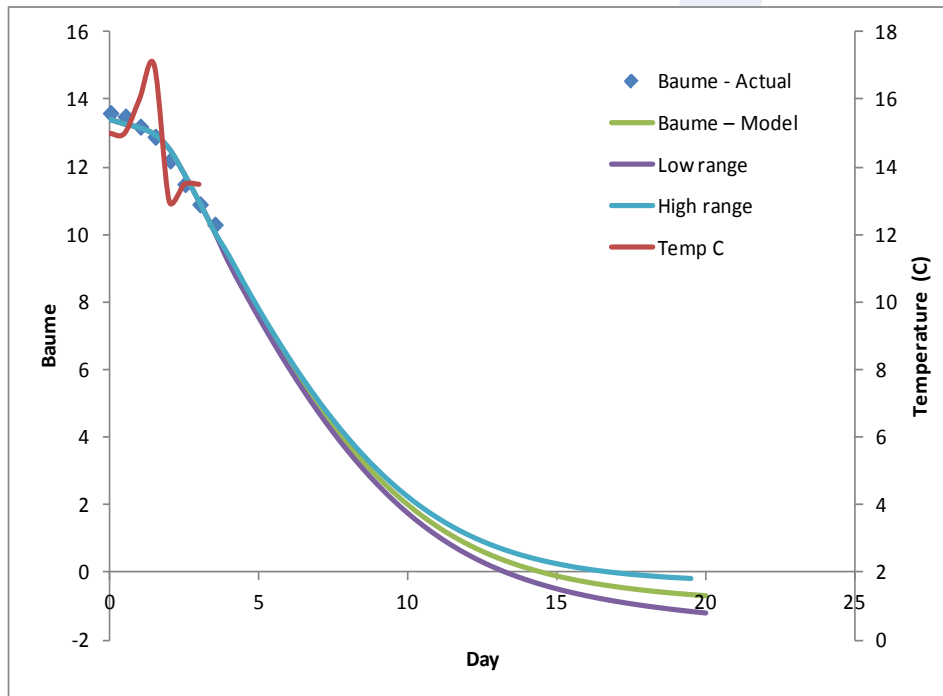


Tannins





Predicting ferment behaviour





Alternative maturation





Reducing Wine Transfers

1. Reduce number of processing units

- Less quality categories
- Less product types
- Blend earlier in value chain

2. Minimise ullage management activities

- Finished wines often transferred 8 times to avoid tanks being left on ullage
 - Staff devoted to packing down tanks and managing ullages
 - Large inert gas costs
 - Bottling to bin
- Eliminate need to pack down
 - OTR – 4L per day
 - Thermal expansion – 0.15 mg/L per refrigeration event
 - Open lid – 28L per event
 - CO2 use ineffective

Benefit

- Improved efficiency of resource use
- Improvement to environmental performance

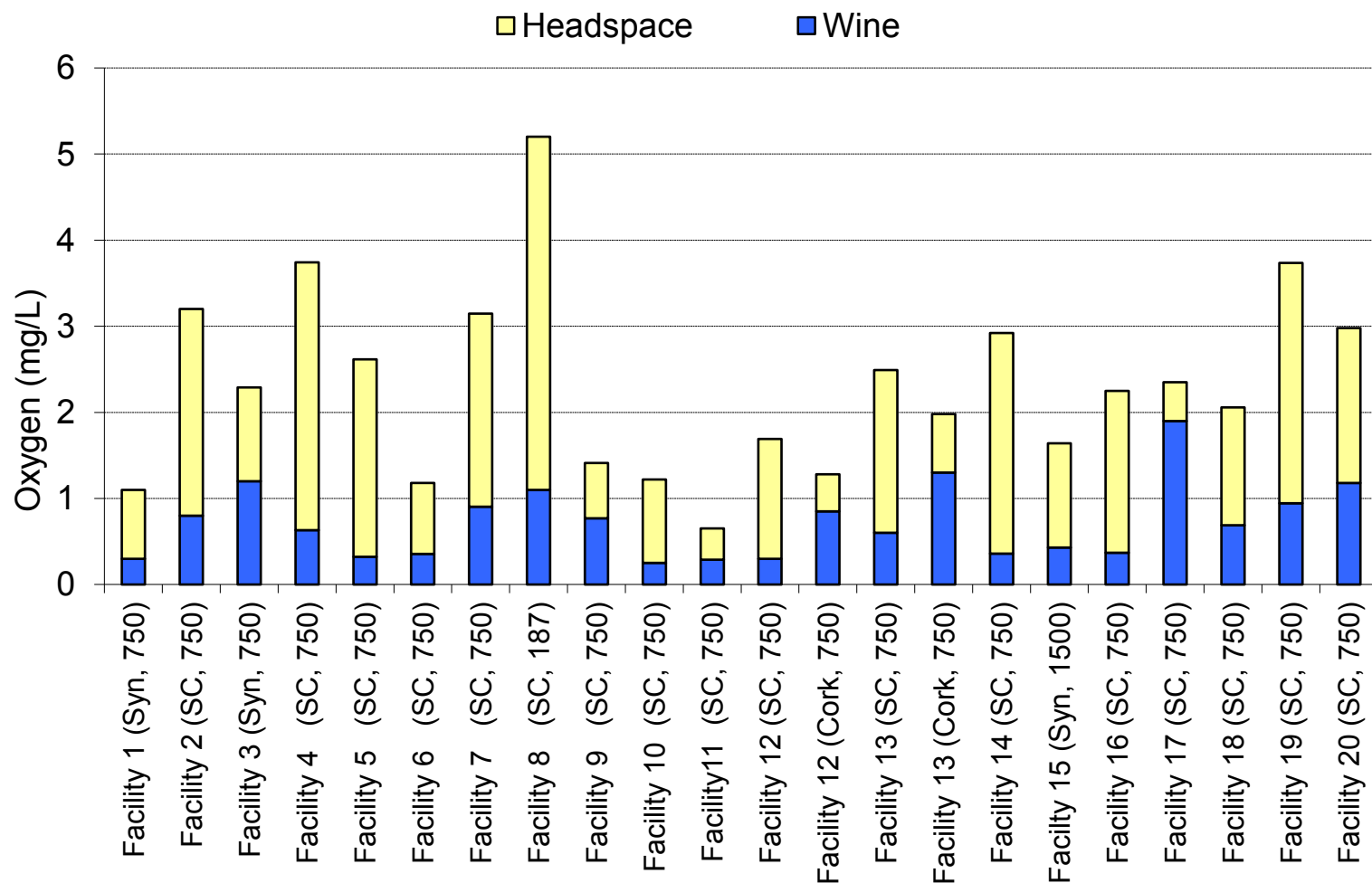
Research requirements

- Requires fundamental development work on sparging ; oxygen damage; volatile loss & ageing on wine value



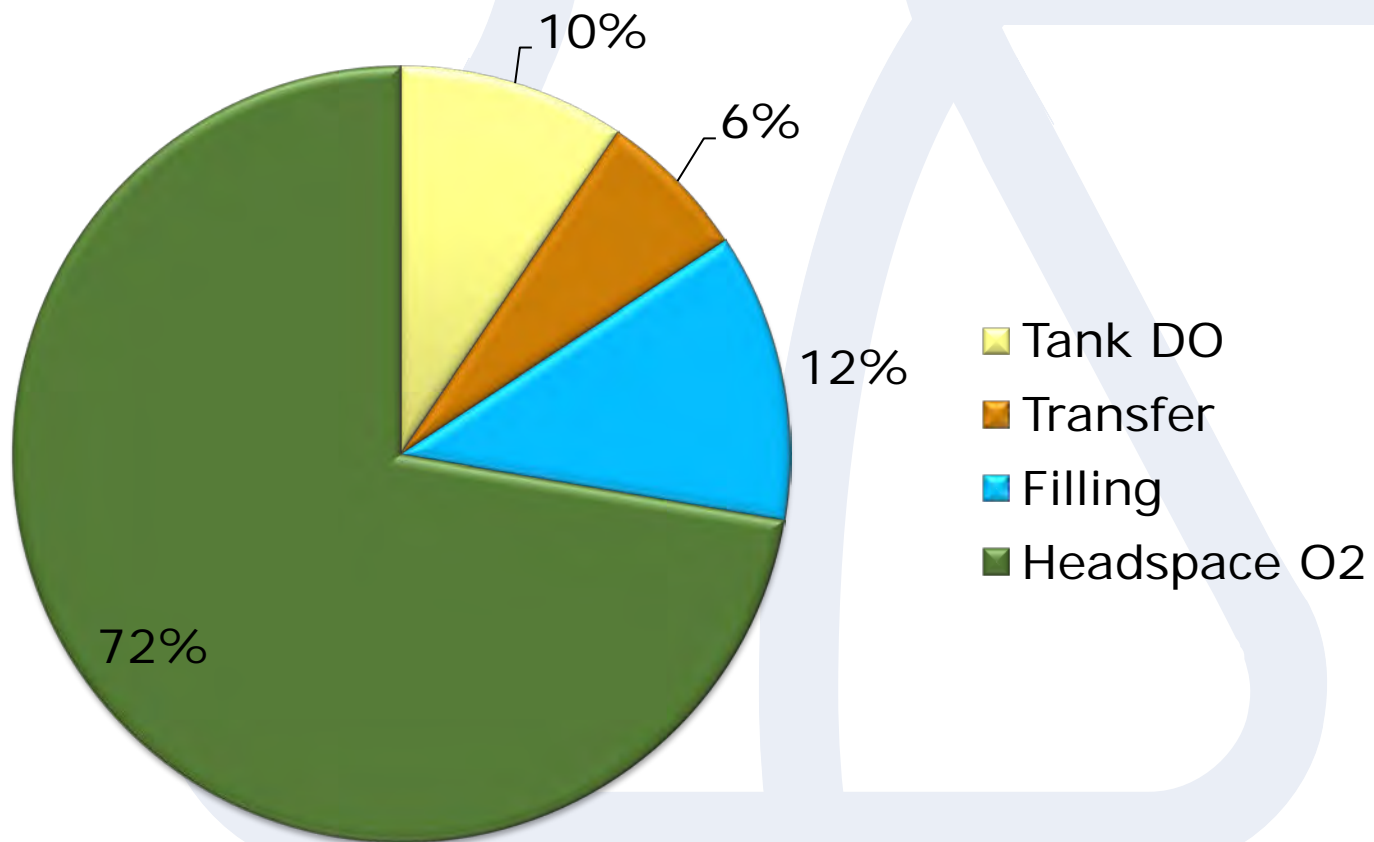
Packaging challenges

TPO Benchmarking



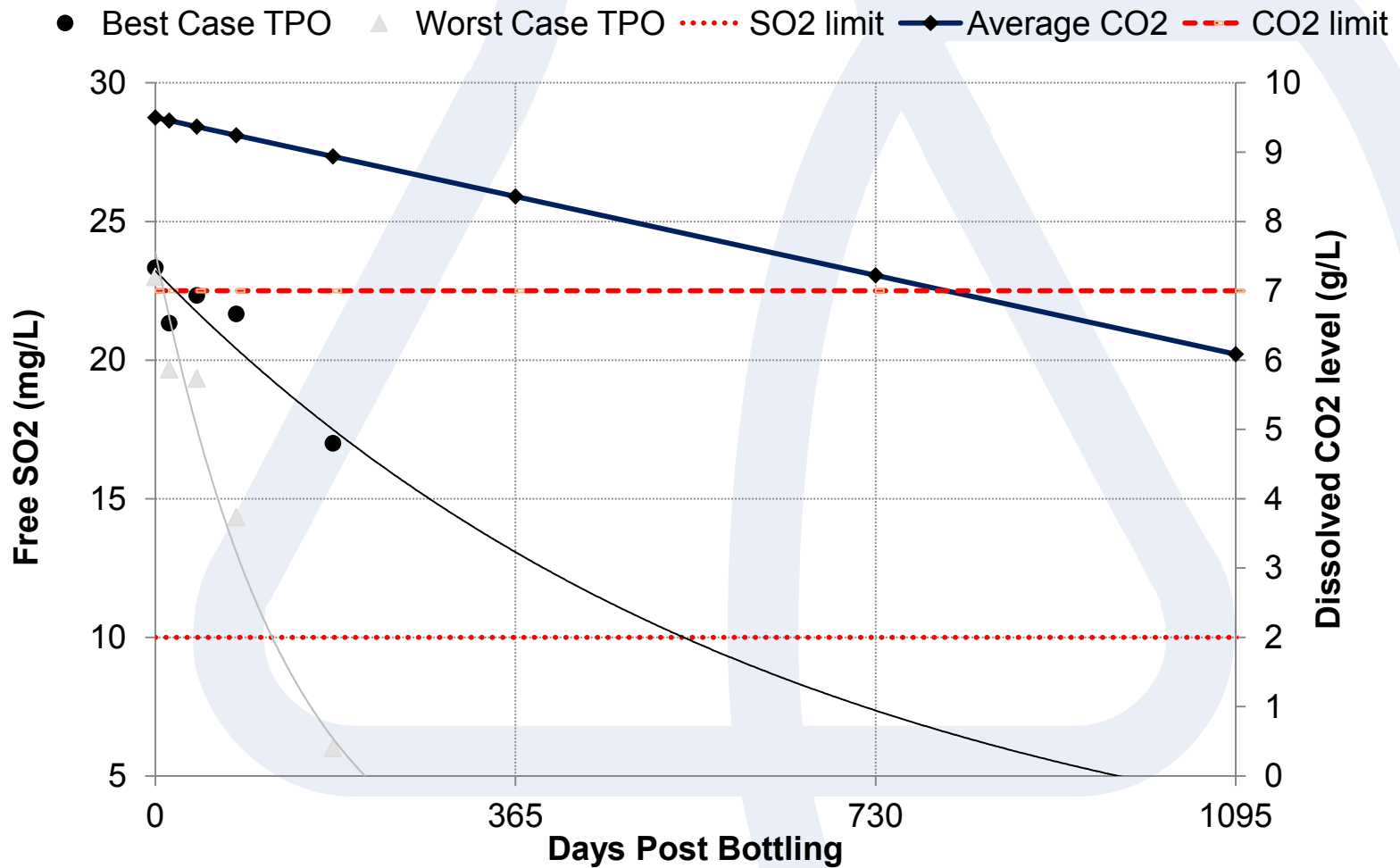


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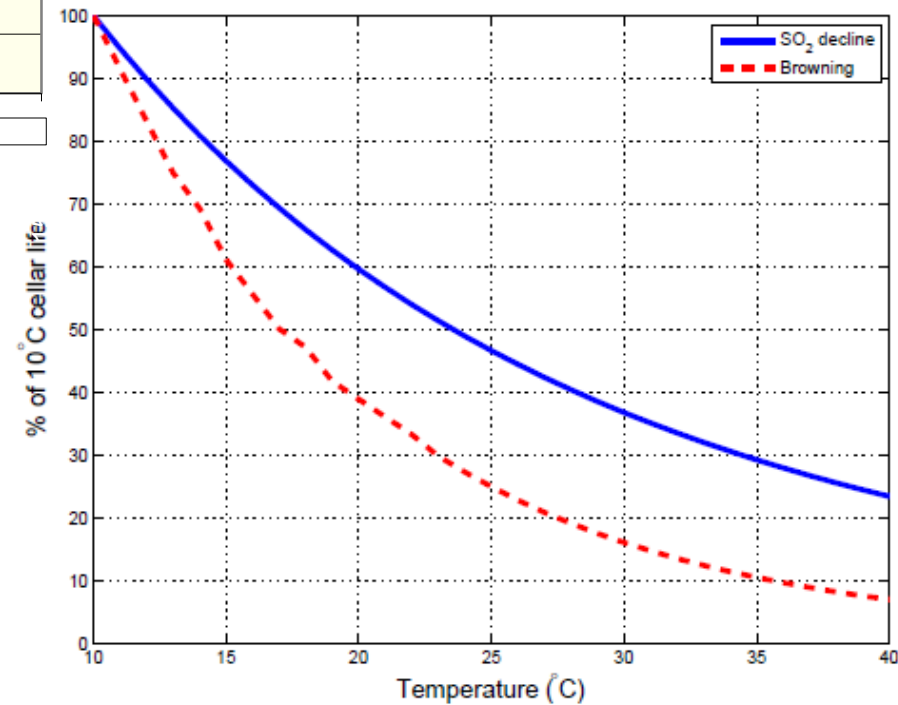
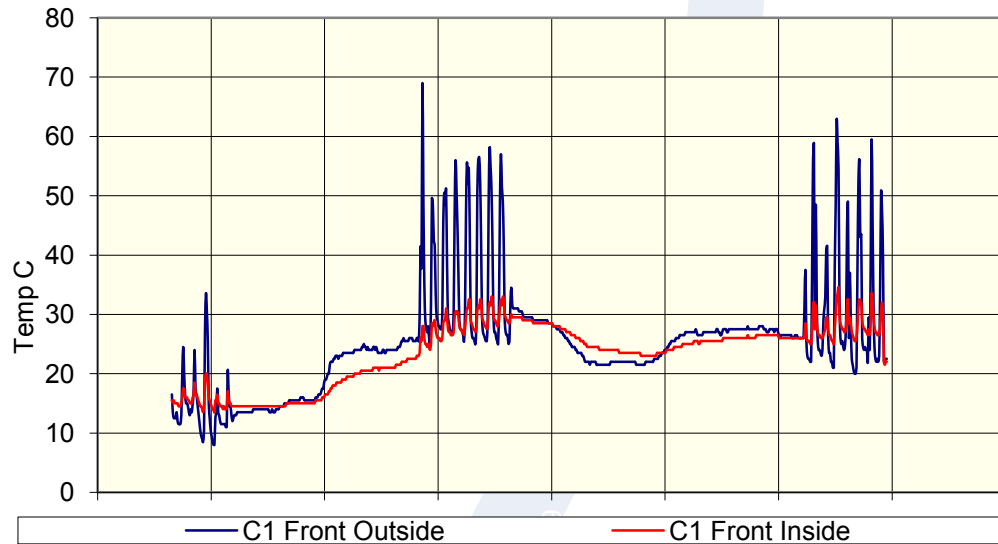


