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Il miglioramento genetico della vite:  
quando tradizione e innovazione si  
incontrano

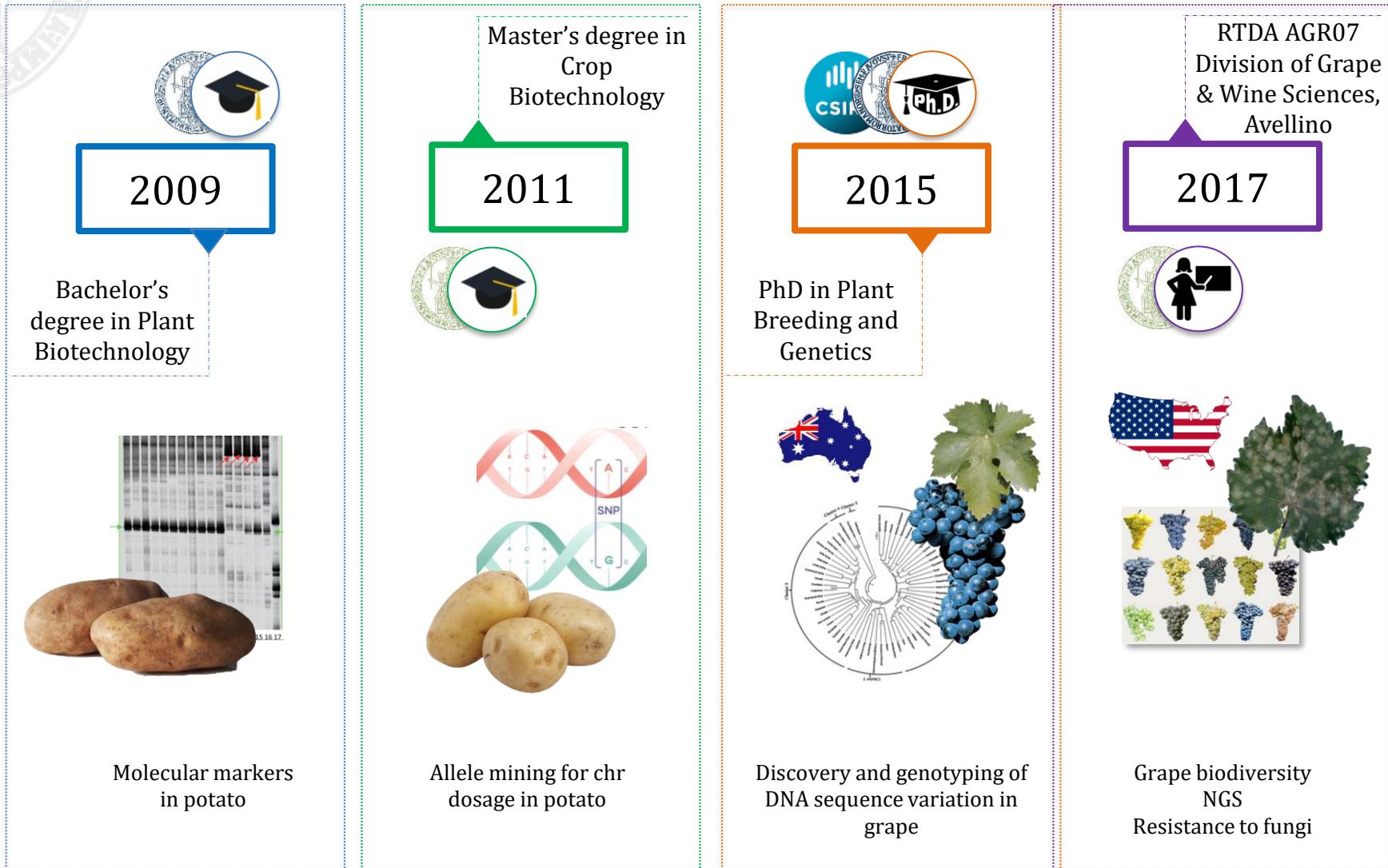
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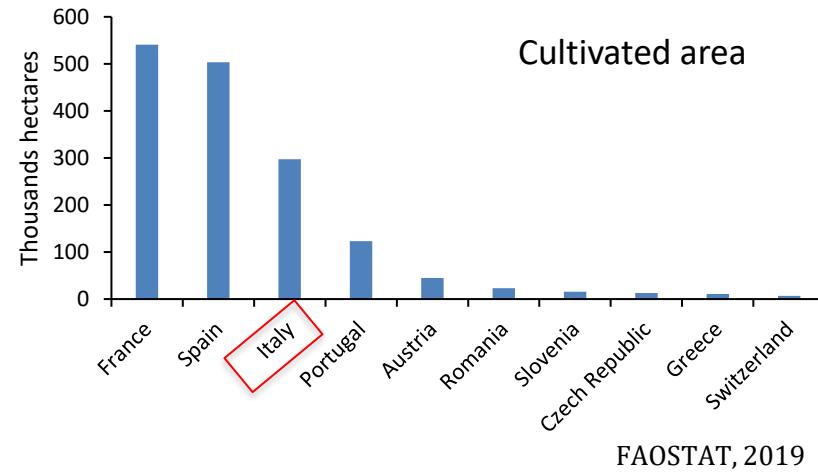
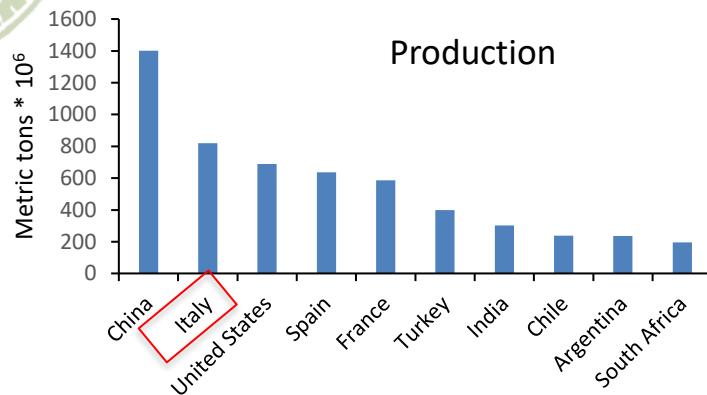
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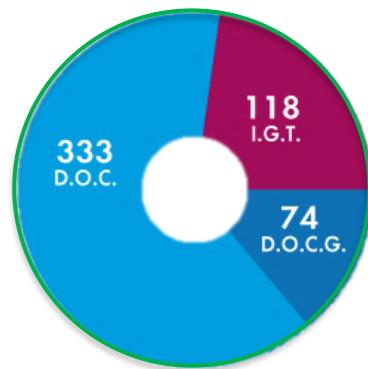




