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# Red Leaves in the Vineyard: Biotic and Abiotic Causes

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# Red leaves in the vineyard are caused by many biotic and abiotic stresses

- Biotic (viruses and bacteria)  
Abiotic (nutrient deficiencies, cold injury etc.)
- Overlapping symptoms, makes it very difficult to identify the cause based only on visual symptoms
- The best strategy – Do not rely on guesswork, get the vines tested for accurate diagnosis ASAP

# Nutritional Deficiencies: Potassium



Potassium (K) deficiency in Cabernet Franc. Note leaves turning red in between the vein. Photo by Hemant Gohil



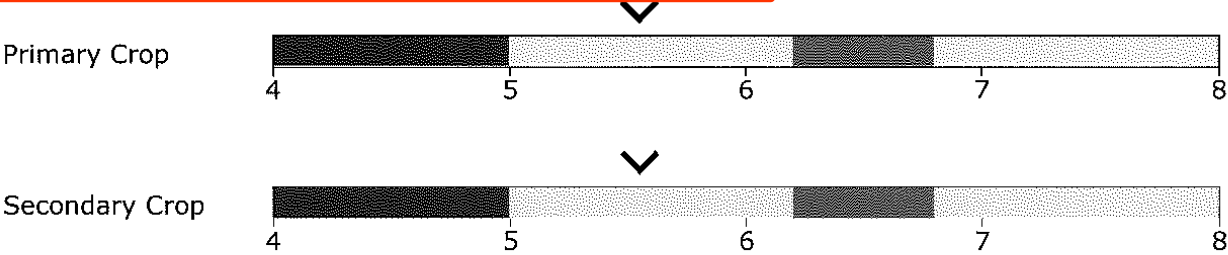




**Sample ID:** Northwest field

**Results and Interpretations**

**pH:** 5.55 Strongly acidic



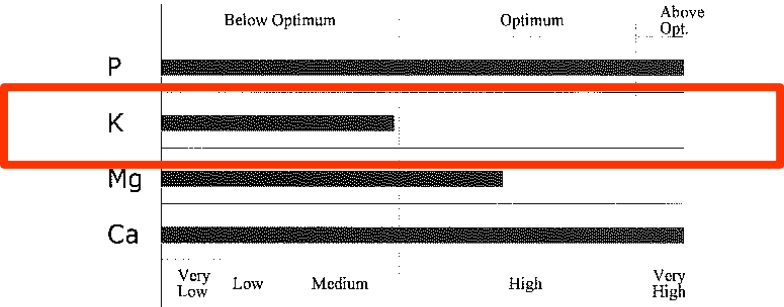
**Lime Requirement Index:** 7.74

The Lime Requirement Index (LRI) is a measure of the buffering capacity of the soil, its resistance to pH change, and is used to determine the appropriate amount of limestone, when necessary. LRI value near 8.0 indicates low buffering capacity of soil and a lower rate of limestone amendment compared to soil with high buffering capacity (LRI near 7.0).

**Macronutrients (pounds per acre)**

- Phosphorus:** 916 (Above Optimum)
- Potassium:** 143 (Below Optimum)
- Magnesium:** 211 (Optimum)
- Calcium:** 2650 (Above Optimum)