Shelf-life impact





Impact of shipping





Summary of Opportunities

- Maximise value from grapes
- Better control and added value from fermentations
- Alternative maturation
- Reduce process complexity
- Managing ullage effectively AND reducing wine transfers
- Controlling packaging and downstream impact



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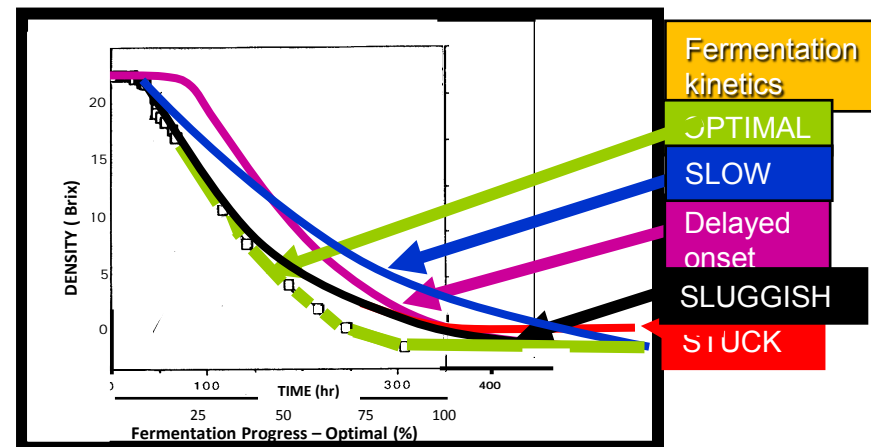
Thank you

Causes and Management of Slow and Stuck Fermentations

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- Con Simos
- Adrian Coulter
- Geoff Cowey
- Matt Holdstock



The problem of sub-optimal fermentation



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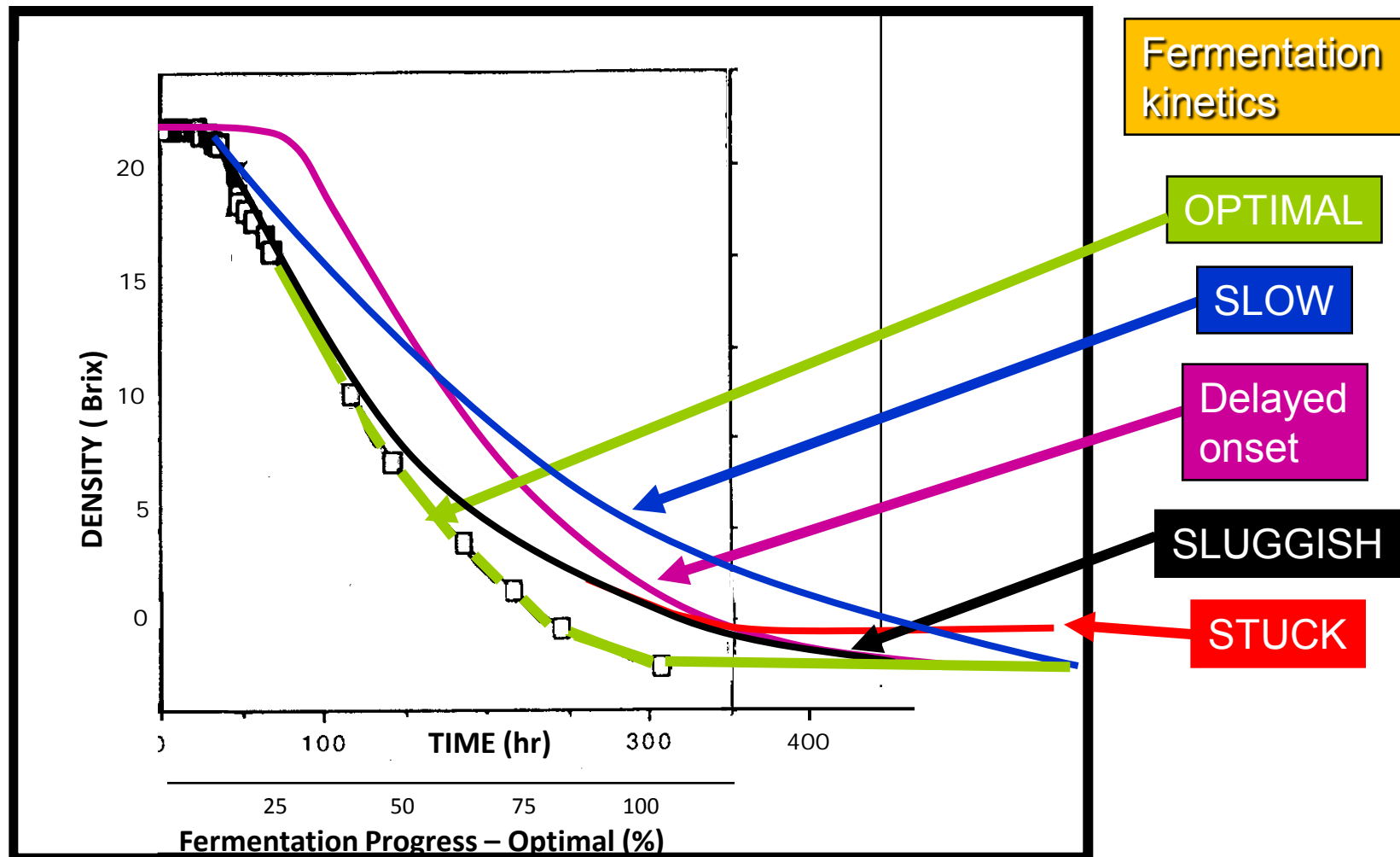
- ❖ A common seasonal problem, but exacerbated by hot weather
- ❖ Affects most wineries at some stage, both in Australia and overseas
- ❖ White, red & sparkling wines, in tanks & barrels
- ❖ Multifactorial problem, including yeast, nutrients, toxic substances and fermentation conditions/management
- ❖ Most (all ?) yeast types are affected, including benchmark EC1118/PDM/Prise de Mousse
- ❖ Expensive in resources (time, energy, yeast, tank space) and potential loss of quality

>>> *This talk contains practical information on how to reduce the risk and how to rescue a fermentation*

Sub-optimal fermentation profile



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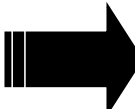


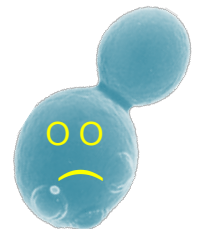
Environmental changes during fermentation

- major stresses to which yeast must adapt



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Factor	Grape juice	Wine
Sugar (g/L)	 180 – 260	0 – 4
Alcohol (% v/v)	0	10 – 16
Nutrients:		
YAN (mg N/L)	50 – 300	<50
Oxygen (ppm)	0 – 9	0
 Conditions	<i>Nutrient rich</i>	<i>Nutrient poor</i> <i>High conc. toxic products</i>

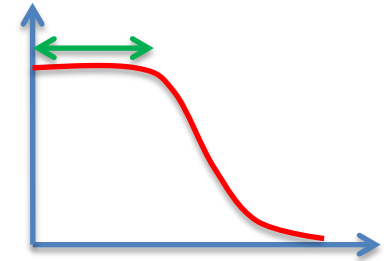


Failure to adapt results in sub-optimal fermentation

❖ Delayed onset of fermentation

Causes:

- Poor quality starter culture
 - Low viability or low cell count/inoculation rate
 - Poor physiological condition (low metabolic rate)
- High SO_2 , resulting in growth inhibition until level of free SO_2 has decreased below a critical point



Diagnosis:

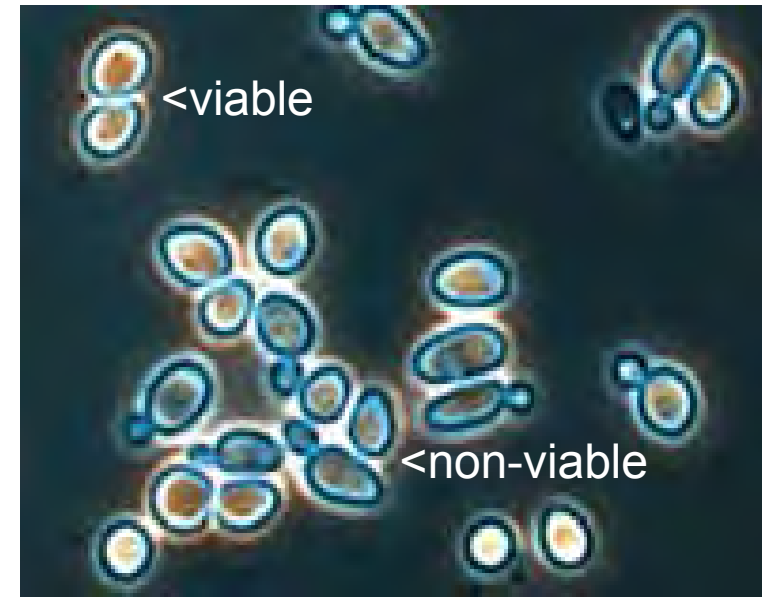
- Perform a microscopic cell count before & after treating the sample with vital stain, eg methylene blue (see Iland et al. 2007)
- Viability $<75\%$ indicates poor yeast culture or must toxicity, eg SO_2
- Measure must/juice SO_2 ; should be $<10\text{-}15$ mg/L free SO_2

Vital staining of yeast culture to assess culture health (viability)



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- ❖ Methylene blue is a dye that is used to differentiate live and dead yeast cells in a culture.
- ❖ Methylene blue is a redox sensitive dye, such that metabolically active cells reduce it to the colourless form; viable cells are highly reductive.
- ❖ Dead cells (non-metabolically active) stain blue, ie the oxidised form.
- ❖ Population viability is a strong indicator of culture health:
 - Healthy culture typically contains >95-98% viable cells
 - <75% viability indicates toxicity, which can lead to stalled fermentation



Consult Iland et al (2007): Microbiological analysis of grapes and wine: techniques and concepts

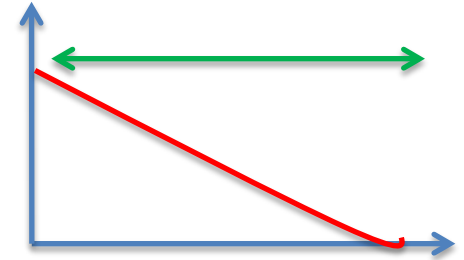
❖ Slow (continuously) fermentation

Causes:

- Low yeast biomass or cell number
- Low budding index
- Low level of key nutrient, typically YAN, O₂ or lipids

Diagnosis:

- Confirm by microscopic cell count:
 - 0% FP (Fermentation Progress) count should be $>1-5 \times 10^6$ cells/mL;
 - 35% FP should exceed 50×10^6 cells/mL
- Measure juice/must YAN, should exceed 100-150 mg N/L
- Failure of aeration or grape solids addition to stimulate fermentation suggests deficiency of a key nutrient, eg YAN





❖ Sluggish & Stuck fermentation

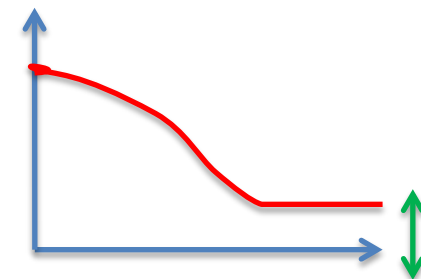
Causes:

- Multifactorial problem

Interaction between:

1. yeast strain
2. juice/must (nutrients, toxic substances) and
3. fermentation conditions/management (under control of winemaker)

- Most yeast types are affected, including the industry benchmark strains EC1118 / PDM / Prise de Mousse



Diagnosis: complex & the subject of this talk

Sub-optimal fermentation kinetics

Risk Factors – common high risk factors



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Yeast-related factors

- incorrect choice (alcohol stress tolerance)
- poor quality starter culture
 - rehydration / reactivation
 - viability / vitality
- indigenous microflora (esp yeast & LAB)
- unsuccessful inoculation
- temperature stress
- vigour and sedimentation

Nutrient deficiency

- yeast assimilable nitrogen (YAN)
- phytolipids (grape solids – clarification)
- oxygen
- vitamins (thiamin)
- minerals (ie low K⁺ & pH)

Inhibitors

- high concentration of sugar (high Brix/Be)
- high ethanol
- fatty acids (acetic acid & mid chain length FAs)
- SO₂
- toxic (killer) proteins/other organisms
- residues (pesticides, cleaning agents)

Active Dried Yeast

Rehydration/reactivation risk factors



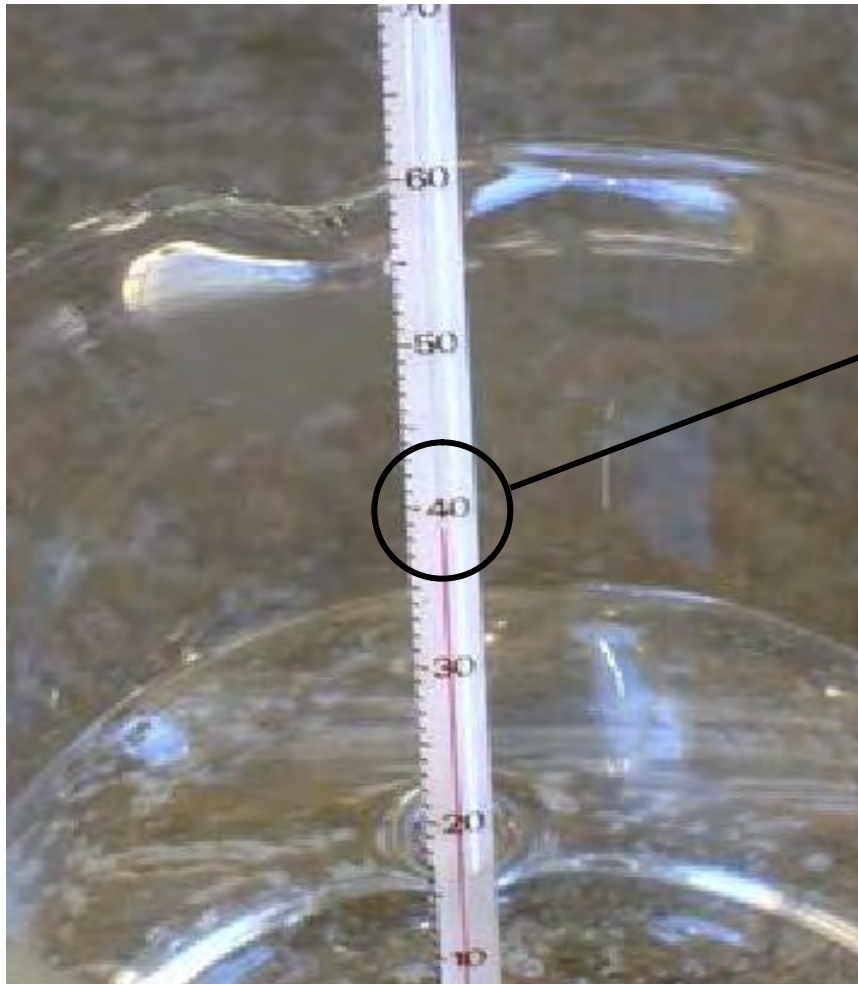
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- Follow manufacturers instructions precisely
- Rehydration medium
 - Tap/Mineral water/Grape juice or diluted concentrate
 - Consider proprietary 'inactivated yeast' reactivation nutrients rich in sterols for high risk juices
[ie high sugar (>13 Be), bright (low solids), low YAN (<150 mg/L), to be fermented cold ($<15^{\circ}\text{C}$)]
- Temperature of medium: $38-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ unless specified
- Ensure yeast is correctly rehydrated
- Use within 30 min of rehydration
- Do not use expired stock

Hydration temperature is very important



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Critical
38 – 40 ° C

Hydration step – prevent ‘dry lumps’ of yeast



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Correct



Incorrect



Active Dried Yeast

Rehydration/reactivation risk factors



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- Add rehydrated yeast to pre-warmed juice (ie after cold settling or cold soak, preferably $>15^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Step-wise cool reactivated yeast in $5\text{-}10^{\circ}\text{C}$ steps at 5 min intervals by adding appropriate volumes of the juice to be inoculated for high risk juices (ie cold ($<15^{\circ}\text{C}$), highly clarified, anaerobic, high sugar juice ferments)
- Ensure sufficient time has elapsed after SO_2 addition to must to avoid damaging yeast (<10 ppm SO_2 @ pH3.5) – consider adding a 'sacrificial culture' of about 15–20% of aerated active yeast (containing aldehyde) to the juice in order to bind SO_2 and other potentially inhibiting substances, about 30 min before inoculation



