

I THOUGHT I KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT GRAPE GROWING UNTIL THE NEXT GROWING SEASON CAME: WHAT THE VINES CAN TELL YOU

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- ▶ When I Visit:
 - ▶ What you share is held in confidence. I am not there to judge you!
 - ▶ Many times you hold the information from the past that can solve the problem
 - ▶ If you don't wear shirts with pockets ...start now
 - ▶ Working together we can find solutions

**PATIENT CLIENT PRIVILEGE
CONUNDRUM**

- ▶ What brings you in today? (Something is wrong with my grape plants)
- ▶ What hurts? (My livelihood if this can't be remedied)
- ▶ What are your symptoms? (Spots on leaves)
- ▶ How long has this been going on? (About a week)
- ▶ Has the pain been getting worse? (The spots are increasing)
- ▶ Do you smoke? Do you take any recreational drugs? Do you drink alcohol and how often? (I will not ask these questions)

QUESTIONS TYPICALLY ASKED BY MD

- ▶ Do you have a family history of this? (Have you had these symptoms other years?)
- ▶ Do you take any medicines or supplements? (What have you sprayed, when, how much. What fertilizers have you applied, when, how much)
- ▶ Are you sexually active? (The grapevines are hermaphroditic)
- ▶ Have you had any previous surgeries? (What other problems have you dealt with in the past)
- ▶ Does it hurt when I push here? (Fortunately grapes wine when pressed)
- ▶ Are you allergic to any medicines? (Did you spray something your vines don't like?)

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"More and more patients are going to the Internet for medical advice. To keep my practice going, I changed my name to Dr. Google."

Plant Chart

- Cultivar
- Age
- Site history
 - Previous crops
 - Management history
 - Current management practices
- Spray application records
- Management of surrounding fields
- Weather information



ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS?

- ▶ mechanical
 - ▶ Abrasions and breakage
- ▶ Environmental
 - ▶ Temperature, light, moisture, wind
- ▶ Chemical
 - ▶ Fertilizer, pesticides, Ozone

ABIOTIC PLANT DAMAGE



- ▶ Pests

- ▶ Insects, mites, rodents, deer, and humans

- ▶ Pathogens

- ▶ Fungi, bacteria, viruses



BIOTIC PLANT DAMAGE

- ▶ Look for patterns
- ▶ Location of damage: young leaves, older leaves, shoot, canes, petioles, penduncle , rachis, berries
- ▶ Radiation/spread of problem – confined to a block a cultivar

SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO ID

- ▶ Leaf spots – not consistent pattern on leaves
 - ▶ Chlorotic –yellowing
 - ▶ Necrotic - browning
- ▶ Shoot spots
- ▶ Fruiting bodies

FUNGAL ID CHARACTERISTICS

- ▶ Sometimes form leaf spots, mosaic patterns, or pustules on leaves and fruits
- ▶ Fruit rots – Acetobacter
- ▶ Galls –crown gall

BACTERIAL ID CHARACTERISTICS

- ▶ Often inhibit chlorophyll formation resulting in mottling, stunting, distortion, yellowing and vine dieback
- ▶ Grapevine vein clearing virus (GVCCV)
- ▶ Grapevine fanleaf virus (GFLV)
- ▶ Over 70 virus or virus -like agents

VIRAL ID CHARACTERISTICS

- ▶ Often see symptoms and not pest itself!
 - ▶ Ragged or chewed leaves
 - ▶ Rolled leaves
 - ▶ Tunnels in leaves
 - ▶ Holes in shoots, trunks, and berries

INSECT ID CHARACTERISTICS

- ▶ Mechanical – weed trimmers
- ▶ Physical – environmental extremes
- ▶ Drought/Flooding
- ▶ Chemicals
- ▶ Nutrient deficiencies

ABIOTIC ID CHARACTERISTICS

- Often observe damage and not rodent itself
- Voles – trunk damage
- Birds – berry damage
- Raccoons – berry and vine damage
- Management – exclusion



RODENT ID CHARACTERISTICS

Symptoms

- ▶ Cracked/split fruit
- ▶ Necrotic fruit
- ▶ Leaf tatters
- ▶ Disease absent on leaves and shoots