by Mehlich 3 extraction

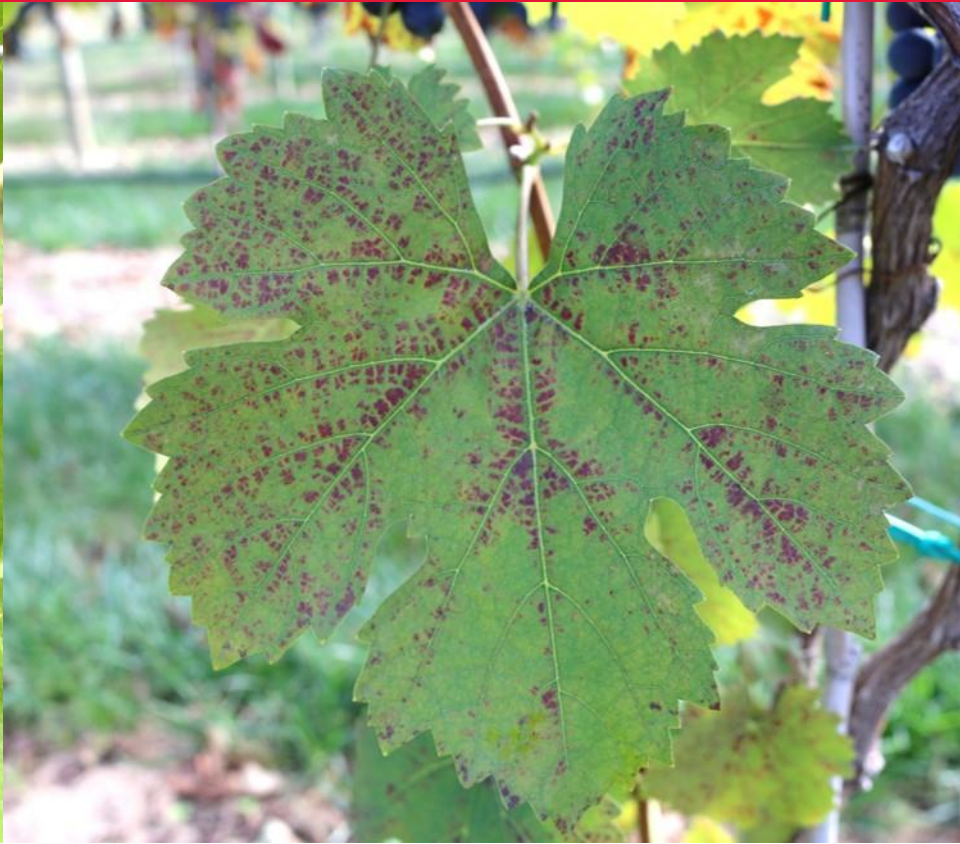


## To correct K deficiency...

- The target K level in petioles.
  - 1.5% - 2.5% (if sampled during bloom)
  - 1.2% - 2.0% (if sampled 70 days after bloom)
- Apply potash (KOH) fertilizer either foliar or to the soil depending on the urgency.
- If K deficiency is chronic after correction laboratory soil testing for nutrient and pH levels ASAP.



**K deficiency**



**Virus infection**



# Nutritional Deficiencies: Magnesium



Magnesium (Mg) deficiency in Chambourcin. Note the wedges of discoloration. Photo by Hemant Gohil



Mg deficiency in Cayuga



## To correct the Mg deficiency...

- Add Magnesium salt,  $\text{MgSO}_4$  (Epsom salts) if soil pH does not require adjustments.
- Target Mg level in petioles:  
0.3% - 0.5% at bloom; or 0.35% to 0.75 % if sampled 70 days after bloom.
- If your soil is acidic, apply dolomitic limestone (Mg containing limestone) as it will also raise the pH, improving the rate of Mg uptake.

# Nutritional Deficiencies: Phosphorous



Phosphorous (P) deficiency in Zinfandel. Note the reddening progression from the leaf margins. Photo by Gary Pavlis.



Virus Infected leave.



## To correct the P deficiency...

- The target P level for leaf petiole 0.13% - 0.30 %
- Mono-ammonium phosphate (MAP) and di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) are common sources of P fertilizer.
- P offers greater flexibility in terms of timing of application as it is less mobile in soil and does not leech away easily.
- Adjust the soil pH if it is lower than the optimum to improve P uptake.

# Viruses:

## Grapevine Leaf Roll Virus



Grapevine leafroll disease symptoms on Cab Sauvignon. Photo by Mizuho Nita



Grapevine leafroll disease symptoms on Chardonnay. Photo by Mizuho Nita



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## Grapevine Leaf Roll Virus



Grapevine leafroll disease symptoms on Cabernet Sauvignon. Photo by Mizuho Nita



Grapevine Red blotch virus in Cabernet Franc. Photo by Hemant Gohil.

