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# The 2003 vintage, an anticipation of future Bordeaux vintages in a context of climate change?



# Let's remember 2003



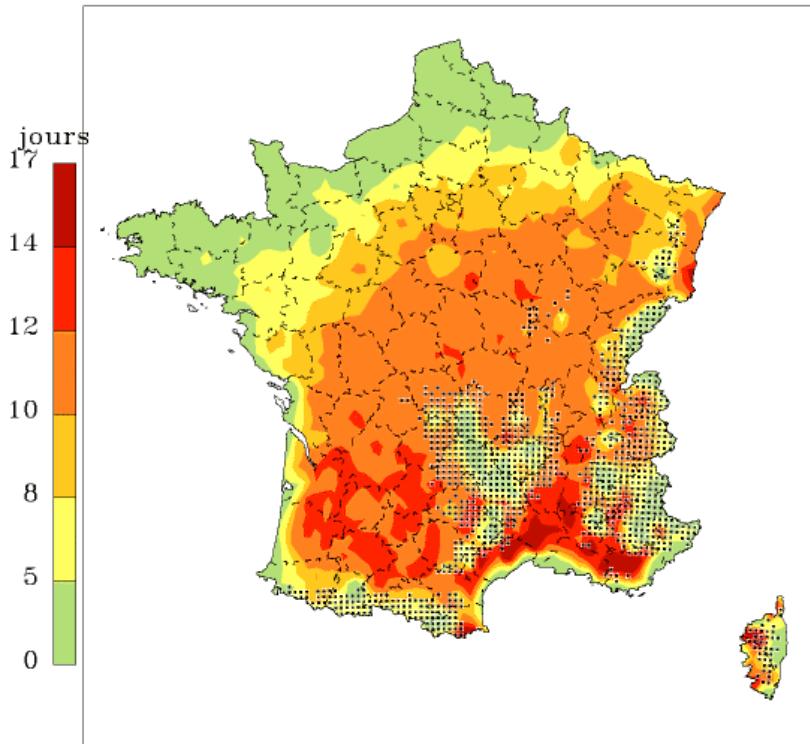
# Let's remember the 2003 summer, in France

## HOT SUMMER

>12 days with maximal temperatures > to 35°C during August 2003



NOMBRE DE JOURS AVEC TEMPERATURE MAXIMALE  $\geq 35^{\circ}\text{C}$   
PERIODE DU 01/08/2003 AU 16/08/2003



## Dramatic consequences for public health

+ 60% mortality (Hemon and Jouglia, 2003)

L'été meurtrier

The murderer summer

Le Monde

La France en état de choc sanitaire

Canicule : une catastrophe humanitaire

Canicule : l'échec du système

Des vacances qui ont tué

Le plus meurtrier en France depuis la Libération

5 décès supplémentaires dans la première quinzaine d'août, au moins 54 070 personnes ont perdu la vie ce mois-là, contre 40 000 normalement. Une canicule si canicule l'hiver c'est une maladie qui déclenche les maladies de l'hiver, habituellement plus mortelle.

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# 2003 an anticipation of the future?

[www.meteofrance.fr](http://www.meteofrance.fr)

TEMPERATURE

35°C

# 2003

France | VAGUES DE CHALEUR

France  
Heatwaves

30

25

0

25

50

75

100  
JOURS

DUREE

days



# 2084

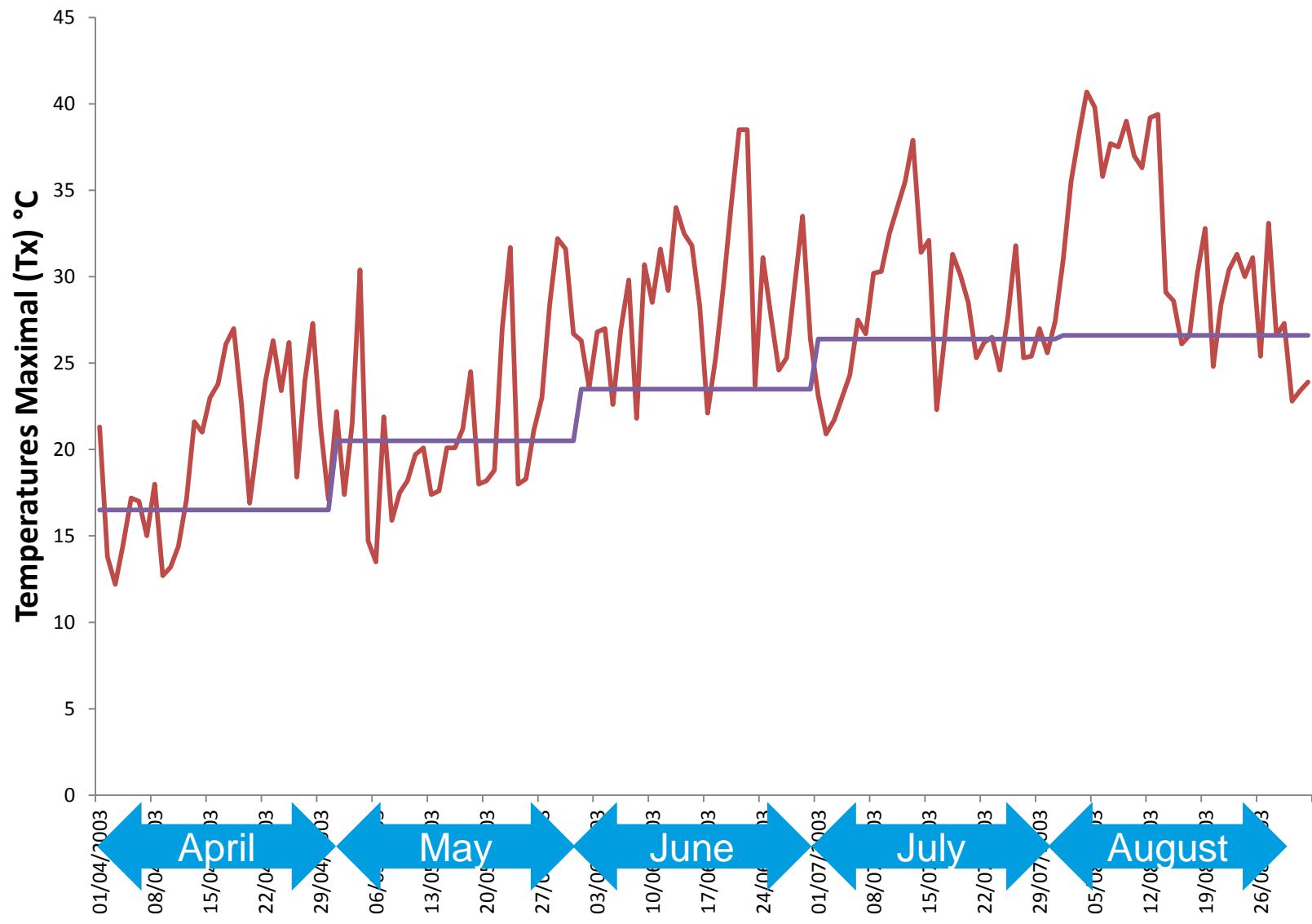
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Without climatic politics