CASE EXAMPLE 1

Symptoms

- ▶ Necrotic leaves and shoots near ground
- ▶ Above ground shoots no showing symptoms
- ▶ Early season
- ▶ Herbicides not applied

CASE EXAMPLE 2



Symptoms

- ▶ Chlorotic spots
- ▶ Newly established vines
- ▶ Symptoms absent on new growth
- ▶ Weeds appear controlled

CASE EXAMPLE 3



Symptoms

- ▶ Necrotic leaf lesions
- ▶ Bronzing from leaf lesions



CASE EXAMPLE 4

Symptoms

- ▶ Necrotic leaf lesions
- ▶ Bronzing from leaf lesions



CASE EXAMPLE 4 CONT.

Symptoms

- ▶ Necrotic leaf lesions
- ▶ Bronzing from leaf lesions



CASE EXAMPLE 4 CONT.

Symptoms

- ▶ Necrotic pith and vascular system
- ▶ Damage confined to area in a vineyard block

CASE EXAMPLE 4 CONT.



Symptoms

- ▶ What is most striking to you in this vineyard?



CASE EXAMPLE 5



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Symptoms

- ▶ Berry/Flower abortion
- ▶ Fingering on leaves



CASE EXAMPLE 5 CONT.

Symptoms

- ▶ Vines chlorotic
- ▶ Confined to an area in vineyard block



CASE EXAMPLE 6





CASE EXAMPLE 6 CONT.

Results from Leaf Samples

Analysis ¹	Result
2,4-D	0.010 PPM
Clopyralid	ND ²
Dicamba	ND
MCPA	ND
Picloram	ND
Mesotrione	0.70 PPB

¹SGS North America, Brookings SD.

²ND represents not detected.

Symptoms

- ▶ Cultivar – Norton
- ▶ Defoliated quickly around mid to late June
- ▶ Leaves had botrytis and phomopsis
- ▶ Bleached spur covered with pycnidia

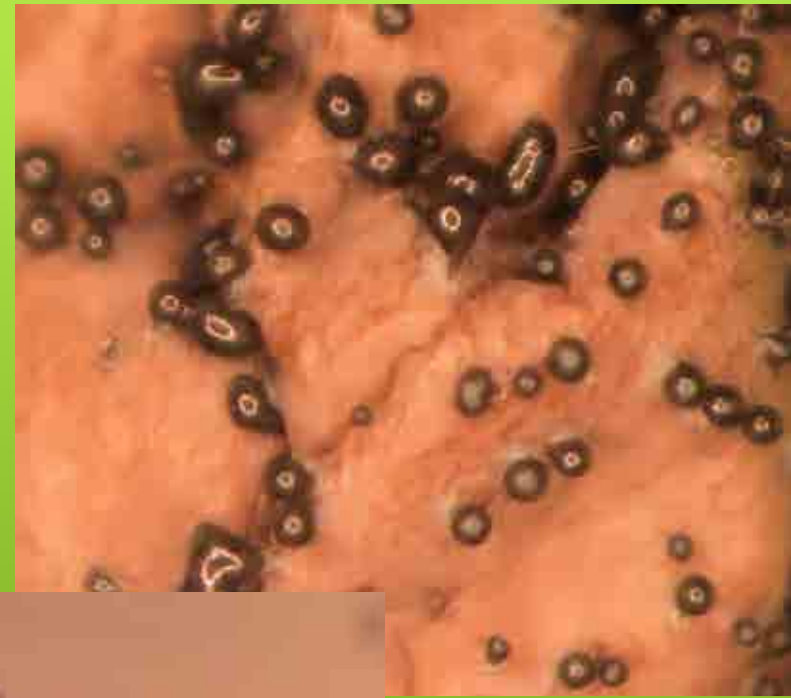
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Symptoms

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CASE 7 CONT.