# The importance of grapevine



FAOSTAT, 2019



Italian DOCG, DOC and IGT wines



Campania DOCG, DOC and IGT wines



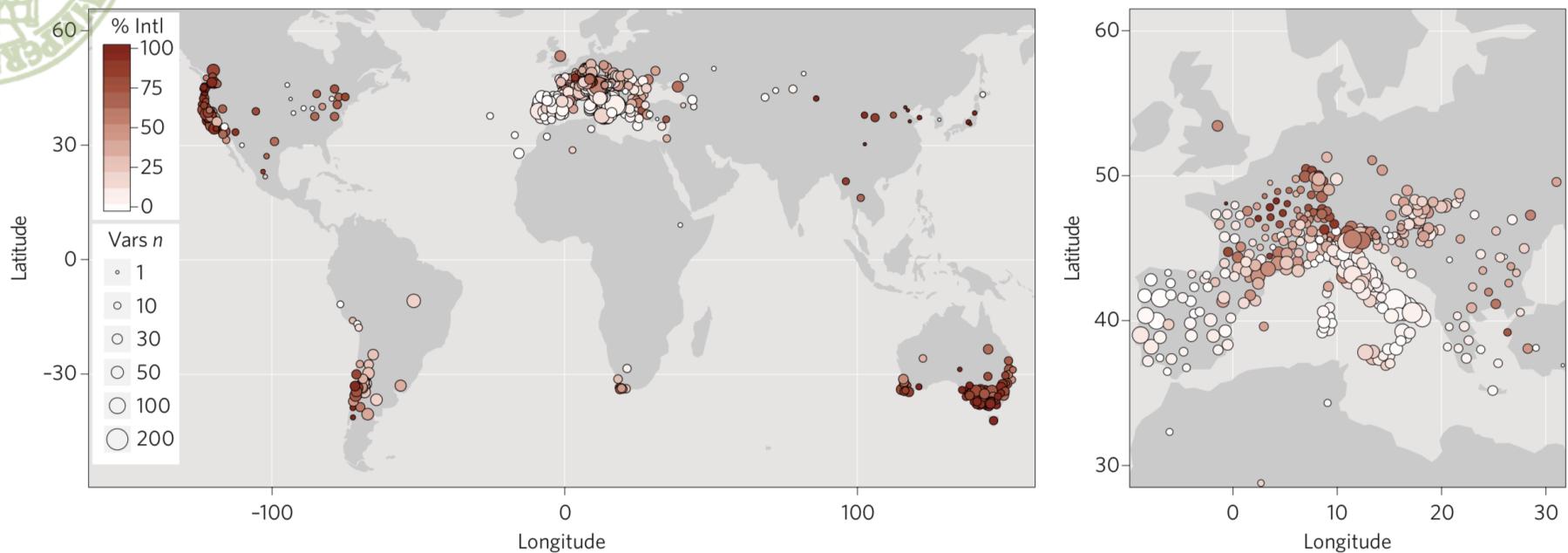
**Wines' variability derive from  
plant variability**





# The viticulture in the world

The international varieties tend to replace autochthonous ones



**Fig. 1 | Current planted diversity of wine grapes.** The number of varieties ('Vars n') by region, and the percentage of each region's hectares planted with common 12 varieties ('% Intl', called international varieties) varies across the globe, with Europe growing the greatest number of different varieties (largest circles) and New World wine regions growing the greatest proportion of international varieties (darkest circles). Data from ref. <sup>47</sup>.

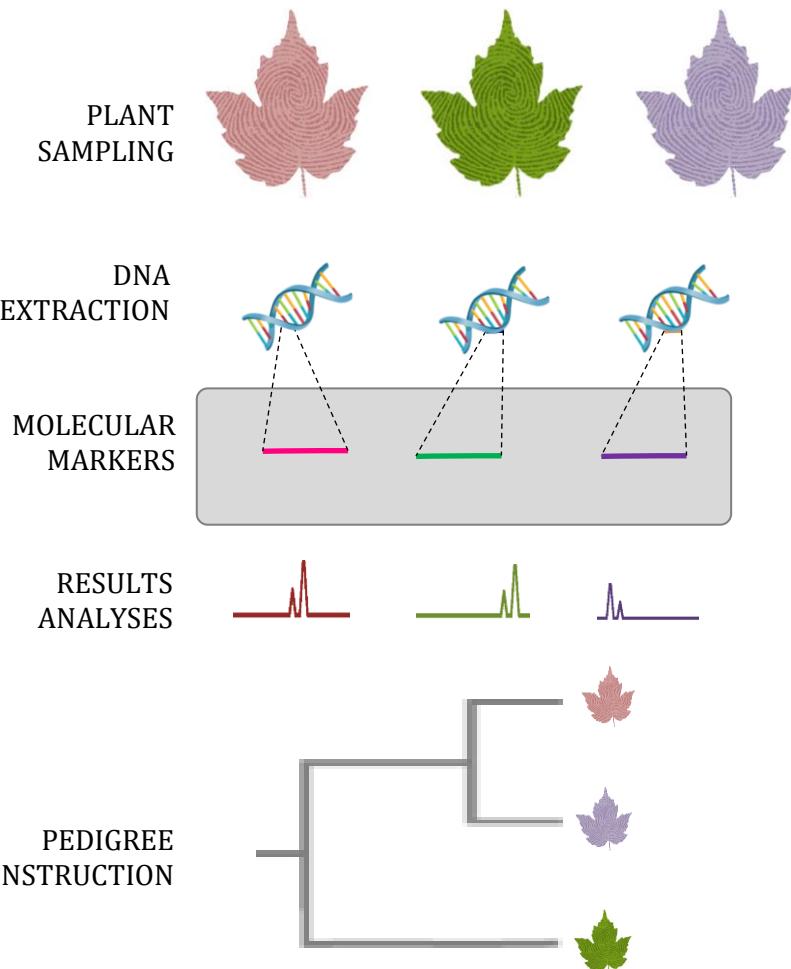
Wolkovich et al. 2018

Our varieties need to be protected!