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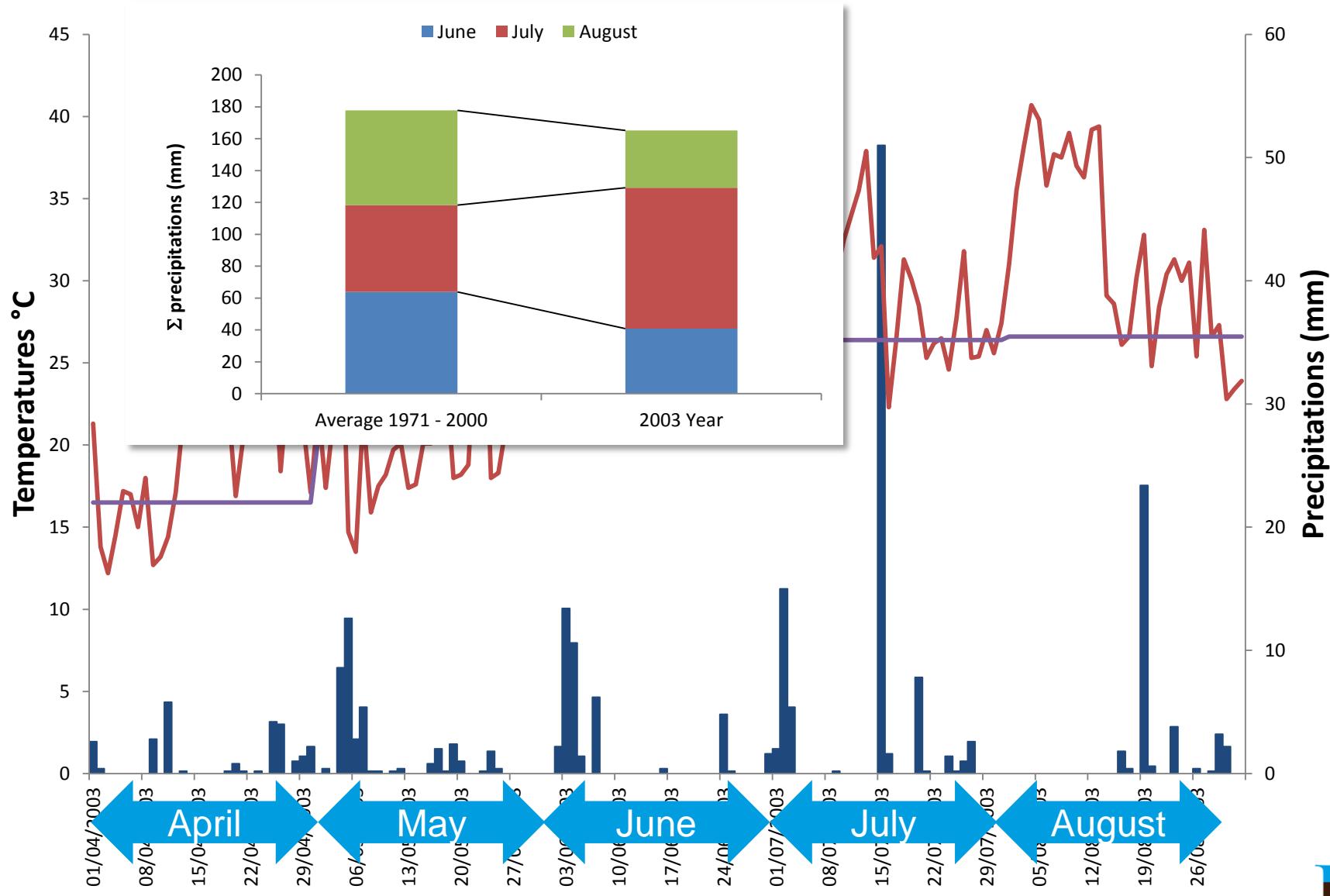
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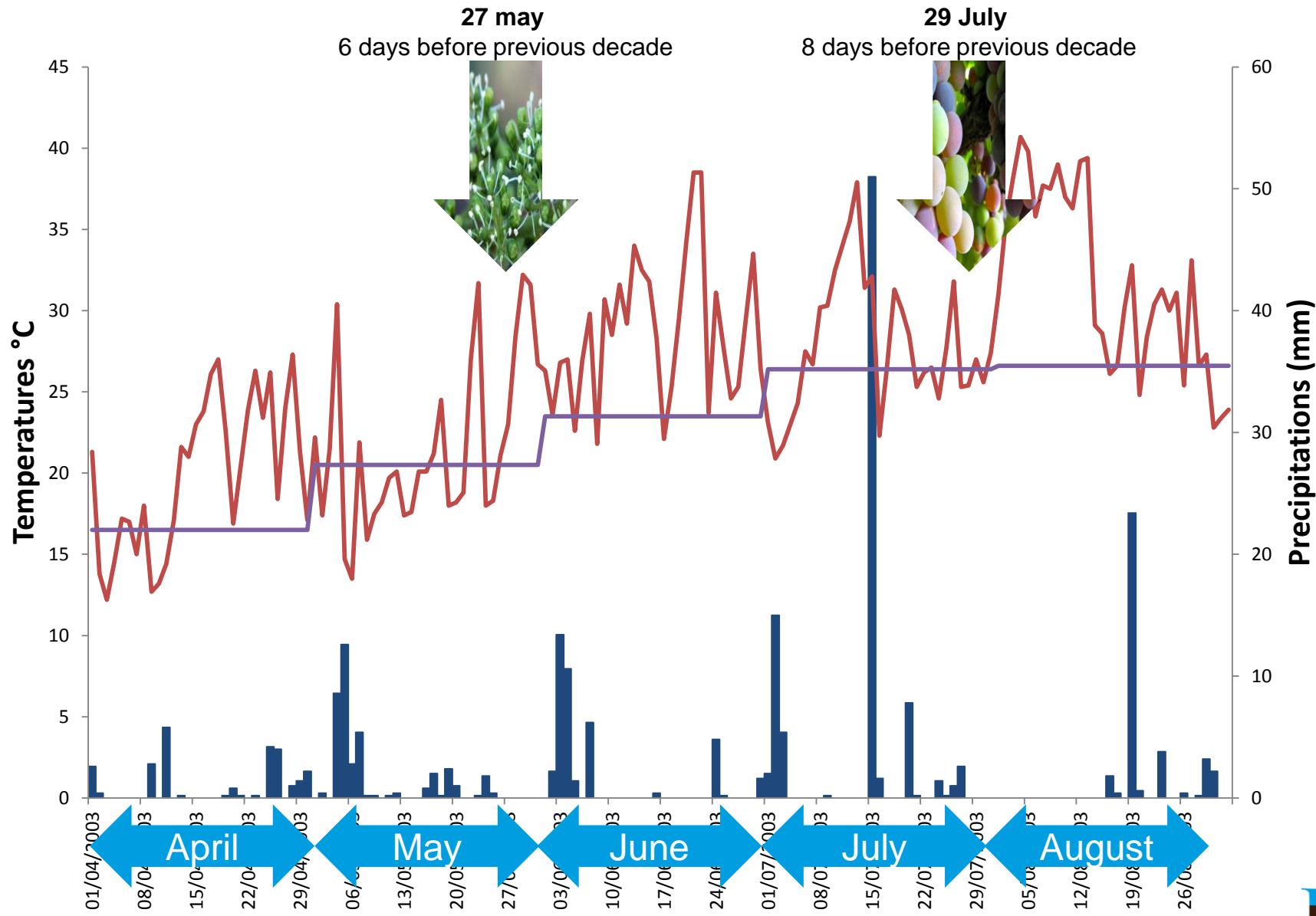
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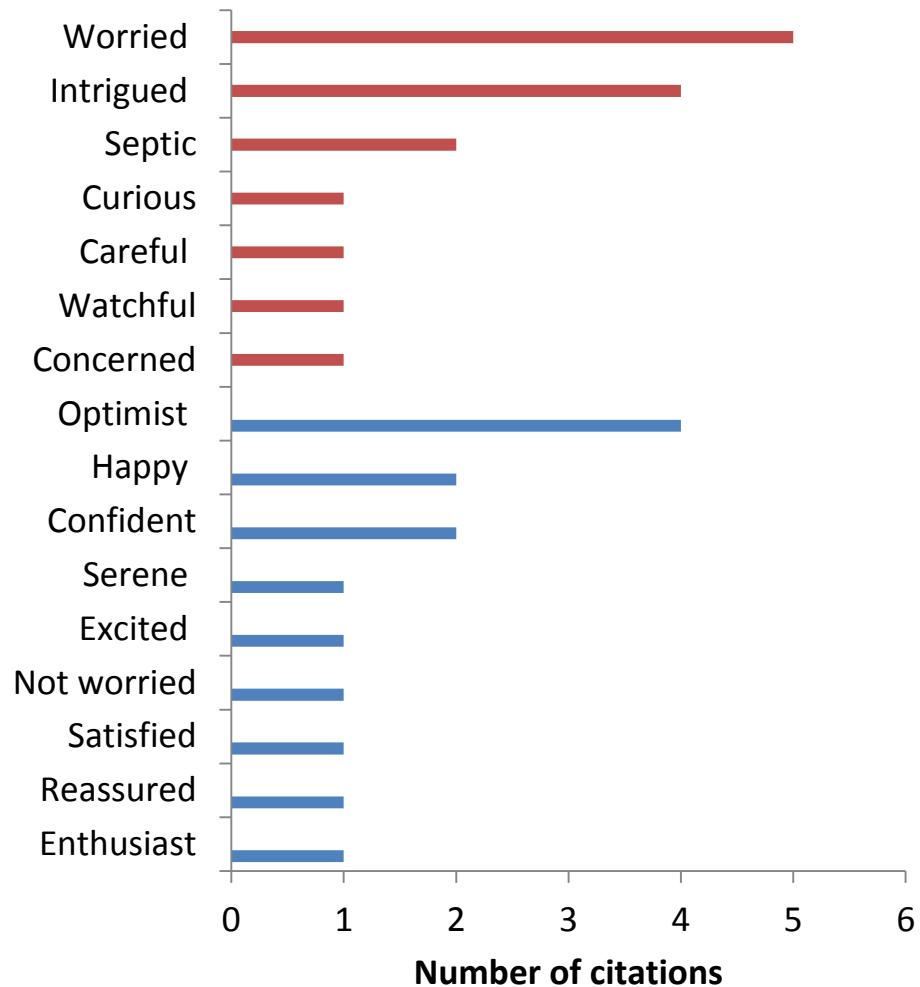
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What was the state of mind of the wine maker at the 2003 summer?

18 wine makers  
4 to 26 years of  
experience in 2003

Ambivalent feelings

« Concerned but confident »  
« Optimistic but watchful »



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## The key criterions of heterogeneity

- Day of harvest
- Nature of soils
- Age of vines (in link to depth of roots)
- Viticultural choices (leaf removal)
- Oenological choices (extraction of immature seed tannins)

