

Identification of SNPs associated with magnesium and sodium uptake and the effect of their accumulation on micro and macro nutrient levels in *Vitis vinifera*

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Macro and micro nutrient accumulation affects all stages of plant growth and development. When nutrient deficiencies or excesses occur, normal plant growth is altered resulting in symptoms such as leaf chlorosis, plant stunting or death. In grapes, few genomic regions associated with nutrient accumulation or deficiencies have been identified or studied. Our study evaluated micro and macro nutrient concentrations in *Vitis* to identify associated SNPs. Nutrient concentrations and foliar symptoms (leaf chlorosis and stunting) were compared among 249 F₁ *Vitis vinifera* individuals in 2015 and 2016. Foliar symptoms were consistent ($\geq 90\%$) between years and correlated with changes in nutrient concentrations of magnesium ($r = 0.65$ and $r = 0.38$ in 2015 and 2016, respectively), aluminum ($r = 0.24$ and $r = 0.49$), iron ($r = 0.21$ and $r = 0.49$), and sodium ($r = 0.32$ and $r = 0.21$). Single nucleotide polymorphisms associated with symptoms (2015 and 2016), sodium (2015 and 2016), and magnesium (2015) were detected on chromosomes 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18. Symptoms and magnesium concentration were primarily associated with SNPs on chromosome 3, while sodium-associated SNPs were found on chromosomes 11, 12, 13, and 18. Mean concentrations for each nutrient varied between years in the population between symptomatic and asymptomatic plants, but relative relationships were mostly consistent. These data suggest a complex relationship among foliar symptoms and micro and macro nutrients accumulating in grapevines.

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15 **Abstract**

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19 symptoms such as leaf chlorosis, plant stunting or death. In grapes, few genomic regions
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23 *Vitis vinifera* individuals in 2015 and 2016. Foliar symptoms were consistent ($\geq 90\%$) between
24 years and correlated with changes in nutrient concentrations of magnesium ($r = 0.65$ and $r = 0.38$
25 in 2015 and 2016, respectively), aluminum ($r = 0.24$ and $r = 0.49$), iron ($r = 0.21$ and $r = 0.49$),
26 and sodium ($r = 0.32$ and $r = 0.21$). Single nucleotide polymorphisms associated with symptoms,
27 sodium, and magnesium were detected on each chromosome with the exception of 5 and 7
28 depending on the trait and genome used for analyses. Symptoms and magnesium concentration
29 were primarily associated with SNPs on chromosome 3, while sodium-associated SNPs were
30 primarily found on chromosome 11. Mean concentrations for each nutrient varied between years
31 in the population between symptomatic and asymptomatic plants, but relative relationships were
32 mostly consistent. These data suggest a complex relationship among foliar symptoms and micro
33 and macro nutrients accumulating in grapevines.

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35 Introduction

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37 Macro and micronutrients are essential for proper cell function and overall plant health.
38 Macronutrients, those needed in large quantities by plants, include nitrogen, phosphorus,
39 potassium, calcium, sulfur, and magnesium. These are largely present in the soil and are readily
40 available to plants depending on soil pH and moisture (Maathuis 2009). Micronutrients, such as
41 sodium, boron, iron, zinc, manganese and copper, are less prevalent in the soil, but small
42 quantities are still necessary for plant growth and development. Nutrient levels fluctuate in the
43 plant, and vary based on developmental stage, maturity, genotype, and tissue (Benito *et al.* 2013;
44 Pradubsuk and Davenport 2010). In grape, a perennial woody vine, nutrient fluctuations occur
45 throughout the season with specific nutrient concentrations peaking during critical periods of
46 development and growth. The composition and quantities of these nutrients can have drastic
47 effects on fruit quality and plant health pre and postharvest (Conradie 1981; Conradie 1992;
48 Morris *et al.* 1983; Mpelasoka *et al.* 2003; Rogiers *et al.* 2000; Schreiner 2016; Williams *et al.*
49 2004).

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51 Nutrient deficiencies often result from poor ion availability or uptake, leading to deformation of
52 shoots or roots, uneven ripening of fruit, and chlorosis or necrosis of leaves. Leaf chlorosis is a
53 common symptom of nutrient deficiency, as many macro and micronutrients contribute to
54 chlorophyll production, enzyme and membrane stabilization and activation. Magnesium (Mg) is
55 an important structural component of chlorophyll and a phosphorylizer or dephosphorilizer of
56 compounds. Symptoms of Mg deficiency, such as interveinal chlorosis of the leaves, necrotic
57 leaf spots, and root and shoot stunting can be induced by low levels of Mg or high levels of
58 calcium (Ca), potassium (K) or other ions, which can alter Mg absorption (Guo *et al.* 2016;
59 Hermans and Verbruggen 2005; Skinner and Matthews 1990; Spiers and Braswell 1994).