# Grapevine varieties: a priceless treasure

## Genetic analysis



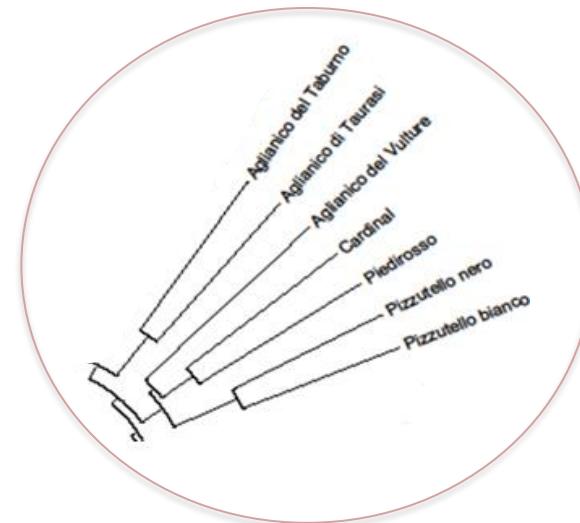
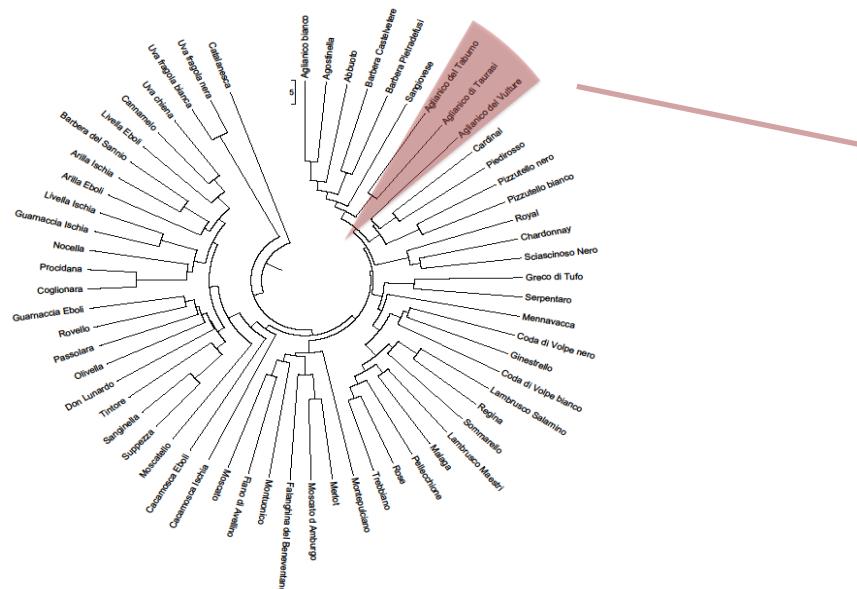
**Molecular breeding  
to improve traits of interest**



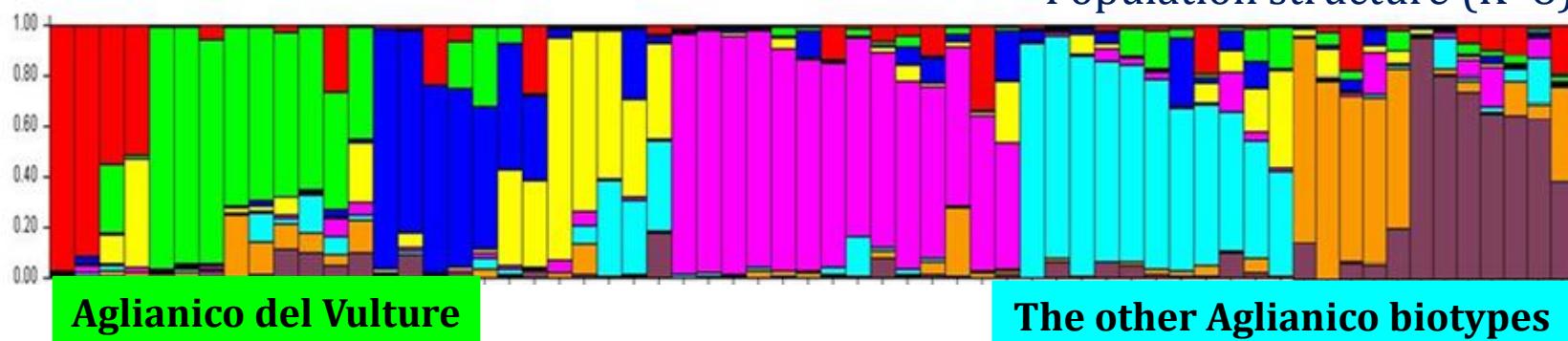


# Analysis of grape populations

## Phylogeny



## Population structure (K=8)



## **Study of grapevine biodiversity in Campania region using molecular markers**



# Analysis of grape populations

Mol Biotechnol  
DOI 10.1007/s12033-014-9780-y

RESEARCH

## Use of SSR and Retrotransposon-Based Markers to Interpret the Population Structure of Native Grapevines from Southern Italy

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- Catalanesca resulted unique;
- Procidana = Coglionara;
- Among 3 biotypes, Barbera del Sannio is genetically different;



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Availability of a SSR  
markers database



WE CAN INVESTIGATE ON  
GENETIC INTER- AND INTRA-  
VARIETAL DIVERSITY



# New projects and collaborations



## DICOVALE

in collaborazione con altre UO del DiA



### SUVAI

Studio sull'uso dei vinaccioli in  
ambiente agro-industriale

in collaborazione col Prof. Forino

### RINNOVALA

Ripopolamento Innovativo  
Vitigno dell'Aglianico Lasco  
dell'Arianese



#### Team:

Prof. Blaiotta, Prof. Aversano,  
Prof. Basile, Prof. Forino, la  
prof.ssa Piombino e la  
Prof.ssa Gambuti

### INDIGENA

Camaiola and Barbera del  
Sannio



#### Team:

Prof. Aversano, Prof.  
Blaiotta, Prof. Basile, Prof.  
Vecchio, Prof. Caracciolo di  
Torchiarolo e la Prof.ssa  
Gambuti



# Exploiting our varieties!

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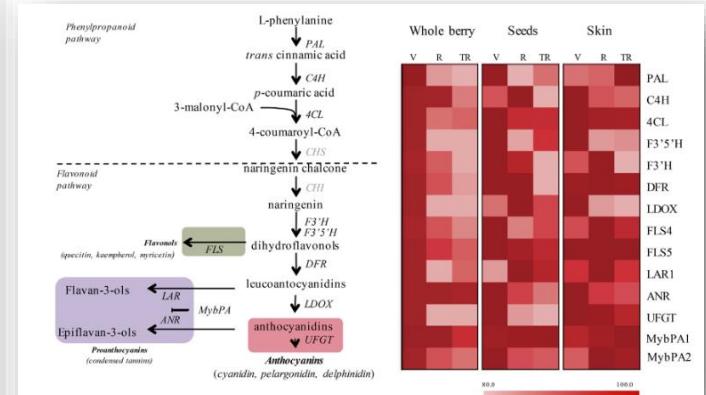
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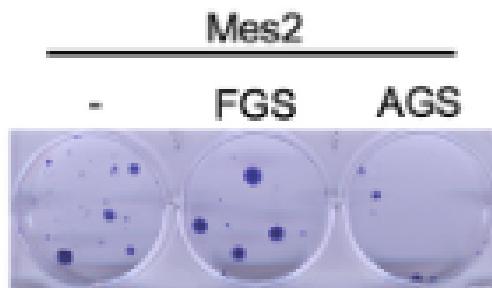
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Aglianico seed extracts can induce apoptosis in a largely dose and time-dependent manner in mesothelioma cell lines.



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Anti-cancer activity of grape seed semi-polar extracts in human mesothelioma cell lines

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# Food traceability



Analysis of food fraud relevant keywords of 984 papers with a word cloud generator.