HUMAN  
CHOICES

# Our question



If 2003 can be an anticipation of the future climatic changes,

if the 2003 vintage was complex to manage,

**what can we learn in 2016 from the aged 2003 wines ?**

**Look the present, to reveal the past and anticipate the future**

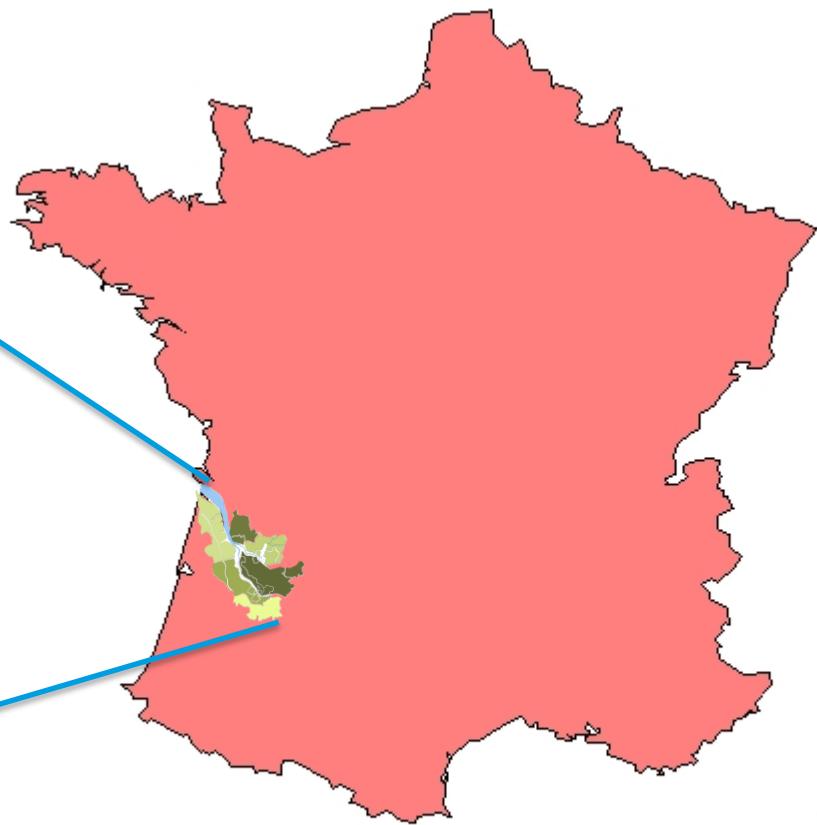
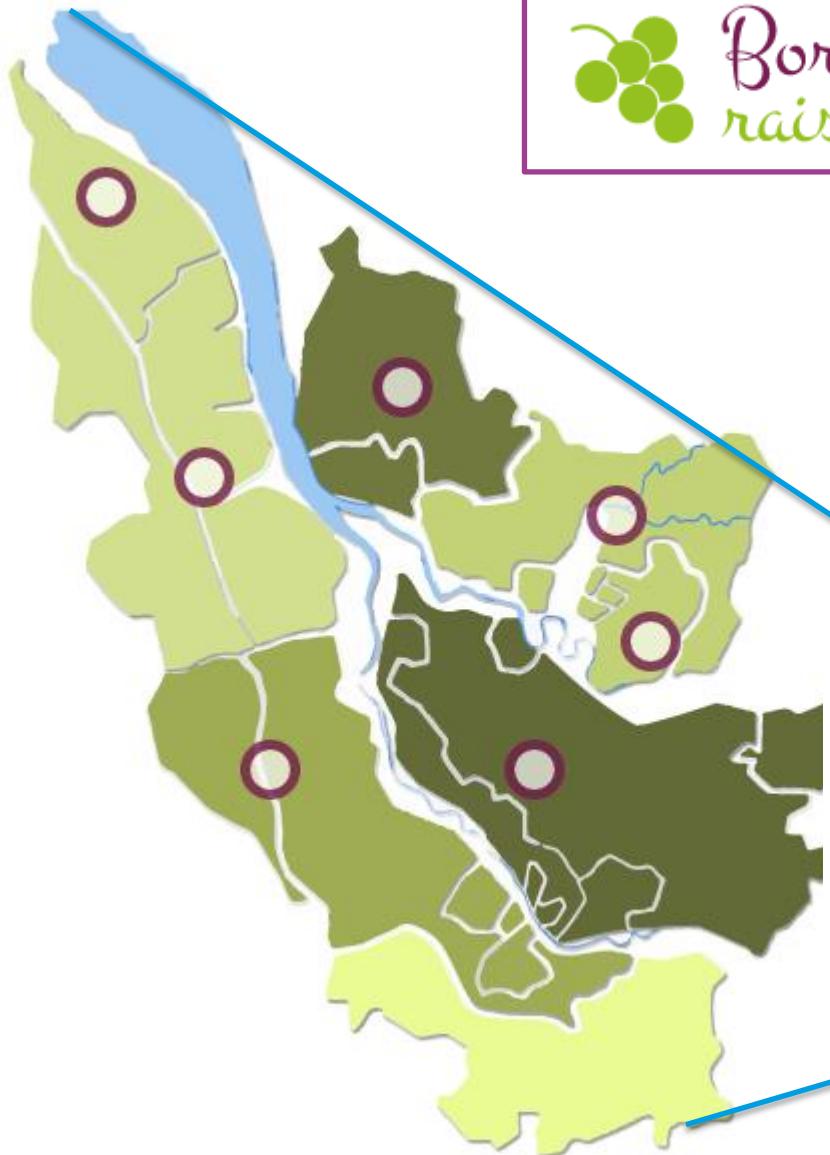
# Experimental design

# Let's remember the 2003 juices, in Bordeaux

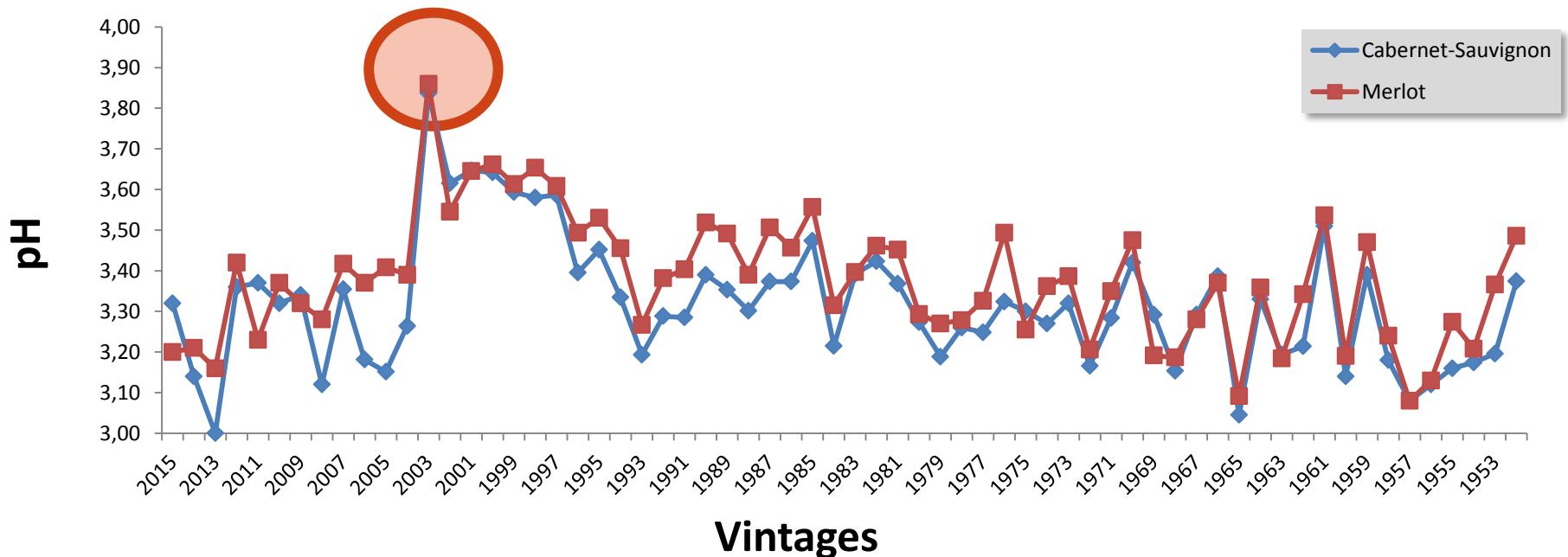


Bordeaux  
raisins

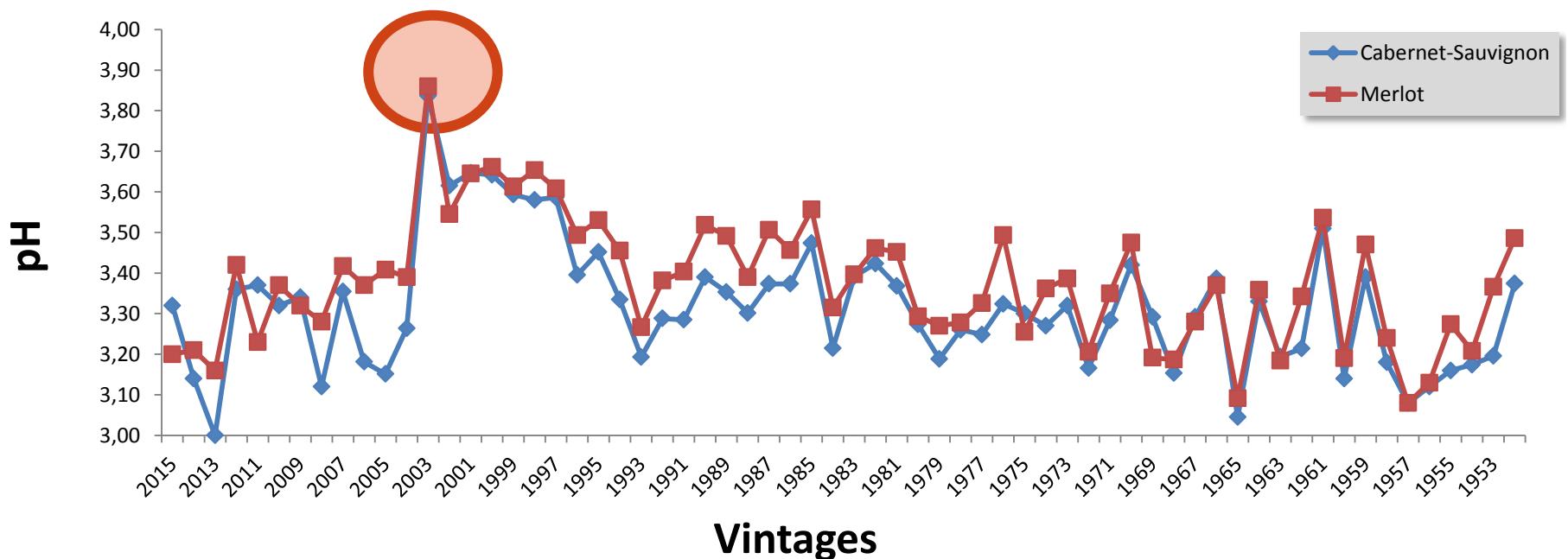
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Ripening Network, ISVV



