Cold Hardiness in our Grape Varieties

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Active Growth



Surviving winter is hard!











What does cold damage look like?



In a grapevine: **bud freezing = bud death**

We can measure when a bud freezes using Differential Thermal Analysis



Differential Thermal Analysis











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What can we do we do with this?

Characterize hardiness for each cultivar, including:

- acclimation in the fall
- maintenance of hardiness in midwinter
- deacclimation in the spring



What can we do we do with this?

Calculate cold hardiness in Wisconsin using a model developed in Washington





What can we do we do with this?

We can adjust the model using data from vines grown in Wisconsin as a reference.



What is changing in the model?



















- -The adjusted model calculates bud cold hardiness very well.
- But more data collected during varying winter conditions will improve its predictions in future winters.

LT50 and Daily Maximum/Minimum Temperatures in 2018-19





Hourly Temperature at WMARS from 1/19/19 to 2/7/19



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Sample on 2/1:

- No LTE in DTA, worried there was severe damage
- Dissection showed 5-20% damage depending on cultivar

Sample on 2/5:

- LTE visible in DTA, things looked "normal"
- Dissection showed similar damage as on 2/1

Hypothesis: Cold air dehydrated buds to the point that DTA couldn't detect LTEs. This dehydration might have protected the buds from intracellular ice forming during the polar vortex temperatures.











Summary

- 1. Continuing to measure seasonal variation in grapevine bud cold hardiness with DTA
- 2. Adapting the cold hardiness model for use with hybrids in Wisconsin's climate
- 3. Grapevines are resilient!

*Future work will target deacclimation and dormancy requirements for better predicting

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Thank you for your attention! Questions?

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