Visciano and Schirone, 2021

## Wine adulteration

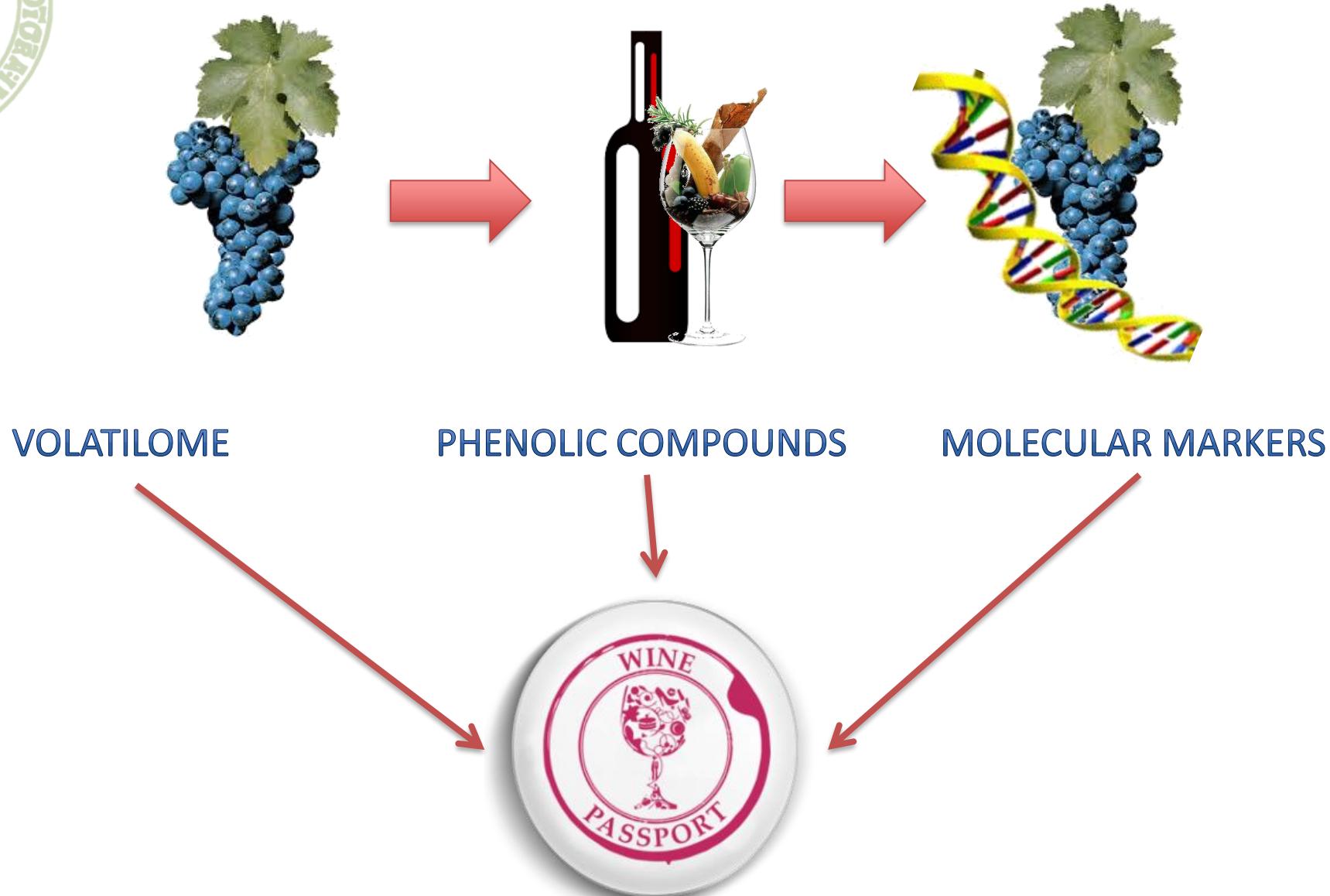
- Intrinsic → addition of water, sugar, colouring, flavouring
- Extrinsic → fraudulent misrepresentation of the cultivar and its geographical origin



Holmberg, 2010



# Wine varietal authentication





# Wine varietal authentication

Food Control 80 (2017) 1–10



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Review

Wine varietal authentication based on phenolics, volatiles and DNA markers: State of the art, perspectives and drawbacks



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VOLATILOME

PHENOLIC COMPOUNDS

MOLECULAR MARKERS



Take-home message:  
Wine varietal authentication is possible!



# DNA sequencing: encoding the code!



## The grapevine genome sequence suggests ancestral hexaploidization in major angiosperm phyla

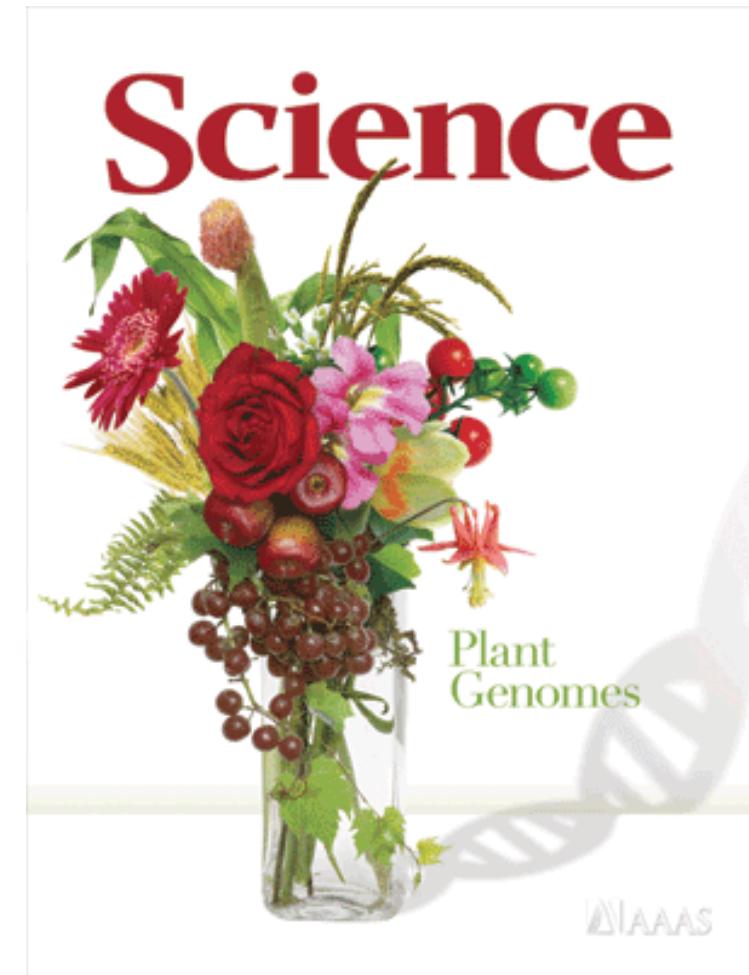
The French–Italian Public Consortium for Grapevine Genome Characterization\*

