Relationship of Growing Degree Days to Bud Break and Harvest Timing for Hybrid Grape Cultivars

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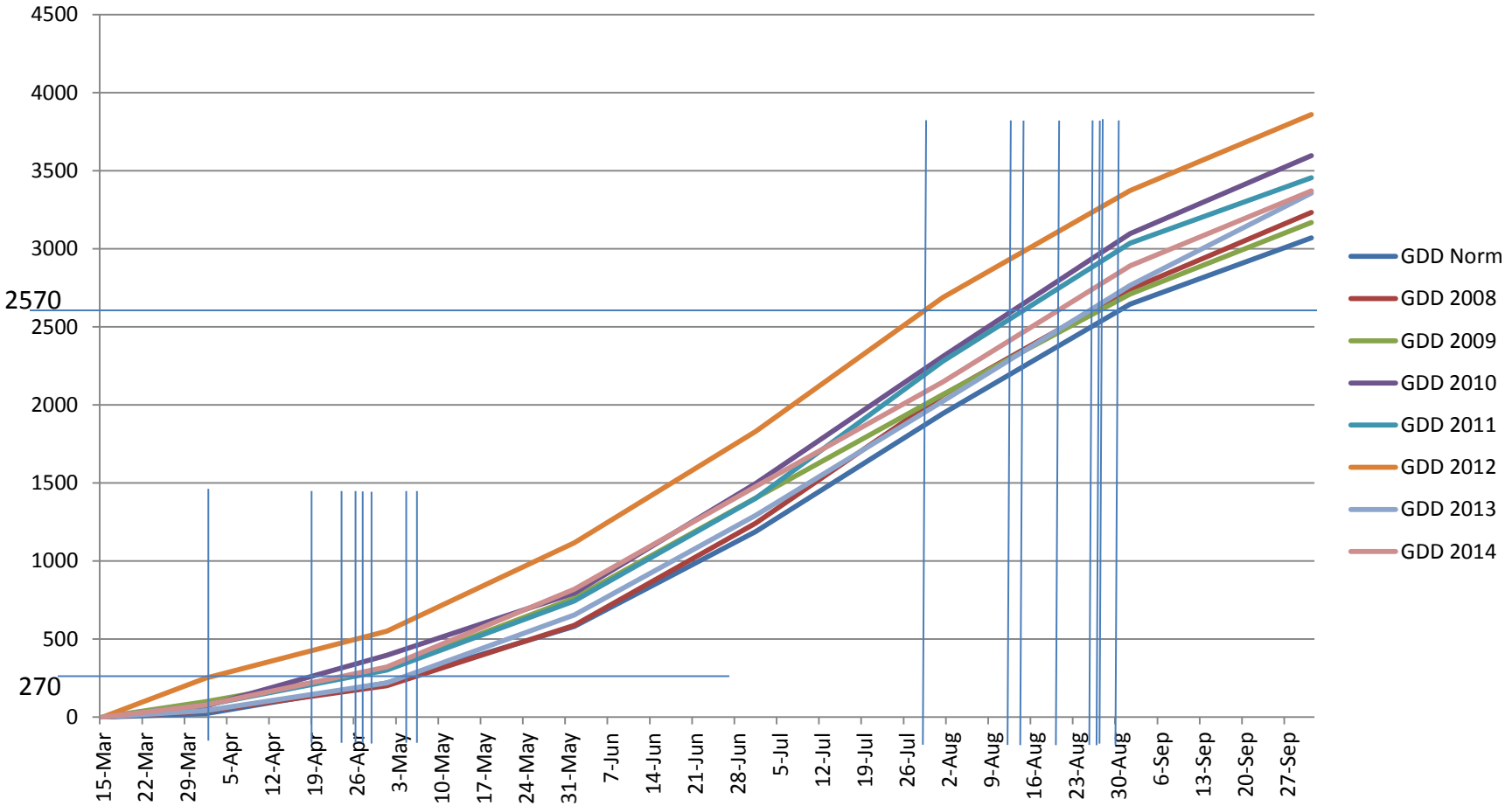
Growing Degree Day Graphic for the last Seven Years



