



Effect of Nitrogen Fertilization on Grape Berry Aromatic Potential and on Wine Aromas

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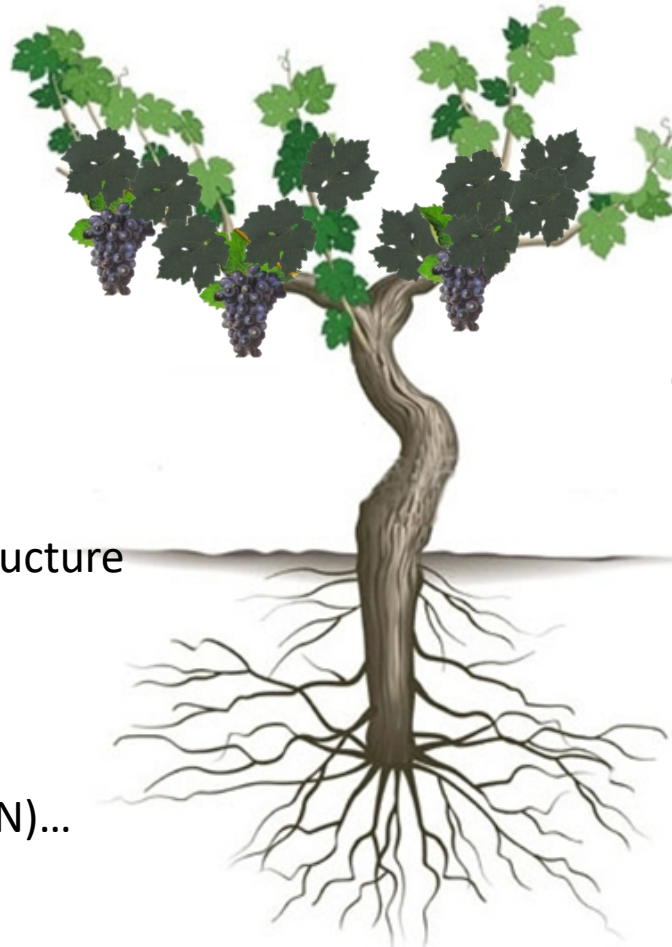
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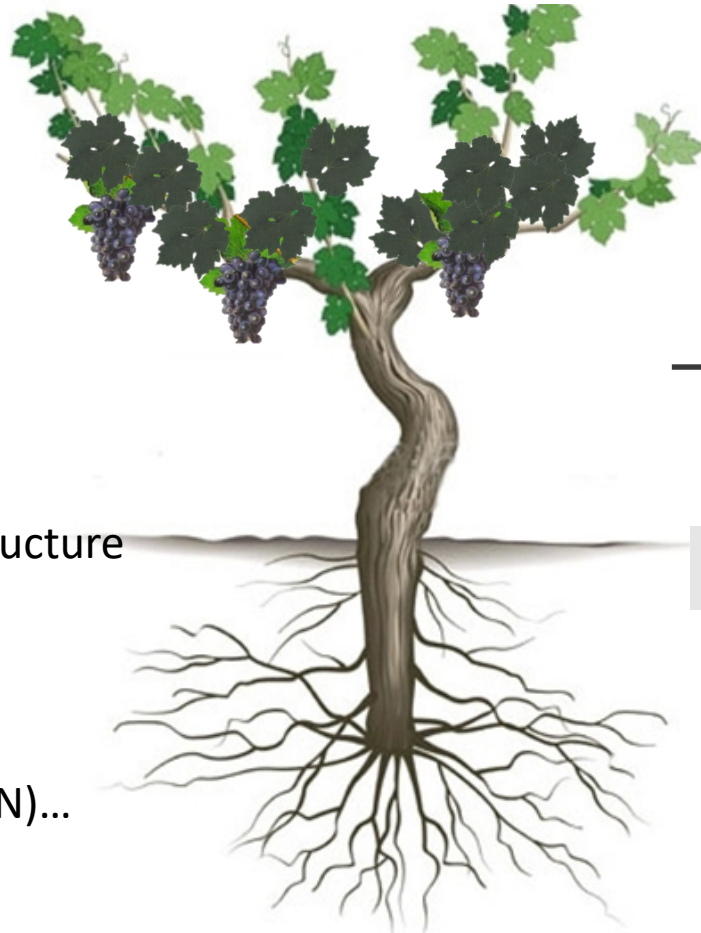
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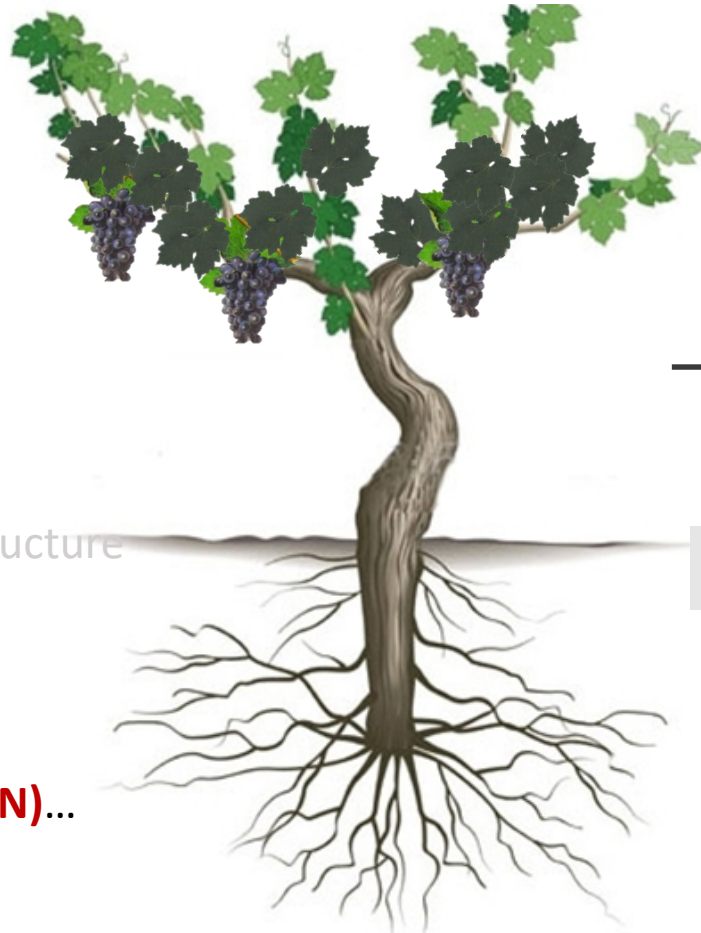
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Grape berry composition

Sugar

Total acidity

Polyphenols

Aroma compounds

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Aroma Compounds

Primary aromas (Grape berry)



Secondary aromas (Fermentation)



Tertiary aromas (Ageing)



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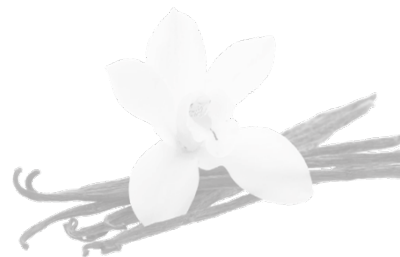
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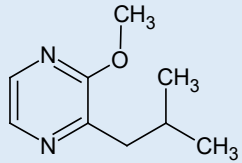
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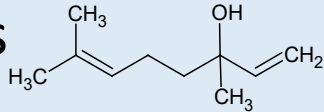
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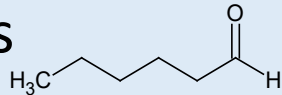
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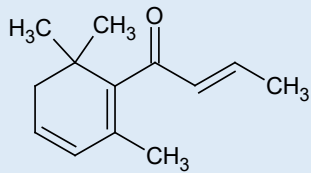
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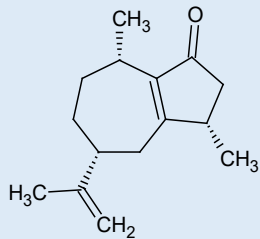
C6 compounds



C13 norisoprenoids

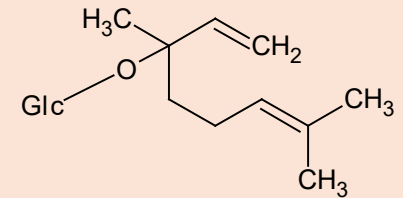


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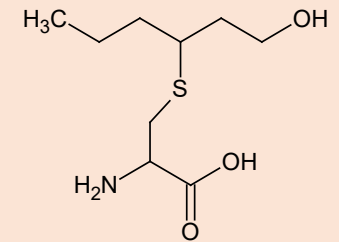


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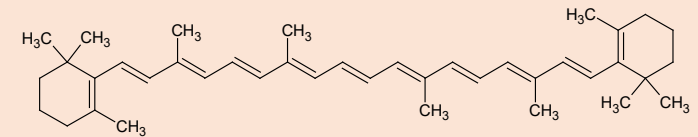
Terpene glycosides



Volatile thiols
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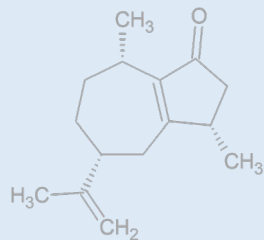
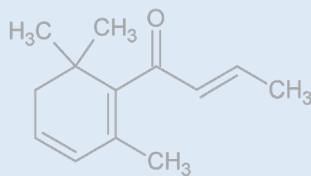
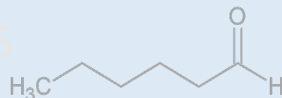
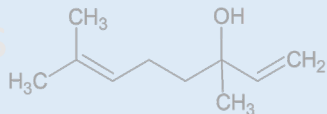
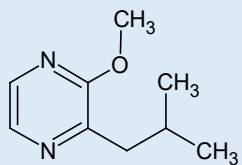
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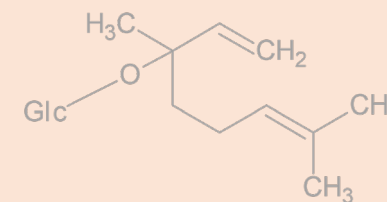
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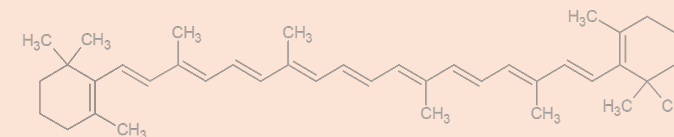
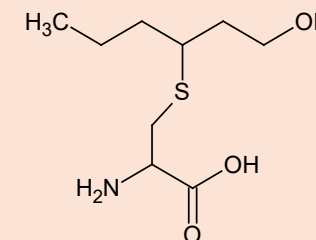
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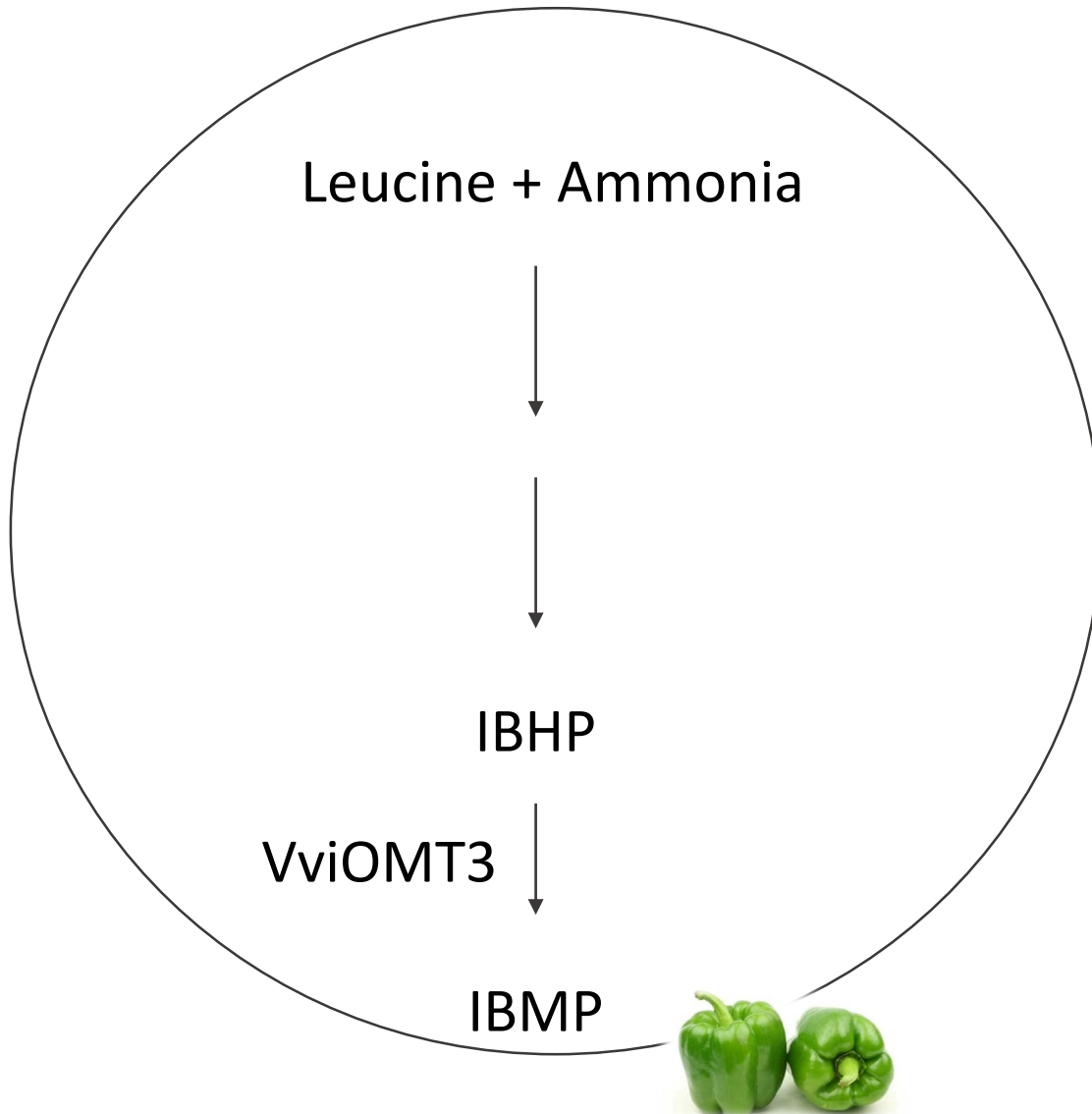