CASE 8



CASE 9





CASE 10



CASE 11

CASE 12



- ▶ Every growing season presents a different challenge
- ▶ These seldom are predictable
- ▶ Better not to worry instead focus first on what you know

“JUST ONE MORE THING”

-COLUMBO

- ▶ Downy mildew
- ▶ Black rot
- ▶ Grape Berry Moth
- ▶ Foliar phylloxera

FOR MORE THAN 150 YEARS

Diseases

- ▶ Phomopsis
- ▶ Black Rot
- ▶ Downy mildew
- ▶ Powdery mildew
- ▶ Anthracnose
- ▶ Late Season Rots

Insect Pests

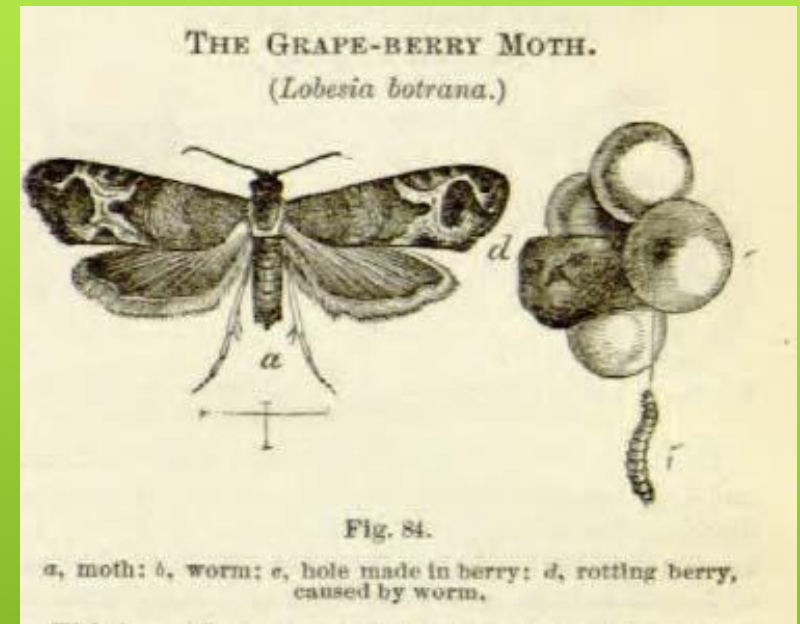
- ❖ Japanese beetles
- ❖ Grape berry moth

Trunk Diseases

Other Pests

- ❖ Birds
- ❖ Deer
- ❖ Rodents

THE BASIC PESTS



- ▶ Needs moist plant tissue for infection
- ▶ Susceptible period; bud break to bloom
- ▶ Infections at bloom become latent
- ▶ Prune out infected canes
- ▶ ½ to 1” tissue at budbreak needs protection



PHOMOPSIS

- ▶ Needs moist plant tissue for infection
- ▶ Berries highly susceptible to infection first two weeks after bloom
- ▶ Berries develop resistance 5 to 6 weeks after bloom
- ▶ Prune out mummy berries
- ▶ Immediate pre -bloom and post bloom cover sprays are important

BLACK ROT



- ▶ Needs moist plant tissue for infection
- ▶ All green tissue susceptible
- ▶ Berries become resistant 4 to 5 weeks after bloom
- ▶ Overwinters on infected leaves

DOWNY MILDEW



- ▶ Plant tissue moisture not needed for infection
- ▶ Infections develop within shaded canopy
- ▶ Inflorescence susceptible immediate pre-bloom then berries susceptible after fruit set
- ▶ Berries become resistant 2 to 4 weeks after bloom
- ▶ Overwinters as cleistothecia on trunks, cordons and spurs

POWDERY MILDEW



- ▶ Needs moist plant tissue for infection (prolonged wet and 70 to 80 ° F)
- ▶ Highly susceptible cultivars include; Vidal blanc, Marquette, Frontenac, La Crescent and Swenson cultivars – Edelweiss, Espirit, Brianna, St. Pepin and Swenson white
- ▶ Mancozeb, captan, ziram

ANTHRACNOSE



- ▶ Needs moist tissue for infection (6 -12 hours), 72 to 77° F
- ▶ Infection period from bloom to harvest
- ▶ Early infections latent until veraison
- ▶ Often misdiagnosed as black rot
- ▶ Anecdotally bitter rot increasing

BITTER ROT

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BITTER ROT