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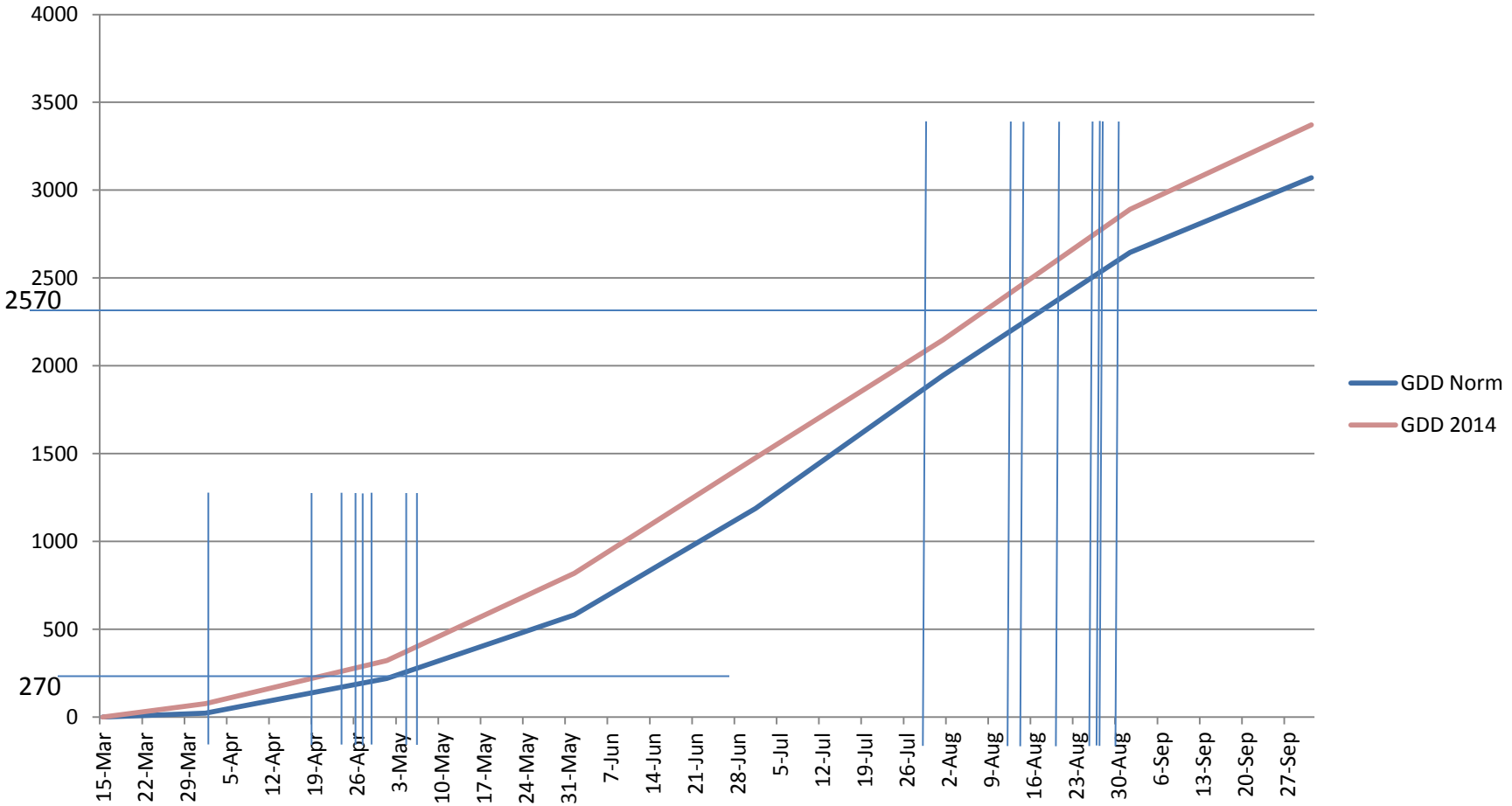
Growing Degree Day Graphic for 2014