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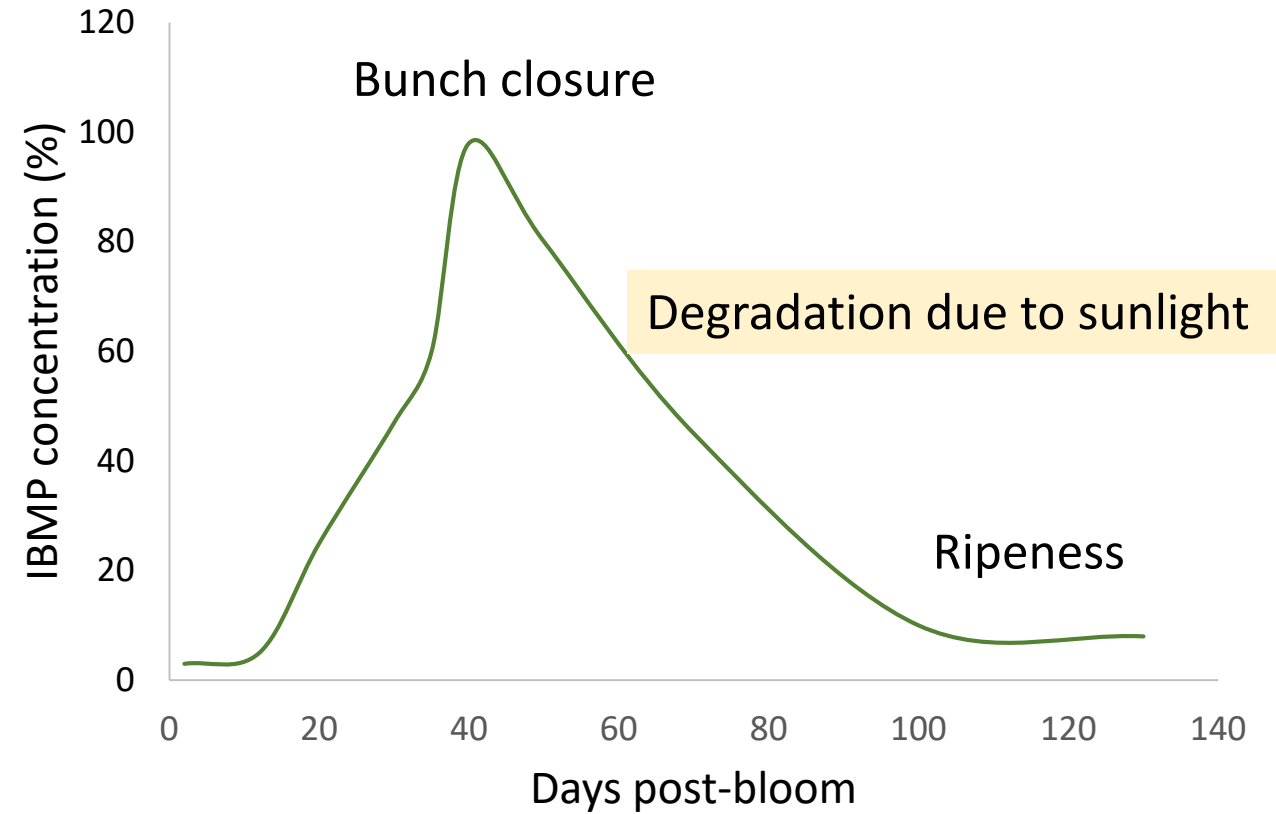
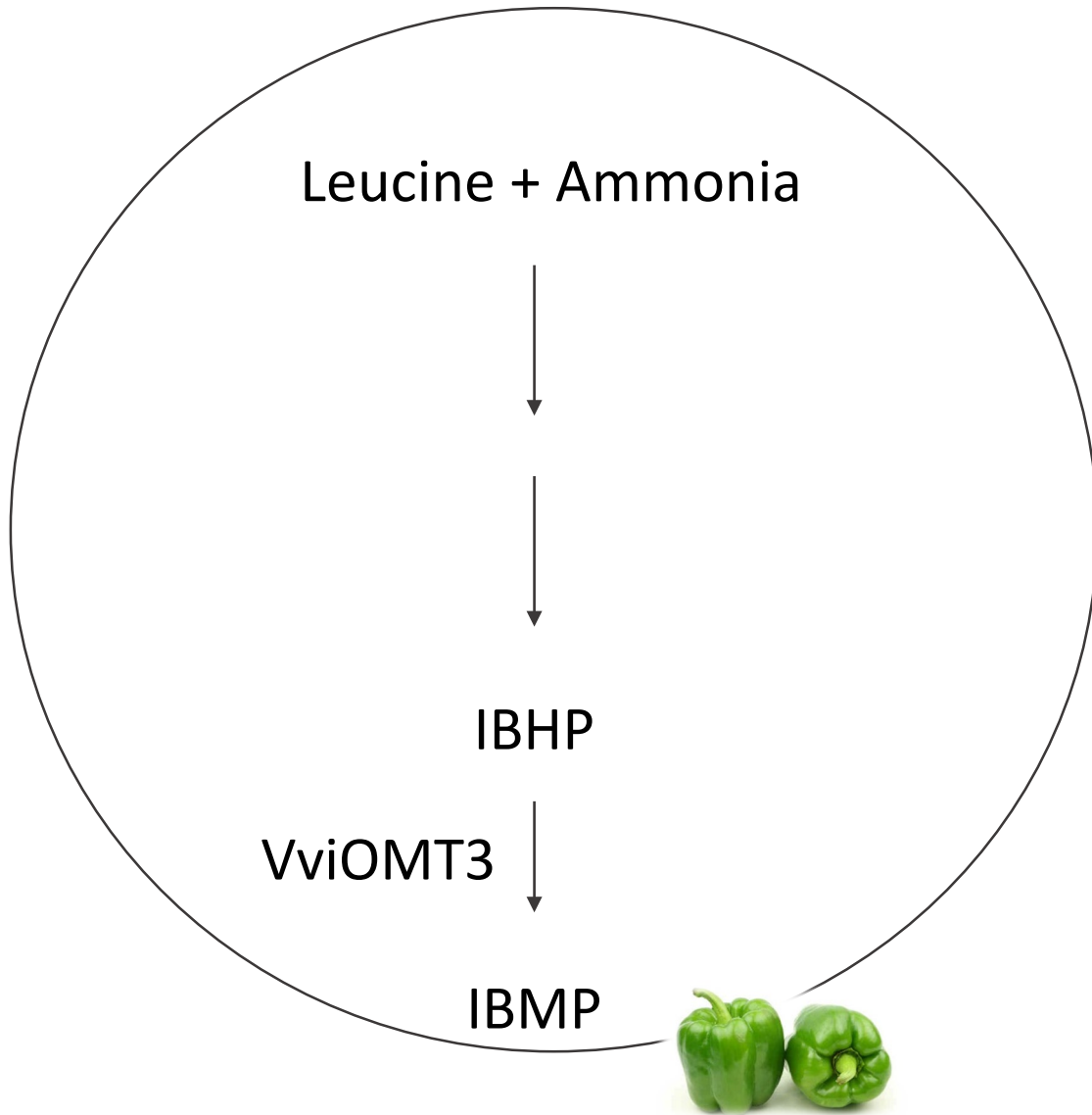
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IBMP



- Stable compound with levels present in must comparable to levels in wine.
- Considered negative aroma in red wines.
- In white wines, its presence (to a certain extent) can be acceptable as it gives some freshness.

IBMP



Volatile Thiols



4MSP

(4-methyl-4-sulfanylpentan-2-one)



3SH

(3-sulfanylhexan-1-ol)



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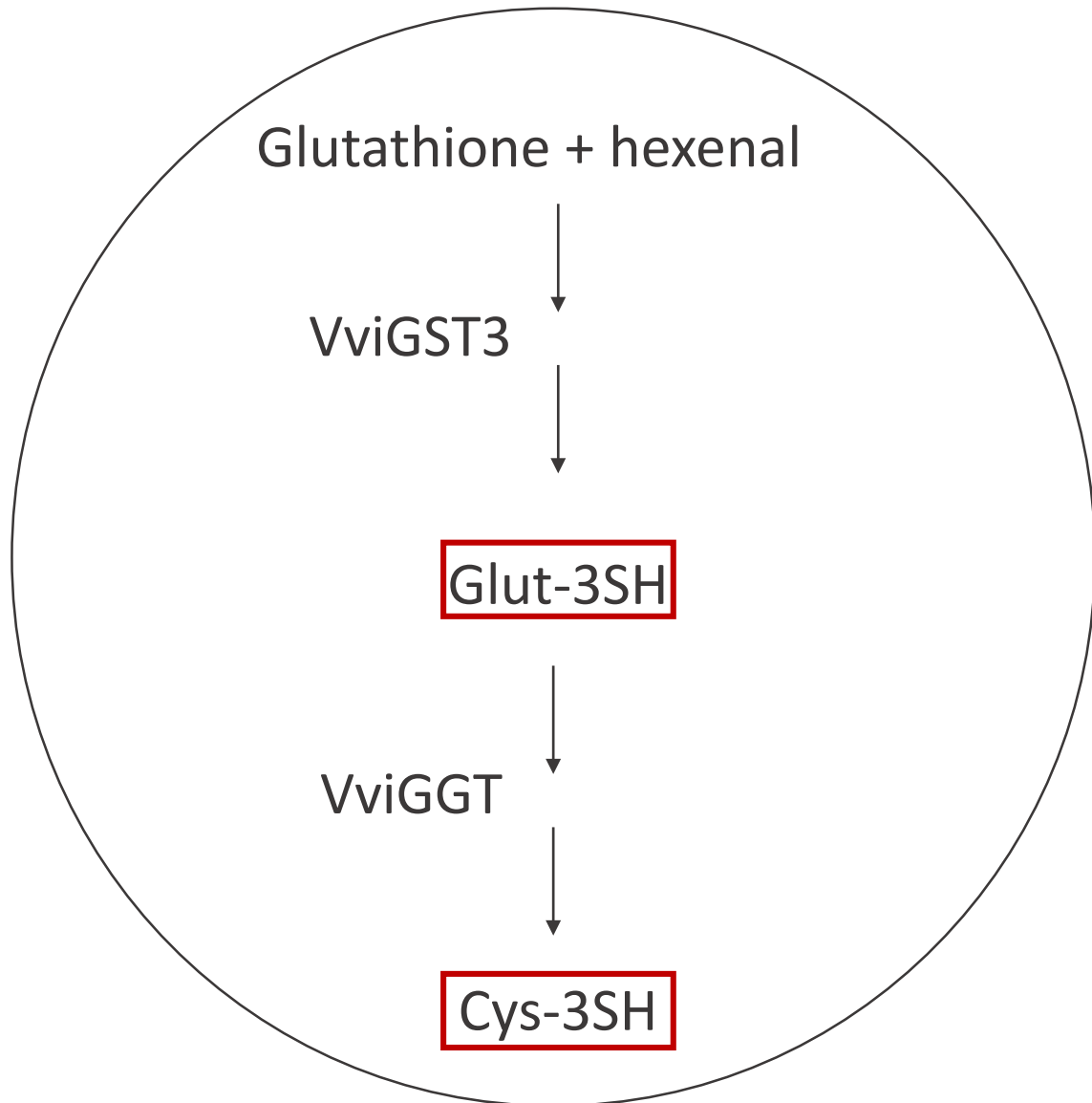
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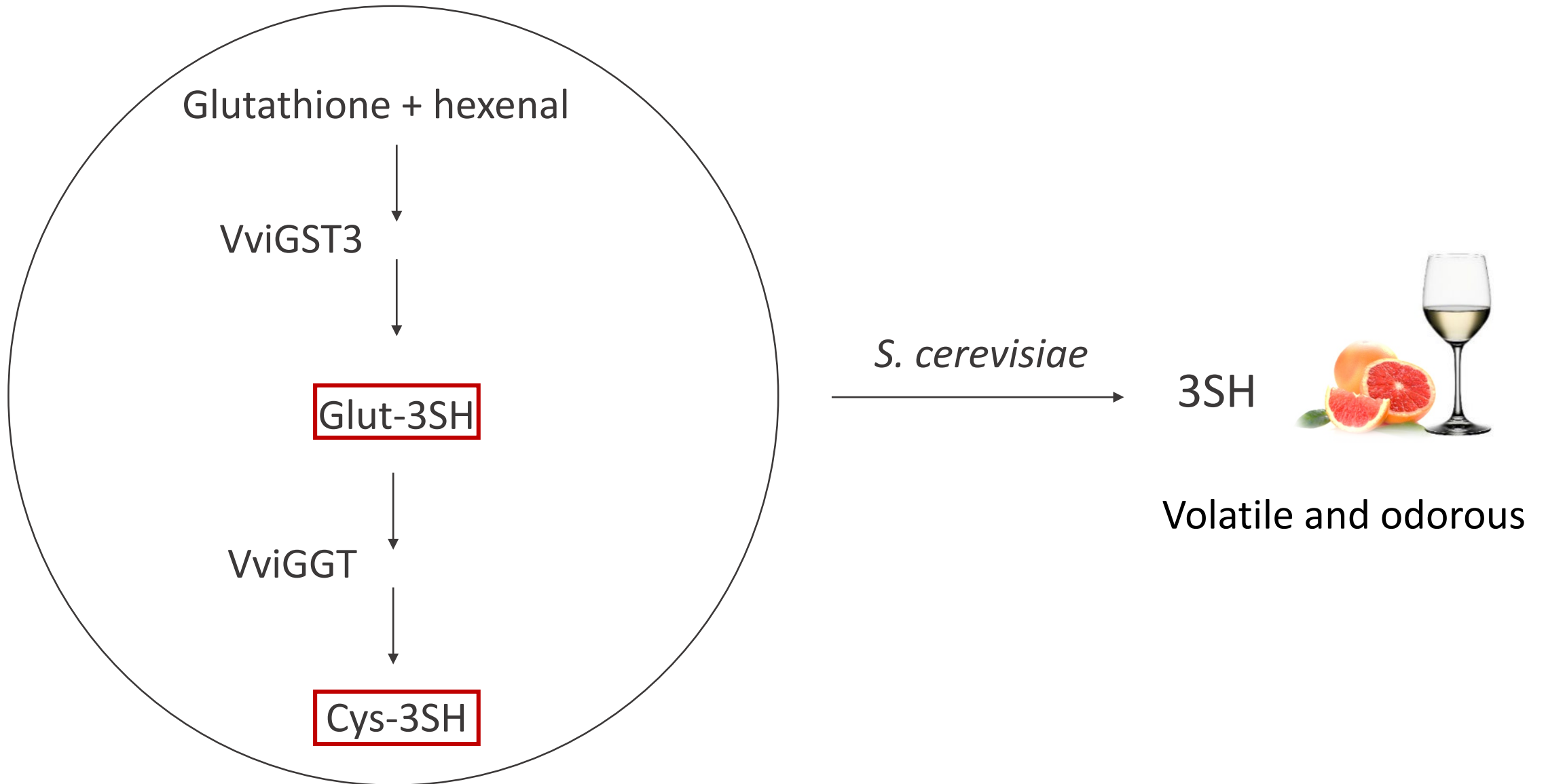
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Non-volatile and non-odorous precursors:

- Glutathion-3SH (Glut-3SH)
- Cystein-3SH (Cys-3SH)

3SH



What's in the literature?

Many trials studied the effect of terroir components on the aroma compounds in question but none the direct and only effect of N.

Direct effect of vine nitrogen status on aroma compounds
without interference with vine water status and vigor

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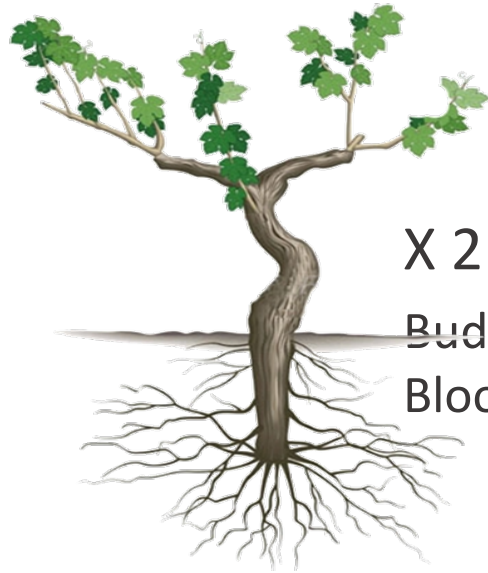
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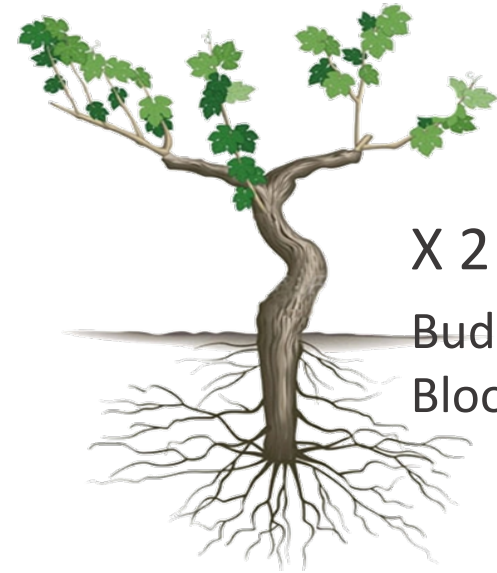
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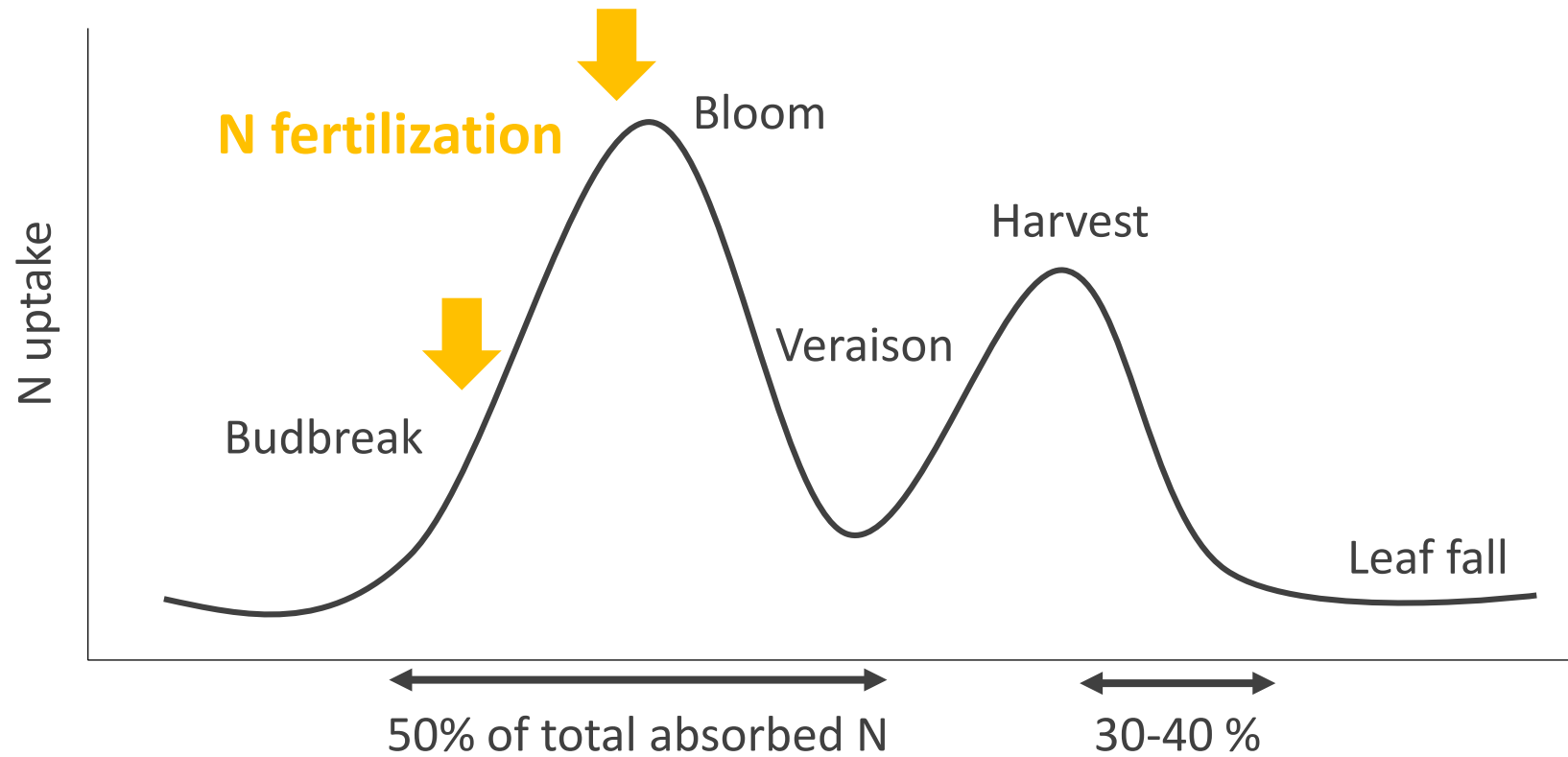


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Soil N100

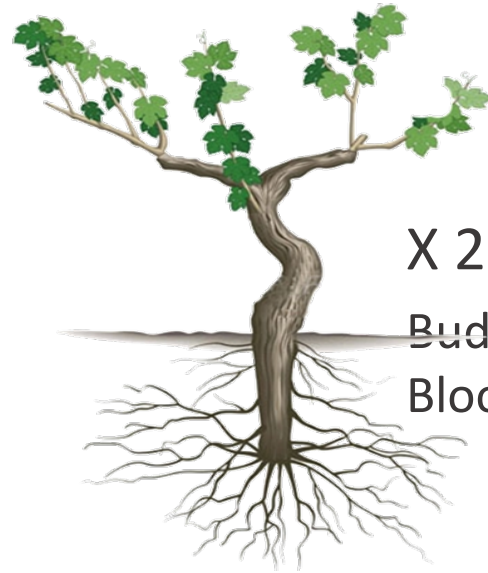
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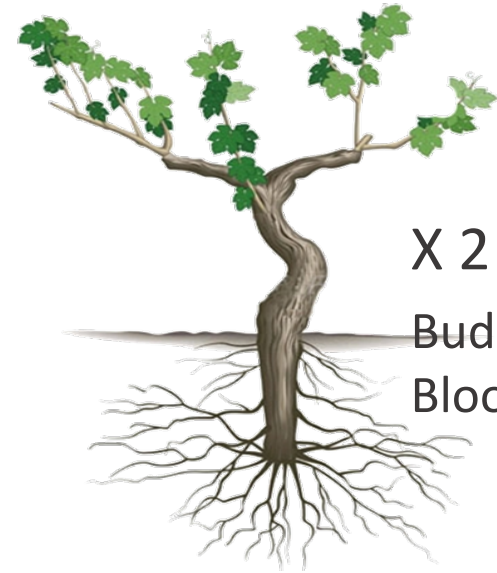


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Soil N50

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Budbreak
Bloom



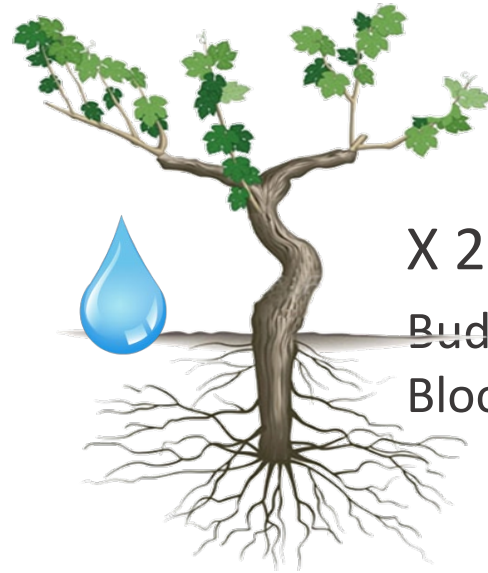
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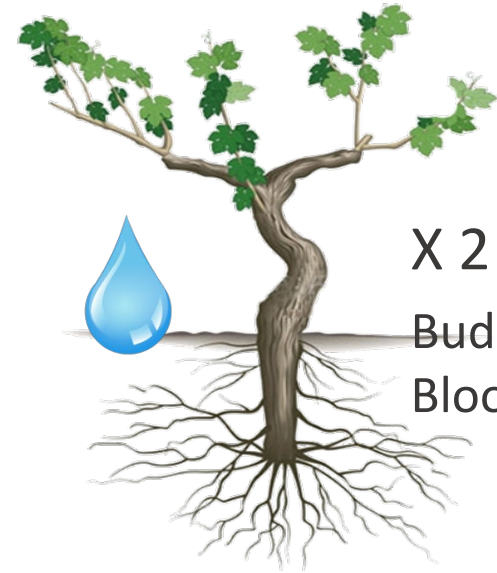