- ❖ **Add yeast hulls for high risk ferments** (detoxification role)
- ❖ **Allow ~10% of sugar to ferment before cooling**
 - It is critical to build-up cell number (growing yeast - v. stress sensitive)
 - Do not cool in greater than 2-4° C increments
- ❖ **Monitor fermentation progress & temperature daily**
 - Spreadsheets provide an efficient record of fermentation data, comparison with similar ferments and early identification of problems
- ❖ **Look for a steady fermentation rate**; compare with previous data of similar ferments and/or previous years data to identify problems
- ❖ **Cell numbers should reach 70×10^6 cells per ml for cellar bright juice ferments** (determine with microscope and haemocytometer)
 - Monitor budding % as an indication of yeast growth or problems
 - Expect high % budding during first third stage of fermentation
 - Vital staining (eg methylene blue) is also a useful diagnostic for dead yeast cell estimation – check when fermentation rate becomes slow
 - **Also look for presence of (lactic acid) bacteria, which can adversely affect yeast activity and lead to fermentation arrest**

Factors affecting yeast implantation

- Pure culture inoculation strategy
 - Maximising the benefits of selected yeast strains
- ❖ **Minimise indigenous yeast population of must ($<10^5$ cfu/ml)**
 - Minimise must exposure to moderate-hot temperature, during harvest, transport, juice preparation (enzyme treatment, clarification, etc) which otherwise promotes indigenous yeast & bacteria growth
 - Add sufficient SO_2 (50-100 ppm, depending on fruit condition) during machine harvest to limit indigenous microbial growth
 - Clarification procedures can lower indigenous microbial growth
 - High indigenous yeast count can indicate nutrient depletion – add nutrs.
- ❖ **Recommended Inoculation rates**

Under inoculation will compromise ability of culture yeast to dominate

 - whites: 5×10^6 cells/ml (typically 250 g ADWY per kL juice);
 - reds: 5×10^6 cells/ml ; lower rates can compromise yeast implantation (typically 200 g ADWY per Tonne must)

Nutritional deficiency risk factors



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❖ Yeast Assimilable Nitrogen (YAN)

- A variable proportion of Australian juices/musts have inadequate YAN
- Measure YAN on a grape maturity sample or juice sample
- Low YAN (whites <150 mg N/L; reds <100 mg N/L) high risk slow/stuck ferm
- Adjust with DAP (200 mg N/1g DAP) or proprietary N supplement

❖ Lipid deficiency (phytosterols and unsaturated fatty acids (UFA))

- Over clarification removes lipids essential for yeast growth
- i.e. when <0.1-0.5 v/v juice solids (ie 'cellar bright') or <5 NTU
- Addition of "fine" settled grape solids highly stimulatory to yeast growth
- Avoid "hard" settled grape solids, which can impart phenolic coarseness, hotness, bitterness to wine
- Rehydrate yeast with proprietary inactivated yeast product rich in sterols

❖ Dissolved Oxygen (dO_2)

- dO_2 is highly variable in juice/must – ranging 0 – 8 ppm (air-saturated)
- Aerating fermentations at least once, at the stage when they are most active (during fermentation of 35-50% sugar) is highly beneficial
- Aerate to give max ~5 ppm oxygen (sparge, pump over, rack-return, etc)
- Oxygen alleviates yeast REDOX imbalance & stimulates sterol formation

Nutritional deficiency risk factors



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❖ Vitamins

- Vitamin status of Australian musts/juices is unknown
- **Thiamine** - essential for ethanol production by yeast
 - **major losses caused by high SO₂ use and wild yeast growth** (ie during transport or must processing)
- Vitamins (thiamine, niacin, biotin, pantothenate, pyridoxine, inositol) can be added to starter cultures under ANZFA Wine Regulations
- Some proprietary yeast foods provide a useful source of vitamins

❖ Minerals

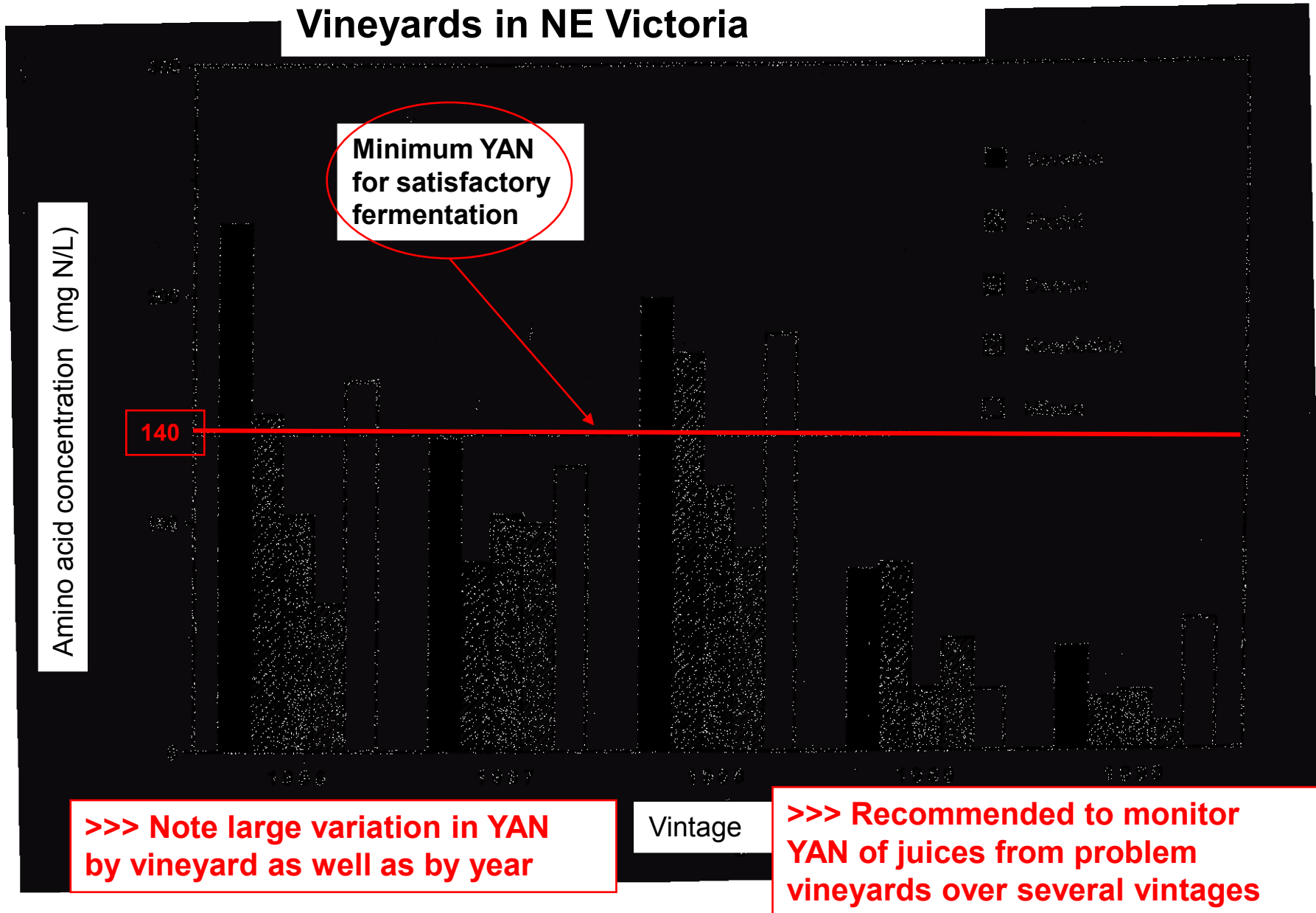
- Mineral status of Australian musts/juices poorly known (see Schmidt et al 2010)
- **Phosphate – normally considered adequate; can be added with DAP**
- **Low K⁺/Low pH** - stuck ferms with some yeast strains (sparkling/tirage or early harvest must)
- **Magnesium, zinc, manganese, which are enzyme co-factors are thought to be sub-optimal** (these cannot be added under ANZFA Wine Regulations)
- Some proprietary yeast foods provide a limited source of minerals and can be beneficial

❖ Low YAN juices/musts

- Low YAN musts can also be suboptimal in other nutrients
- **Useful to add proprietary inactivated yeast nutrients to yeast starter cultures when deficiencies are suspected, especially to difficult to ferment juices/musts**

Vineyard & Year effect on juice YAN

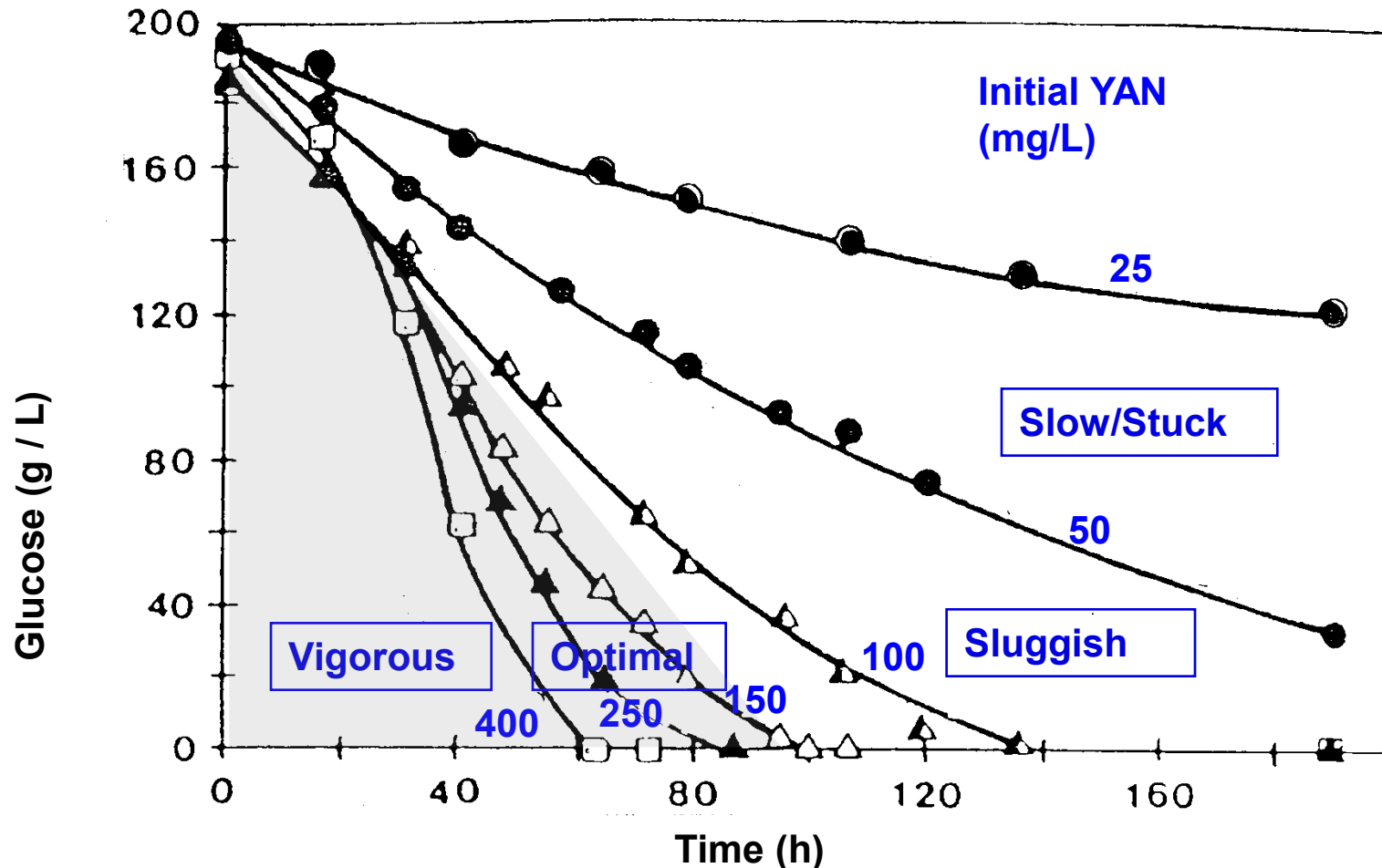
Vineyards in NE Victoria



Fermentation response to YAN

Synthetic juice \equiv 'cellar bright' juice

All other nutrients are adequate, representing Nitrogen-limited growth



>>> Low YAN - slow/stuck fermentation
Excessive YAN - too vigorous

Sourced from Salmon (1989)
Appl. Envir. Microbiol. 55:953-958

Nitrogen utilisation – Low YAN fermentation

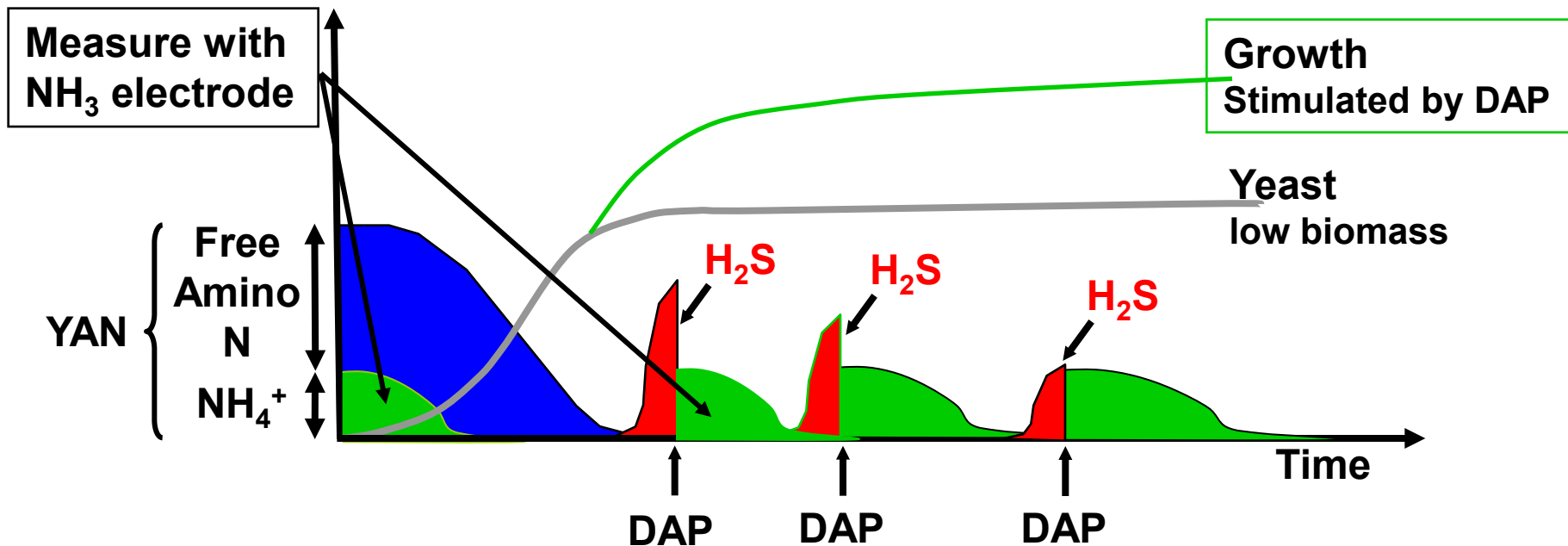
Risk of H_2S as well as slow fermentation



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Low Nitrogen (<200 mg N/L)

Low biomass increases risk of slow/stuck fermentation and H_2S production



- Inverse relationship between Initial YAN and H_2S production
- Initial YAN should exceed 250 mg N/L YAN to prevent H_2S but H_2S profile depends on yeast strain X juice/must interactn
- Not all Yeast H_2S responds to DAP; could be a vitamin deficiency?