2007

The analysis of the first plant genomes provided unexpected evidence for genome duplication events in species that had previously been considered as true diploids on the basis of their genetics<sup>1–3</sup>. These polyploidization events may have had important consequences in plant evolution, in particular for species radiation and adaptation and for the modulation of functional capacities<sup>4–10</sup>. Here we report a high-quality draft of the genome sequence of grapevine (*Vitis vinifera*) obtained from a highly homozygous genotype. The draft sequence of the grapevine genome is the fourth one produced so far for flowering plants, the second for a woody species and the first for a fruit crop (cultivated for both fruit and beverage). Grapevine was selected because of its important place in the cultural heritage of humanity beginning during the Neolithic period<sup>11</sup>. Several large expansions of gene families with roles in aromatic

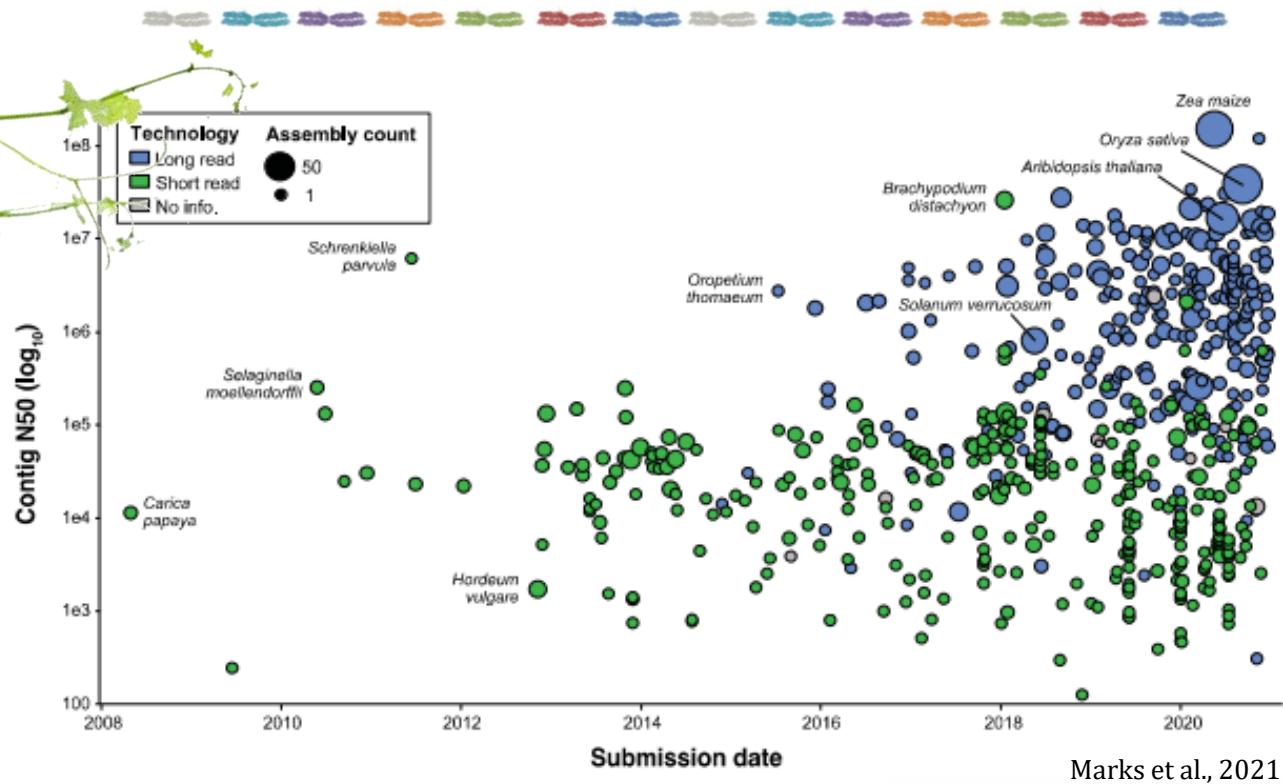
All grapevine varieties are highly heterozygous; preliminary data showed that there was as much as 13% sequence divergence between alleles, which would hinder reliable contig assembly when a whole-genome shotgun strategy was used for sequencing. Our consortium therefore selected the grapevine PN40024 genotype for sequencing. This line, originally derived from Pinot Noir, has been bred close to full homozygosity (estimated at about 93%) by successive selfings, permitting a high-quality whole-genome shotgun assembly.

A total of 6.2 million end-reads were produced by our consortium, representing an 8.4-fold coverage of the genome. Within the assembly, performed with Arachne<sup>12</sup>, 316 supercontigs represent putative allelic haplotypes that constitute 11.6 million bases (Mb). These values are in good fit with the 7% residual heterozygosity of PN40024 assessed by using genetic markers. When considering only