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61 Sodium (Na) can be used by plants in small quantities, but in excess, causes stunting, leaf tip
62 burning, and leaf darkening (Bernstein 1975). Leaf chlorosis, found in many nutrient
63 deficiencies, is not a characteristic symptom of Na excess, except as a result of cation
64 imbalances. These imbalances can be the result of substrate competition, as is the case with Mg,
65 K and Ca, or can occur through changes in ion potential and turgor pressure (Grattan and Grieve

66 1992; Zhu *et al.* 1998). This complex relationship, while not well studied, varies among host
67 species and type of salt ions (Carbonell-Barrachina *et al.* 2008; Cordovilla *et al.* 2008; Volkmar
68 *et al.* 1998). Complex relationships are also true among metal ions and nutrients in the soil.
69 Aluminum (Al), a highly abundant metal in earth's crust, is one of the major factors limiting crop
70 production in low pH soils (Mossor-Petraszewska 2001). Aluminum competes with other ions
71 such as Mg or Ca for binding sites in the plant, leading to root deformation and nutrient
72 deficiencies. It is often the lack of essential nutrients, and not the accumulation of toxic metals,
73 that results in metal toxicity symptoms.

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75 In *Vitis vinifera*, nutrient deficiencies are commonly observed in poor quality soils and can affect
76 bud development, fruit yield, and quality (Brancadoro *et al.* 1995; Sinilal *et al.* 2011; Tagliavini
77 and Rombola 2001). Fe and Mg are two of the most common deficiencies observed in grape,
78 often observed as interveinal chlorosis (Brancadoro *et al.* 1995; Conradie and Saayman 1989).
79 Common nutrient excesses include Na and K (Downtown 1977; Gong *et al.* 2015). However, the
80 severity of response can vary greatly depending on the genotype used and level of excess (Kocsis
81 and Walker 2003; Porro *et al.* 2013).

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83 Genotypic variation in nutrient levels is often caused by differences in the ability of a plant to
84 uptake, accumulate, or metabolize nutrients (Christensen 1984). Studies on the genetic control
85 of nutrient accumulation in grape are limited, those that exist merely show the complexity
86 surrounding nutrient absorption and their interactions (Davies *et al.* 2006; Jimenez *et al.* 2007;
87 Perez-Castro *et al.* 2012; Primikiris and Roubelakis-Angelakis 2001). QTL analyses have
88 identified regions associated with Fe and Na tolerance and Mg deficiency. For Fe tolerance, a
89 major QTL located on chromosome 13 explained approximately 50% of the phenotypic variation
90 in root and shoot biomass over two years. Minor effect QTL were detected on chromosomes 5, 9,
91 18, 19 with variation evident between years (Bert *et al.* 2013). An interspecific-hybrid population
92 between two rootstocks was evaluated for leaf sodium exclusion. Na leaf concentrations were
93 found to be associated with a block of 538 genes located on chromosome 11 explaining 72% of
94 the variation (Henderson *et al.* 2017). The authors characterized four of these genes, high-
95 affinity potassium transporters, and found allelic variants affected Na accumulation. For Mg
96 deficiency, symptoms and Mg concentrations had a correlation of -0.52. The authors determined

97 deficiency was controlled by a major QTL accounting for approximately 55% of the variation
98 located on linkage group 11 (Mandl *et al.* 2006). Based on the unstable inheritance in later
99 generations, it was postulated that highly symptomatic plants were the result of an interaction
100 between alleles from both progenitors. However, this study did not take into account levels of
101 other elements such as P, K, and Ca which are known to affect Mg absorption and allocation.

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103 In grape, few studies have examined the genetics of nutrient absorption and its relationship to
104 sodium despite its importance in plant development and fruit quality. Mapping families remain a
105 useful tool for understanding the genetic architecture of complex traits, such as nutrient balance,
106 and we observed symptoms initially believed to be Mg over-accumulation in an F₁ breeding
107 population. Leveraging the structure of this F₁ population, the objectives of this study were to
108 determine the heritability and segregation, identify genomic regions associated with magnesium,
109 sodium, and other macro and micro nutrients accumulation in *Vitis*, and compare SNP detection
110 across two reference genomes.