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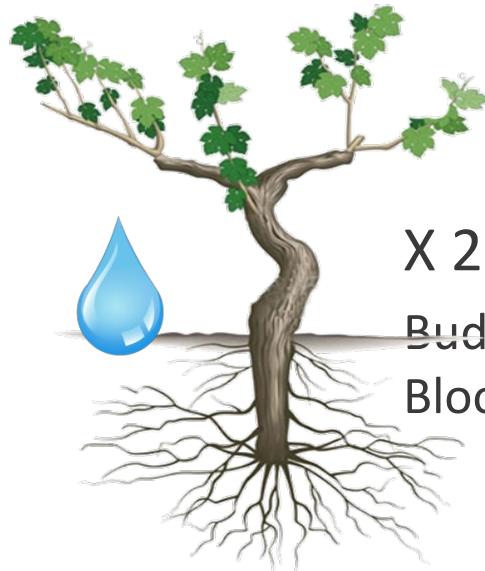
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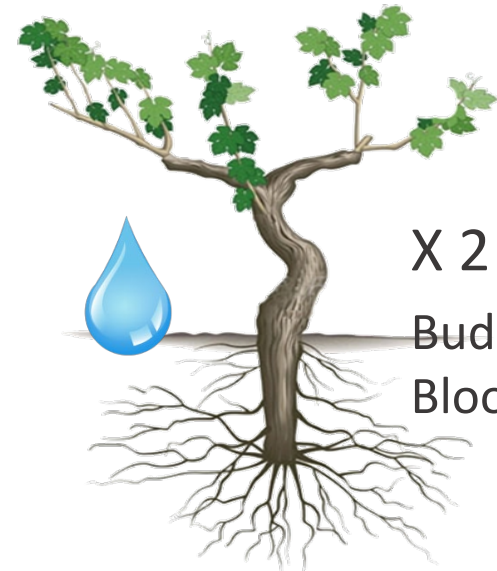


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Berry sampling

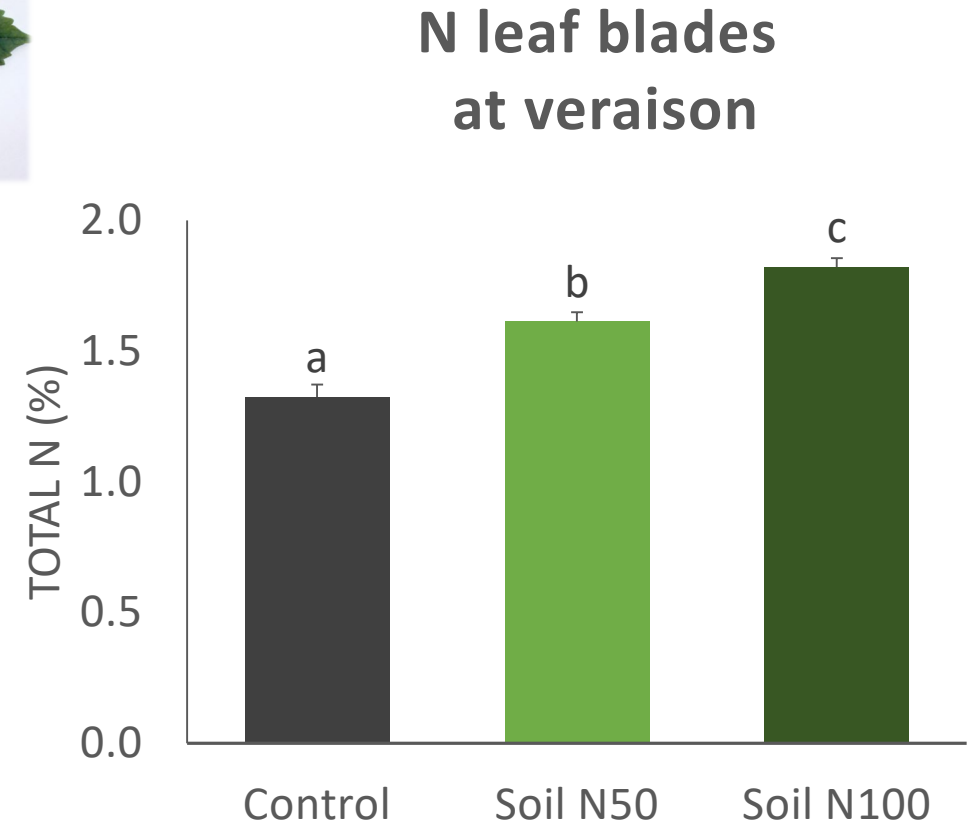
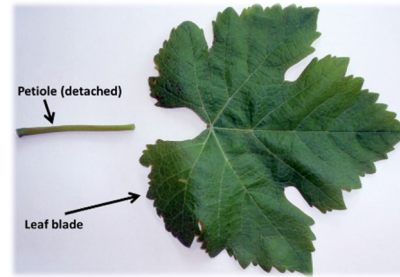
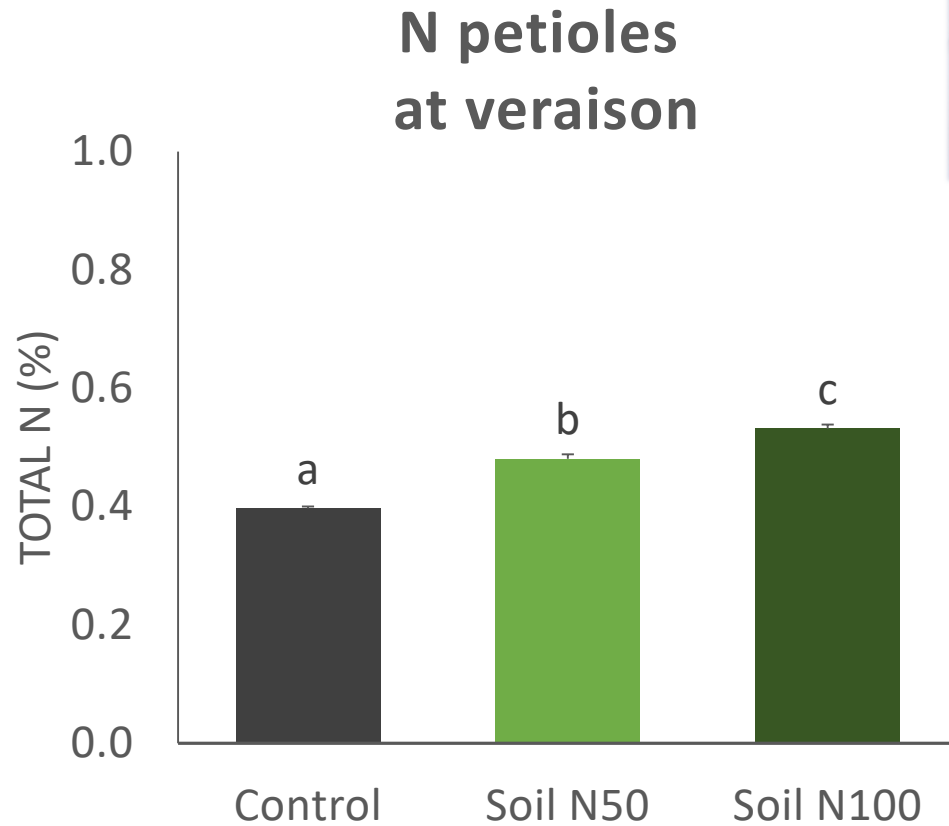
Bunch closure (BC) – Mid-veraison (MV) – Mid-ripening (V+28) – Ripeness (V+35)
(9° Brix) (19° Brix) (23° Brix)

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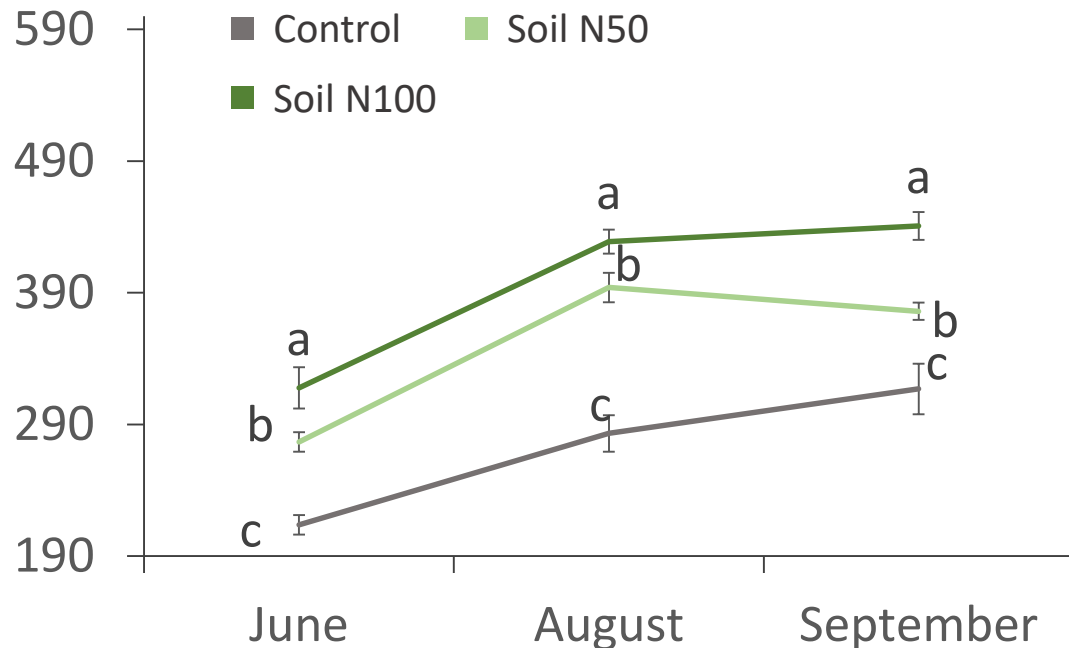
Vine Nitrogen Status



Petioles and leaf blades at veraison showed higher N status for fertilized modalities compared to control.

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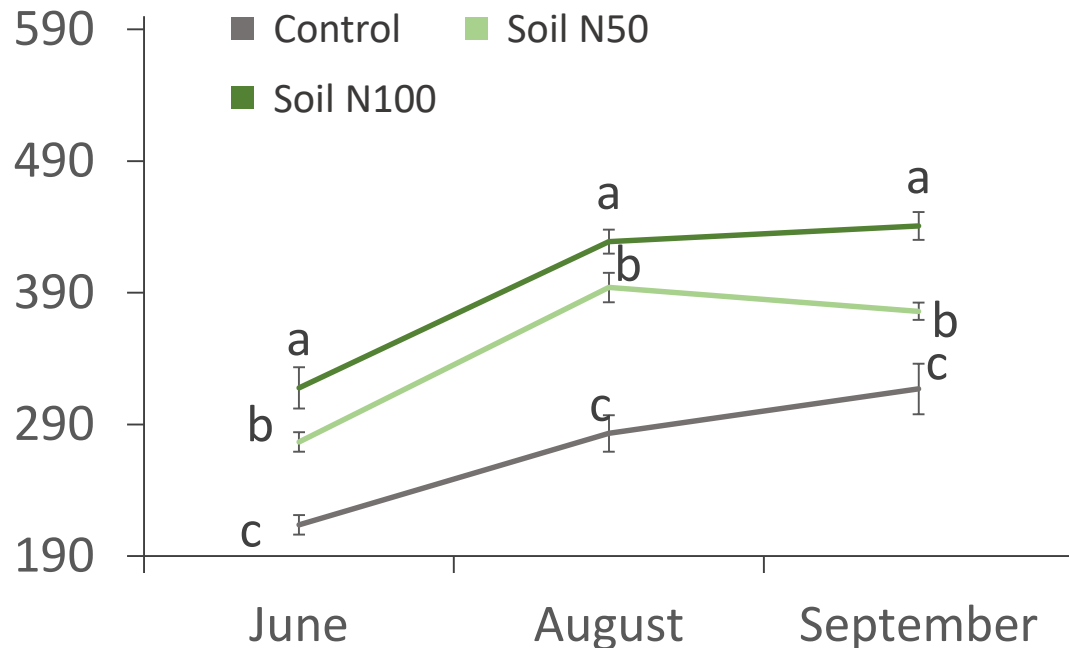
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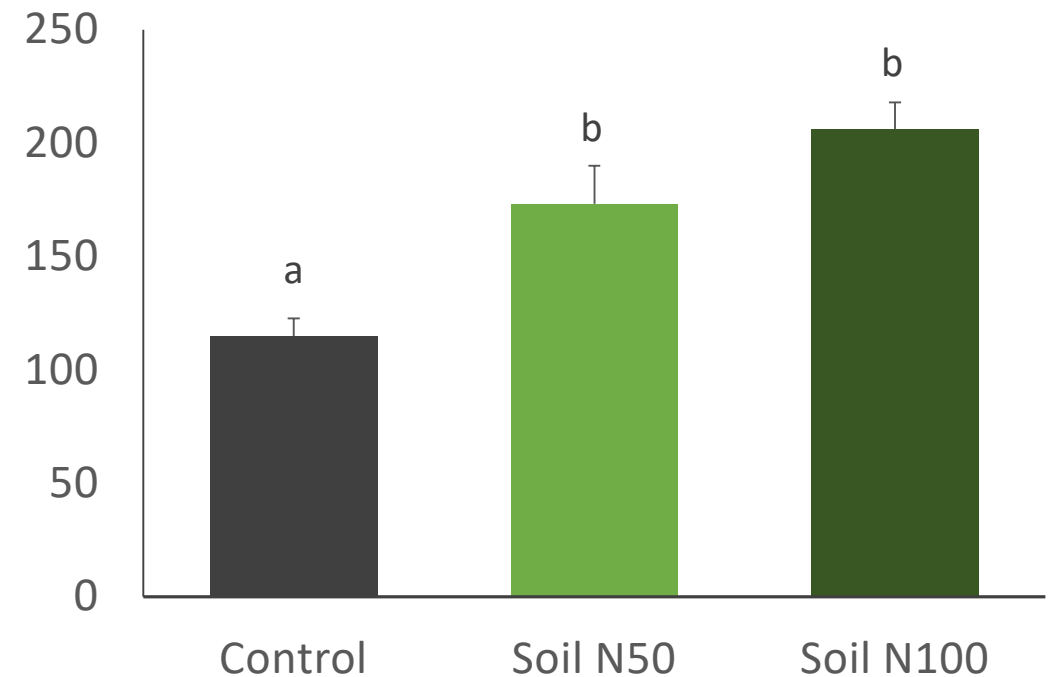
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N-tester



Yeast Available Nitrogen (YAN) (mg/L)



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1. Nitrogen was assimilated by vines in fertilized treatments.
2. Fertilized treatments have higher N status compared to control.