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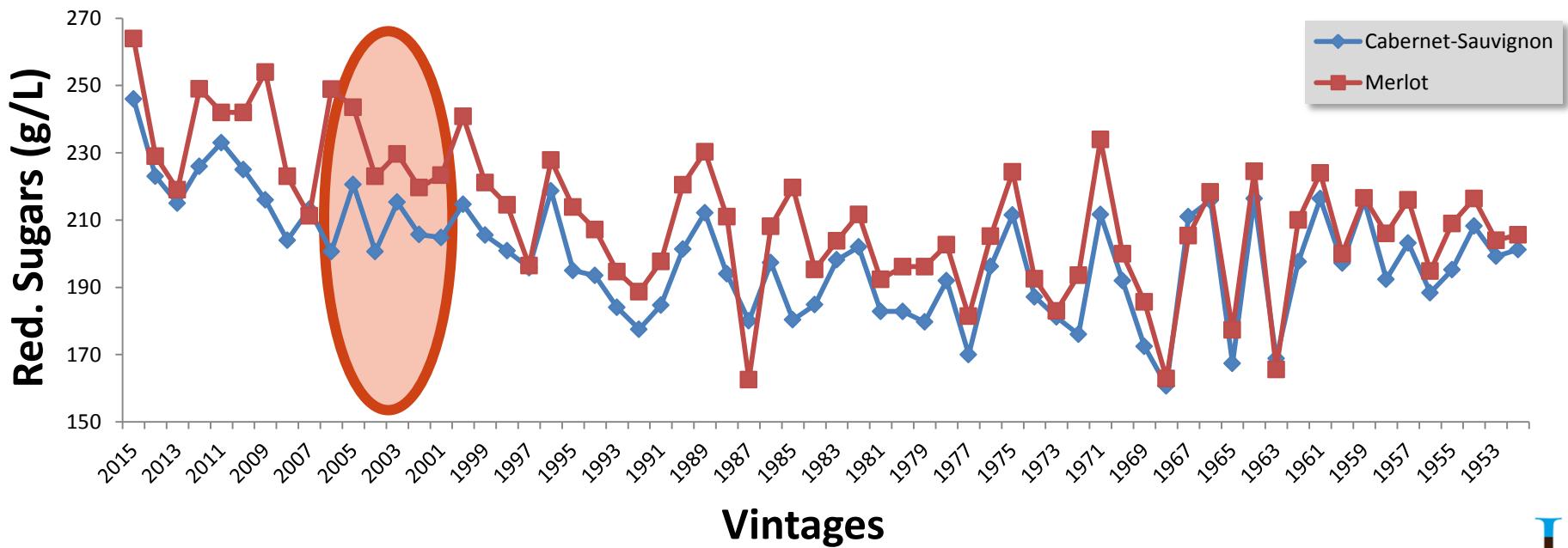
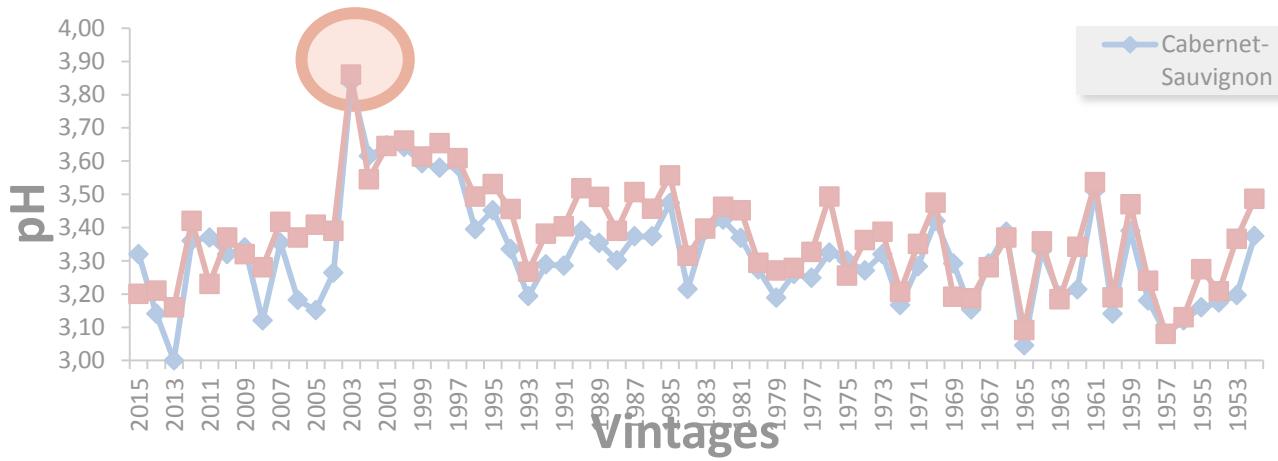
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No similar comportment for :

- Total Acidity
- Malic Acid
- And even....

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2 examples

Contaminants  
from  
microbiological  
spoilage

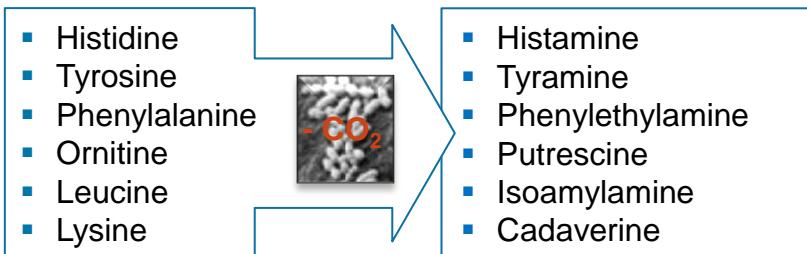
- Volatiles Amines
- Biogenic Amines

Ageing molecules  
« pseudo primary  
aromas »

Aromas from the  
« Bouquet » the  
positive ageing of  
Bordeaux wines

# What about biogenic and volatiles amines?

- Biogenic amines (BA) can be toxic<sup>1</sup>
- Volatile amines (VA) present rotten fish smell at mouth pH<sup>1</sup>
- In wines, they are formed after decarboxylation of amino acids by Lactic Acid Bacteria<sup>2,3</sup>



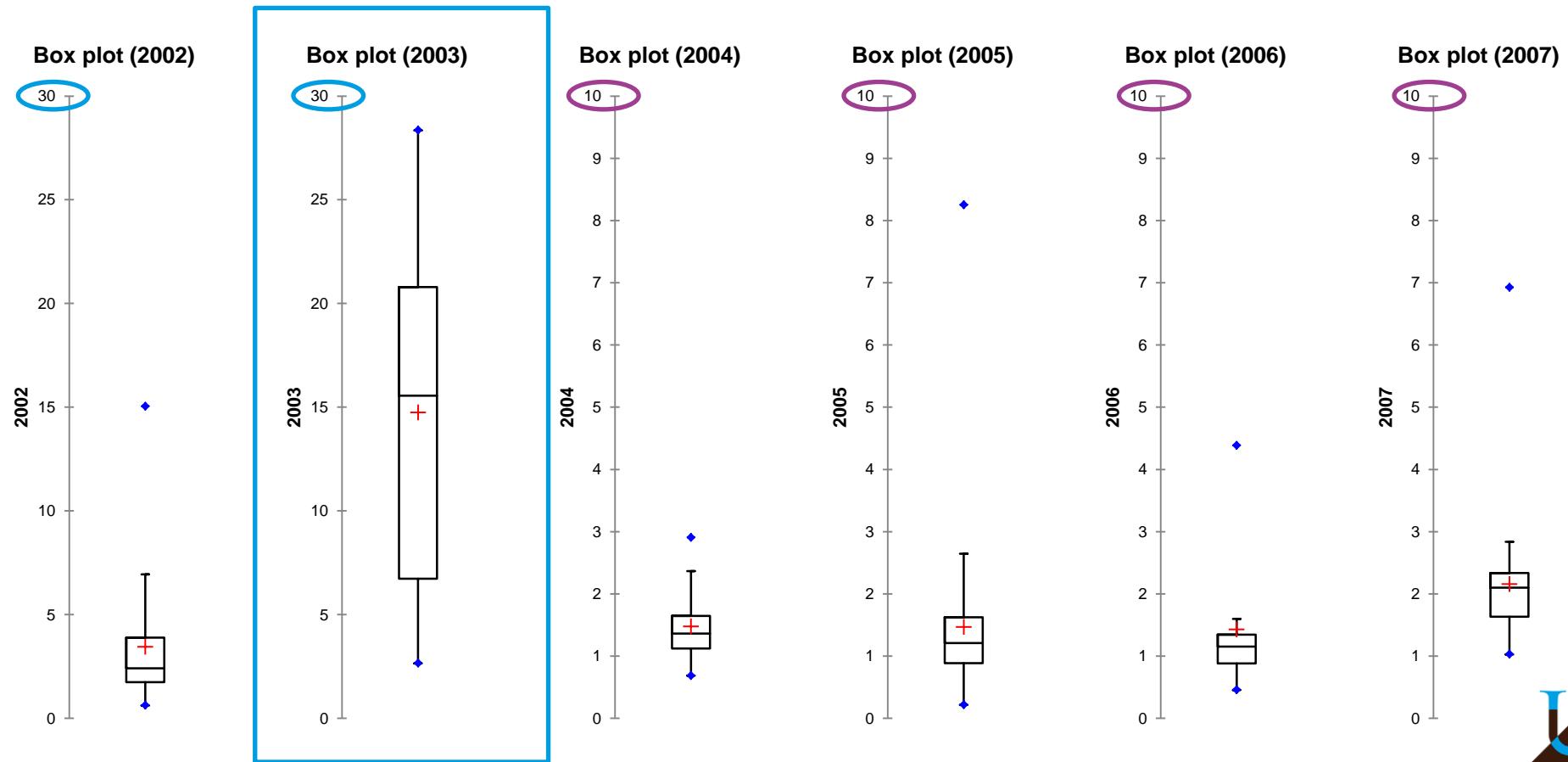
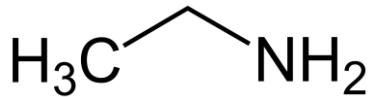
- 485 red wine samples from Bordeaux area
- Vintages : 2001 to 2007
- OIV quantification method (OPA derivation / HPLC / Fluo.)