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112 **Methods**

113 *Material and nutrient analyses*

114 Two hundred forty-nine seedlings of a *Vitis vinifera* F₁ breeding population derived from
115 ‘Verdejo’ x ‘Gewürztraminer’ (VxT) were transplanted in June 2013 into a research plot in
116 Ripperdan, CA (soil type = Cajon loamy sand, Dinuba-El Peco fine sandy loam, Pachappa sandy
117 loam, slightly – moderately saline-alkali; pH = 7.9). Row spacing was set at 1.22 m with 2.44 m
118 between rows. Seedlings were trained and managed according to standard grower practices.

119 Plants were fertilized with N, P, and K at rates of 14.5, 18.4, and 12.87 kg/hectare, respectively
120 in 2015 and 18.1 (N), 23.10 (P), and 16.1 (K) kg/hectare in 2016 according to industry standard
121 practices. Plants were visually assessed for nutrient imbalance symptoms in August (2015) and
122 September (2016) using a 1 (present) or 0 (absence) rating where symptoms were plant stunting
123 and/or leaf chlorosis (Figure 1). At the end of the study, a subset of symptomatic and
124 asymptomatic vines were removed and were evaluated for root stunting. Whole leaf (petiole and
125 blade) samples were collected from each vine, air dried, and submitted to A & L’s Western Labs
126 (Modesto, CA) for nutrient analyses in October 2015 and in October 2016. Nutrient
127 concentrations were measured for nitrogen (N), sulfur (S), phosphorus (P), potassium (K),

128 magnesium (Mg), calcium (Ca), sodium (Na), iron (Fe), aluminum (Al), manganese (Mn), boron
129 (B), copper (Cu), and zinc (Zn). N, S, P, K, Mg, Ca, and Na were reported as a percent of dry
130 matter (% dm). Fe, Al, Mn, B, Cu and Zn were reported as parts per million (ppm).

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132 Statistical analysis

133 Data were analyzed using JMP v12 statistical software (SAS Institute, Cary, NC) for normality,
134 analysis of variance (ANOVA), and correlations. Plant symptoms were analyzed as marginal
135 chlorosis only, stunting only, or combined (stunting and/or chlorosis). Data for Zn, Na, P, and
136 Mn were log transformed, S, Mg, Fe, B, and Al were log₁₀ transformed, and Ca and K were
137 square root transformed to fulfill assumptions of normality. Significant differences in nutrient
138 concentrations were determined using Tukey's Honest Significant Difference (HSD) ($P \geq 0.05$).
139 Correlations were determined using Pearson's correlation coefficient (r). Hierarchical clustering
140 was determined using the Ward method on standardized data. Broad sense heritability (H) was
141 calculated based on mean square values across years according to Fehr (1987) with confidence
142 intervals estimated by Knapp *et al.* (1985).

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144 Genotyping by sequencing and QTL mapping

145 Young grape leaves were collected from each F₁ progeny grapevine in July 2015 and genomic
146 DNA extracted using the Qiagen genomic DNA extraction kit (Qiagen, Inc Valencia, CA).
147 Genomic DNA was sent to the UC Davis Genome Center's DNA Technologies and Expression
148 Analysis Cores (University of California, Davis) for quality analysis, restriction enzyme
149 digestion, library preparation and Illumina Hi-seq 3000 sequencing. Sequencing coverage was
150 approximately 2.7 million reads per sample. Genotyping by sequencing (GBS) data was analyzed
151 using the Tassel 5.0 GBSv2 pipeline (Bradbury *et al.* 2007). Quality (≤ 20) and length (≥ 20 bp)
152 filtered and trimmed reads were aligned to the Thompson Seedless genome (Genova *et al.* 2014;
153 Patel *et al.* 2018) and the Pinot noir 12xv2 genome (Canaguier *et al.*, 2017) using BWA (Li and
154 Durbin 2010). The table grape/raisin genome of Thompson Seedless was used, in addition to the
155 wine grape-derived inbred genome of Pinot noir, to capture some of the variability in SNP
156 detection using a reference genome. Identified SNPs were further filtered for frequency of minor
157 (0.20) and major (≥ 0.35) allele frequencies, missing data ($\geq 10\%$), and sequencing depth (< 5
158 reads) using vcftools 0.1.15 (Danecek *et al.* 2011). A panel of 10,122 and 4,000 filtered SNPs