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Vine Water Status

Stem Water Potential (MPa)

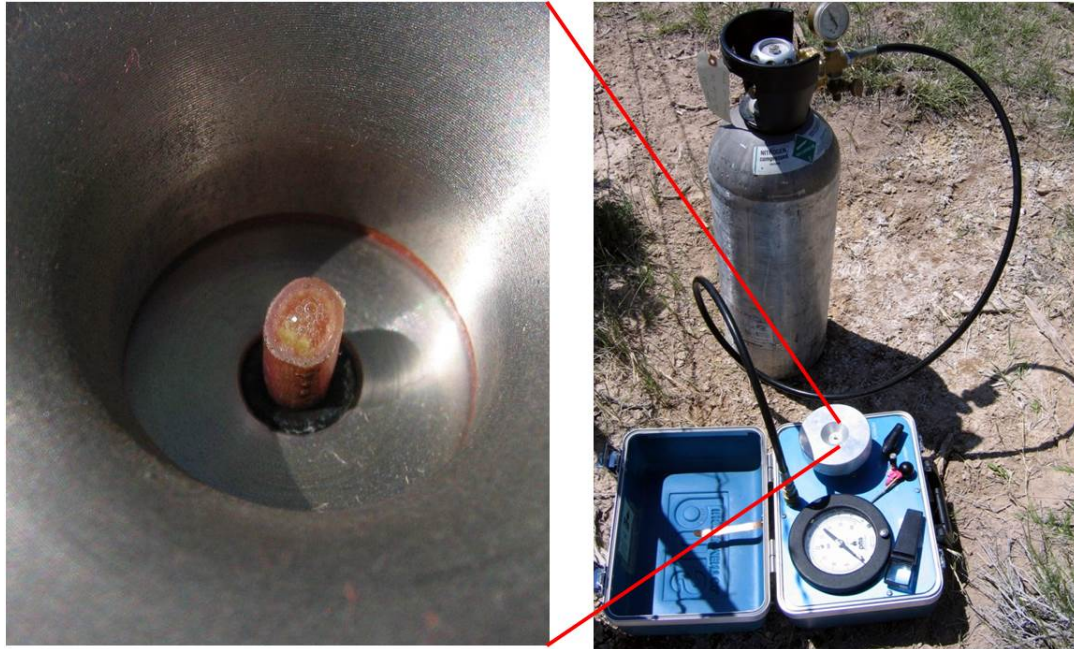
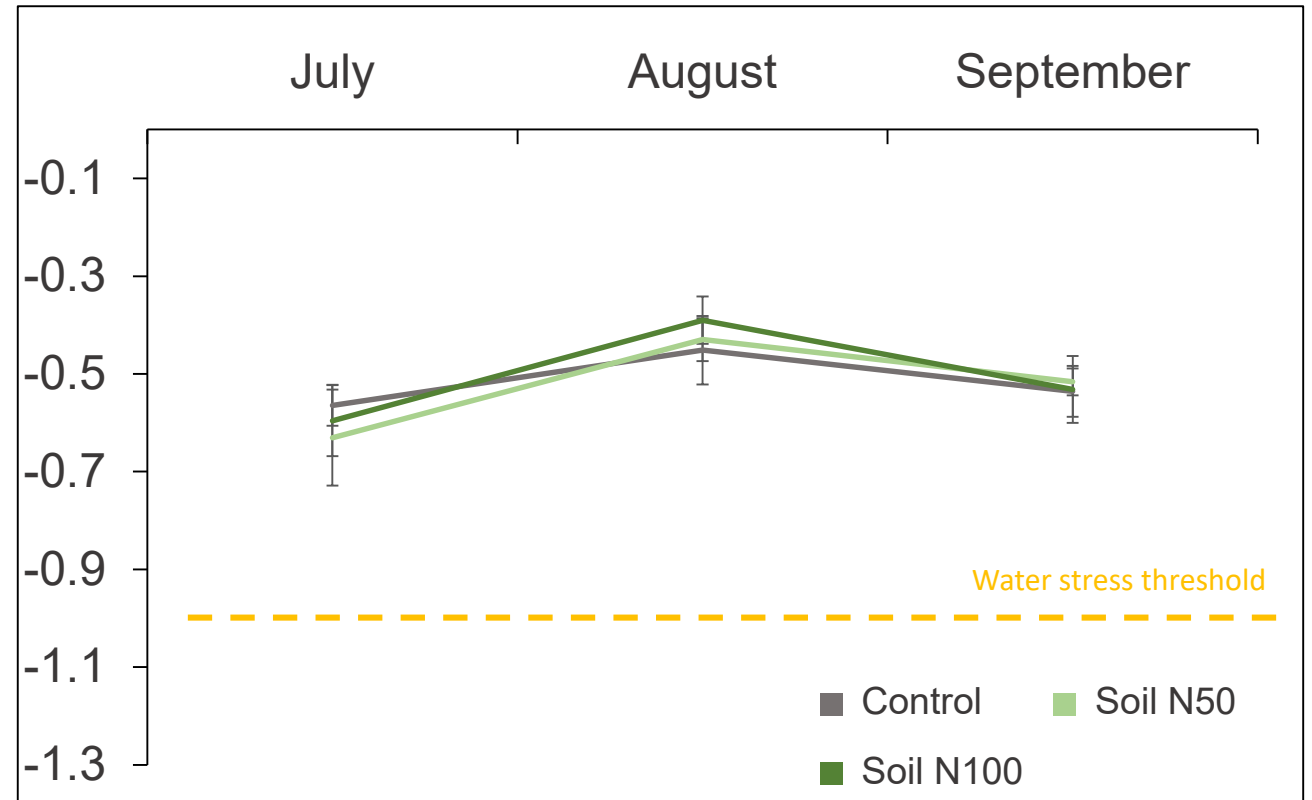