[1] Lehtonen P., 1996, Am. J. Enol. Vitic., 47, 127;

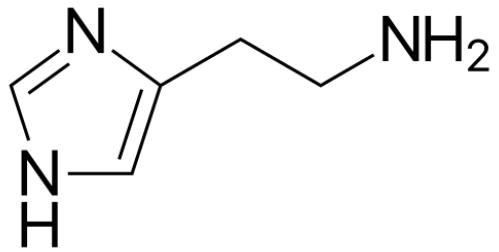
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[3] Lucas P., Wonken W., Claisse O., 2005, Ap. Env. Microbiol. 71, 1417

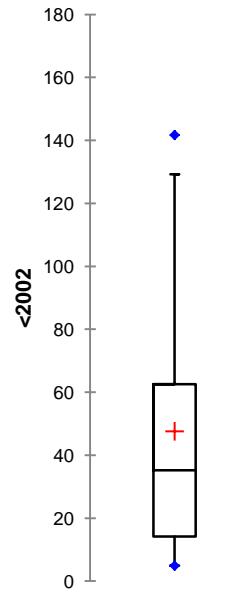
# Volatiles Amines, Ethyl amine (mg/L)



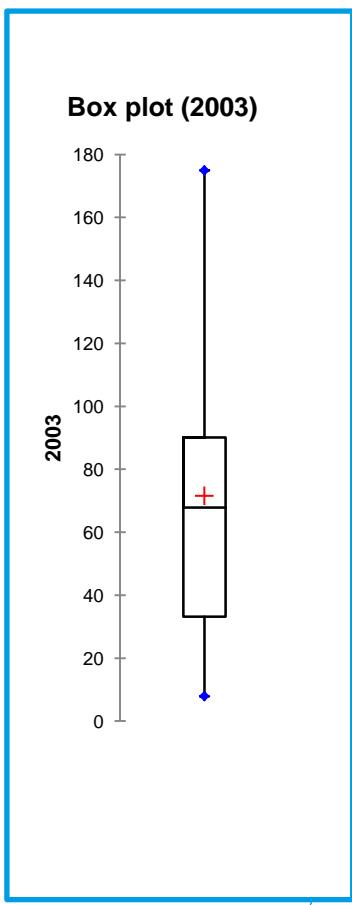
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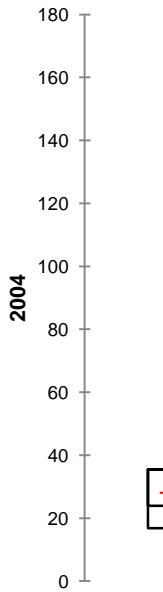
Box plot (<2002)



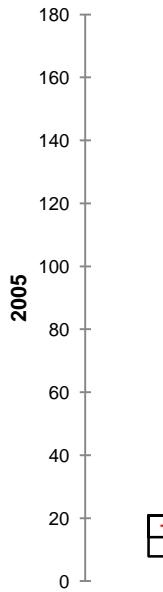
Box plot (2003)



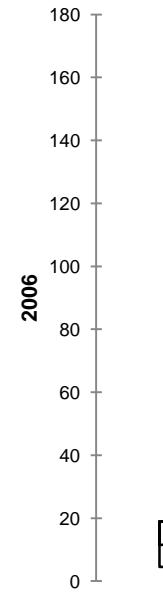
Box plot (2004)



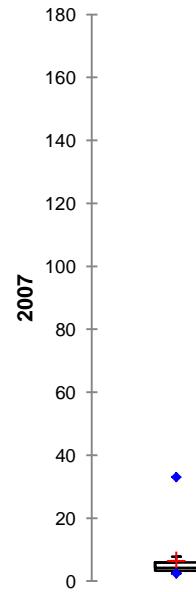
Box plot (2005)



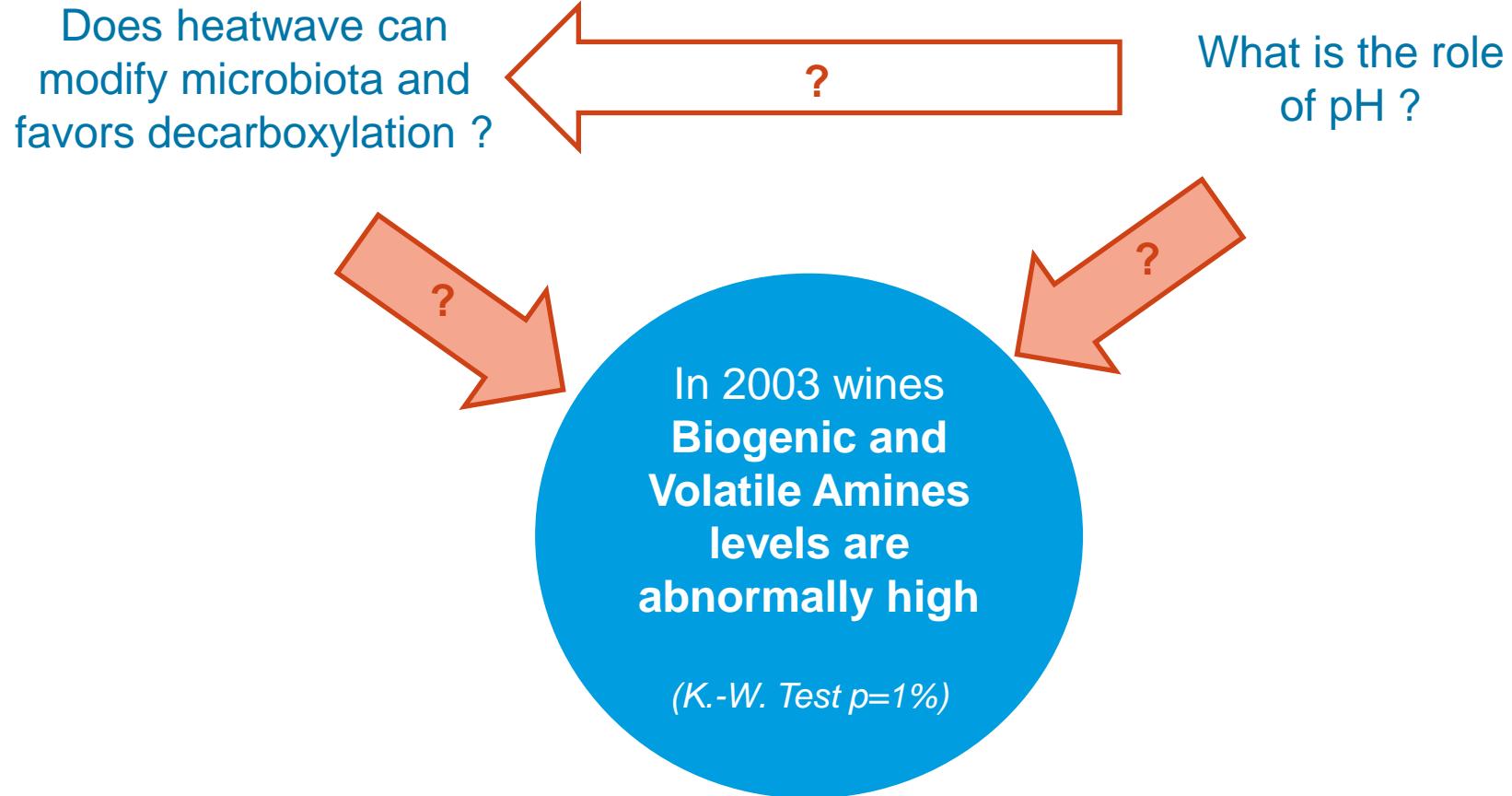
Box plot (2006)



Box plot (2007)



# Conclusions on biogenic and volatiles amines



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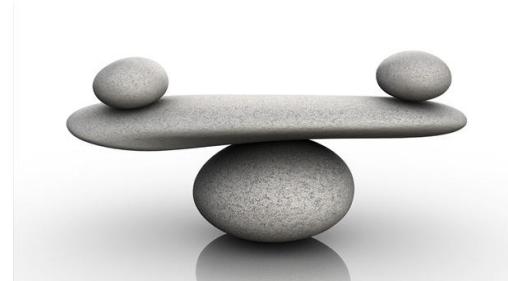