159 (Thompson Seedless and Pinot noir, respectively) were used for genome-wide association studies
160 (GWAS) analyses. A kinship matrix was estimated in Tassel and used in a MLM (mixed linear
161 model) implemented in the software GAPIT v2 for nutrient trait analyses within R statistical
162 analysis software (Lipka *et al.* 2012; Tang *et al.* 2016, R Core Development Team, 2017). For
163 binary traits (stunting, chlorosis, and combined symptoms), 2 principle components with P3D
164 were used for analyses implemented within Tassel. Significance of a SNP was based on a P
165 value ≤ 0.05 and a false discovery rate (FDR) ≤ 0.05 . Functional annotation of genes associated
166 with SNPs was determined using Blast2GO based on the nonredundant database from NCBI, and
167 protein databases from Uniprot and Swissprot (Gotz *et al.*, 2008; accessed June 2018).

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169 **Results**

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171 *Field symptoms*

172 There were 63 and 47 individual vines exhibiting symptoms, while 186 and 192 did not exhibit
173 symptoms in 2015 and 2016, respectively, roughly following a 3:1 segregation. The parents, not
174 grown at the time of this study, had not previously displayed any symptoms of nutrient
175 imbalances at this location under similar fertilization regimes. Symptoms observed in the F_1
176 progeny included leaf, internode, and petiole stunting, as well as marginal leaf chlorosis and
177 necrosis (Fig 1). A subset of symptomatic and asymptomatic plants evaluated for root stunting
178 showed no visible differences (*data not shown*). Presence of symptoms (stunting or chlorosis)
179 was consistent between 2015 and 2016 for most vines ($> 90\%$). Only eighteen vines had
180 symptoms in 2015, but were asymptomatic in 2016. Another two genotypes had no symptoms in
181 2015, but were symptomatic in 2016. When each symptom was evaluated individually, stunting
182 and marginal chlorosis symptoms were consistent among plants in both years ($> 80\%$).

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184 *Nutrient compilation*

185 For the population, significant differences were detected in nutrient concentrations between 2015
186 and 2016 (Table 1). Large increases in Al, Fe, Mg, Zn, Mn and Ca concentrations were observed
187 in leaf tissue between samples collected in 2015 and 2016. A decrease in N, P, K, and B leaf
188 nutrient concentrations was observed from 2015 to 2016. When symptomatic and asymptomatic
189 plants were analyzed separately, differences in nutrient concentration were detected in 2015 and

190 2016 (Table 2). Higher levels of Mg, Na, Al, and Fe were observed in symptomatic plants in
191 both years, while a decrease in N was observed. Broad sense heritability was not estimable for
192 Na, P, Cu, Mn, N, S, and Ca in 2015 or 2016. For Mg ($H= 0.34$; Confidence intervals (CI): 0.18-
193 0.46), B ($H= 0.44$; CI: 0.32-0.55), K ($H= 0.21$; CI: 0.02-0.36), Al ($H= 0.12$; CI: 0 – 0.28), and Fe
194 ($H= 0.27$; CI: 0.10 – 0.41) broad sense heritability was moderate to low.

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196 *Nutrient concentration and symptom correlations*

197 Symptoms (marginal chlorosis, stunting or both) were positively correlated with Na, Mg, Fe and
198 Al concentrations, and negatively correlated with N across both years (Table 3, Supplemental
199 Figure 1). In 2015 and 2016 concentrations of Mg ($r \geq 0.6146$) and Al ($r \geq 0.4805$), respectively
200 had the highest correlation with observed vineyard symptoms (Table 3). Na and Fe
201 concentrations were also correlated with symptoms in both years, though at lower r values.
202 Correlation with symptoms were observed for other nutrients, but were not consistent between
203 years. In 2015, a significant negative correlation between S concentration (22%) and symptoms
204 was observed, but not in 2016. In 2016, there was a significant negative correlation between P,
205 Cu, and K content and symptoms (Supplemental Table 1). Other significant correlations among
206 nutrients included strong ($r \geq 0.300$) positive correlations between N, P, and S in 2015 and 2016
207 and S, P, and K in 2016 and 2016 (Supplemental Table 1). Similarly, a strong positive
208 correlation was also detected for both Mn and Ca with Mg in both years. Nutrient ratios (P/K and
209 Mg/Ca) were examined between years for potential significant correlations with symptoms, but
210 were not consistent between years (Supplemental Table 2).