YAN Requirements of Yeast

(depends on yeast, solids content, fermentation conditions & wine style)

1. Maximum N demand:

Mean = 400 mg N/L

Range = 330 – 470 mg N/L

2. Minimum YAN requirement

Whites (clarified) – approx. 150 mg/L

Reds (high solids) – approx. 100 mg/L

3. Minimum YAN to prevent H₂S

approx. 250 – 350 mg/L (yeast x must dependent)

4. Optimum flavour formation (YAN & DAP affects ester prodⁿ)

Whites (strong style effects – complex thr' to fruity)

– Chardonnay – fruity: 250–350 mg/L; <200: complex

– Sauvignon Blanc – ? mg/L

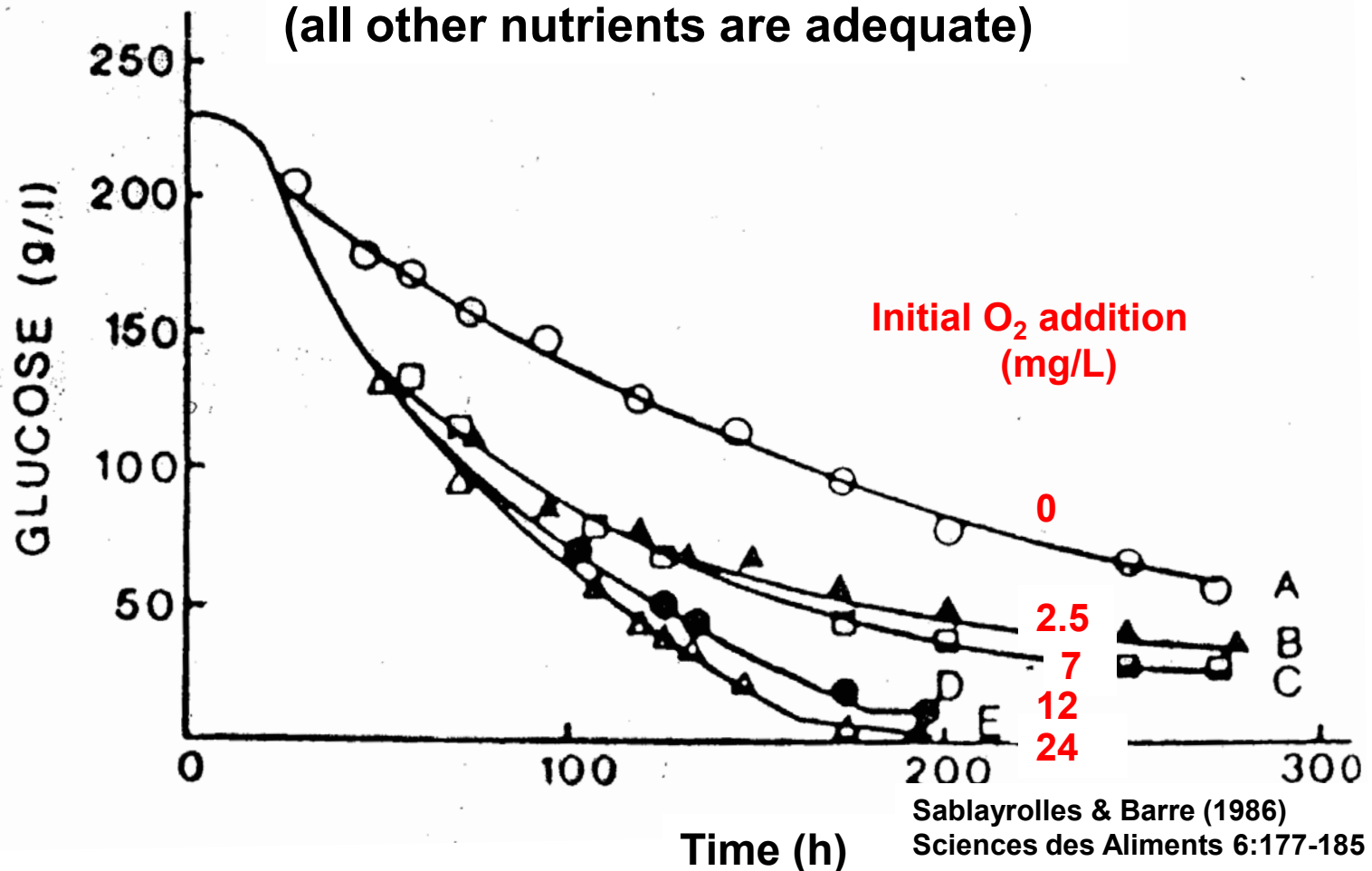
– Reds – fruity: 250–350 mg/L ; <200: complex

Fermentation response to O₂



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**Synthetic juice \equiv 'cellar bright' juice
(all other nutrients are adequate)**



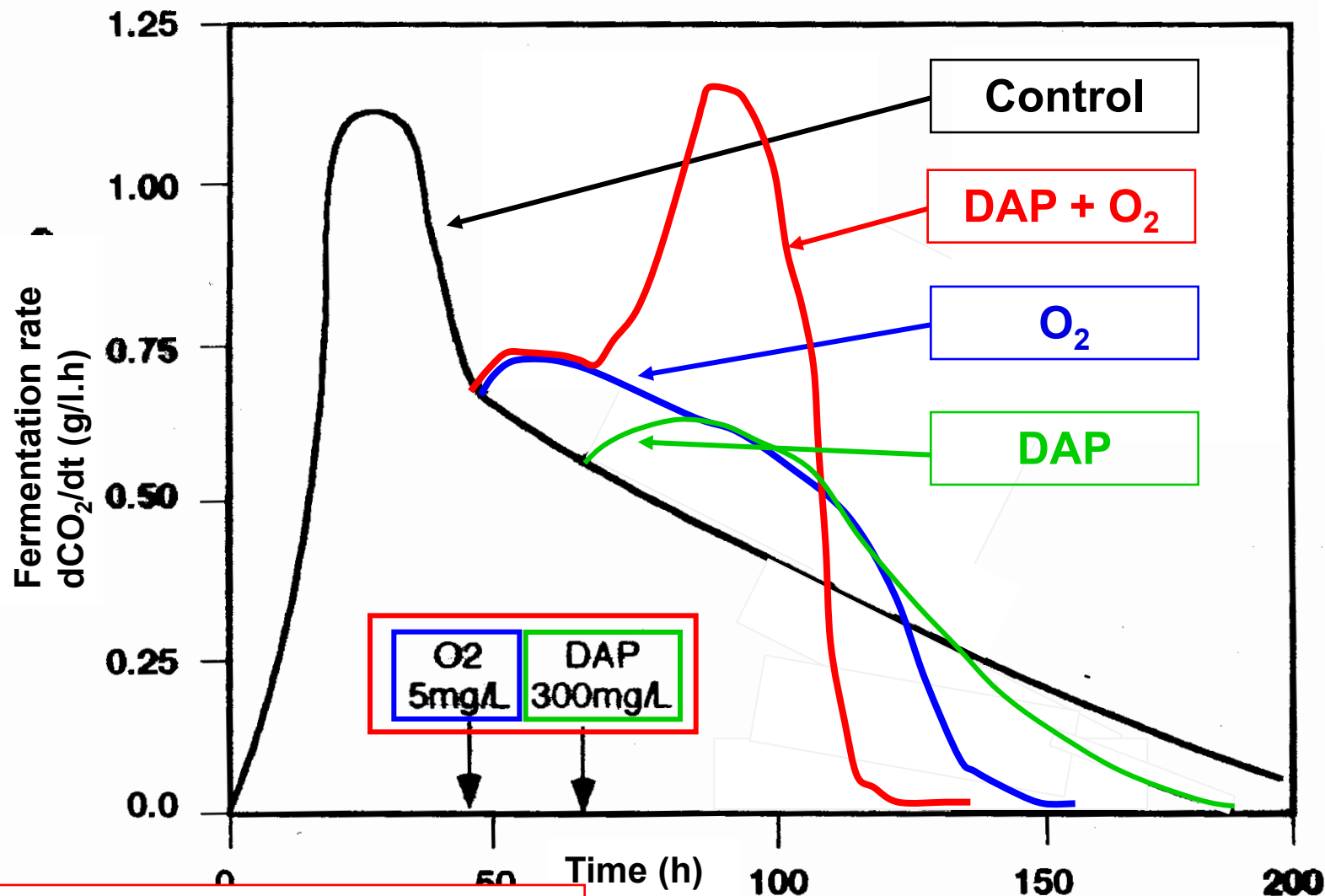
>>> Oxygen stimulates fermentation rate and is shown to prevent most suboptimal ferments

Combined effect of DAP + O₂ on fermentation

Nutrient strategy for stimulating fermentation



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>>> Combined O₂ and DAP greatly stimulates fermentation rate

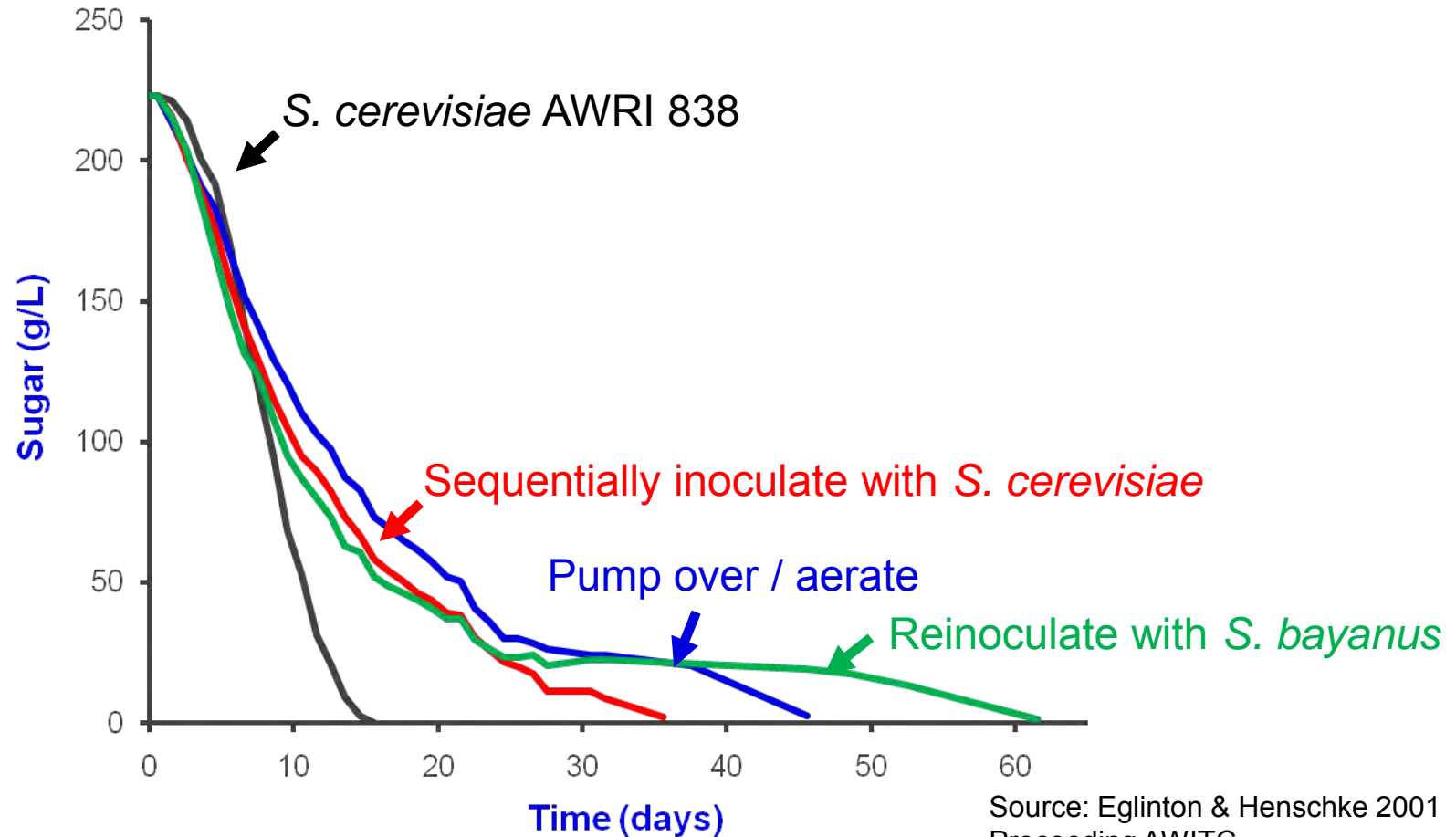
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J. Ferment. Bioeng. 82:377-381

Practical strategies for ensuring a complete fermentation with low vigour yeasts

eg *S. bayanus* AWRI 1375



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Source: Eglinton & Henschke 2001
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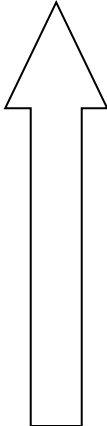
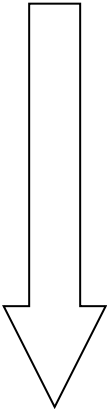
All treatments tested
promoted refermentation and
had no signif. sensory affects

N.B. Rescue cultures were prepared by
AWRI step-wise acclimatisation procedure

Juice Clarification affects Fermentation Rate and Wine Residual Sugar



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Ferment rate	Wine residual sugar	Clarification treatment turbidity
Highest	Lowest	Cold settled
		Bentonite treated and settled
		Enzyme treated and settled
		Centrifugation, 10 min at 1500g
		Coarse filtration
		Centrifugation, 20 min at 10000g
Lowest	Highest	Fine filtration (eg Sietz EK)

**High clarity enhances varietal character BUT increases fermentation risk
Therefore, turbidity is adjusted to balance yeast performance and flavour**

Inhibitory substances – risk factors



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- ❖ **Ethanol – probably largest cause of stuck ferments**
 - inhibition is strain dependent: growth at 8-12%, fermentation at 12-16%
 - **determined by grape maturity at harvest**
- ❖ **SO₂**
 - strain dependent inhibition, typically >10 mg/L free SO₂ at pH 3.5
 - cell death at 45 mg SO₂/L at pH 3.5 (0.8 mg/L mol. SO₂)
- ❖ **Fatty acids (FAs) (good hygiene / aerate ferments)**
 - acetic acid: yeast growth inhibited at >1.5 g/L at 8% EtOH
fermentation inhibited at 3-4 g/L
 - aliphatics (C6, C8, C10 FAs): ca. >3 mg/L at 10% EtOH
- ❖ **Toxins (low risk except for lactic acid bacteria infection)**
 - yeast toxins most active in low solids (bright) ferments
 - Do not coinoculate non-killer with killer wine yeast
 - **some Lactobacillus toxins can inhibit ferm. (high or low solids)**
check microscopically for lactic acid bacteria
- ❖ **Agrochemical residues** (very uncommon)
 - copper oxychloride 10-15 mg/L
- ❖ **Residues of winery sanitisers** (uncommon)
- ❖ **Yeast hulls can be used as a broad spectrum detoxification additive**

From:
Henschke
(1997)
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❖ **Temperature stress**

Do not commence cooling until 10% sugar fermented

Excessive temperature (32-35 °C depend on [EtOH]) can inactivate yeast

Over-cooling for particular yeast (non-cryophilic) / may need to use methods to maintain yeast in suspension if $T < 13-15$ °C

Excess heating or cooling (transition exceeding 5 °C)

Cooling preferably should be < 3 °C per day to avoid yeast stress during growth

❖ **Vigour and sedimentation** (flocculation)

Yeast sediments in low vigour ferments (CO_2 bubbles keep yeast in suspension and assists ferment circulation)

Physical stirring can help prevent sedimentation

Avoid flocculating strains in cool, cellar bright, anaerobic, high sugar ferments

❖ **Grape solids – avoid over-clarification**

Beneficial to wine style but deprives yeast of key nutrients

Lipids increase yeast tolerance to ethanol stress – consider adding cold-settlings to increase turbidity

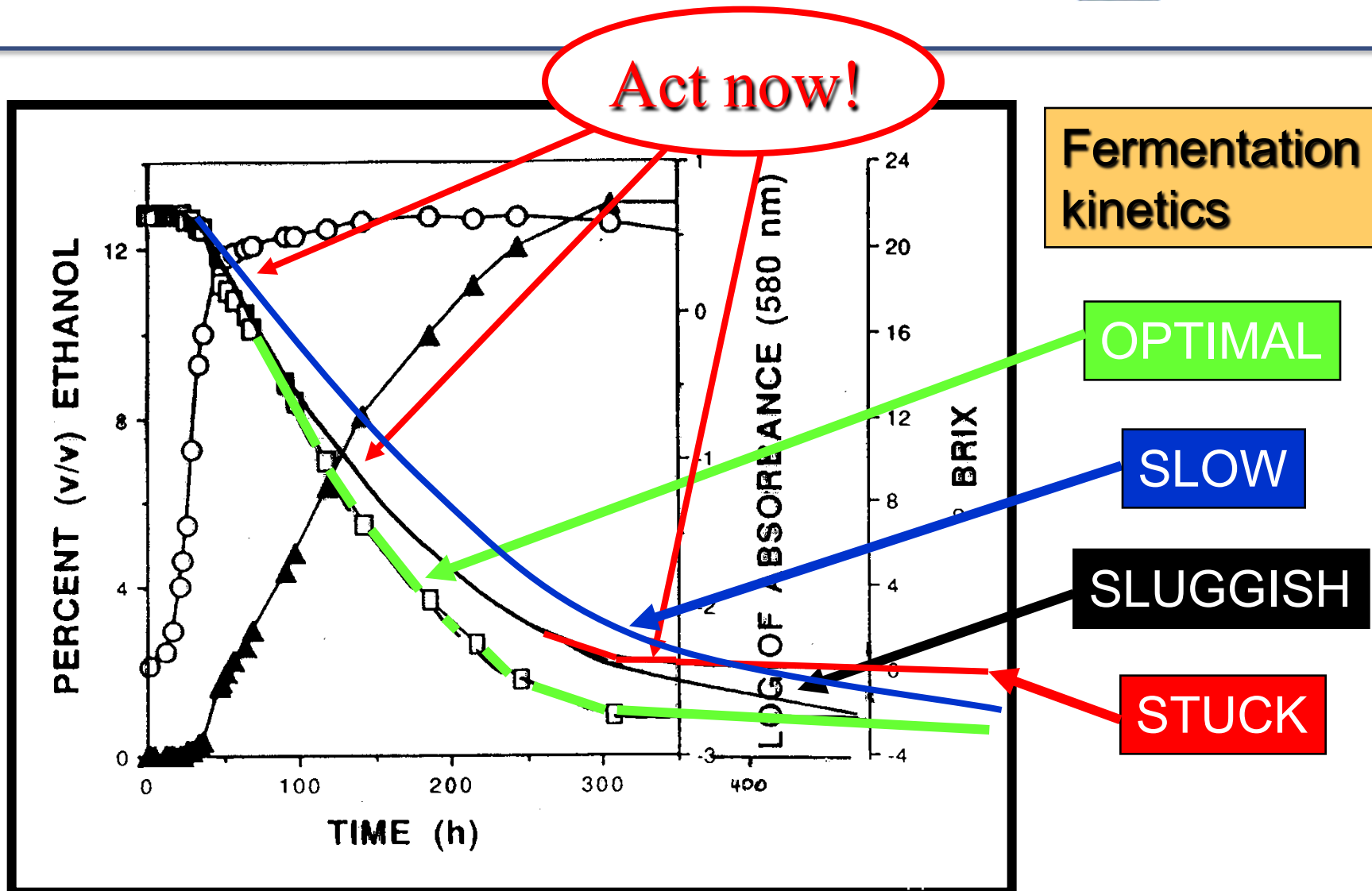
❖ **Nutrients**

If known or suspected lack of nutrients (especially YAN and O_2) recommend aeration (ca. 5 ppm O_2) and adding 300 mg/l DAP at 30-50% fermentation progress; yeast hulls and proprietary ferment nutrients can be beneficial