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of the red  
Bordeaux wines



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# Bouquet ageing compounds

## Experimental design



Merlot



C. Sauvignon



C. Franc

1996  
1999  
2001  
2002  
2003  
2004  
2005  
2006  
2007

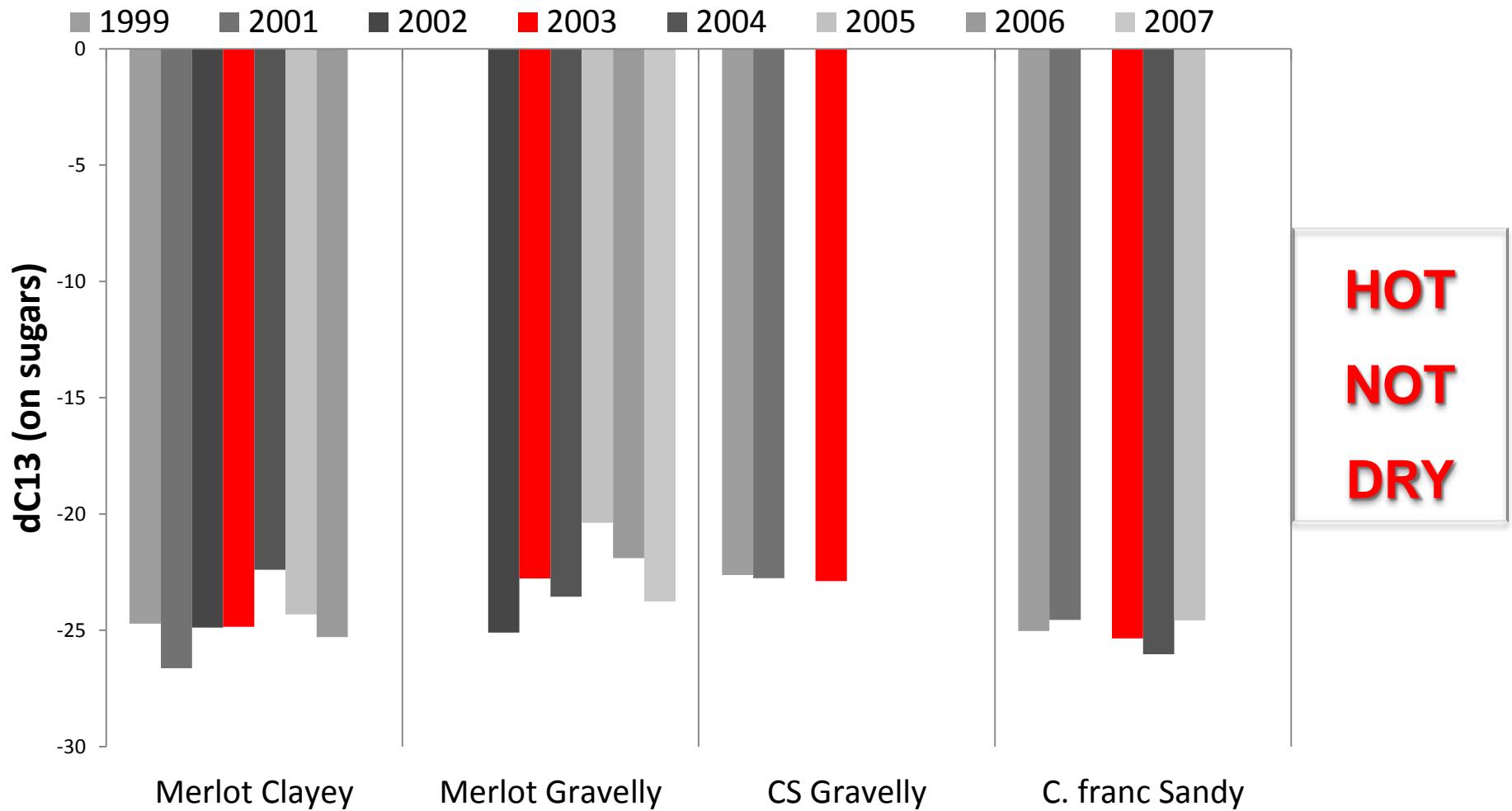
1 Climate  
1 Rootstock  
1 Vineyard management system



Experimental scale  
Vinifications  
(50 L tanks)

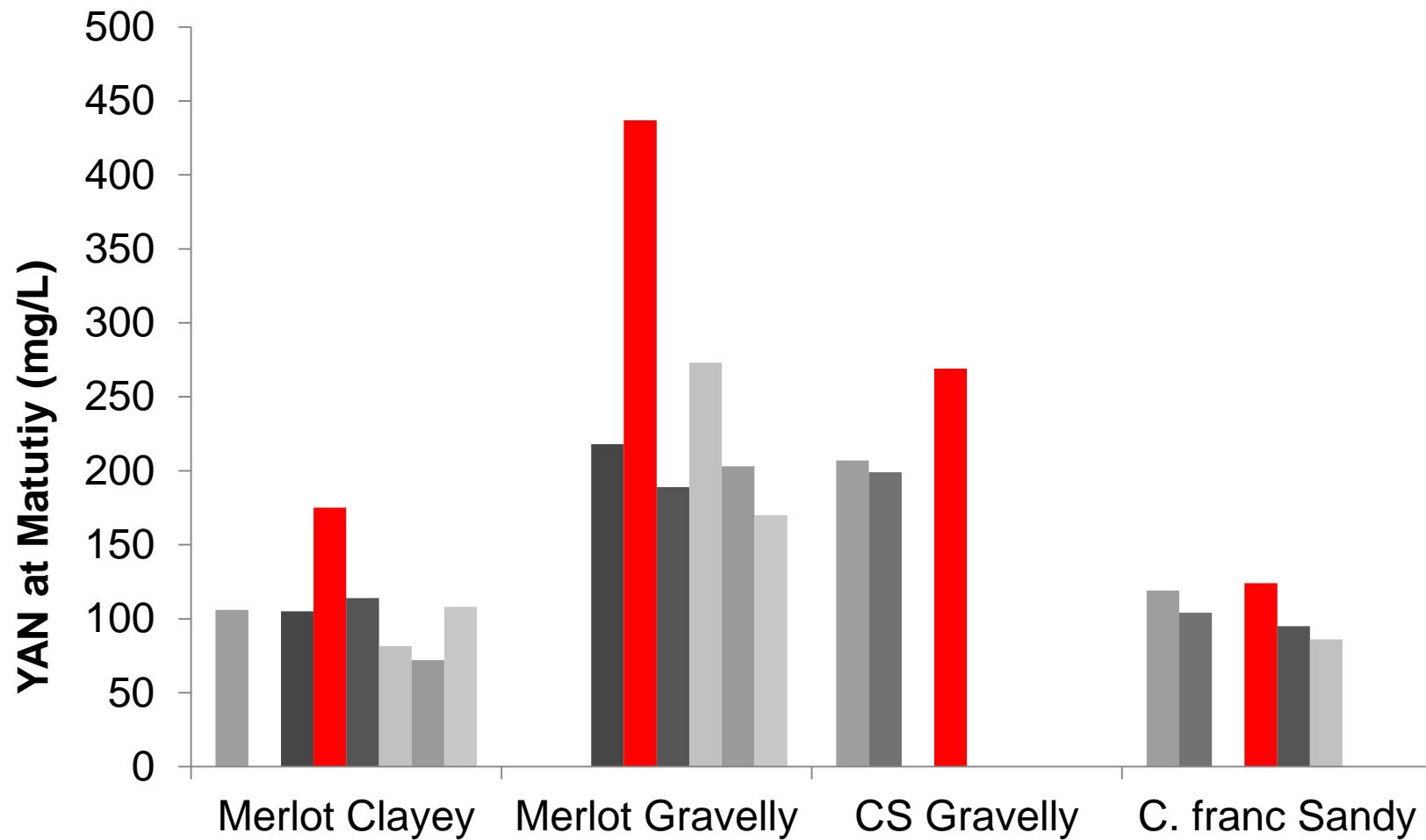
43 wines kept in cellar until 2014  
4 wines from 2003

# Hydric status of experimental vines in 2003



# Nitrogen status of experimental vines in 2003

■ 1999 ■ 2001 ■ 2002 ■ 2003 ■ 2004 ■ 2005 ■ 2006 ■ 2007



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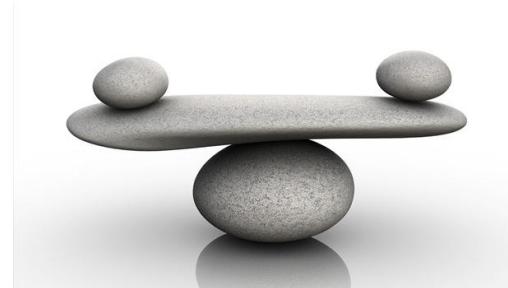


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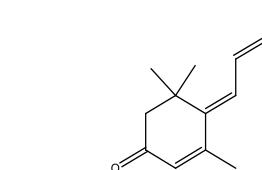
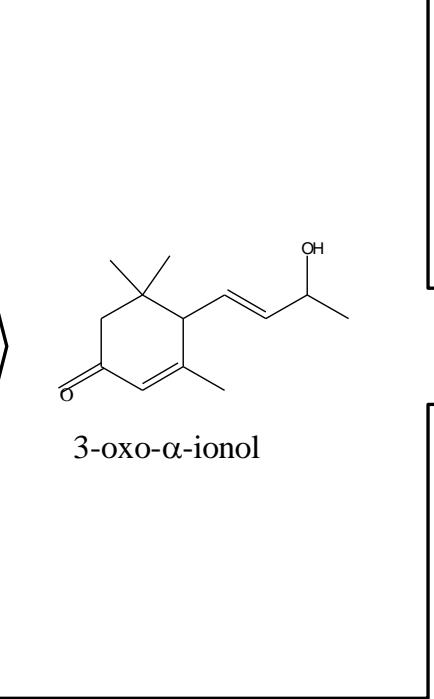
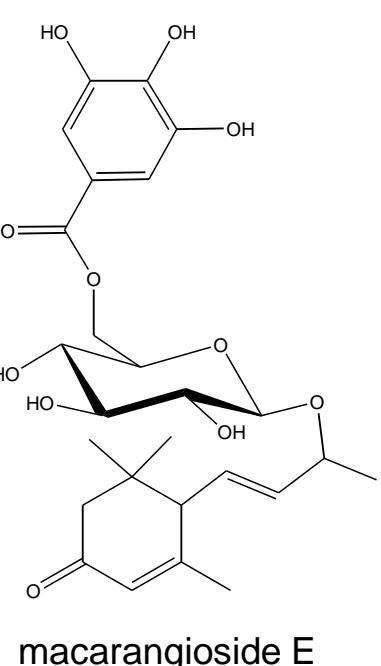
Slaghenaufi et al., Anal. Chim. Acta 2014