# Grapevine Leaf Roll Virus can be disseminated by mealybugs or scale insects



Photo by Mizuho Nita



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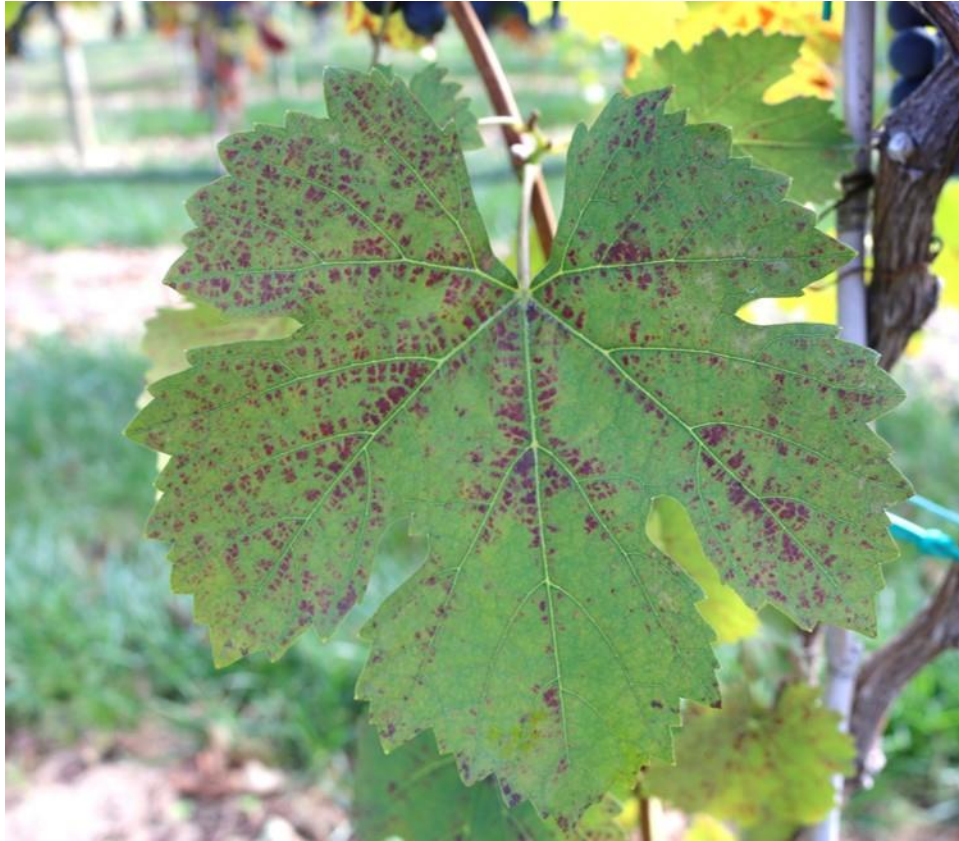
## Grapevine Red Blotch Virus



Grapevine red blotch disease symptoms on Merlot. Photo by Prashant Swami



# Red blotch Virus symptoms





# Virus Testing Labs

Agri-Analysis LLC: 930 Riverside Parkway, Suite #30, West Sacramento, CA 95605  
Phone: 800-506-9852 Email: [info@agri-analysis.com](mailto:info@agri-analysis.com)

AL&L Crop Solutions: 7769 N. Meridian Rd., Vacaville, CA 95688  
Phone: 530- 759-9460 Email: [info@allcropsolutions.com](mailto:info@allcropsolutions.com)

Eurofins STA Laboratories: 7240 Holsclaw Road, Gilroy, CA 95020  
Phone: 888-782-5220 Email: [juditmonis@eurofinus.com](mailto:juditmonis@eurofinus.com)

Sunburst Plant Disease: Clinic 677 East Oliver Avenue, Turlock, CA 95380  
Phone: 209-667-4442 Email: [slivingston@sunburstpdcinc.com](mailto:slivingston@sunburstpdcinc.com)

WSU ELISA Virus Testing Lab: 24106 N. Bunn Rd., Prosser, WA 99350  
Phone: 509-786-9382 Email: [Tina Vasile@wsu.edu](mailto:Tina_Vasile@wsu.edu)

