How grapevines use water: a journey through the vine's vascular system

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Sustainable Water Use in Vineyards







Underground stream at 20m depth Menard, Texas, USA

Water absorption by fine roots



Long distance water transport in xylem













Water loss from leaves by transpiration





Cohesion-Tension Mechanism





Drought resistance:

the ability of a plant to continue growth when exposed to periods of water stress

Searching for rootstock characteristics linked to improved water use efficiency

Vitis germplasm collection- Dr. Andy Walker



Improved water uptake via extensive and/or efficient root systems

- a. large & active root system
- b. high permeability of fine roots
- c. prevent/promote leakage to soil
- d. efficient xylem transport
- e. cavitation resistance/limit embolism
- f. ability to repair embolism

a. Large & active root system





b. high permeability of fine roots c. prevent/promote leakage to soil

Water Uptake by Fine Roots



Inherent, Non-Stressed Aquaporin Expression



Aquaporins

Gambetta et al. 2012 JXB

Fine root hydraulic conductivity for 110R = permeability



New, white roots more permeable, but old roots are too

Suberization



Wet

Dry



- Decreasing permeability & leakiness \rightarrow

- Differential response among rootstocks
- How is this affected by irrigation management?
- How can we manipulate this?





Photograph

Neutron Radiograph

X-Ray





<u>110R</u> maintains water permeability into roots, but limits leakiness under drought

<u>101-14</u> water permeability decreases into roots, but maintains leakiness under drought

d. efficient xylem transporte. cavitation resistance/limit embolismf. embolism repair



Advanced Light Source Synchrotron–LBNL, Berkeley, CA



X-ray Micro-Tomography Beamline

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Inner Space (1987)



Human hair = 100 mm

CT resolution <1.0 mm



Examples of Grapevine Xylem



TANAX- Tomography-based Automated Network Analysis for Xylem



Brodersen et al., 2011

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Structure and # of bridge cells differ between Vitis arizonica & V. vinifera

More bridges & open bridges in *V. vinifera*



Passive reverse flow even under high transpiration- Lee *et al.* 2013







Pierce's Disease of Grapevines

Lenoir & Blanc du Bois PD resistant winegrapes Fritz Westover- Texas A&M

Live, Potted Grapevine in the CT system



Drought-induced embolism- blocks xylem







Embolism repair in grapevines



Brodersen et al 2010



V.riparia



V.champinii









Living cells responsible for embolism repair in *V. vinifera*







Currently combining: Laser Capture Microdissection, RNA seq, and HRCT



High resolution scans (5X) of grapevine stem



Visualization of vessel connections





Pedicel: Vessel structure over berry ripening









This concludes your journey

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Single Root Injections







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Vascular

Rootstock Water Use

Transport



Technology to Quantify Water Use

Surface Renewal

Surface Renewal Summary

- Prototypes complete and deployed
- Validated against gold standards
- Economically viable, site specific ET
 - Patented, LLC formed
 - Amount and potentially timing
 - Research systems = less expensive

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