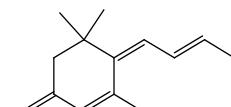
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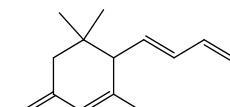
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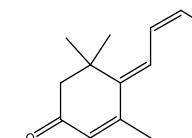
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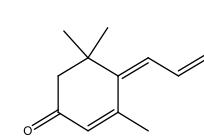
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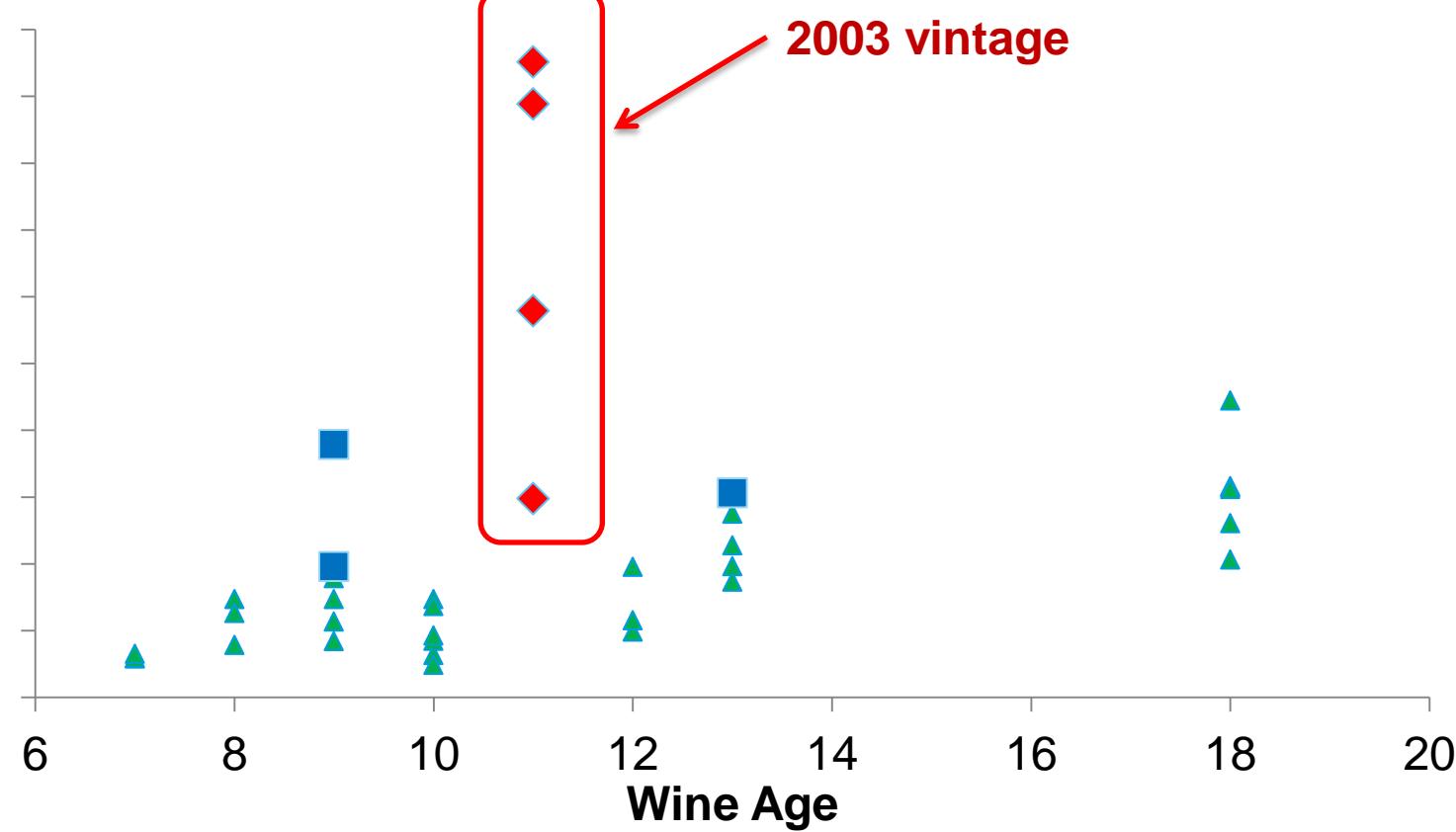
$\Sigma$  of 4  
tabanone  
isomers  
(  $\mu\text{g/L}$  )



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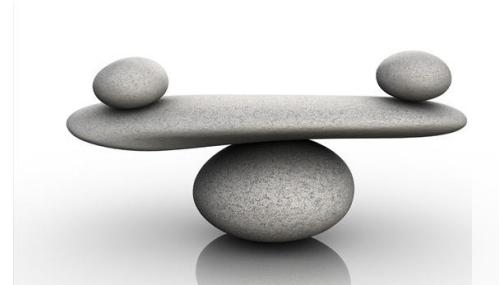


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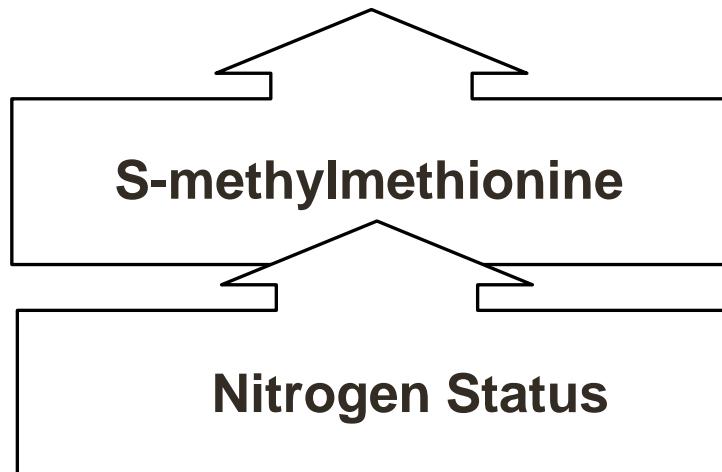
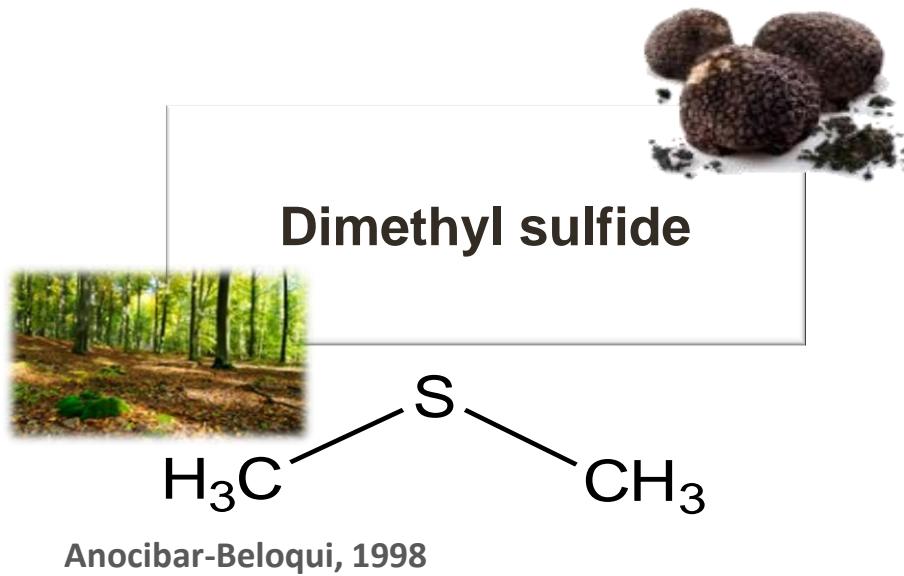


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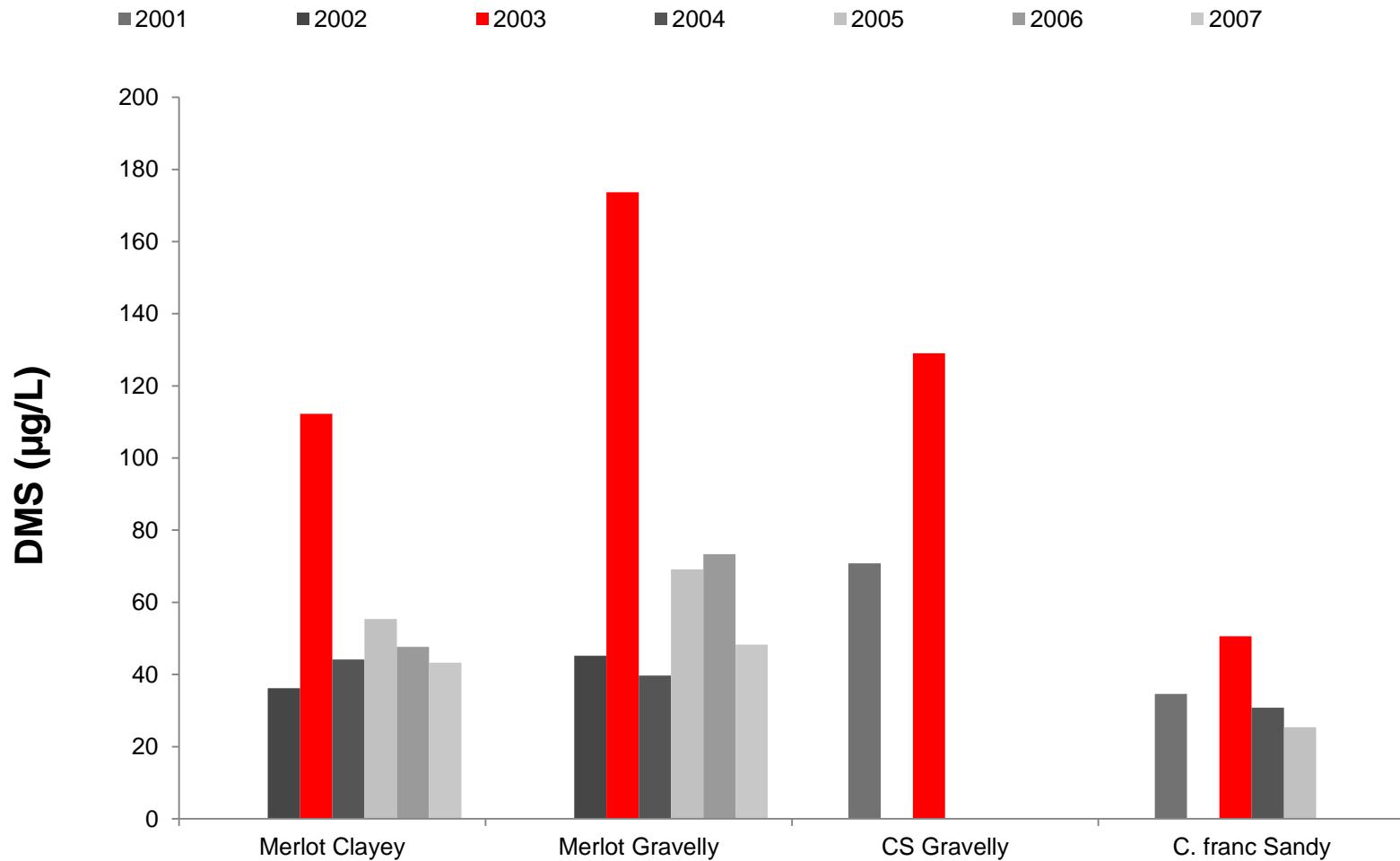