# Sample collection



Collect leaf samples along with petioles

During the season



Collect cane samples  
with 3-4 nodes



In Winter



Do not collect  
small bits of canes





# Use proper labeling to determine any pattern of virus spread

Sr. #	Row	Sec	Plant	Cultivar	Symptoms	Red blotch	Leafroll-3
1	2	3	14	Petit verdot	Symptomatic	negative	negative
2	8	2	2	Petit verdot	Symptomatic	negative	negative
3	1	2	2	Cab franc	Symptomatic	positive	negative
4	3	18	2	Cab franc	Symptomatic	positive	negative
5	5	6	4	Cab franc	Symptomatic	positive	negative
6	5	3	1	Cab franc	Non-symptomatic	negative	negative
7	7	16	2	Cab franc	Symptomatic	positive	negative
8	9	11	1	Cab franc	Symptomatic	positive	negative
9	11	11	4	Cab franc	Symptomatic	positive	negative
10	11	17	2	Cab franc	Non-symptomatic	negative	negative

# Certified Planting Material is the most effective strategy to prevent introduction of virus diseases

## Foundation Plant Services Available Tests for Protocol 2010

Group	Pathogen	Symbols	ELISA	qPCR	PCR	Herb. Index	Woody Index
Nepoviruses	Grapevine fanleaf virus	GFLV	X	X	X	X	St. George
	Tomato ringspot virus	ToRSV	X	X	X	X	
	Tobacco ringspot virus	TRSV		X	X	X	
	Arabidopsis mosaic virus	ArMV	X		X	X	
	Strawberry latent ringspot virus	SLRSV		X	X	X	
	Blueberry leaf mottle virus	BLMV		X	X	X	
	Raspberry ringspot virus	RpRSV		X	X	X	
	Tomato black ring virus	TBRV		X	X	X	
	Grapevine deformation virus	GDefV		X	X	X	
	Artichoke Italian latent virus	AILV				X	
Closteroviruses	Grapevine leafroll associated virus 1	GLRaV-1	X	X	X		Cab. Franc
	Grapevine leafroll associated virus 2	GLRaV-2	X	X	X		Cab. Franc
	Grapevine leafroll associated virus 2RG	GLRaV-2RG		X	X		
	Grapevine leafroll associated virus 3	GLRaV-3	X	X	X		Cab. Franc
	Grapevine leafroll associated virus 4	GLRaV-4	X gen	X	X		Cab. Franc
	Grapevine leafroll associated virus 5	GLRaV-5	X gen	X	X		Cab. Franc
	Grapevine leafroll associated virus 6	GLRaV-6	X gen	X	X		Cab. Franc
	Grapevine leafroll associated virus 7	GLRaV-7		X	X		
	Grapevine leafroll associated virus 9	GLRaV-9	X gen	X	X		Cab. Franc
	Grapevine leafroll associated virus 10	GLRaV-10		X	X		Cab. Franc
	Grapevine leafroll associated virus 11	GLRaV-11	X		X		Cab. Franc
Vitiviruses	Grapevine leafroll associated virus Car.	GLRaCV	X gen	X	X		Cab. Franc
	Grapevine virus A	GVA		X	X		Kober 5BB
	Grapevine virus B	GVB		X	X		LN33
	Grapevine virus D	GVD		X	X		
	Grapevine virus E	GVE		X			
	Grapevine virus F	GVE		X			
Foveavirus	Grapevine rupestris stem pitting associated virus (all strains)	GRSPaV		X	X		St. George
Maculavirus	Grapevine fleck virus	GFkV	X	X	X		St. George
	Grapevine red globe virus	GRGV		X	X		
Marafiviruses	Grapevine syrah virus-1	GSyV-1		X	X		
	Grapevine vein feathering virus	GVEV		X	X		
	Grapevine asteroid mosaic virus	GAMV		X	X		
DNA Viruses	Grapevine red blight associated virus	GRBaV		X	X		
	Grapevine vein clearing virus	GVCV		X	X		
Phytoplasma	Universal detection	Phyto		X	X		
Pierce's Disease	<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>	PD		X	X		

Key:

X Test performed at FPS.

X = test is available;

X gen.= ELISA using generic antibody which detects GLRaVs-4, 5, 6, 9 and Car in a single test;

qPCR= quantitative PCR= real time RT-PCR with TaqMan probe; PCR= will include RT-PCR for RNA viruses.