Problem fermentations



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Take corrective action early



If ferment stops with <10 g/L residual sugar and the alcohol content is <12 % v/v:

- **Then recommend** preparing a starter culture in grape juice with a recommended yeast. This procedure is relatively quick and will produce moderate tolerance to alcohol / fresh yeast sediments from active ferments can also prove successful
- **Otherwise** use a rescue culture prepared by stepwise acclimatisation of a recommended rescue yeast. This procedure builds tolerance to the toxic substances present in the problem ferment

AWRI Rescue procedure – key factors



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- ❖ Use high yeast rate 500 mg/L (EC1118, PDM, Uvaferm 43 are successful – consult yeast supplier)
- ❖ Rehydrate with sterol-rich reactivation nutrient
- ❖ Don't let culture run dry – go onto next stage when 50% of sugar has gone (monitor with hydrometry)
- ❖ Add DAP/Yeast hulls and aerate once culture is active
- ❖ Treatment of stuck wine before adding rescue culture:
 - Measure YAN and add DAP if necessary
 - Adding yeast hulls/ferment nutrients can be beneficial
 - If bacteria present treat stuck wine with SO_2
 - Rack or centrifuge stuck wine (remove dead yeast)
- ❖ Add wine to culture, rather than culture to wine
- ❖ Avoid temperature shock / Keep yeast in suspension
- ❖ Limited aeration beneficial only when yeast are active
- ❖ Keep good records

Yeast acclimatisation procedure for restarting difficult and stuck ferments

(See AWRI Website for details)



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Procedure for 1000 L of ferment

Stage	Function	Cumulative volume
1	Preparation of rescue culture	20 L
2	Acclimatisation	
	Step	Proportion of ferment
	1	50%
	2	75%
	3	88%
	4	94%
3	Inoculate problem ferment	1020 L

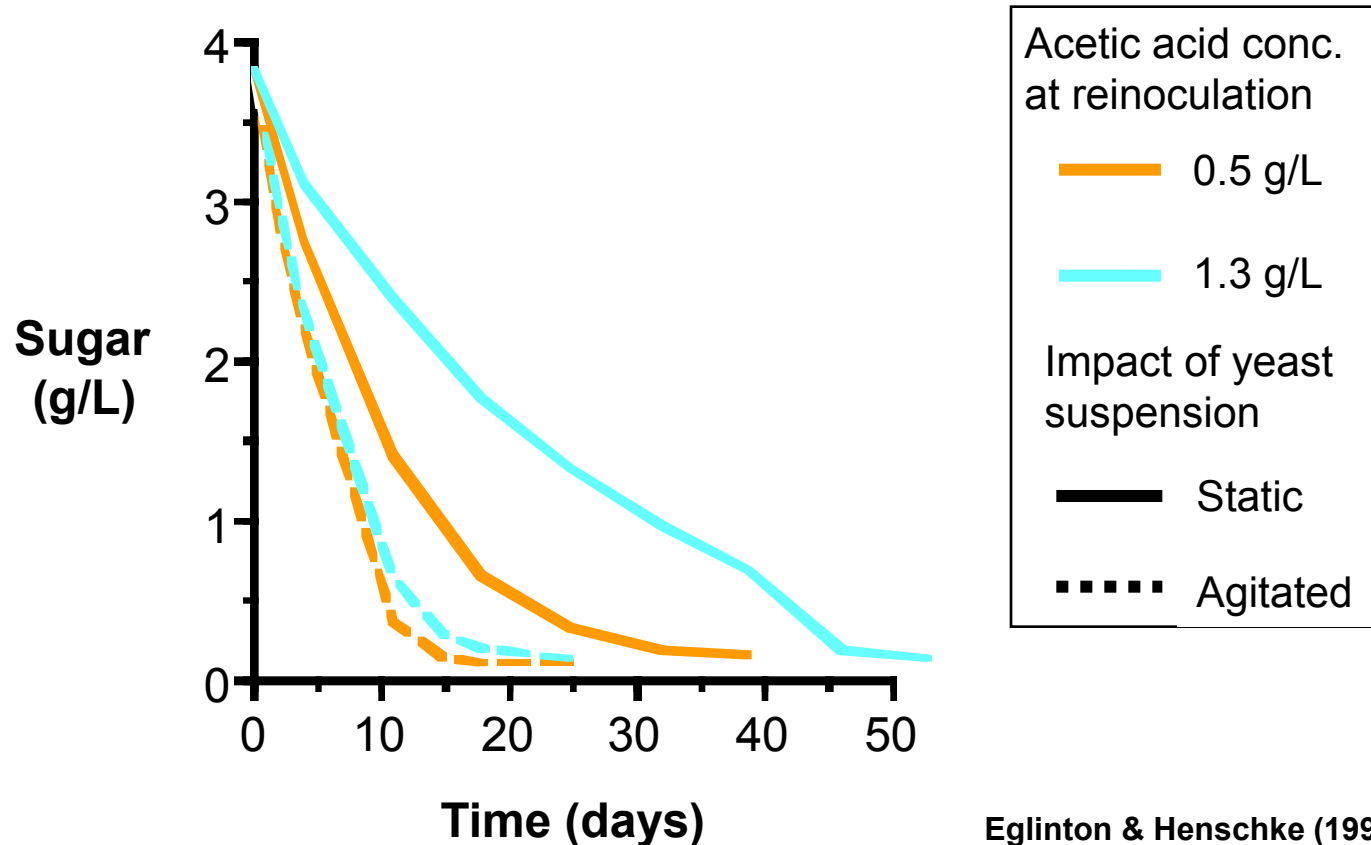


- Stepwise acclimatisation of yeast to toxic substances of the problem ferment – if possible, incrementally add the ferment to the culture rather than the culture to the ferment
- No sugar depletion stress
- No nitrogen depletion stress
- Aeration yeast during acclimatisation procedure
- Keep yeast in suspension - agitation prevents nutrient starvation stress

Agitation aids refermentation



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>>> When restarting fermentation, important to keep yeast in suspension by physical means until CO₂ production commences, which then maintains yeast in suspension

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- **AWRI website – wealth of practical information**
- **ASVO seminar proceeding (1997) papers by: Henschke, Monk & Four industry practitioners**
- **Industry Services Group ; AWRI Technical Note 05 (updated 2013)**
- **Contact AWRI Industry Development & Support team: Con Simos, Adrian Coulter, Geoff Cowey, Matthew Holdstock for technical advice**

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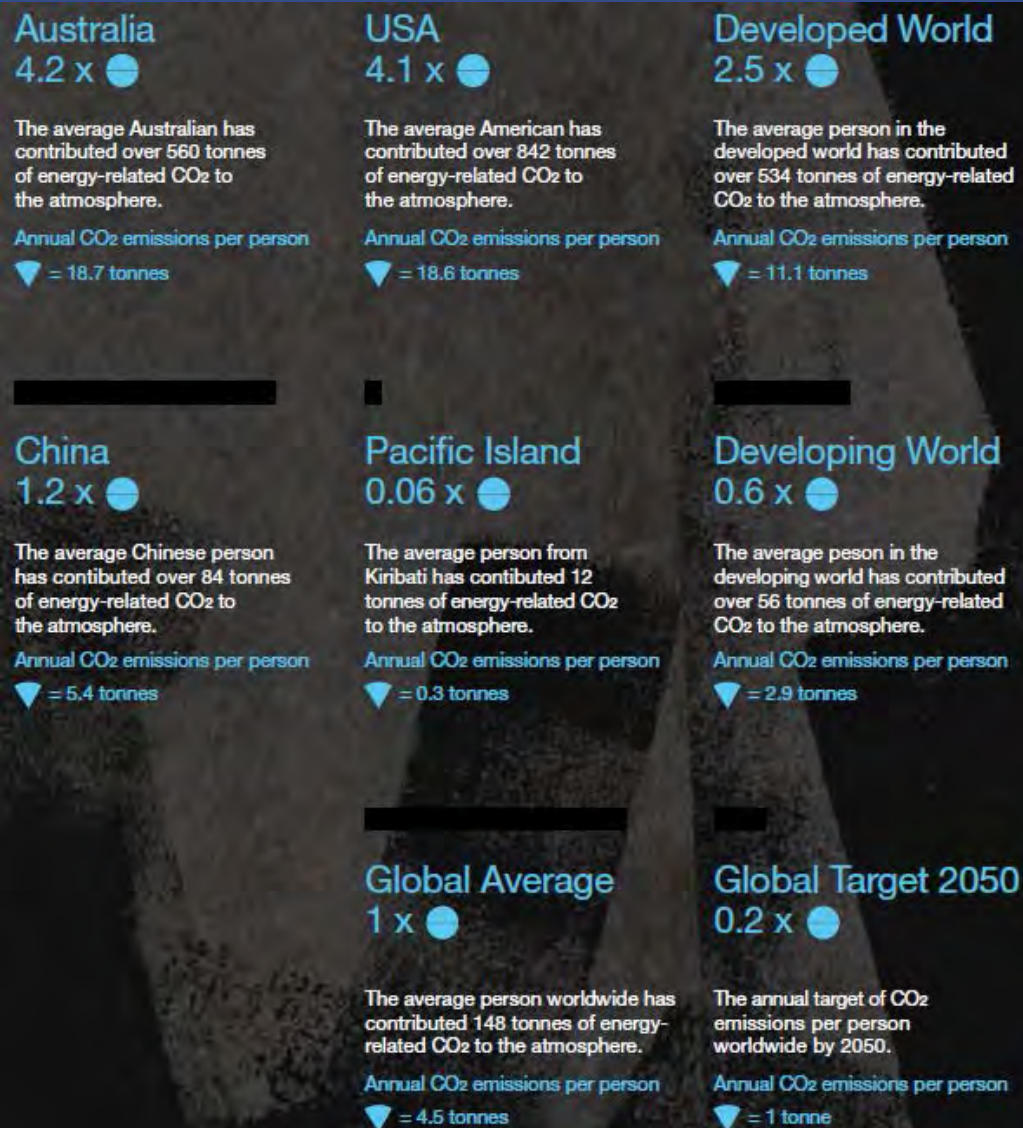
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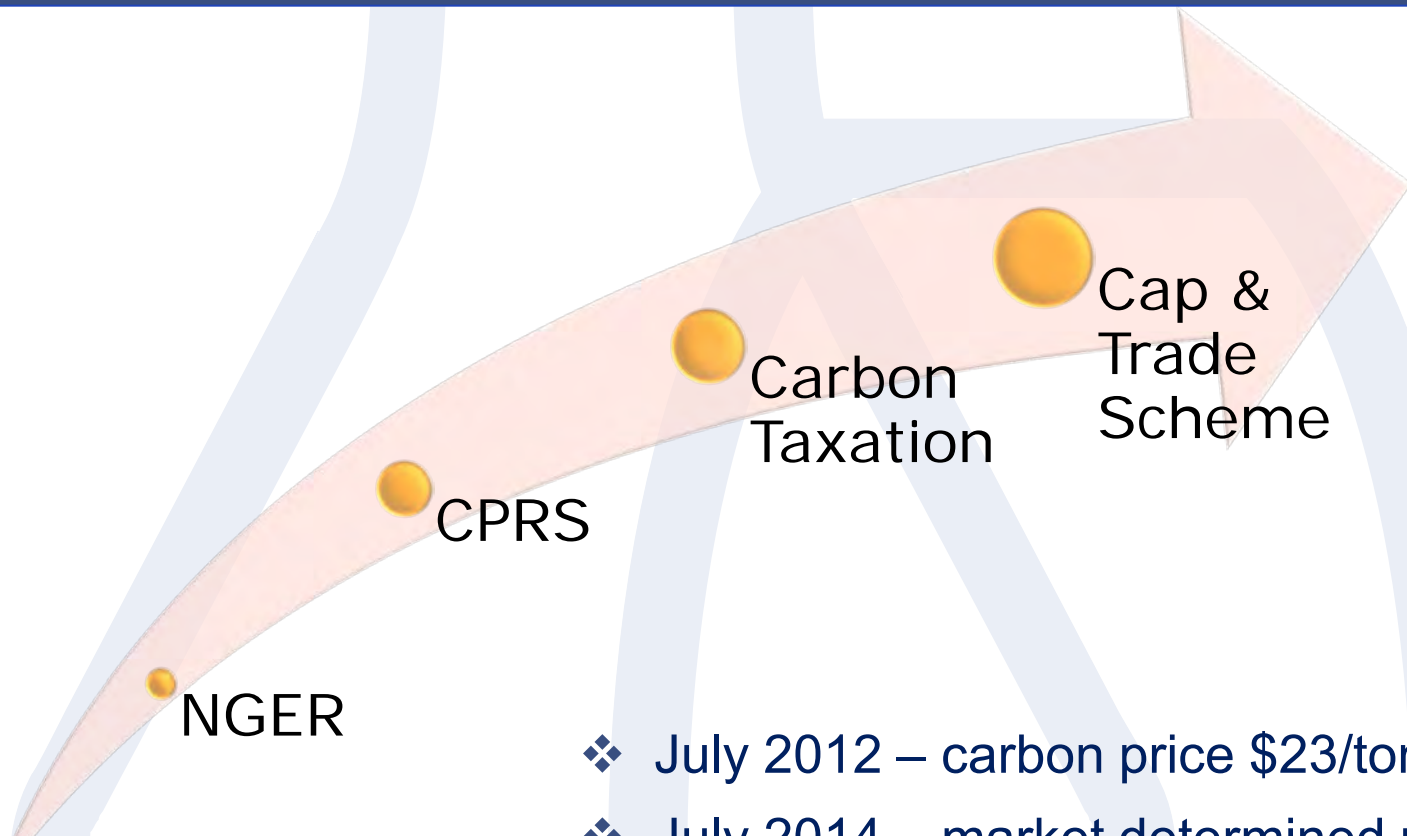
Australia's impact on the global carbon economy



- <2% of global GHG
- Export 2-3x annual emissions in coal
- 30% of global budget in Aust. coal



Carbon pricing



- ❖ July 2012 – carbon price \$23/tonne
- ❖ July 2014 – market determined price
- ❖ Excludes transport fuels
- ❖ Mandatory >25,000 tonnes/year