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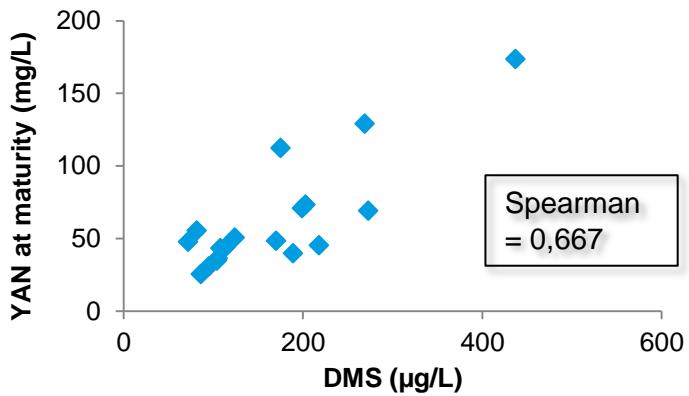
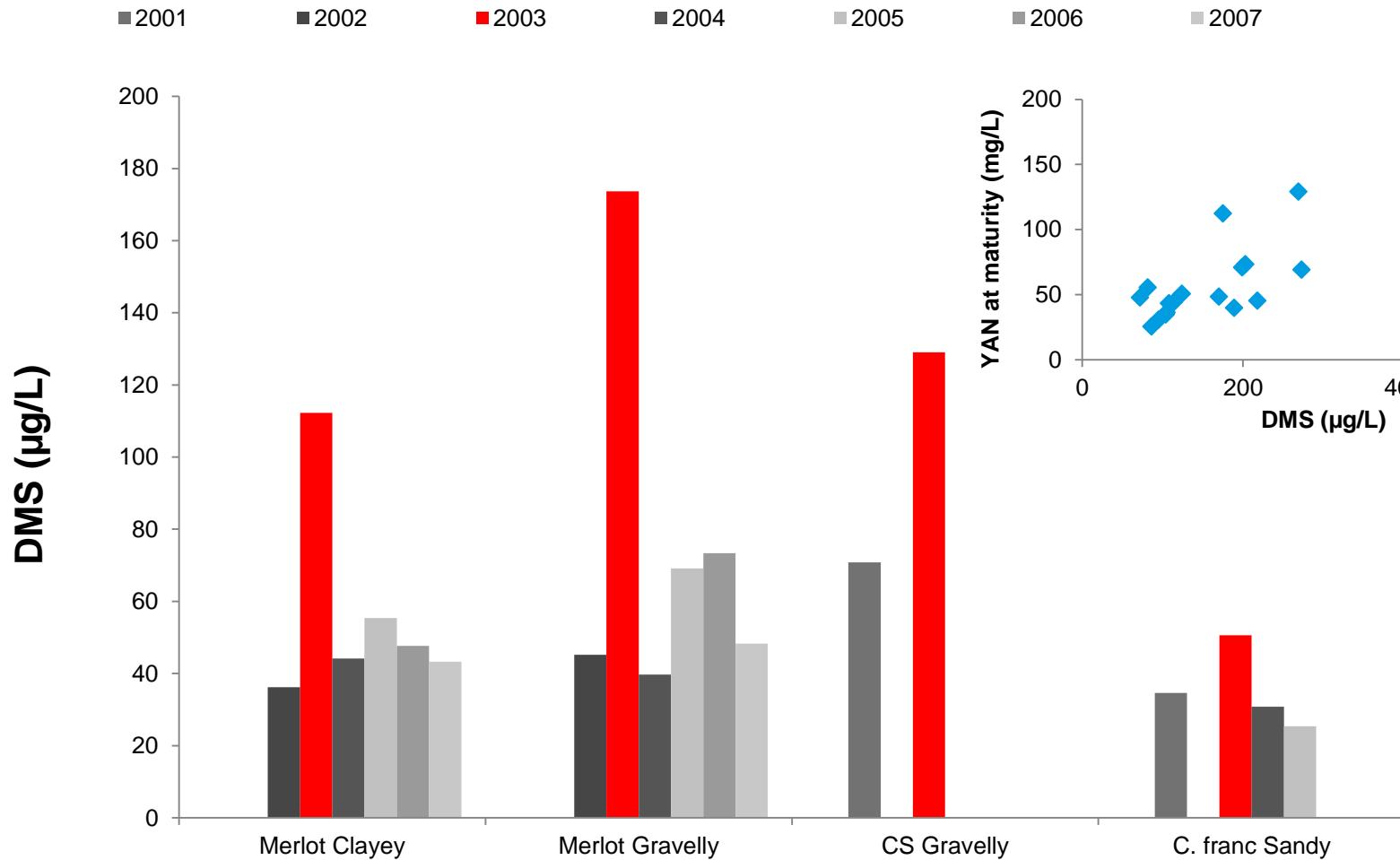
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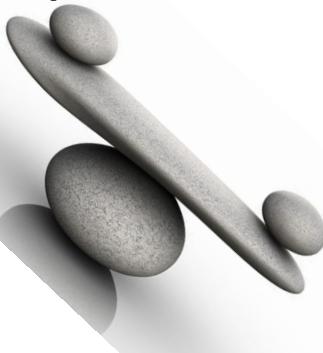


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What is the real  
impact of  
heatwaves on  
Bouquet  
equilibrium?



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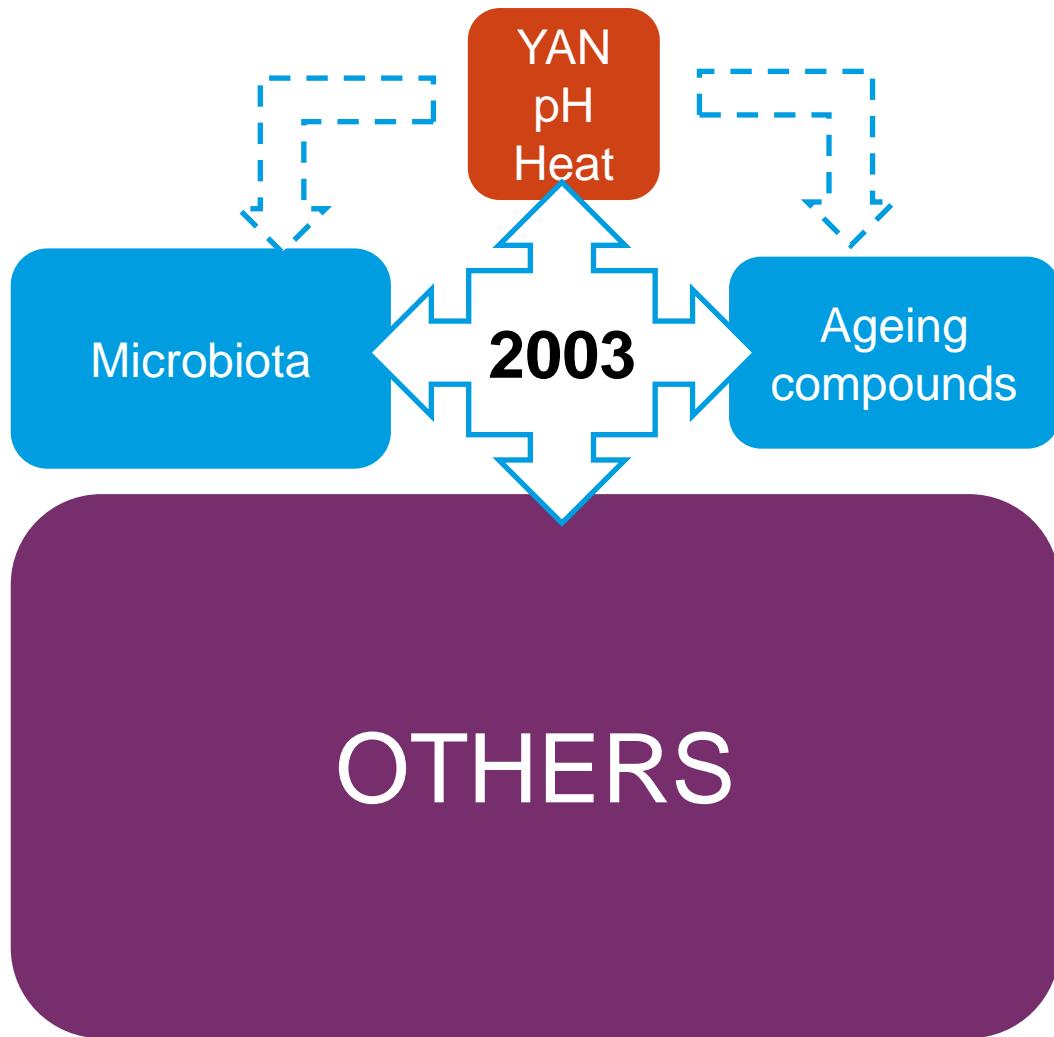


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# Conclusions & Perspectives



*"Devant la nature, les gens ont souvent un sentiment d'impuissance. D'où la tentation d'intervenir, de vouloir agir sans savoir si c'est bien ou pas. Il faut de la retenue et de la modestie envers la vigne. En croyant bien faire on peut remettre en cause des équilibres."*  
P Pontalier

*"In front of the nature, people often feels powerless. Exists a temptation to intervene, to act without knowing if it is good or not. The restraint and the modesty to the (vine) is necessary. By believing to act well we can modify the balances."*  
P. Pontalier



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*“C'est une année extrêmement chaude mais pas extrêmement sèche. J'ai vu des raisins souffrir du chaud, je n'ai pas vu des raisins souffrir de la sécheresse (...) quand on lui a laissé ses feuilles.”  
(Paul Pontalier, Château Margaux)*

It is an extremely hot but not extremely dry year. I saw grapes suffering from the warmth, I did not see grapes suffering from the drought (...) when leaves have been kept

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