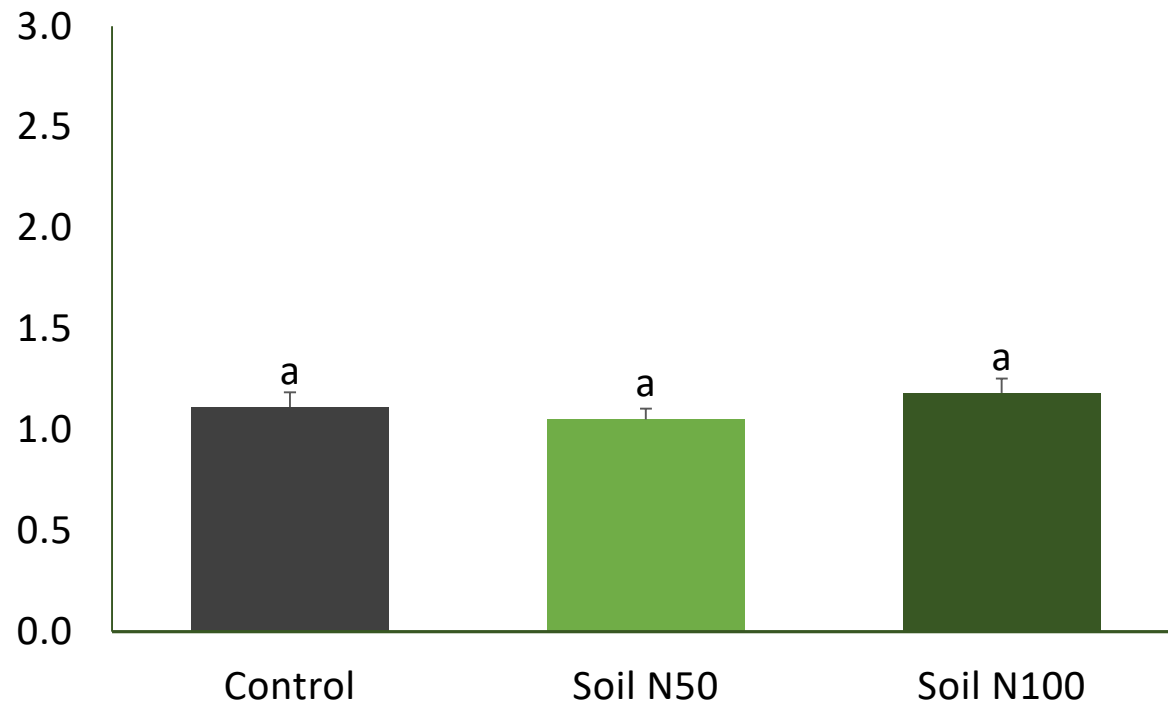
Photo: Colorado State University



Absence of water deficit during the season

Vine Vigor

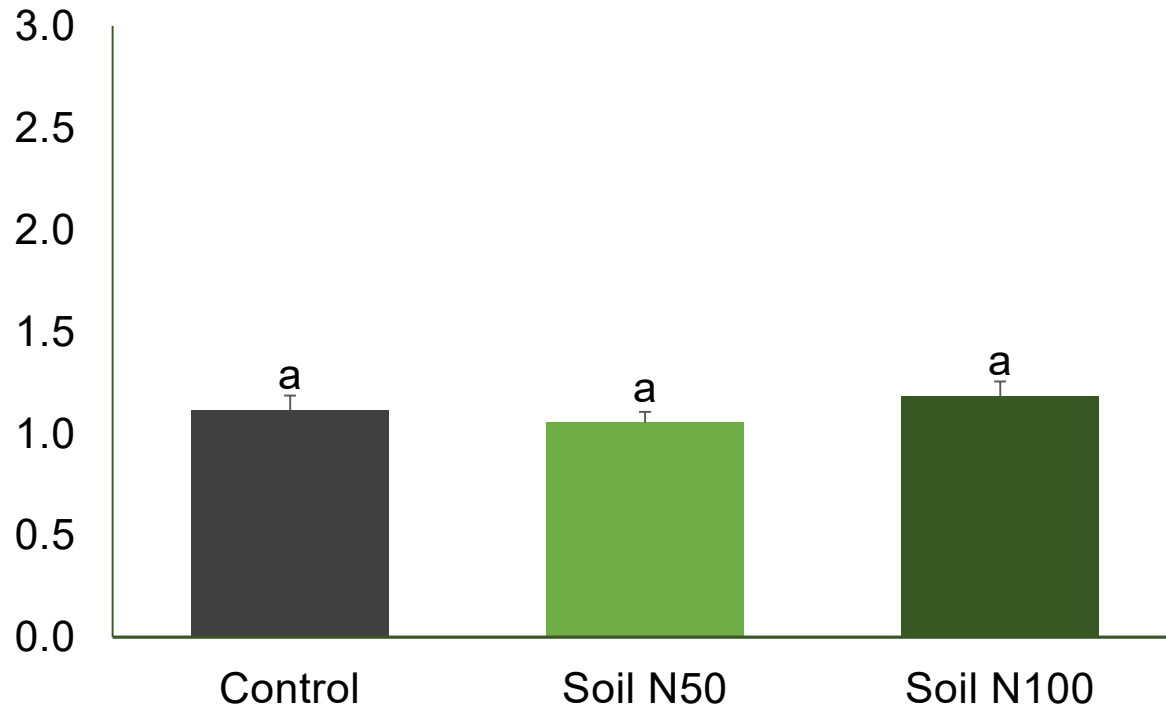
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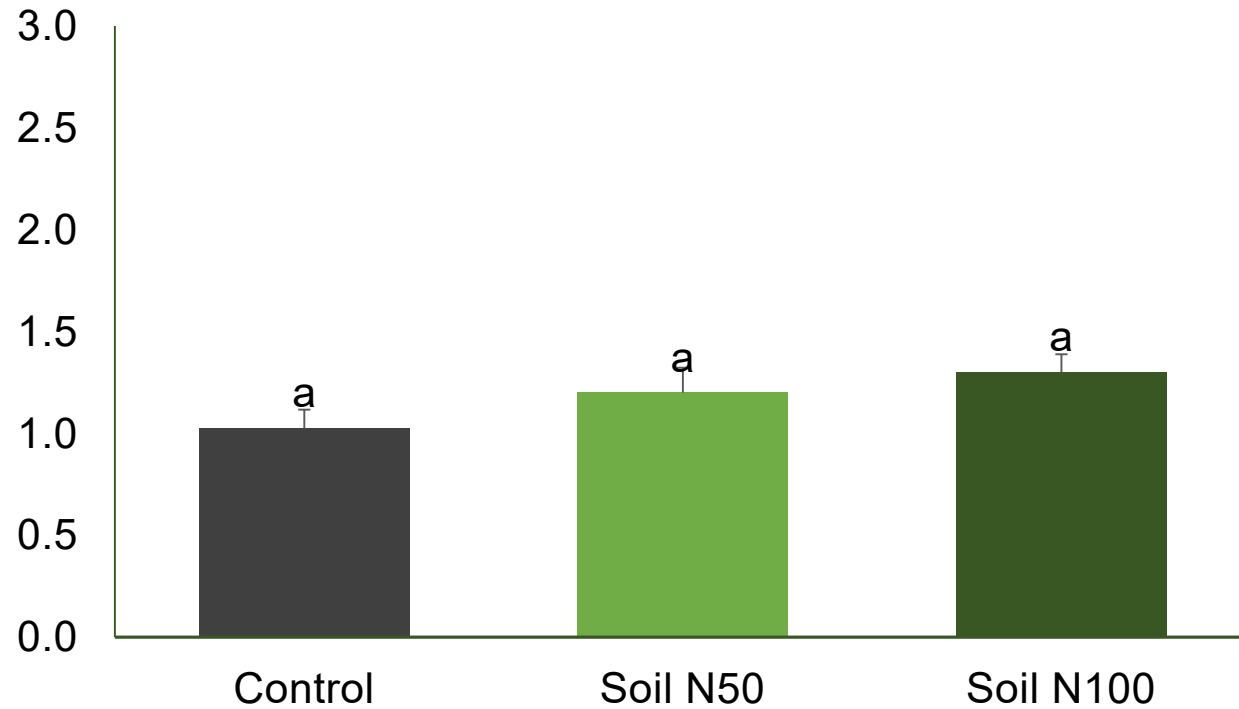
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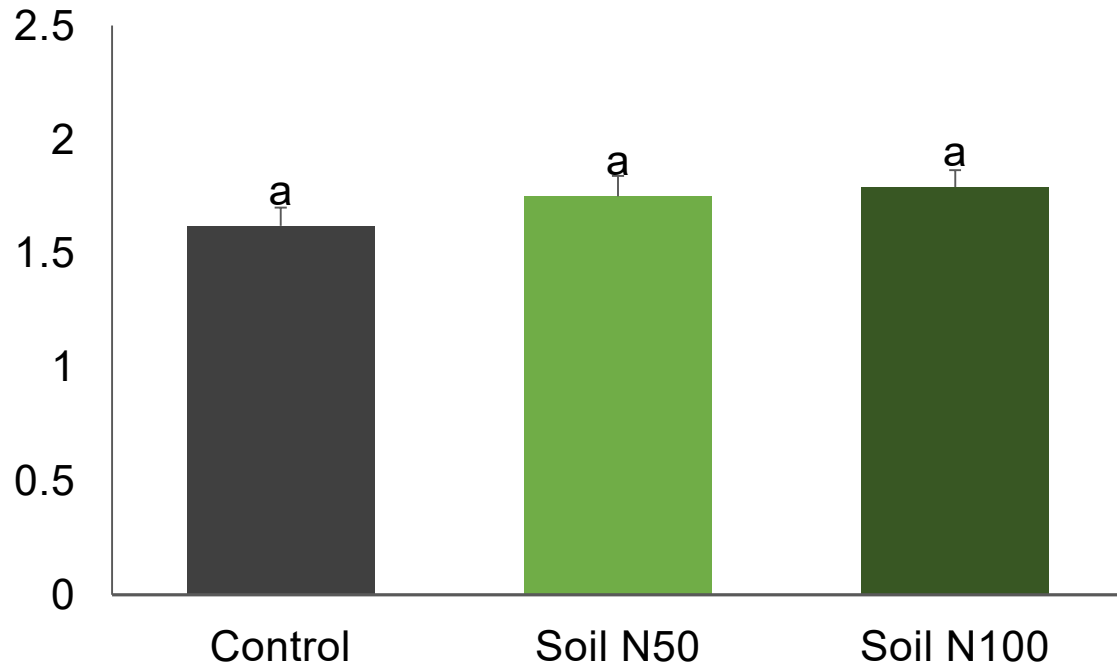
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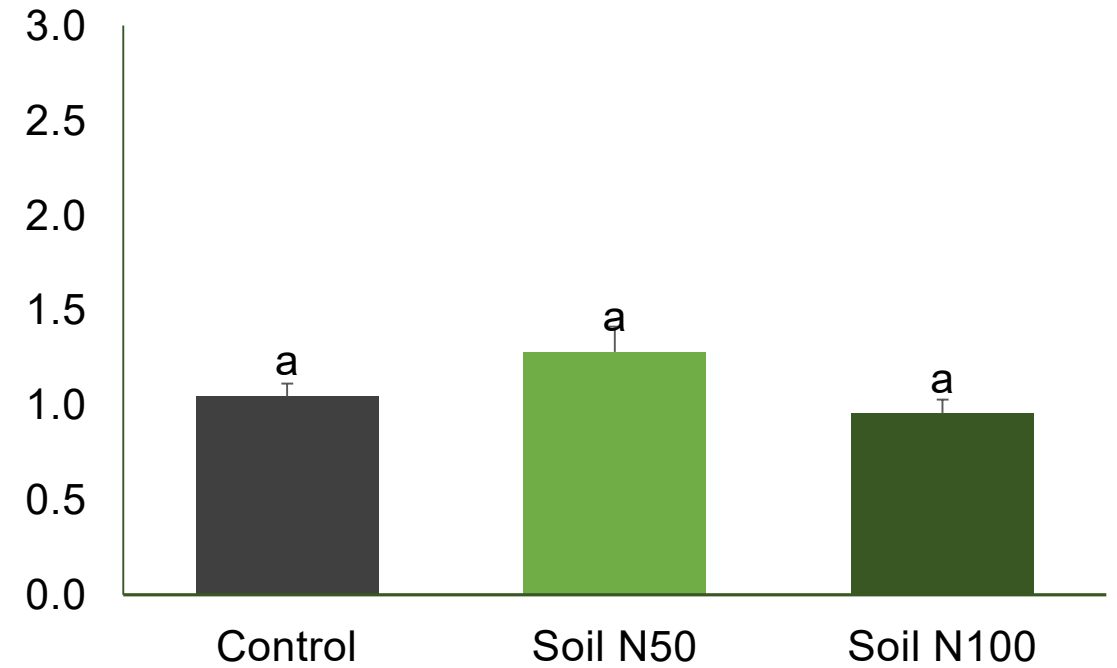
No effect of N supply on vigor.

Yield Components

Berry weight
(g/berry)



Yield
(kg/vine)



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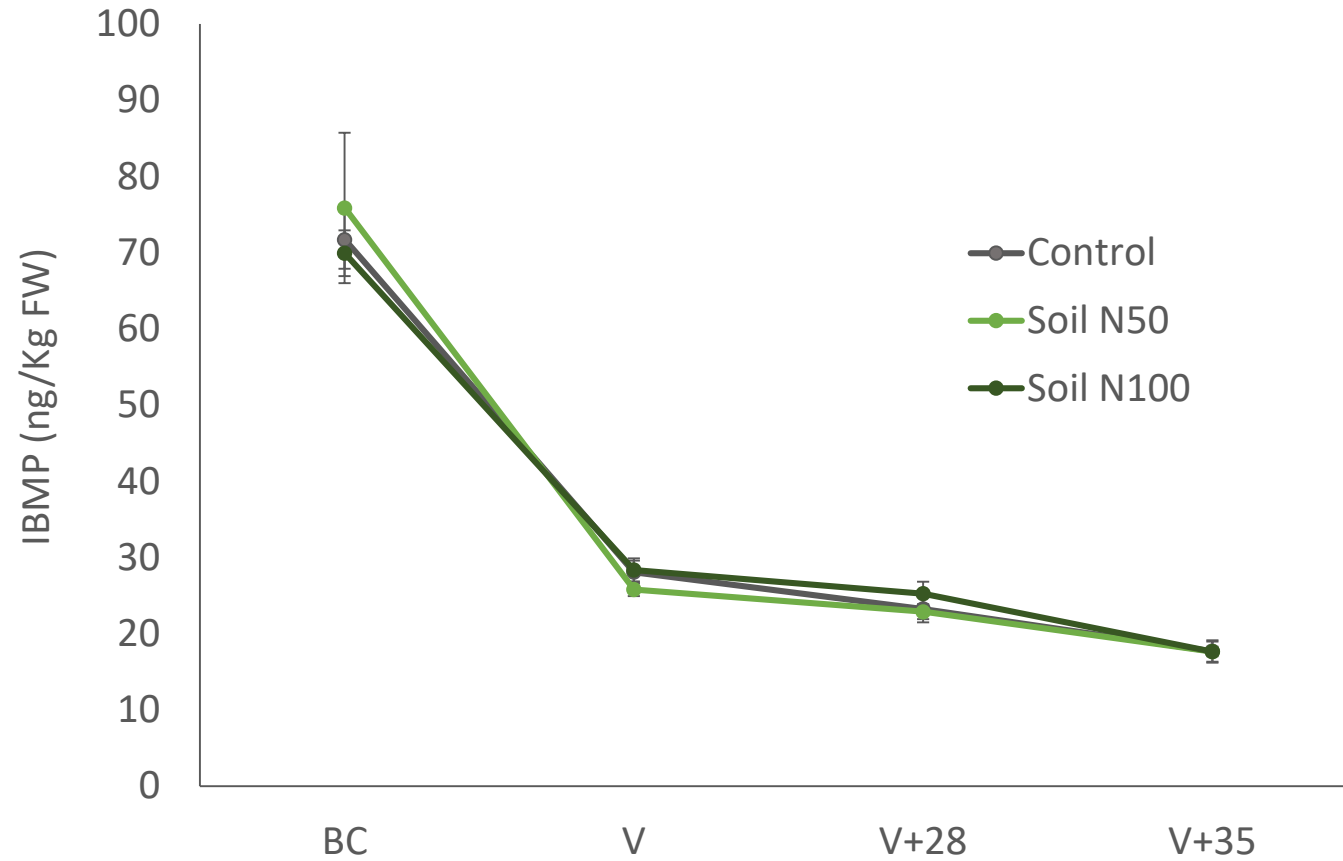
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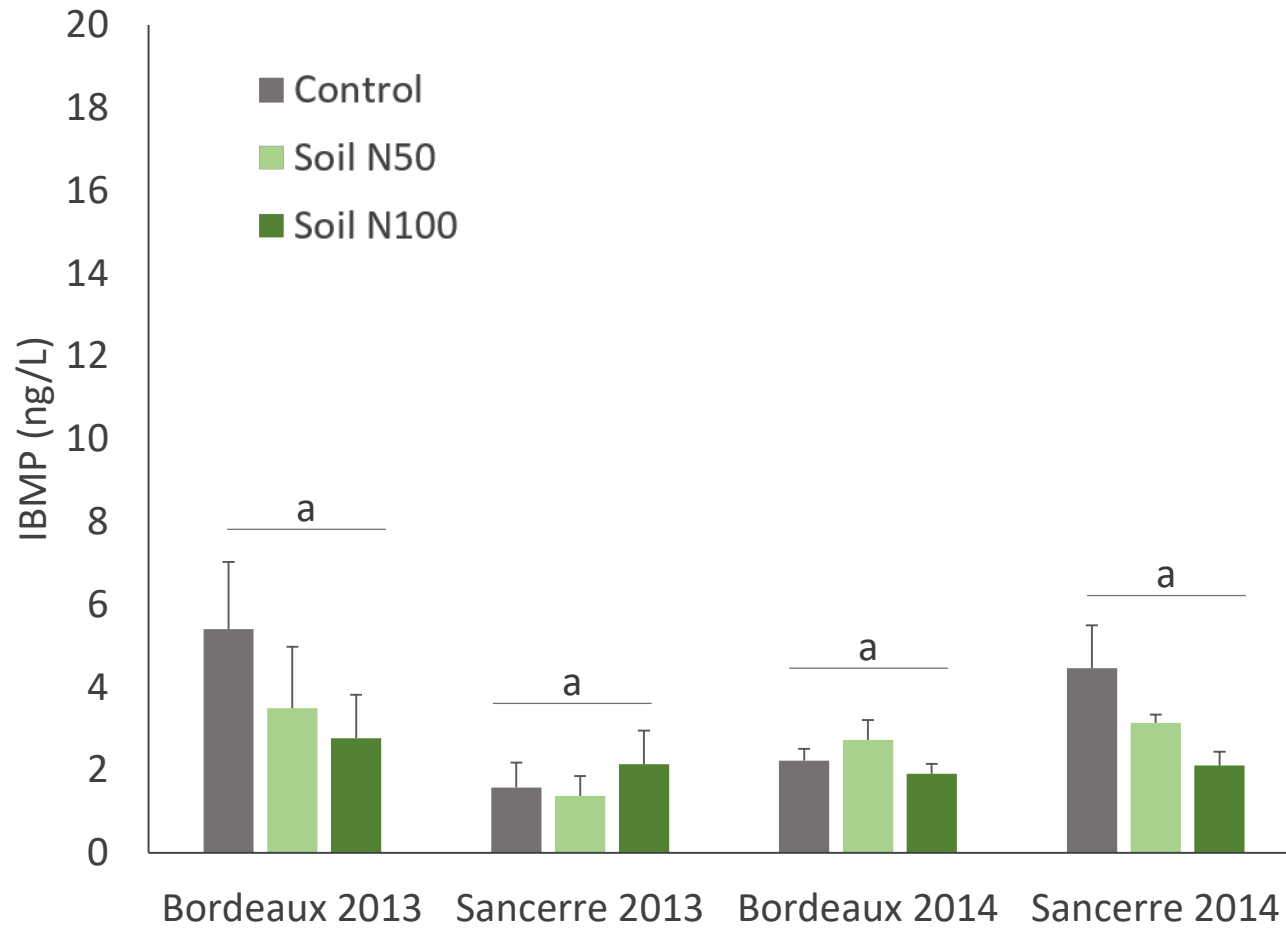
In grape berries