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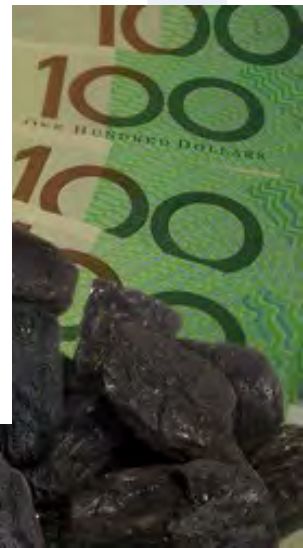
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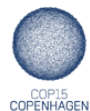
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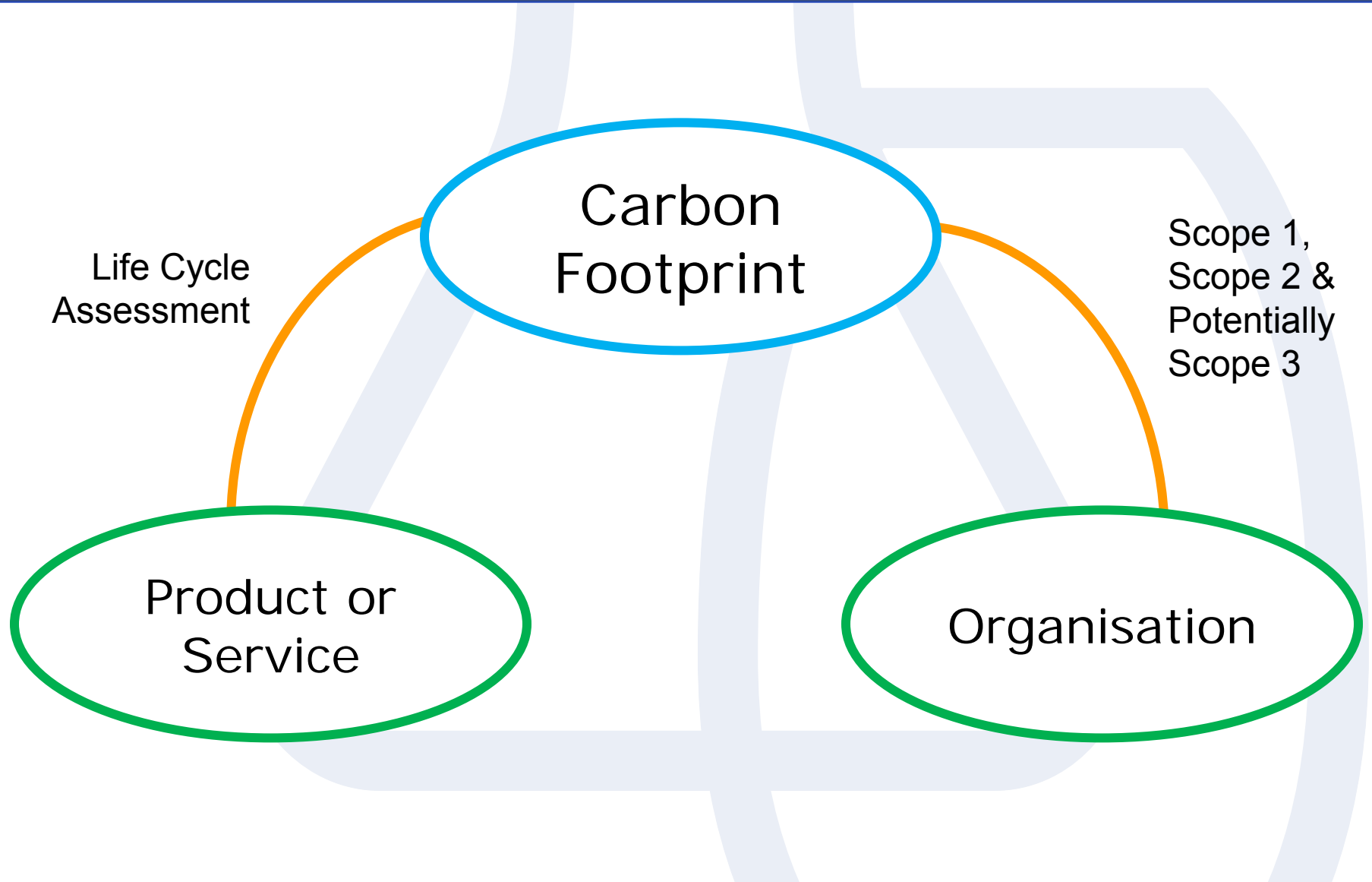
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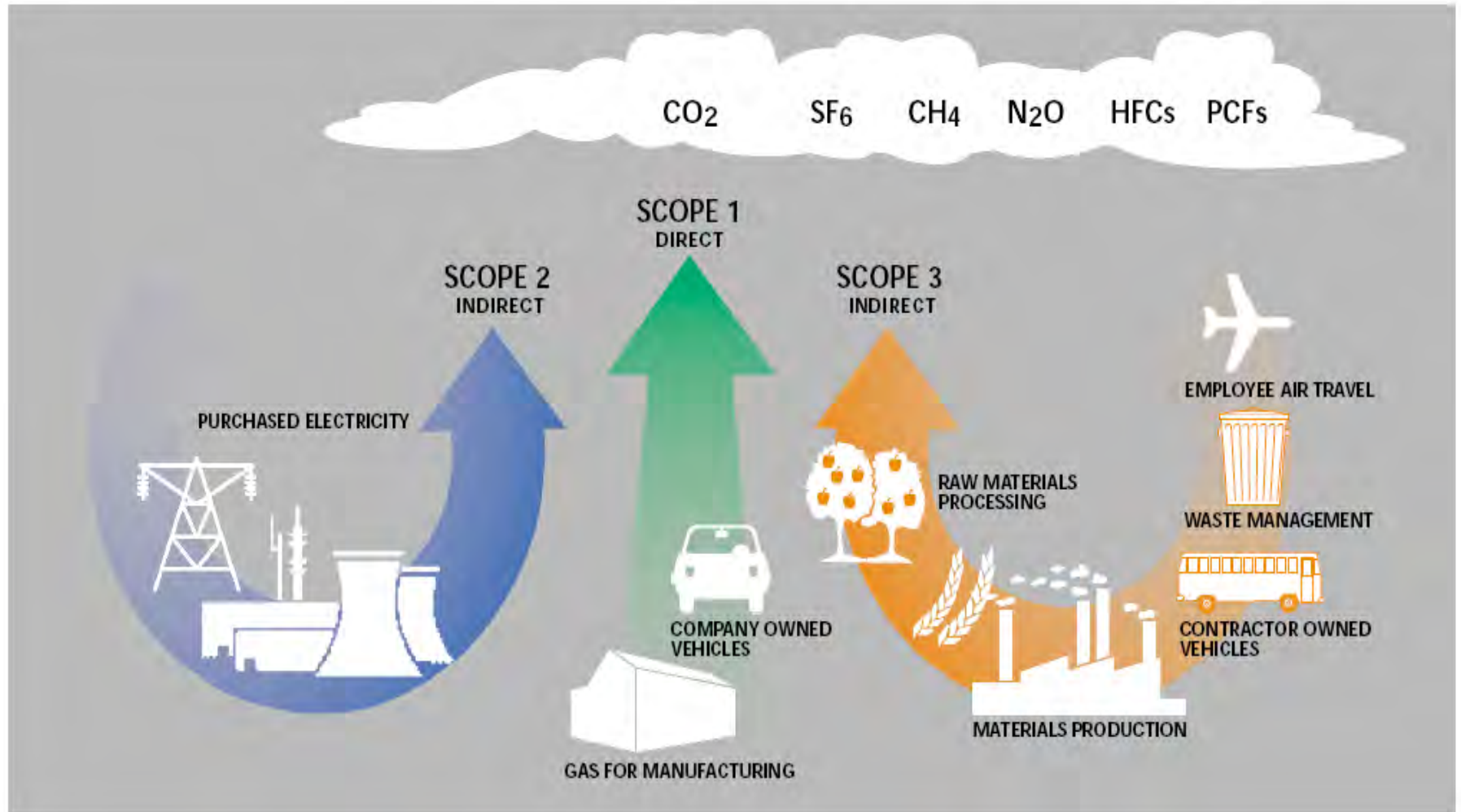


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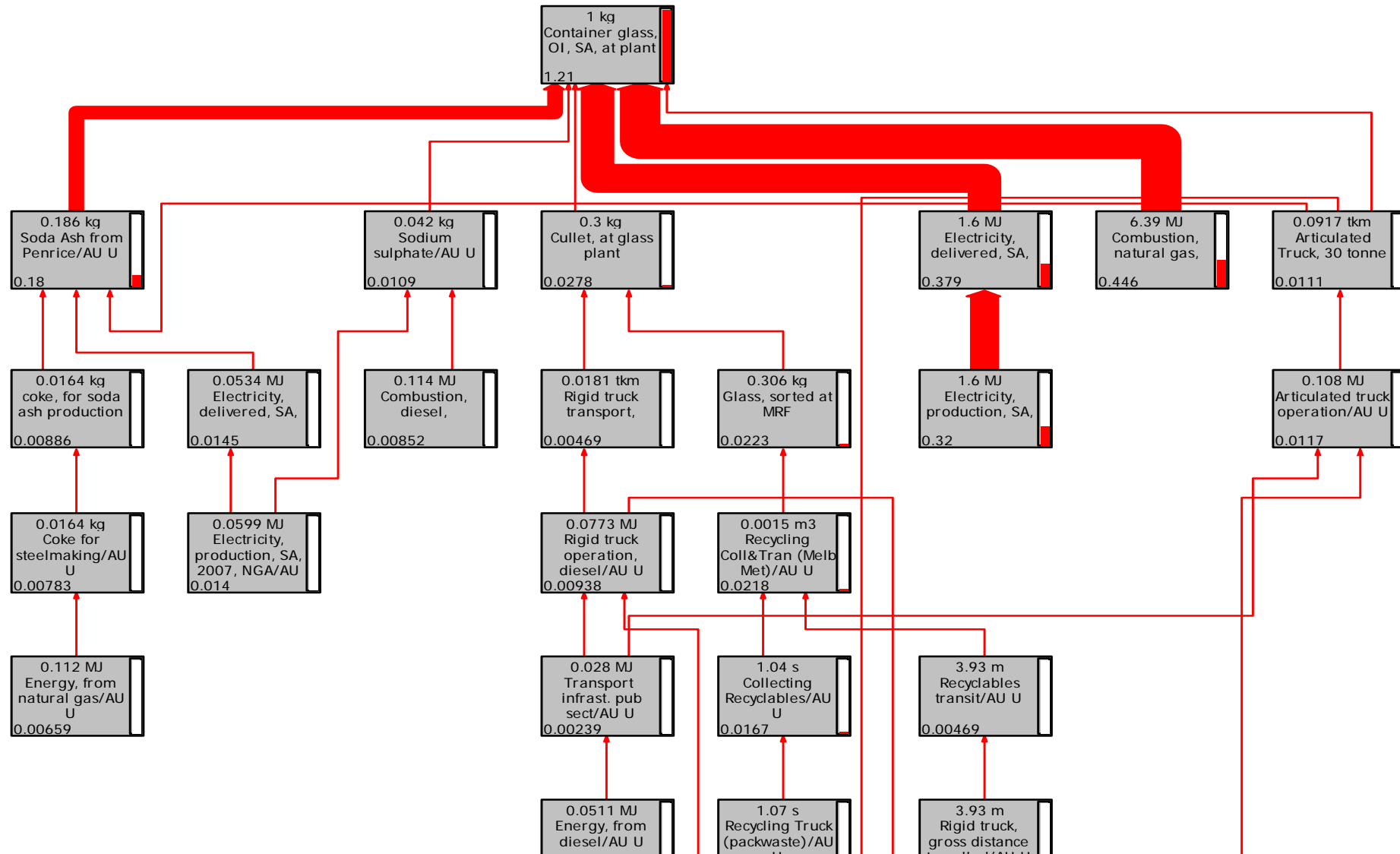


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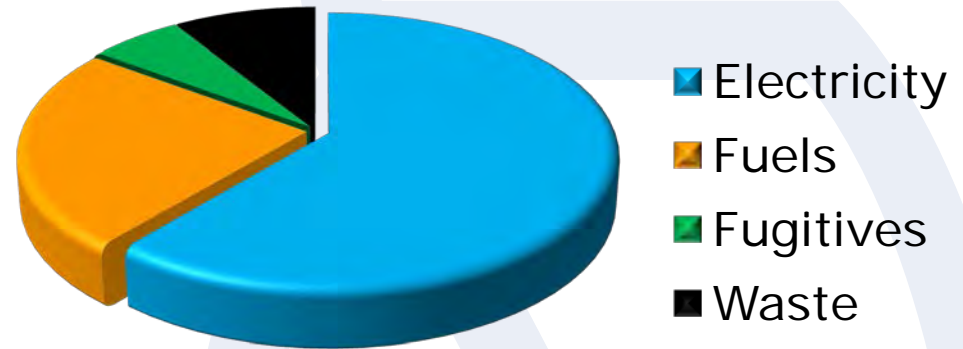
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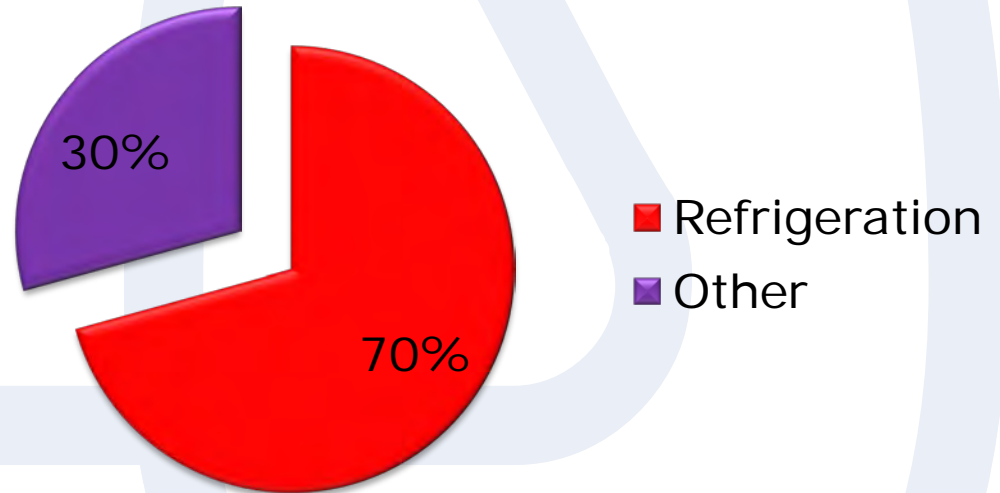


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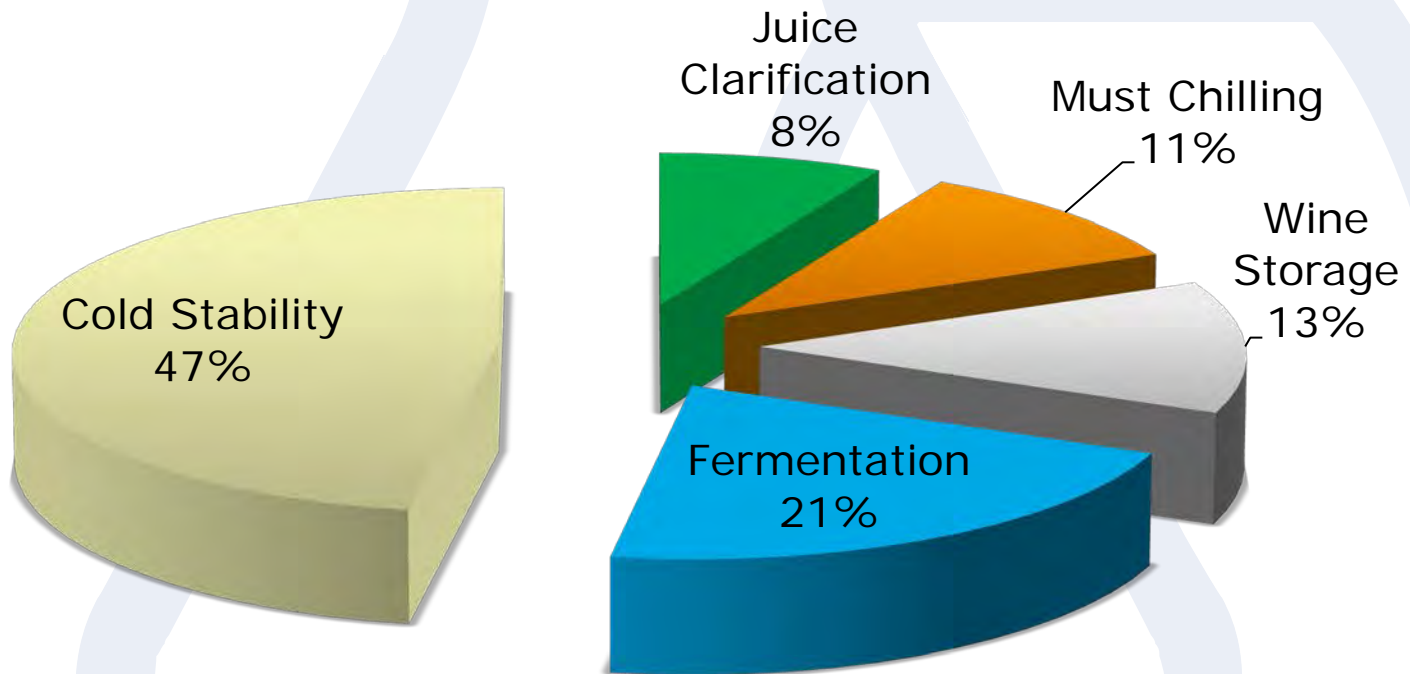


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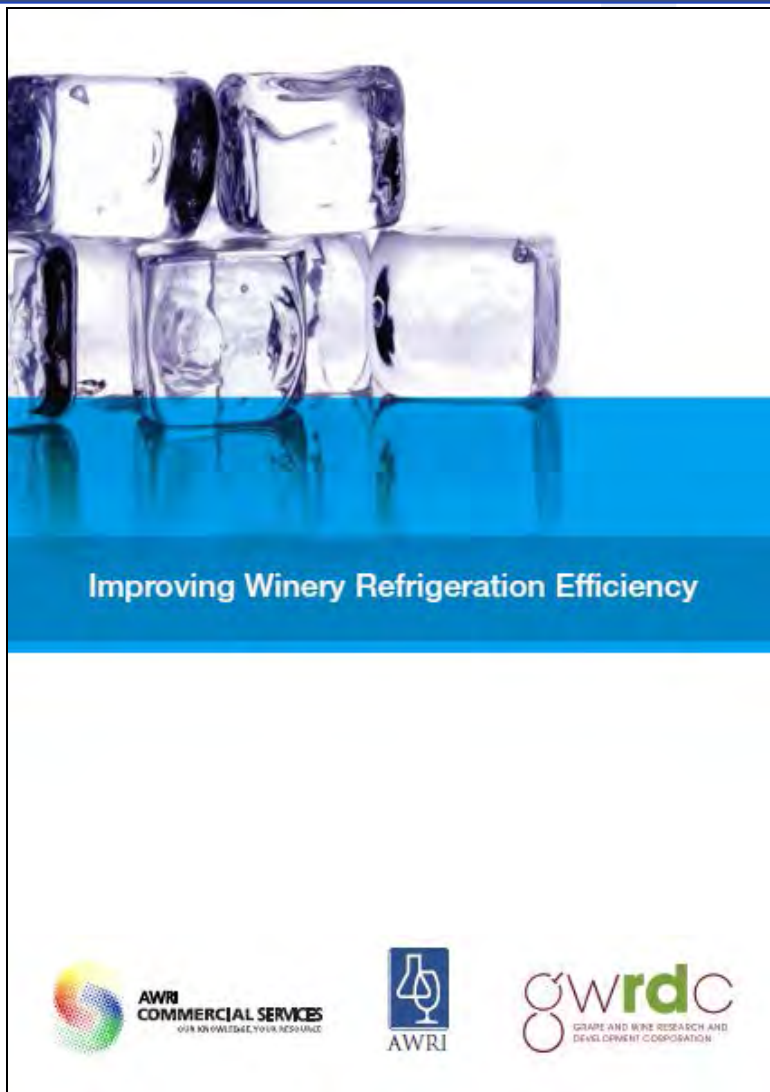