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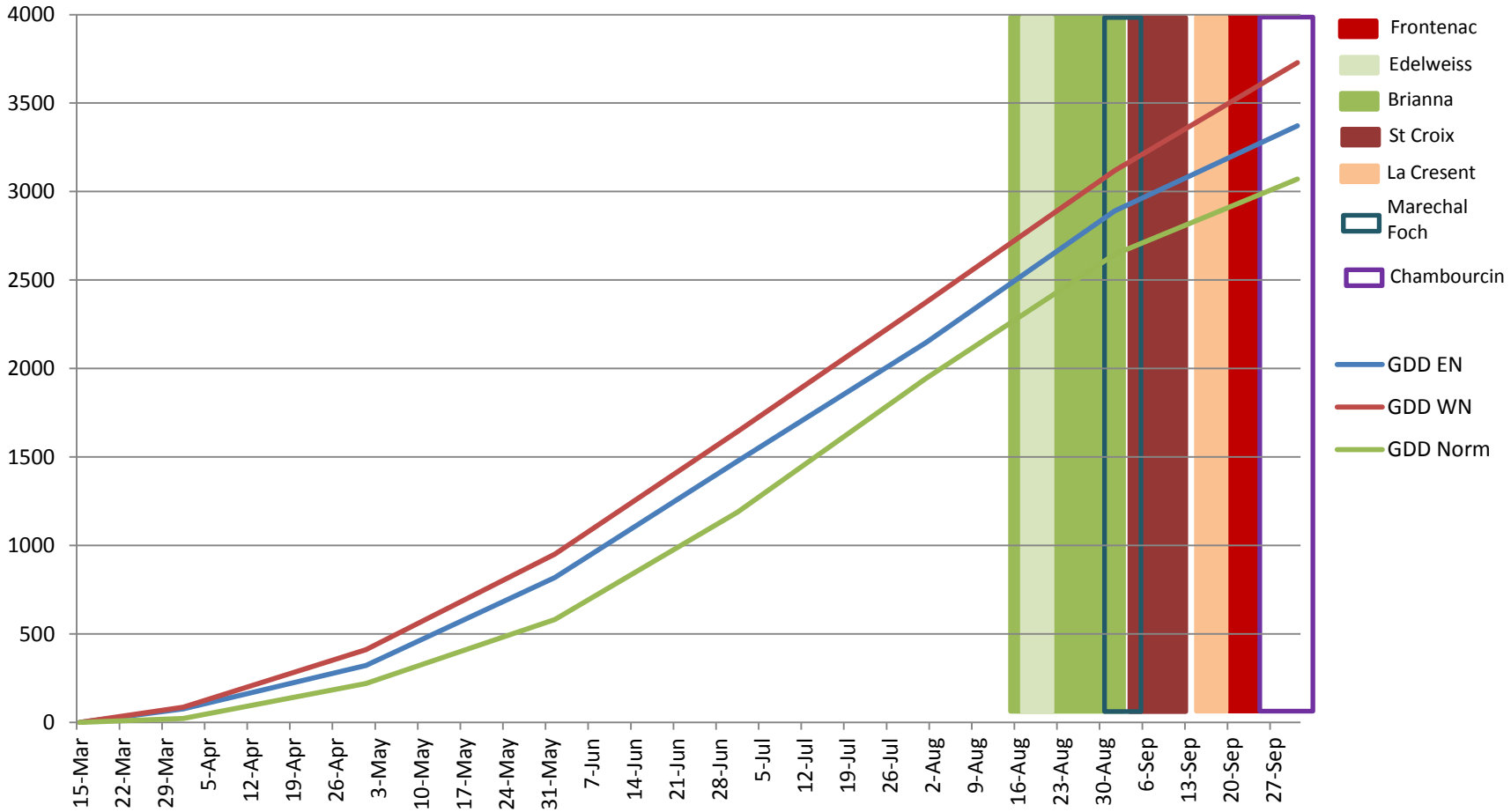
Year	Bud Break *271 GDD (May 6)	Maturity *2569 GDD (Aug 16)	
2008	May 9	Aug 22	(106 days)
2009	Apr 25	Aug 23	(121 days)
2010	Apr 17	Aug 9	(115 days)
2011	Apr 27	Aug 11	(107 days)
2012	Apr 1	Jul 26	(117 days)
2013	May 7	Aug 22	(108 days)
2014	Apr 27	Aug 17	(113 days)

*Growing Degree Days Calculations are Based on a Starting Date of March 15

112 days average

Range of Harvest Dates by Cultivar for 2014



Harvest Range Dates

Edelweiss
August 17-20
GDD 2782-2854

Prairie Star
August 19
GDD 2830

Brianna
August 15–Sept 3
GDD 2732-3184

Seyval
Sept 10
GDD 3339

Maréchal Foch
Sept 1–10
GDD 3142-3339

St Croix
Sept 3-13
GDD 3349

St Pepin
Sept 13
GDD 3349

La Crescent
Sept 16-18
GDD 3405

Frontenac
Sept 23-26
GDD 3561-3633

Chambourcin
Sept 26-30
GDD 3633

Norton
Sept 28-30
GDD 3681-3729

Growing Degree Days Matter

Clearly other factors can influence harvest timing:

canopy management, rainfall/irrigation, winemaker's stylistic preferences and many others.

However, GDD are a good starting point and as we accumulate more GDD data we will share that data.

More information will enable more refining of harvest timing.