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212 *Marker-trait associations*

213 Using GWAS, significant associations between SNPs on chromosome 3 and Mg concentration
214 were detected in 2015 for both the Thompson Seedless and Pinot noir genomes. SNP effects
215 ranged from 7 to 10% (Supplemental Table 3). No SNPs associated with Mg accumulation were
216 identified in 2016 with either genome at the $P = 0.05$ FDR level. Genic SNPs associated with
217 Mg concentration were co-associated with SNPs identified for marginal leaf chlorosis and
218 stunting (Supplemental Tables 4 and 5). In the Thompson genome, two additional SNPs
219 (S3_21825966 and S3_21825918), 48 bp apart, located in a ~ 7,000 bp gene desert, explained ~
220 10% of the variation associated with symptoms in 2015 and 2016. A BLAST search of the region

221 did not identify any significant alignments with any genes (predicted, putative or known) in *Vitis*
222 or other species.

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224 For Na in 2015, six SNPs were detected in 2015 on chromosomes 11, 13, and 18 in the
225 Thompson genome. In 2016, SNPs associated with Na concentration were detected on
226 chromosomes 11, 12, and 18 explaining 7 to 10% of the observed variation. Three of the SNPs
227 detected (S11_16152632, S18_25745134, S18_25745143) were consistent between years. None
228 of the SNPs associated with Na concentration were located in predicted or known genes. Only a
229 single SNP identified in 2016 (S11_16152632) was also associated with stunting and general
230 symptoms (Supplemental Table 3). In the Pinot noir genome, 11 SNPs were detected across
231 chromosomes 3, 11, 15, and 17 in 2016. Individual SNPs explained 6 to 11% of the variation
232 observed. Two of the SNPs on chromosomes 3 and 11 were also associated with Na
233 concentrations in 2015, but were not significant when including an FDR of 0.05. Using the Pinot
234 noir genome annotation, 8 genes were associated with Na accumulation. These included genes
235 putatively involved metabolism and transport. Four of the gene had no functional annotation
236 ascribed (Table 5). One genes, Vitvi11g01139, was associated with Na accumulation and
237 annotated as a Clathrin assembly protein, which are a class of proteins involved in
238 macromolecule transportation.

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240 For marginal chlorosis, individual SNP effects on the Thompson Seedless genome ranged from 4
241 to 11%. Highest effect SNPs were detected on chromosome 3, with smaller SNPs identified on
242 chromosomes 1,2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19 (2015) and 1, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, and 18 (2016).
243 Moderate overlap (27 out of 49) between years was evident in genic SNPs detected
244 (Supplemental Table 4). Many of the SNPs identified in only a single year were located in genes
245 with multiple SNPs associated with the trait. When aligned to the Pinot noir genome, marginal
246 chlorosis was primarily associated with SNPs on chromosome 3 with minor SNPs on 6, 9, 13,
247 16, 17 and 19. Individual SNPs explained 4 to 12% of the variation. Similar replication of SNPs
248 was observed when using the Thompson Seedless genome, twenty-nine SNPs were consistent
249 across both years on chromosomes 3 and 16 and most unique SNPs were present in 2016.

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251 For stunting, SNP effects varied from 4 up to 10% in the Thompson Seedless genome. Highest
252 effect SNPs were detected on chromosome 3 with smaller effect SNPs located on chromosomes
253 1, 10, 11 and 18 (2015) and 1, 2, 4, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, and 18 (2016). Twenty-nine SNPs out
254 of a potential 59 were shared between years. The majority of single-year SNPs were identified in
255 2016 (23 SNPs). When symptoms were combined, 28 SNPs were shared across both years, and
256 29 were only identified in a single year (Supplemental Table 3). Using the Pinot noir genome, 20
257 SNPs were only detected in a single year, with the majority identified in 2016 (15). Twenty-nine
258 SNPs found on chromosome 3 were shared between years 1 and 2. Individual SNPs explained 4
259 to 13% of the variation observed.

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261 When aligned to the Thompson Seedless genome, symptom-associated SNPs located within
262 genes shared across years were predominantly found on chromosome 3 with a few additional
263 SNPs located on chromosomes 11 and 18 (Table 4, Supplemental Table 4). Single year SNPs,
264 including those associated in genes, were identified on chromosome 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17,
265 and 18 (Supplemental Table 4). When aligned to the Pinot noir genome, significant SNPs were
266 detected on chromosomes 3, 6, 11, 16, and 19. Individual SNPs explained 4 to 13% of the
267 observed variation. Most of the identified SNPs were located on chromosome 3, and 21 were
268 shared between 2015 and 2016 (Table 5, Supplemental Table 5).