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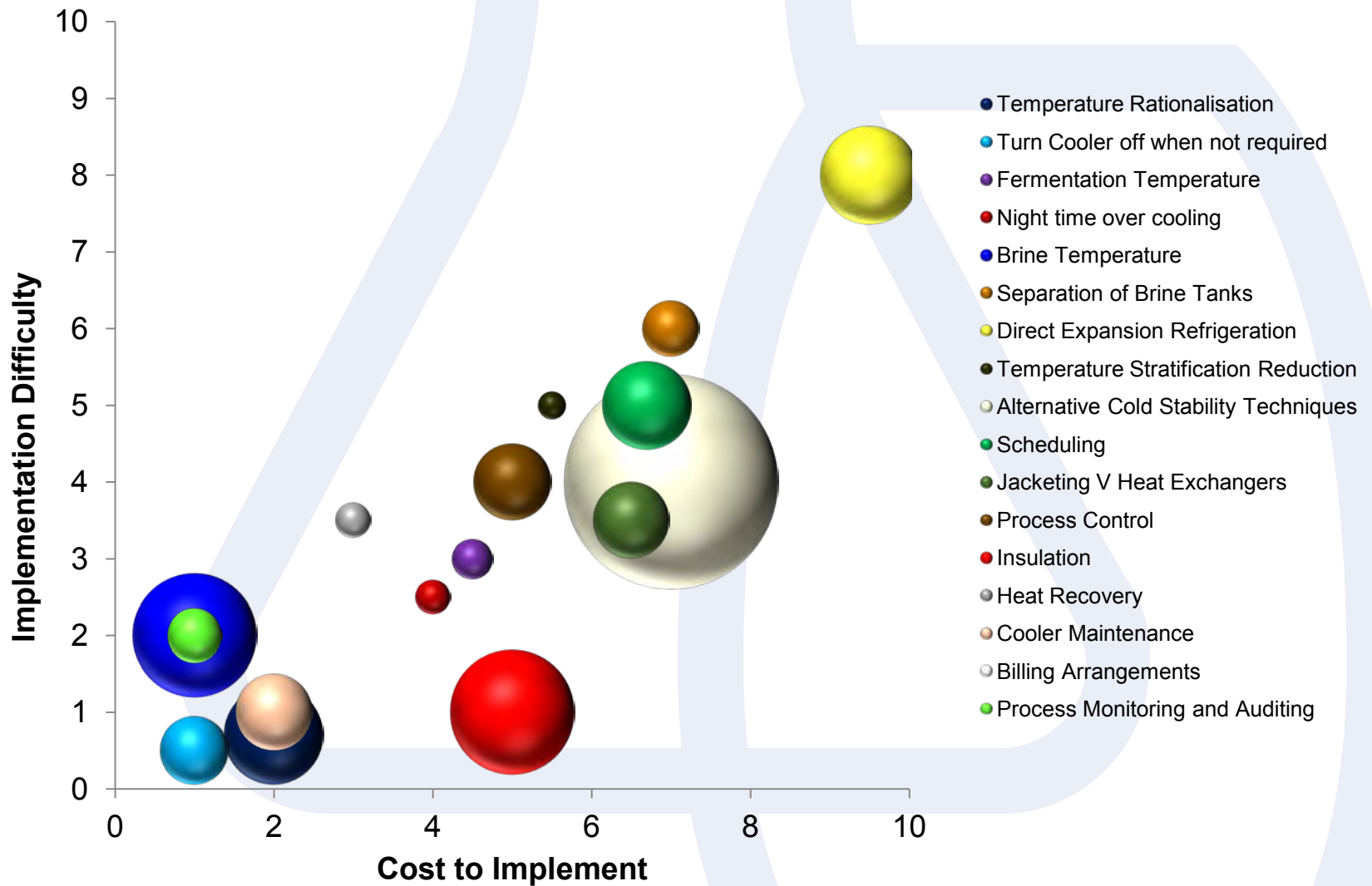
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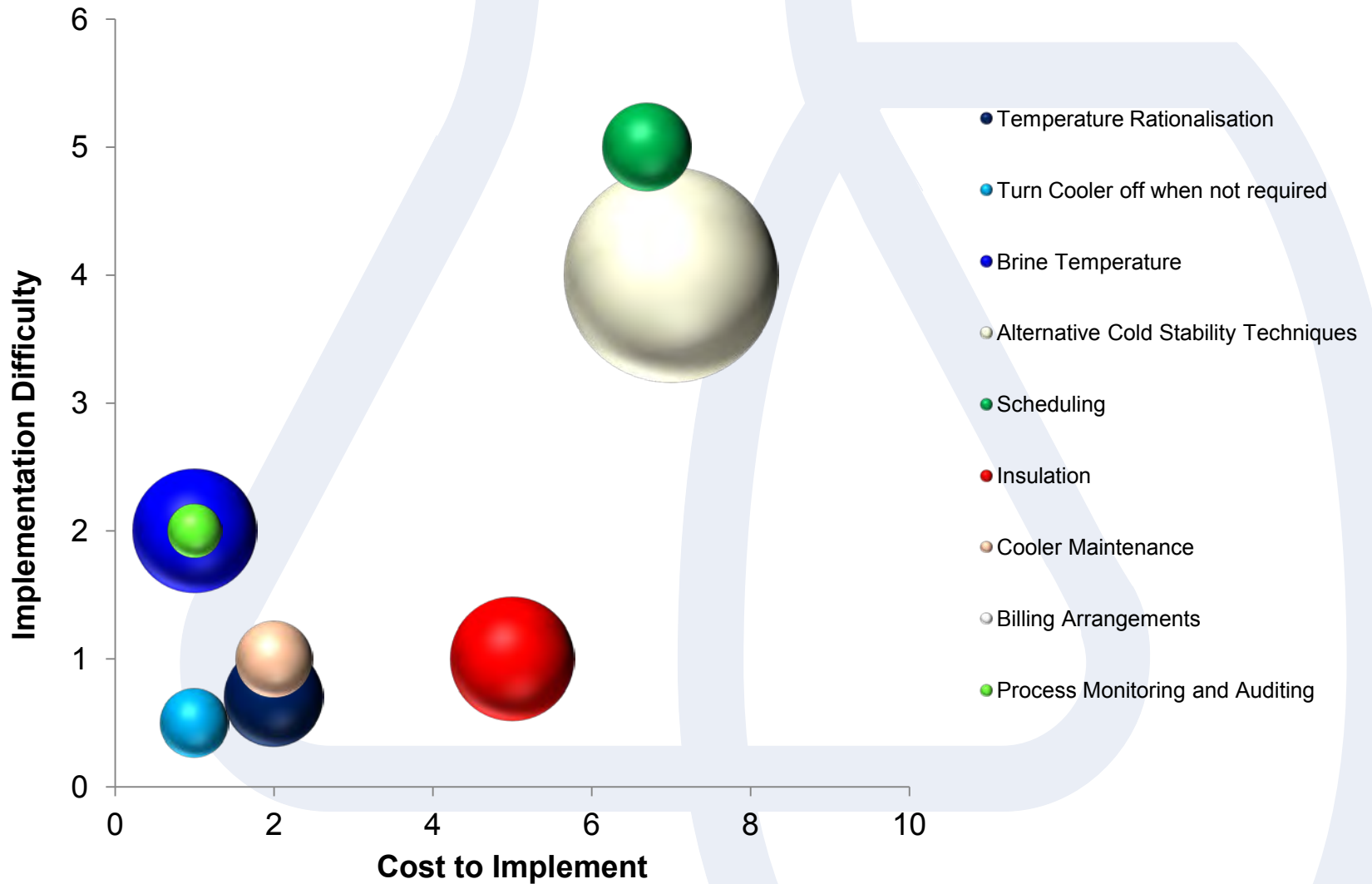


Refrigeration opportunities





Refrigeration opportunities





Alternative options for tartrate stabilisation

- Elimination/reduction of precursor compounds (e.g. potassium, bitartrate):
 - Traditional slow cold stabilisation
 - Rapid contact stabilisation
 - Batch
 - Continuous
 - Ion-exchange
 - Membrane processes
 - Nanofiltration
 - **Electrodialysis**
- Crystallisation inhibitors:
 - Metatartaric acid
 - Yeast mannoproteins
 - **Carboxymethylcellulose (CMC)**

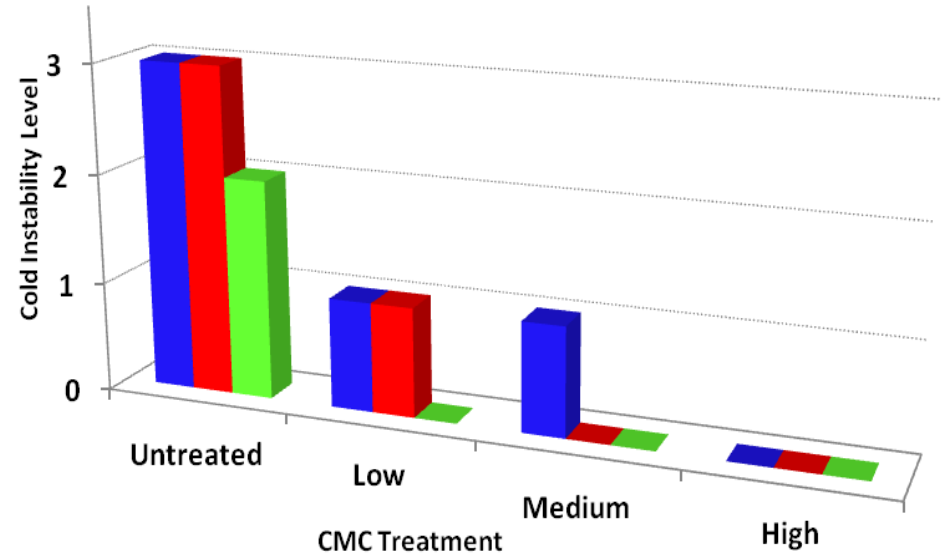
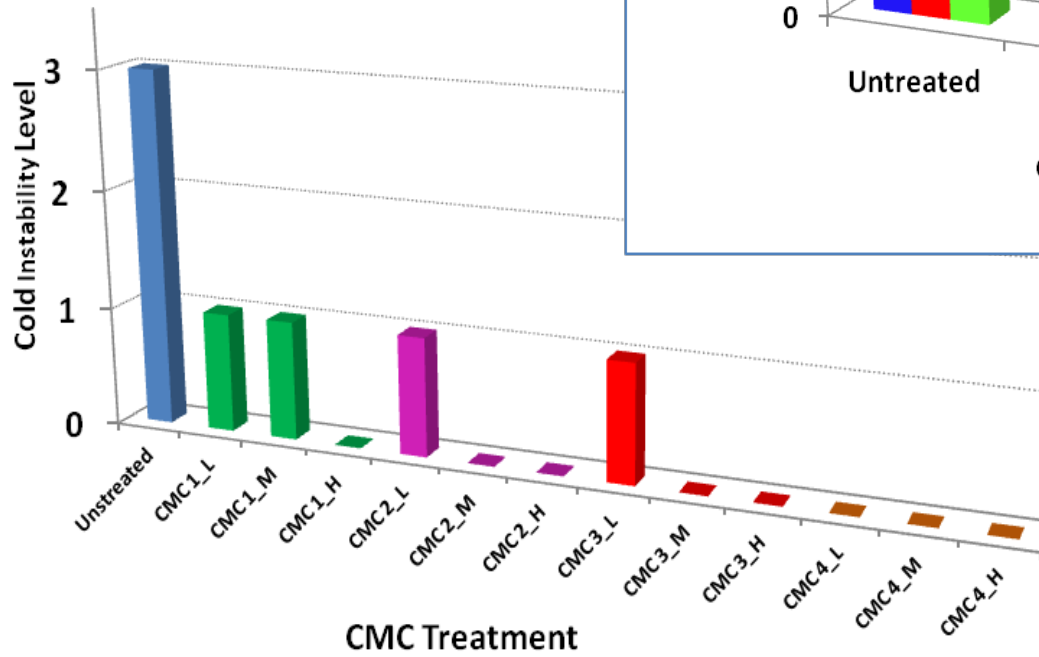


Electrodialysis: comparing performance

	Electrodialysis	Cold Technique
Wine Stability	Fail - Level 1	Fail - Level 1
Volume of Wine Processed	29,100	29,100
Performance Metrics		
Power Consumption (kWh)	77	2,968
Water Consumption (L)	7,683	3,606
Wastewater (L)	7,683	1,581
Waste Water Composition		
K mg/L (from water measurements)	1,170	-
K mg/L (from wine metal analysis)	1,251	4,381
K Load on treatment Centre (kg)	5.2	7
Na mg/L (from water measurements)	112	-
Na mg/L (from wine metal analysis)	42	42
Wine Potassium Content (mg/L)	395	335
Wine Losses (L)	136	424
Labour Requirements (hrs)	17	9
Time Taken to process wine (hrs)	17	384
Sensory Results	Not significantly different	



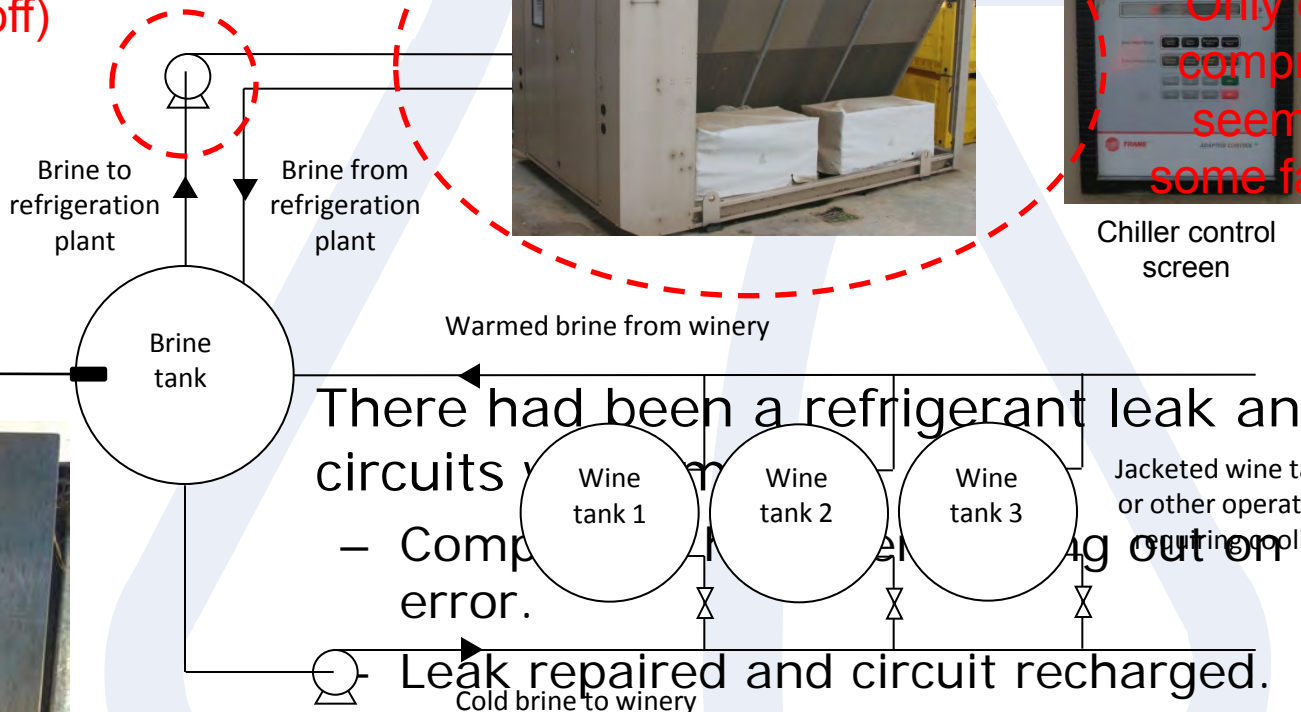
Carboxymethylcellulose (CMC)





Process Auditing/Maintenance

Pump ran constantly
(even when chiller was
off)