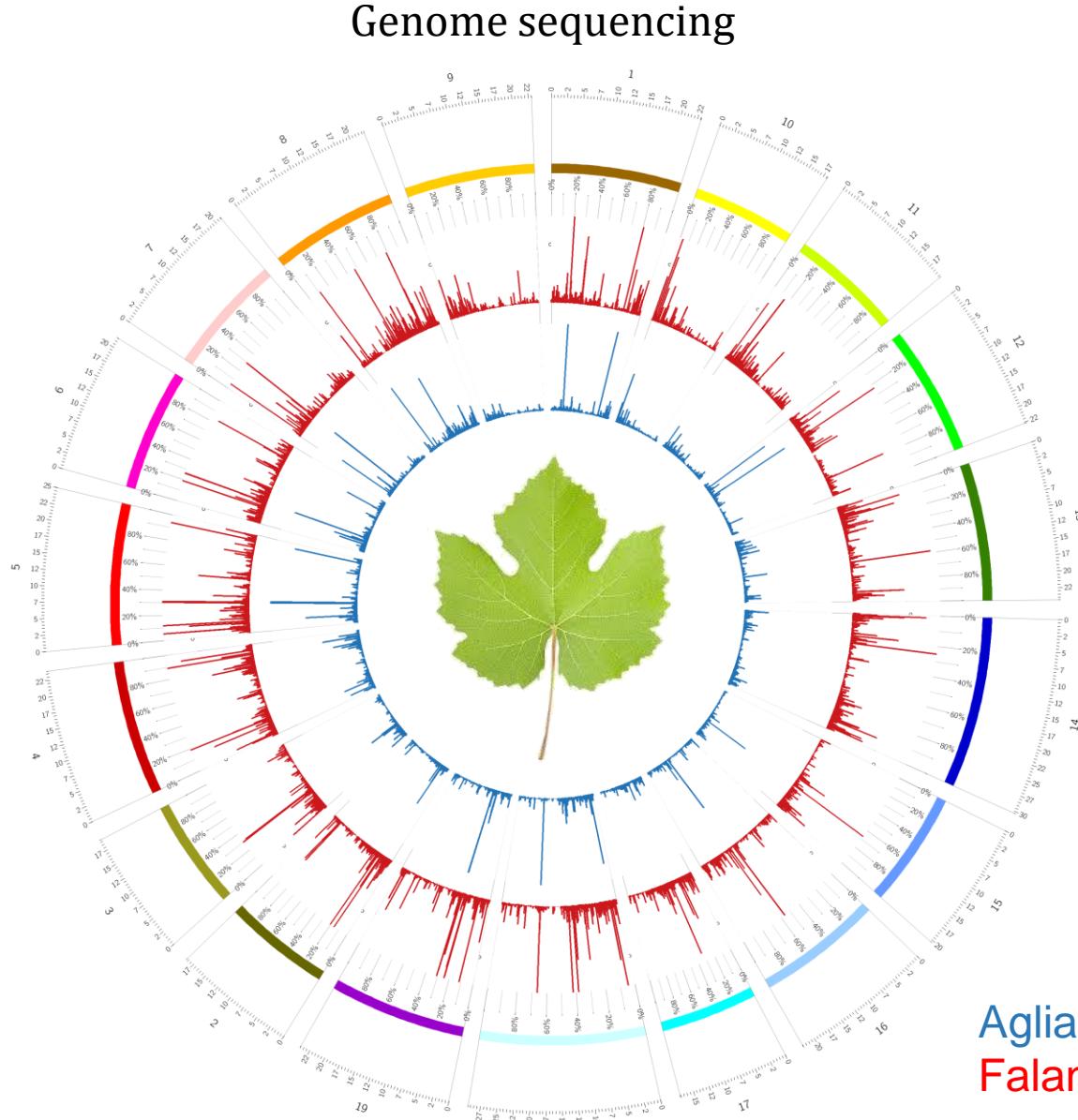


# DNA sequencing: encoding the code!





# NGS in Aglianico and Falanghina

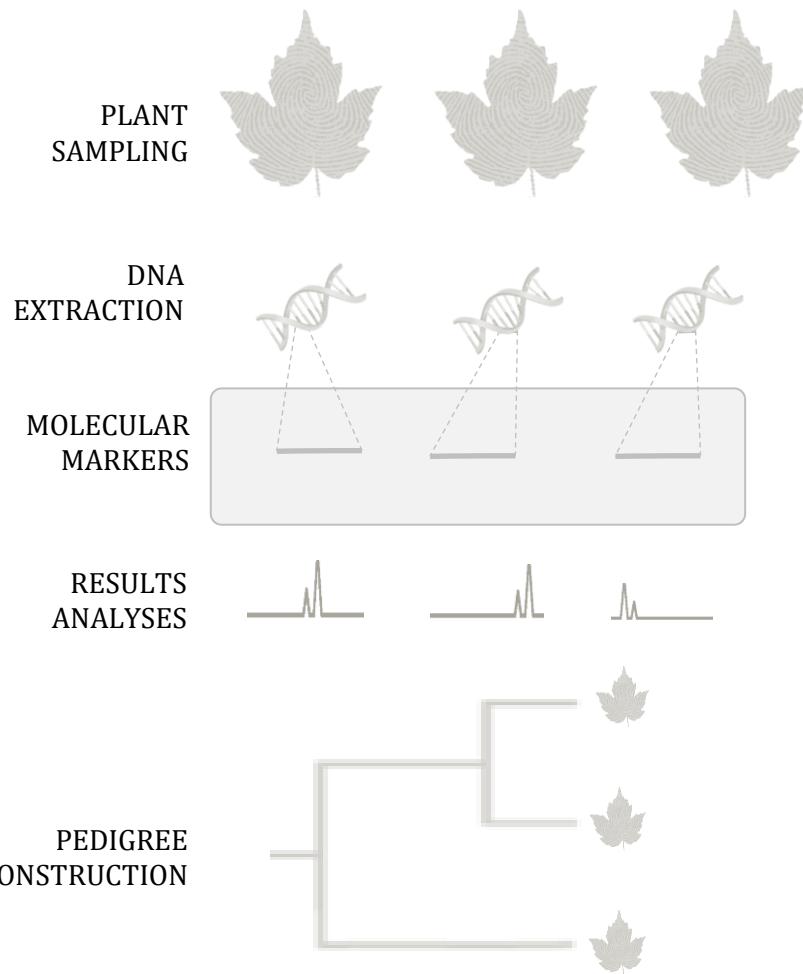


Aglianico  
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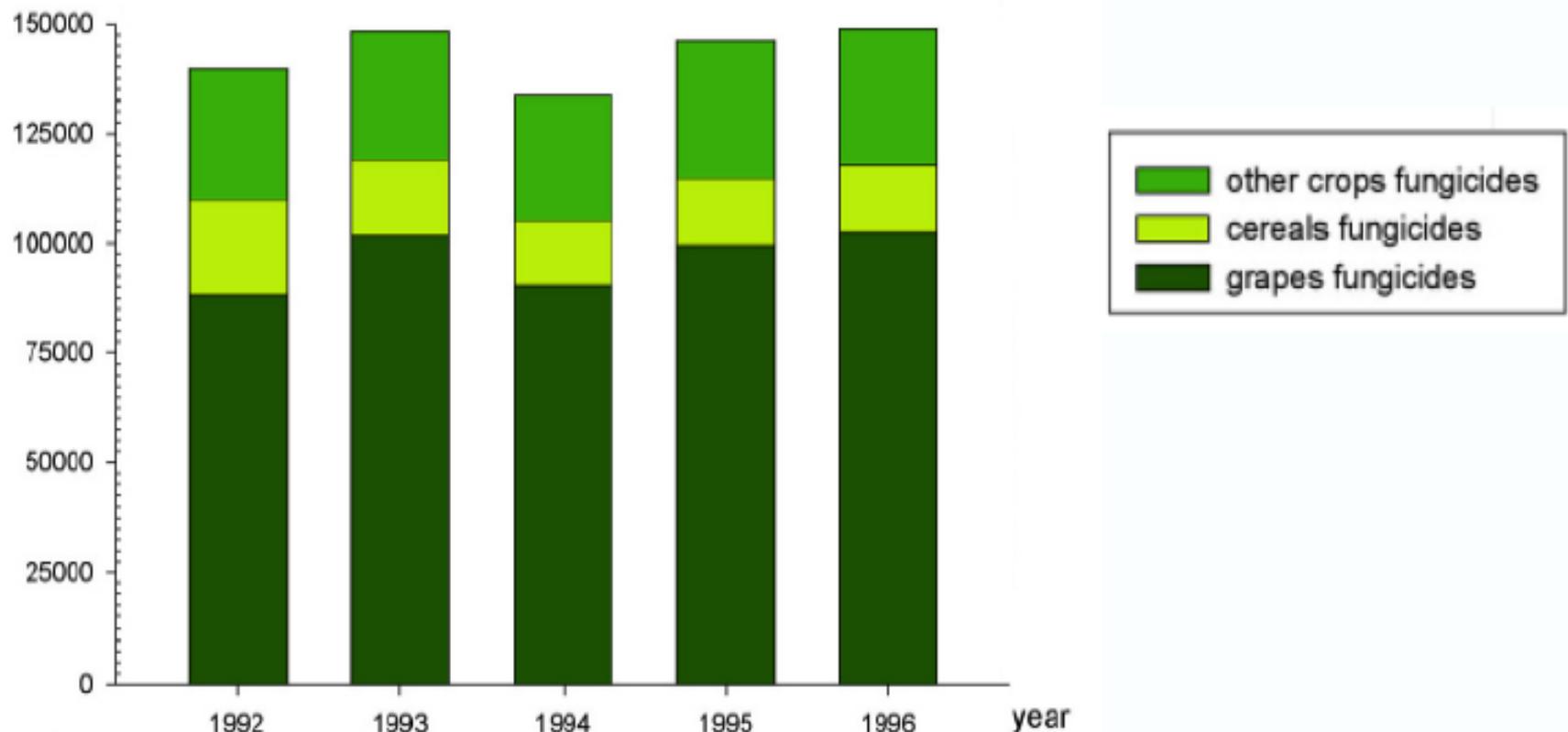
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## Fungicide use in viticulture