Red foliar discoloration caused by crown gall.  
Photo by Mizuho Nita



A series of small crown gall  
formed under the bark of  
Merlot. Photo by M. Nita



# Crown Gall symptoms on leaves





# Strategies to prevent crown gall: Source clean plant material





# Strategies to prevent crown gall: retain multiple canes at the base





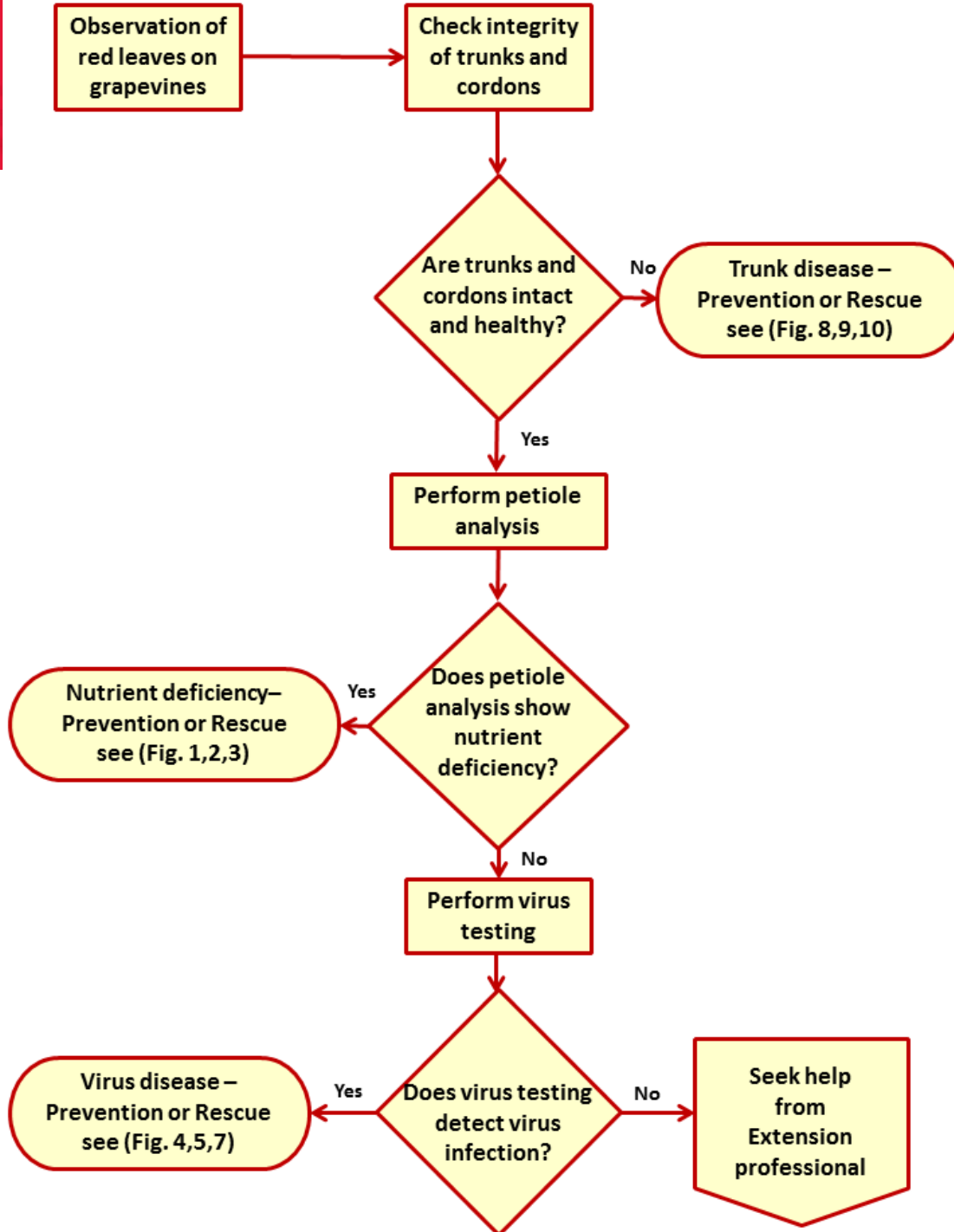
# Strategies to prevent crown gall: Hilling-Up



Hilling-up plus multiple canes at the base is the best strategy to prevent crown gall.



# Assessment of suspicious vines





Thank you!

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