No effect of vine N status on IBMP levels in grape berries

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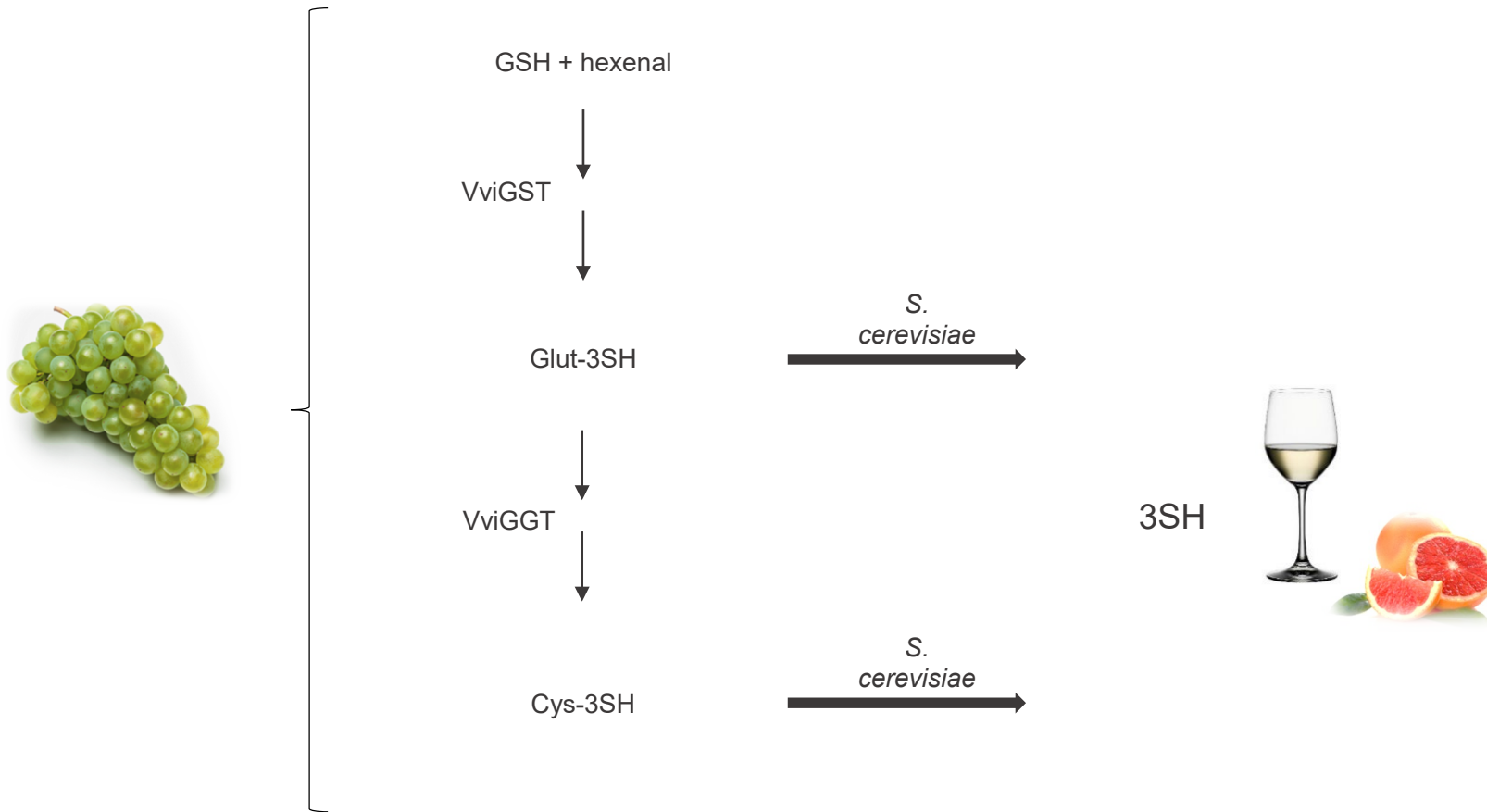


No effect of vine N status on IBMP levels in wine.

No direct effect of vine nitrogen status on IBMP level in grape berries and wines

Vine nitrogen status does not have a direct impact on IBMP in grape berries and wines
Helwi *et al.*, 2015, Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry (JAFC)

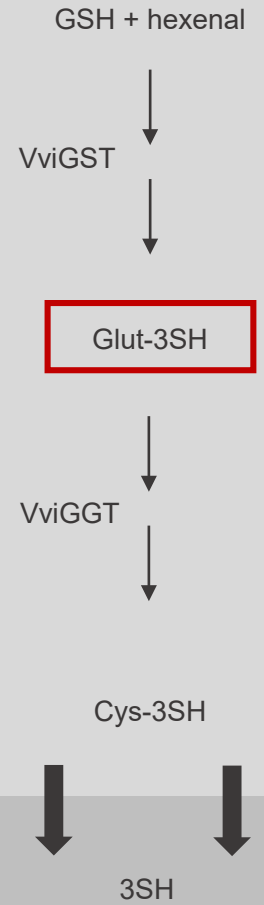
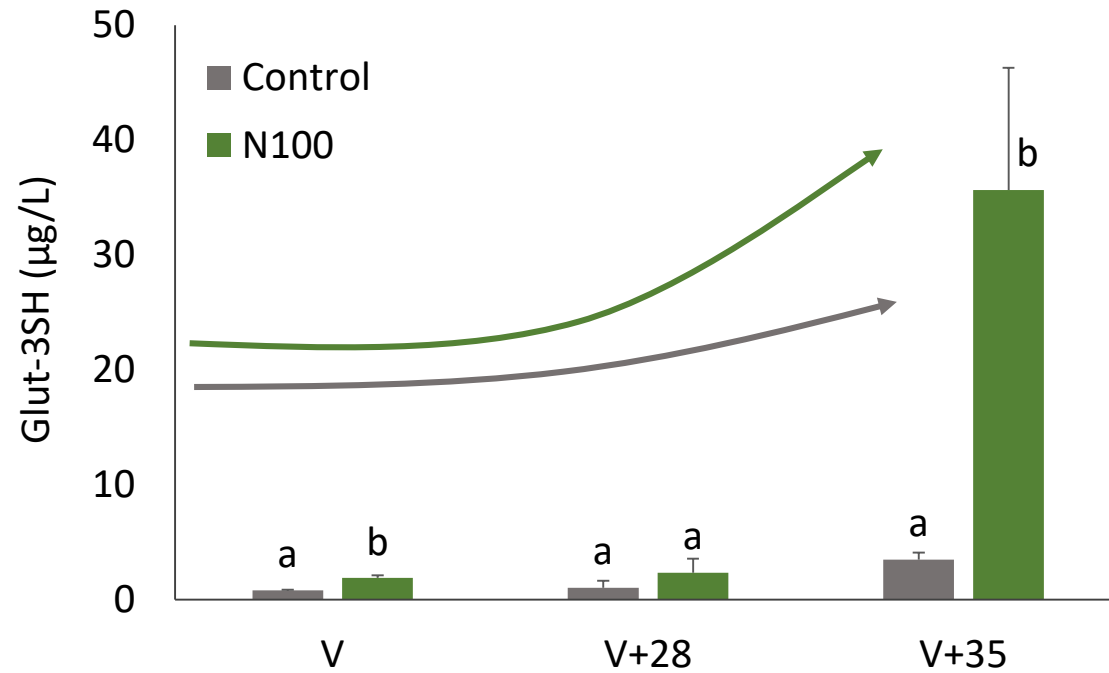
3SH and its Precursors



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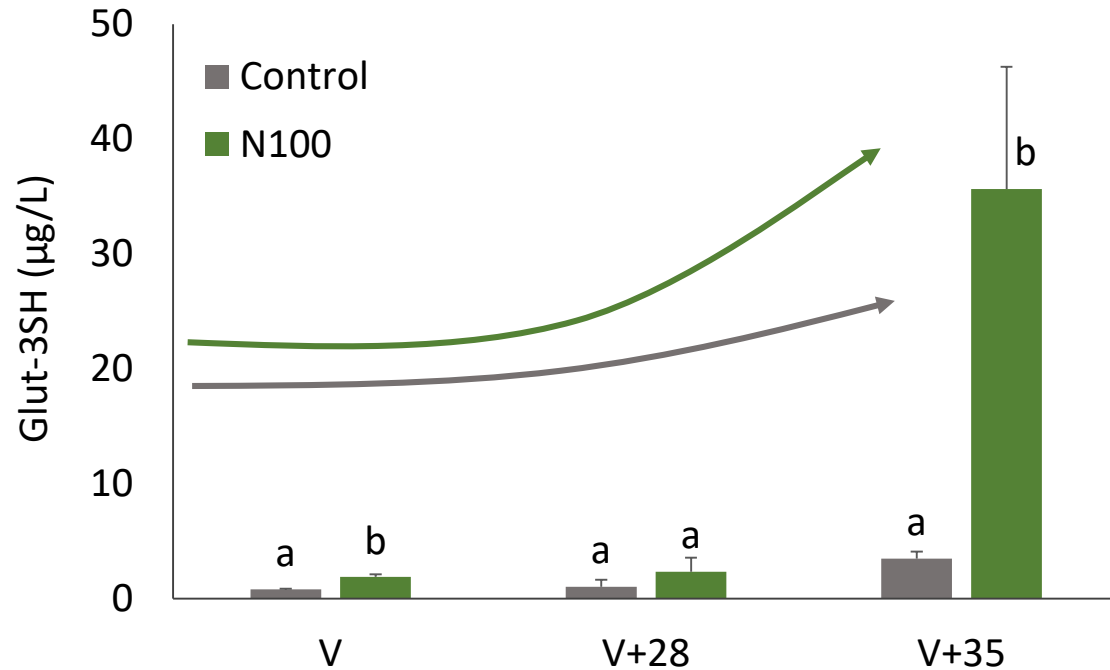
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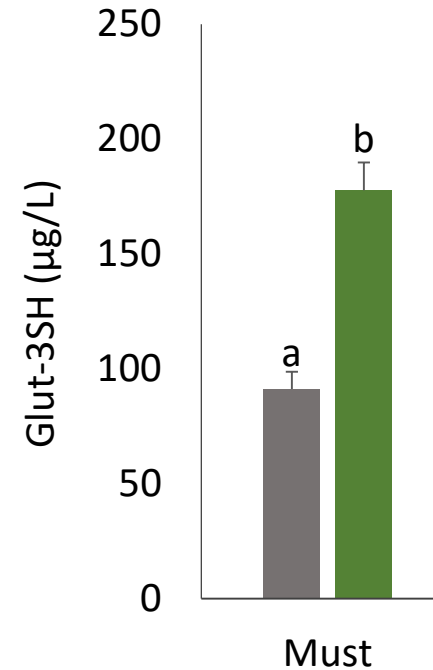


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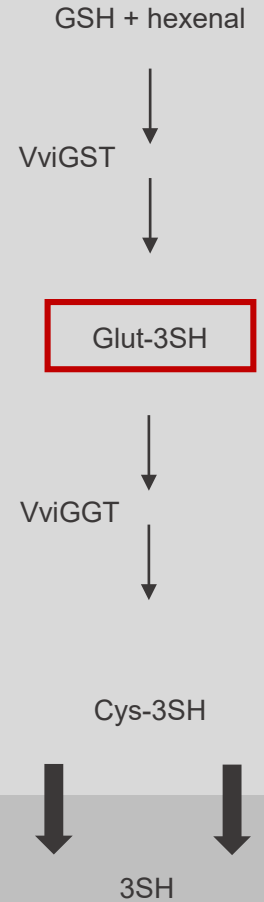
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In must