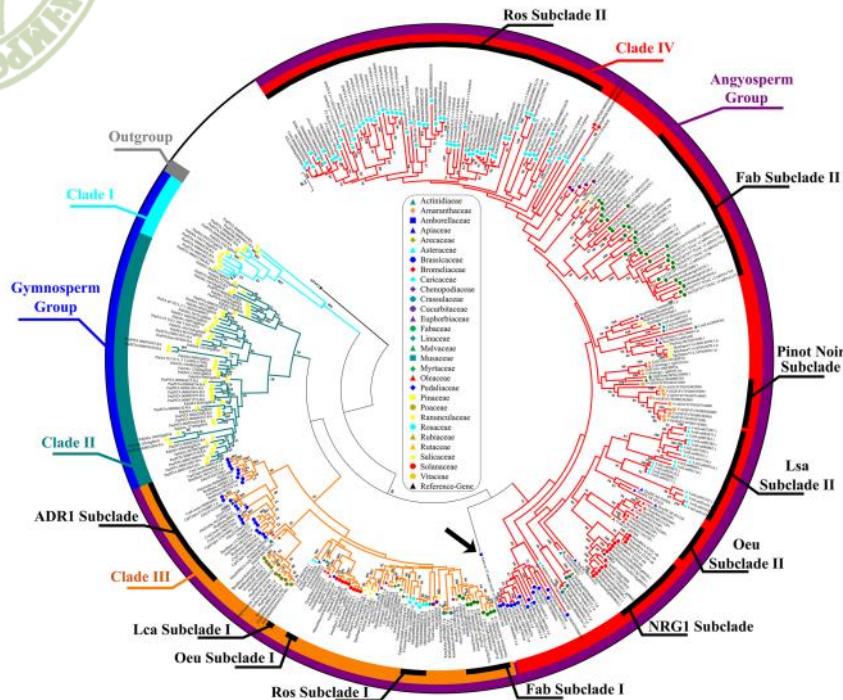
- In Europe, 8% of cultivated area is used for viticulture and 70% of fungicide are used only for grape production.





# Immunity genes identified at DA

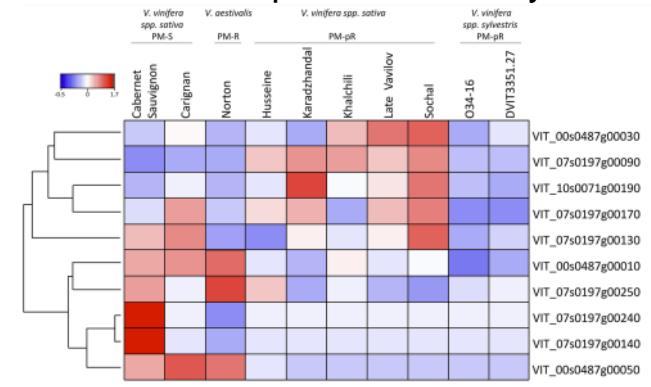
## Phylogenetic analysis



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## Transcriptional variability



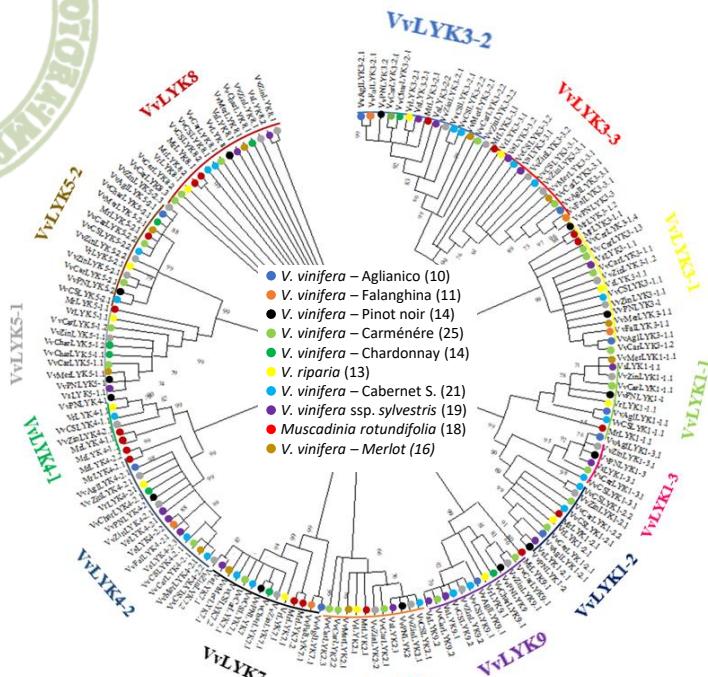
## Inferring RPW8-NLRs's evolution patterns in seed plants: case study in *Vitis vinifera*

Giuseppe Andolfo<sup>1</sup> · Clizia Villano<sup>1</sup> · Angela Errico<sup>1</sup> · Luigi Frusciante<sup>1</sup> · Domenico Carputo<sup>1</sup> · Riccardo Aversano<sup>1</sup> · Maria R. Ercolano<sup>1</sup>

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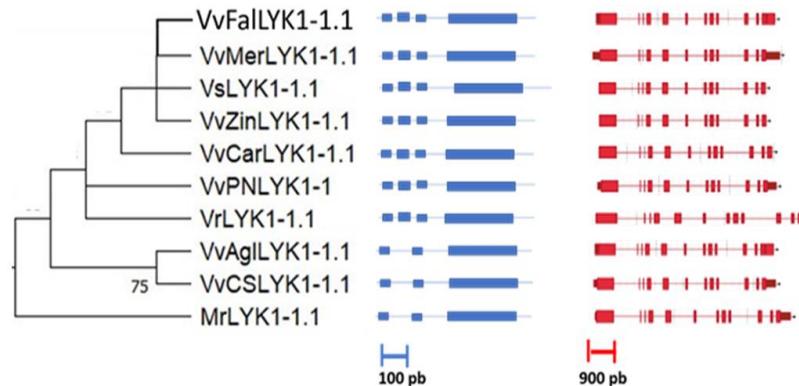