Only one of the 2
compressors ever
seemed to run &
some fans never ran

Chiller control
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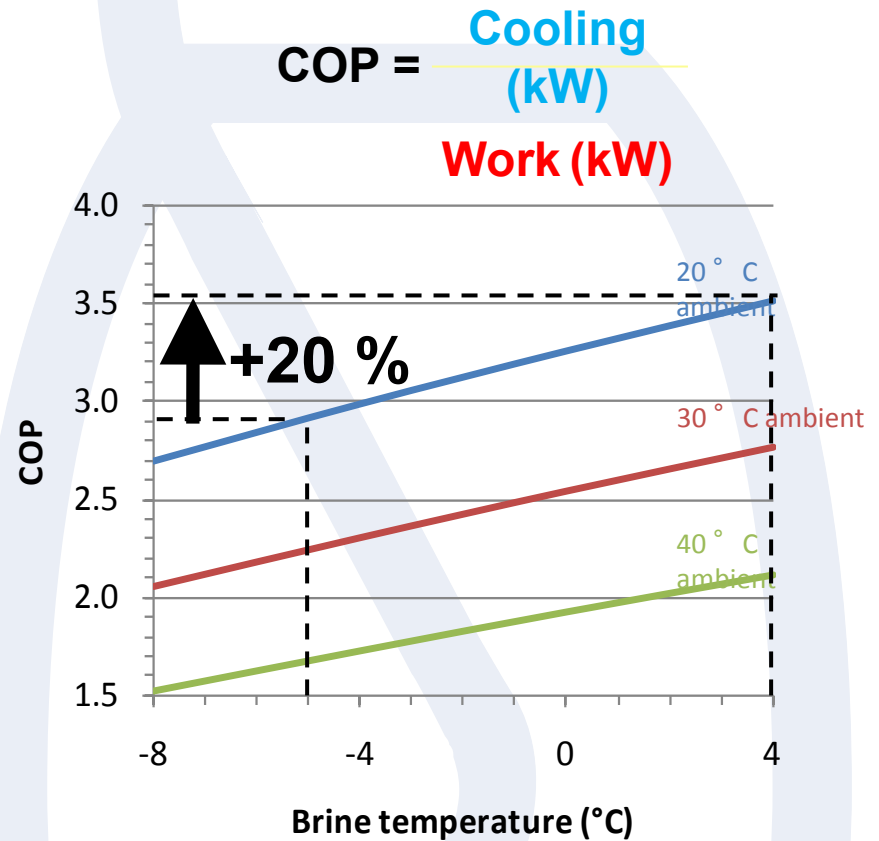
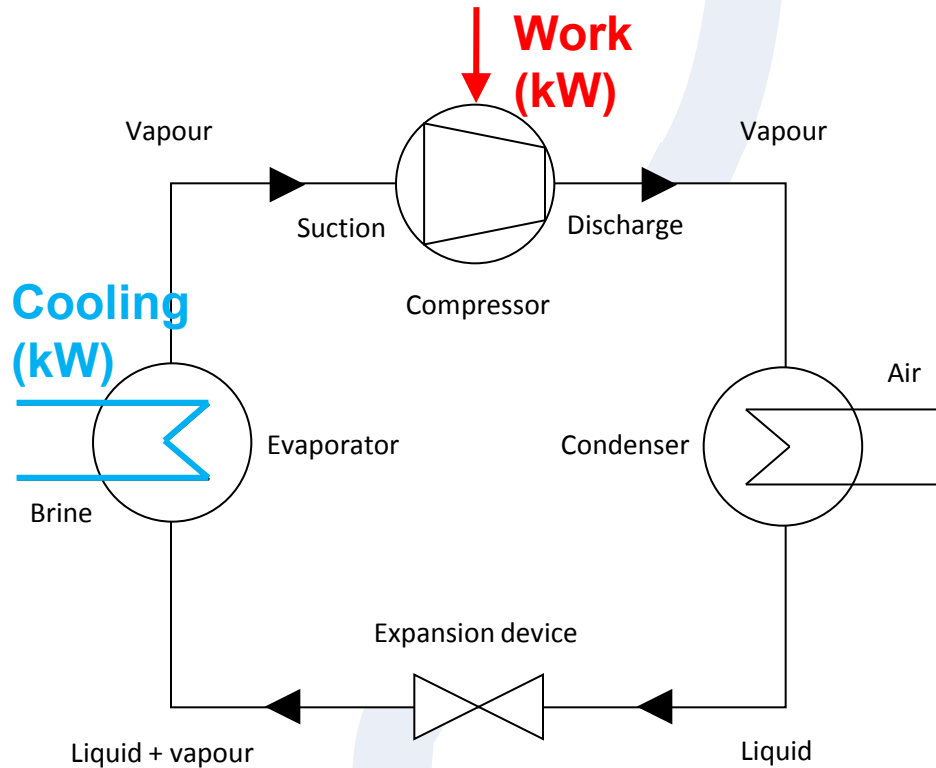


Winery control
panel

- There had been a refrigerant leak and 1 of the 2 circuits
- Compressor error.
- Leak repaired and circuit recharged.
- Both circuits / compressors now running.
- Fans that had tripped were reset.
- Simplified winery brine cooling loop



Brine Temperature





Brine Temperature

Process / Activity	Brine Set-Point	Refrigeration COP
Must Chilling / Juice Chilling	-3 °C	2.1
Fermentation	+2 °C	2.4
Cold Stabilisation	-7 °C	1.8
Wine Storage (winter)	+2 °C	2.5
Bottling	-3 °C	2.1



Brine Temperature

- Problem operations for warmer brine temperatures (must/juice/wine temperature is getting close to the brine temperature):

Alternatives

- Must chilling → Night-time harvesting / Dedicated refrigeration system
- Juice settling → Flotation
- Cold stabilisation → Electrodialysis, packaged rapid contact systems, crystallisation inhibitors (CMC, Mannoproteins, etc.)
- Use as high a brine temperature as practicable for as long as practicable.
- Schedule operations that require low brine temperatures concurrently so can keep brine warmer the rest of the time.



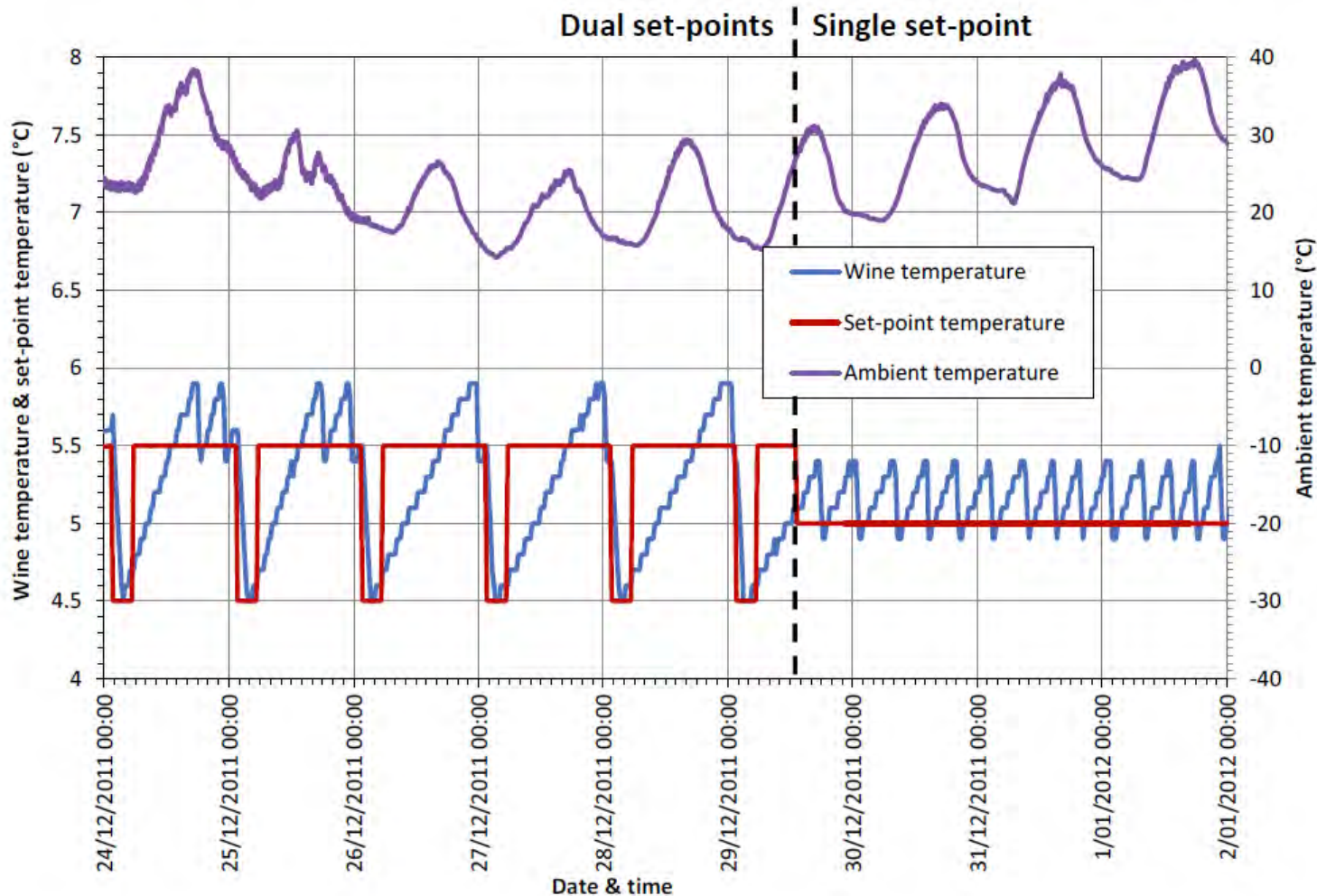
Night-time/off-peak cooling

- Advantages:
 - Use cheaper off-peak electricity (often much cheaper).
 - Refrigeration plant may operate more efficiently at night when it is colder.
 - Depends on whether control systems are in place that allow the refrigeration plant discharge (head) pressure to reduce (i.e. float) when the ambient temperature is lower.
 - Low risk:
 - Wine is still being stored at essentially the same temperature.



Trial with dual set-point strategy

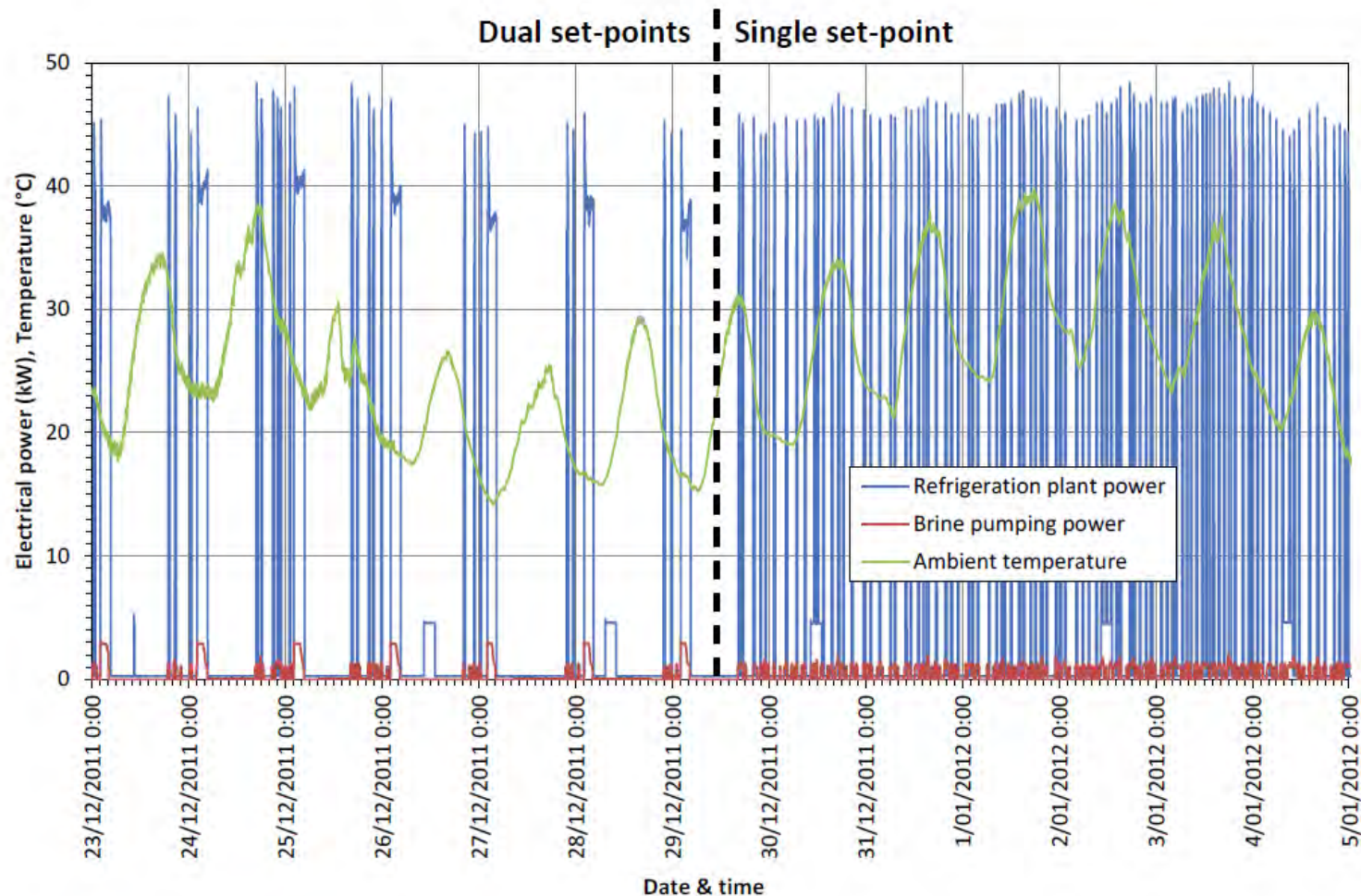
- Influence of dual set-point strategy on actual wine tank temperature:





Trial with dual set-point strategy

- Electrical power monitoring showing shift of operation to predominantly at night with dual set-points:





Summary

- Carbon pricing mechanism for industry in state of flux
- Winery emissions dominated by energy use
- Reducing energy use makes good business sense
- Many strategies to reduce energy use without spending much money



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- Warmer brine temperatures
- Cooling system operation and control systems
- Cooling system maintenance
- Plant shutdown/infrequent running
- External heat exchangers

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Export Region	Wine Standards	Minimum Specification	Maximum Specification	Continuing Approval Application	Certificate of Origin	Other Requirements
China	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Certificate of Free Sale

Standards

ANALYTICAL PARAMETER	SPECIFICATION	
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Alcohol strength at 20°C		
wines ^Δ	7.0 % v/v	–
Total sugar (glucose) [*]		
Still	–	–
Dry wines [†]	–	4.0 g/L
Semi-dry [‡]	4.1 g/L	12.0 g/L
Semi-sweet	12.1 g/L	45.0 g/L
Sweet	45.1 g/L	–
Sparkling	–	–
Brut [§]	–	12.0 g/L
Extra-dry [§]	12.1 g/L	17.0 g/L
Dry	17.1 g/L	32.0 g/L
Semi-dry	32.1 g/L	50.0 g/L
Sweet	50.1 g/L	–
Dry extract		
White	16 g/L	–
Rosé	17 g/L	–

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Approximate standard drinks

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Calculate number of standard drinks	<input type="text" value="8.6"/>	standard drinks

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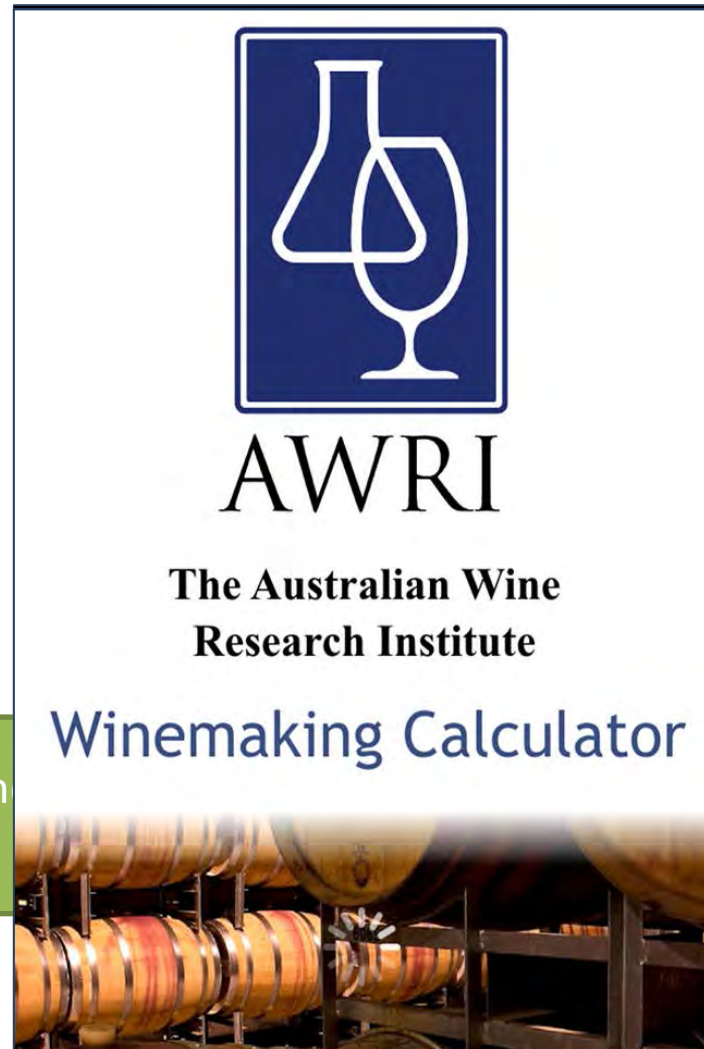


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Optimising your laboratory for the best results	Laboratories are a critical, and often expensive, part of modern wine production. This webinar will highlight a number of areas that are important to not only ensure results are accurate, but to achieve them in an efficient and cost effective manner. Some of the topics that will be discussed include basic lab quality systems; LIMS; lab design; lean systems and troubleshooting common laboratory issues.	Eric Wilkes (The AWRI)	23/07/2013	Register
Strategies for reducing alcohol levels in wine	The AWRI has taken a holistic approach to the development of strategies for the reduction of alcohol concentration in wine. Several viticultural and fermentation practices show considerable promise for the production of good quality reduced-alcohol wines. This session will present our latest findings and point to the need to evaluate a combinatorial approach to reducing alcohol concentration in wine.	Cristian Varela (The AWRI)	30/07/2013	Register
The latest on CMCs	Carboxymethylcellulose is becoming an important part of the winemaker's tool box for white wine tartrate stabilisation. However, like all wine additives, there is more to the successful use of CMCs than sales brochures might suggest. This webinar will look at how CMC works; when it is appropriate to use; what precautions you need to take and the best ways to test the wine when using it.	Eric Wilkes (The AWRI)	6/08/2013	Register
Till death do us part: Cell death in the grape berry as a quality measure	TBA	Steve Tyerman (The University of Adelaide)	20/08/2013	Register
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