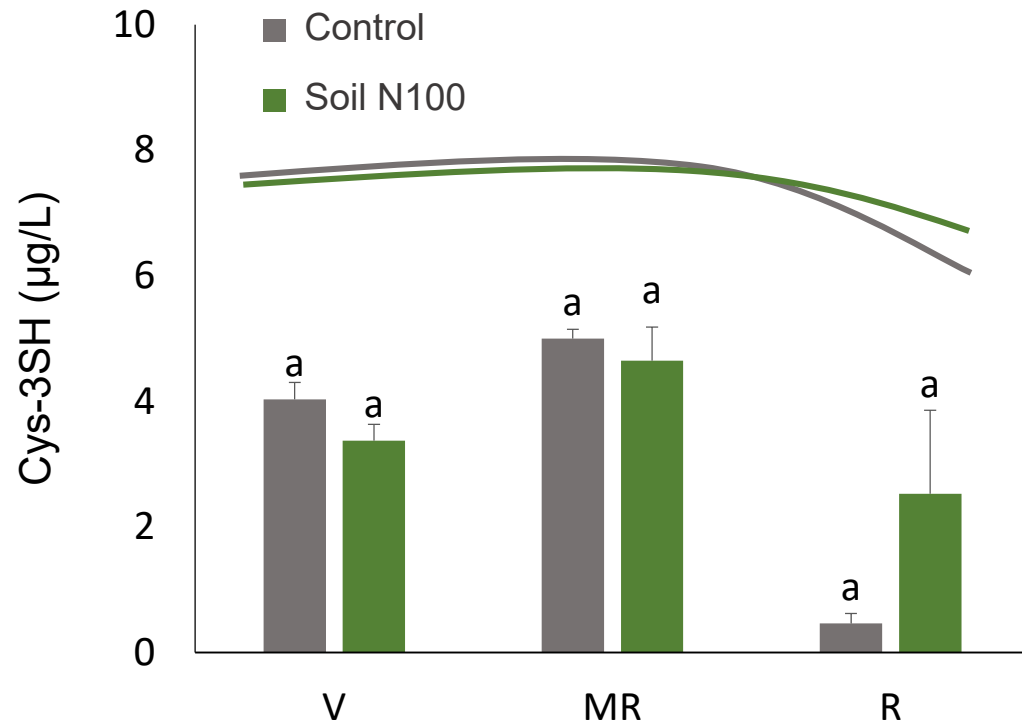


Positive effect of vine N status on Glut-3SH levels
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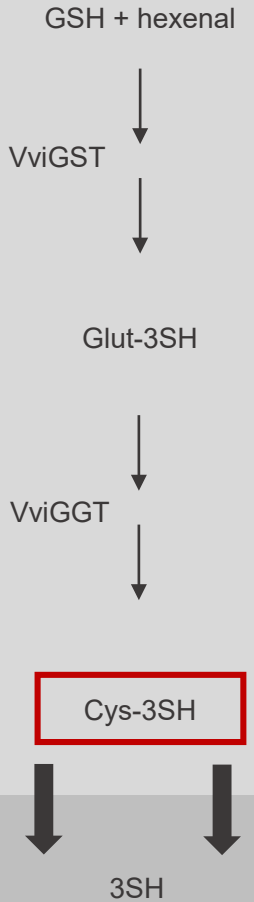


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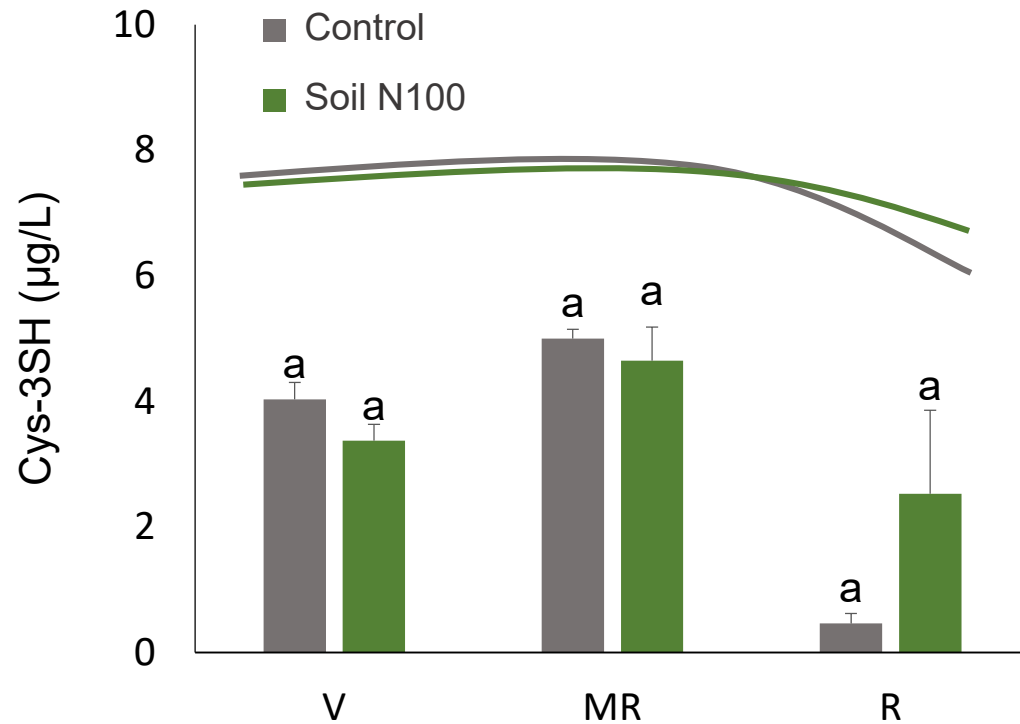


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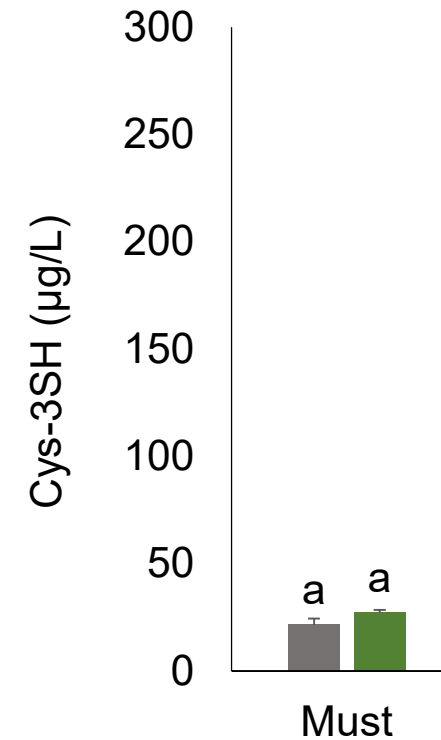


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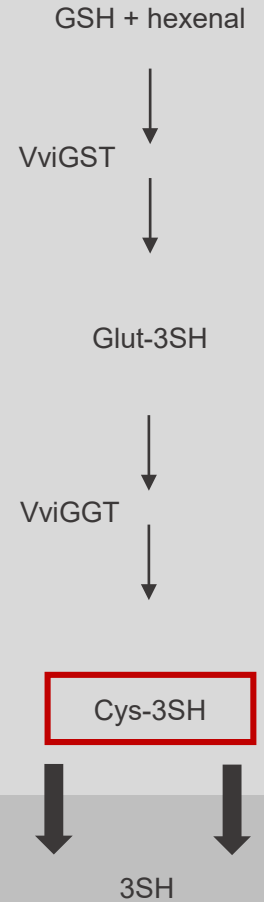
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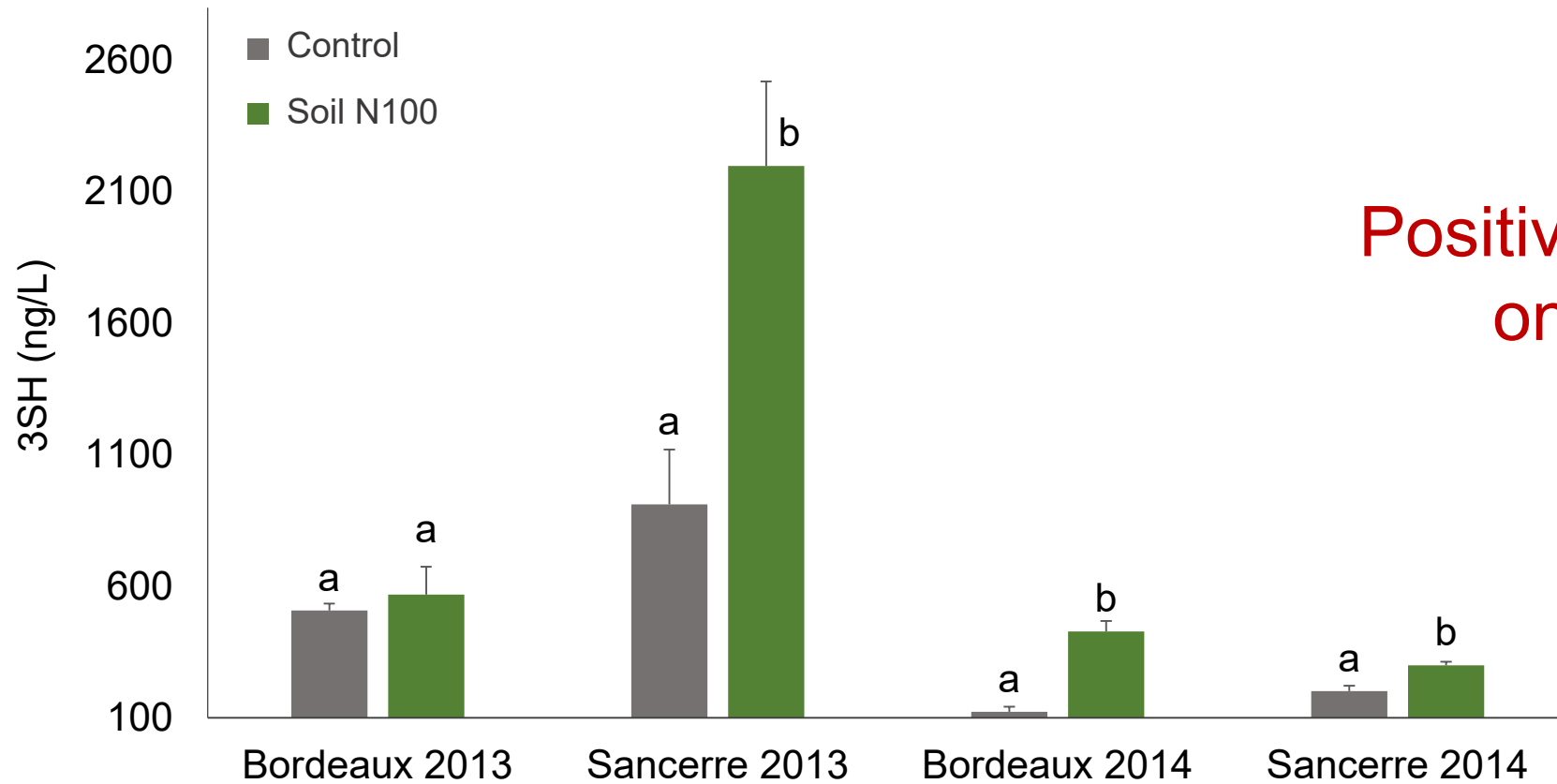


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3SH and its Precursors

In wine



Positive effect of vine N status
on 3SH levels in wine

Direct positive effect of vine nitrogen status on Glut-3SH level in berries & must and on 3SH level in wines

Independently from Cys-3SH

Vine nitrogen status and volatile thiols and their precursors from plot to transcriptome level

Helwi *et al.*, 2016, BMC Plant Biology

Conclusions

With N fertilization in the absence of water deficit and vigor variation :

IBMP



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**Vine nitrogen status does not have a direct impact
on IBMP in grape berries and wines**

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IBMP

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3SH



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IBMP
3SH
Glut-3SH

=



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3SH	▲		
Glut-3SH	▲	▲	▲
Cys-3SH		=	=

Vine nitrogen status impacts wine 3SH and Glut-3SH contents

Conclusions

With N fertilization in the absence of water deficit and vigor variation :



IBMP	=		=
3SH	▲		
Glut-3SH	▲	▲	▲
Cys-3SH		=	=

- Identification of *VviGSTU19* and *VviOPT*, candidate genes from 3SH precursors pathway

Articles

Vine nitrogen status and volatile thiols and their precursors from plot to transcriptome level

BMC Plant Biology, 2016

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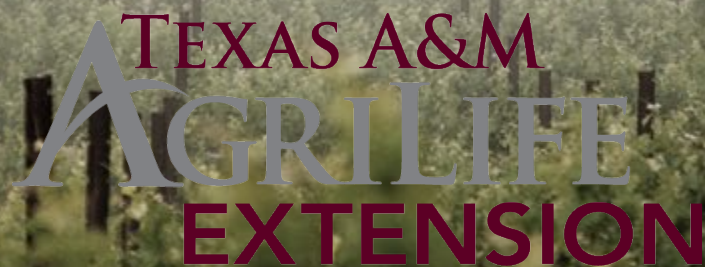
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WINE OF NEW ZEALAND

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Marlborough

LLANO
ESTACADO

2018

TEXAS

SAUVIGNON BLANC



Soils

Hills and valleys.

3 types of soil: clay and limestone, limestone and siliceous clay.

Climate

Temperate with a continental influence.

Average temperatures range from 30°F in winter to 79°F in summer.

Average rainfall is 30"/year, although the growing season is relatively dry.

Steep slopes promote good drainage.

Growing Practices

Minimum planting density: 2,300 vines per acre.

Pruning: Single or double guyot; cordon de royat.

Sancerre, Loire Valley France



Soils

Stony sandy loam over deep, stony gravels.

Climate

Semi-continental climate

Average temperatures range from 50°F in winter to 79°F in summer.

Low rainfall (~26"/year).

Growing Practices

Pruning: cane and spur pruning.

Marlborough
New Zealand



Soils

Gravelly loamy sand

Deep and well drained

Rocky (calcareous) top soils

Climate

High desert-semi arid at 4,000' elevation.

Hot days (95°F) during season and cool nights (60°F).

Very dry; less than 11"/year.

Growing Practices

Flood and drip irrigation.

Spur pruning and bilateral cordon.

Sprawling canopy for sunlight protection.

Dell Valley Vineyard Texas