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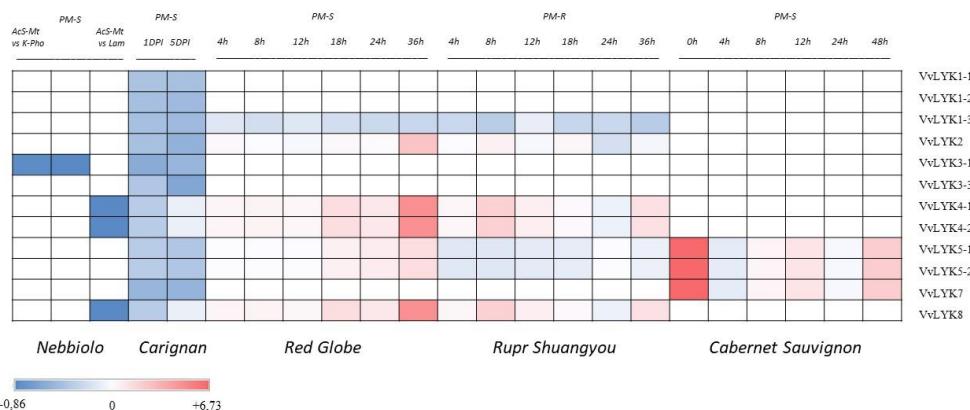


The LYK gene family is highly variable at inter- and intra-specific level

*VvLYK1-1* shows differences in the genetic and proteic structure and...

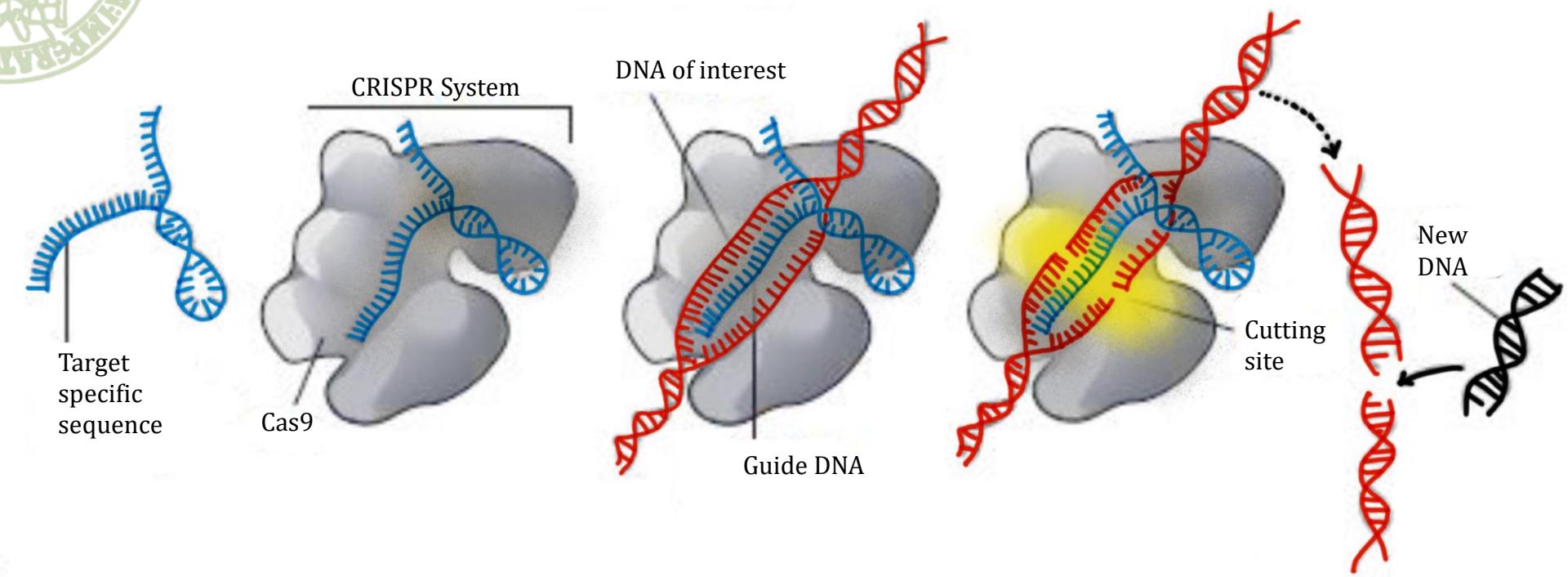


...in the transcriptional behaviour.





# Genome editing



Guide RNA  
specific for  
target DNA

CRISPR  
system made  
by the Guide  
RNA and the  
enzyme able  
to cut the  
target DNA,  
named Cas9

CRISPR-Cas9  
complex  
recognizing  
the target  
DNA

Cas9 cutting the DNA target in the chosen site. It can be changed, deleted or substituted.

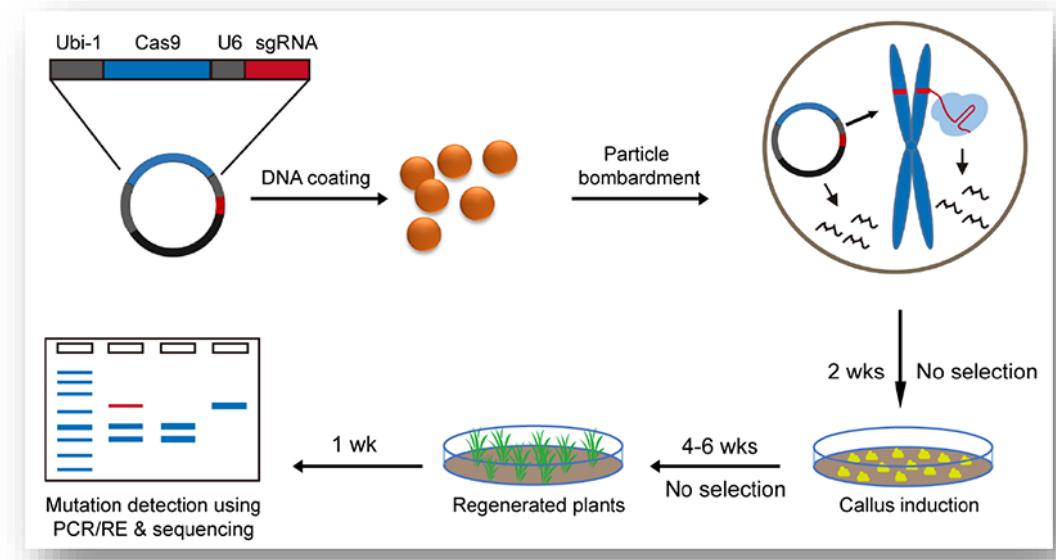


# Using the intervarietal diversity



## Genome editing

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Zhang et al., 2016



# Perspectives

- Investigate grapevine germplasm with NGS-based molecular markers
- Classical and innovative molecular breeding
- Identify new candidates: in terms of genes and varieties

**We need to preserve traditional varieties using innovative approaches!**



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influenza quel che mangiamo e tanto altro