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270 No ion transport pathways were associated with symptom-associated SNPs based on the
271 Thompson Seedless annotation, however approximately 50% of the genes had putative catalytic
272 activity and 50% had binding activity (Supplemental Figure 2). None of the genes identified
273 across both years and associated with symptoms were putative transporters, but were instead
274 involved in processes such as oxidation, transcription, development, and stress response (Table
275 4). When symptom-associated SNPs located in genes based on the Pinot noir annotation were
276 evaluated for putative activity, stress response, transcription, growth and development, and
277 metabolic pathways were all represented similar to the Thompson genome. In addition, SNPs
278 were also detected in several genes related to sugar and nutrient transport. One SNP associated
279 with leaf stunting in both years and symptoms was associated with Calcium ion binding
280 (Vivi03g00243).

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282 Discussion

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284 Proper macro and micro nutrient accumulation in grapevines is a perennial concern for growers,
285 particularly in regions with marginal soils. Deficiencies, overaccumulations, or mis-partitioning
286 of nutrients can result in economic losses in yield and fruit quality, and occasionally cause plant
287 death. In our study, a *Vitis vinifera* F₁ population ('Verdejo' x 'Gewürztraminer'; denoted as
288 VxT) segregating for foliar symptoms was evaluated for micro and macro nutrient and ion (N, S,
289 P, K, Mg, Ca, Na, Fe, Al, Mn, B, Cu, and Zn) concentrations and symptom-associated SNPs.

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291 Normal nutrient ranges for plants vary depending on environment, variety, maturity, tissue, plant
292 age, and developmental stage making comparisons among studies difficult even when using the
293 same cultivar (Benito *et al.* 2013; Pradubsuk and Davenport 2010; Conradie 1992; Schreiner *et*
294 *al.* 2006; Schreiner 2016). In the VxT population, P, B, and Cu concentrations were within
295 normal limits for *V. vinifera* (Bates and Wolf 2008) and had no correlation with observed
296 physiological symptoms. All other nutrients or ions evaluated were outside of normal ranges or
297 baseline levels have not been established. Concentrations of N, Mg, Na, Fe, and Al were outside
298 (higher or lower) of the normal range for grape and were strongly associated with symptoms in
299 both 2015 and 2016. Deficiencies or surplus of several of these ions can result in chlorosis,
300 marginal leaf burn, or stunting. However, the symptoms observed were not consistent with any
301 single nutrient imbalance or "acidic soil sickness", a term used to describe foliar symptoms
302 related to deficiencies in Ca, Mg, or P from low pH soils (Wilcox *et al.* 2015). This suggests the
303 symptoms in the VxT population were the result of misaccumulation in more than one ion.

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305 Iron deficiency and aluminum toxicity can result in interveinal chlorosis and necrosis, but not the
306 marginal leaf burn, stunting and chlorosis observed in the VxT population. In our work, strong
307 positive correlations (<95%) were observed among Fe and Al concentrations in both
308 symptomatic and asymptomatic plants across years. A similar positive correlation was detected
309 in maize, but has not been reported in other crops (Hoffer and Trost 1923). Previous studies have
310 shown that, aluminum tolerance variability exists among grape cultivars, with highly sensitive
311 genotypes showing reduced root growth (Cancado *et al.* 2009). Conflicting information exists on
312 the effects of aluminum on accumulation and distribution of nutrients in plants. It has been

313 shown that it can negatively impact plant health by restricting the uptake of nutrients
314 predominantly Ca and Mg in maize (Mariano and Keltjens 2005). However, other studies on
315 maize have shown that Mg and Ca content in the shoots show little variability when exposed to
316 Al in the soil (Lidon *et al.* 2000; Olivares *et al.* 2009). In our study, high concentrations of Mg
317 were observed despite the high concentrations of Al also being present.

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319 In grape, Mg deficiency symptoms are typically interveinal chlorosis starting at the leaf edge.
320 Mg overaccumulation has not been described in grape, but in other plant species was
321 characterized by stunted growth and foliar yellowing. In our population, marginal, but not
322 interveinal, chlorosis and stunting were observed and positively associated (32-60%) with an
323 increase in foliar Mg content. In excess, Mg can inhibit the absorption of other essential nutrients
324 such as Ca or K affecting root and shoot growth (Kobayashi *et al.* 2005; Tang *et al.* 2015;
325 Venkatesan and Jayaganesh, 2010). This was similar to our study, where calcium and manganese
326 levels decreased while Mg concentration increased in symptomatic plants. SNPs associated with
327 Mg accumulation were identified on chromosome 3, but none of the genic SNPs were associated
328 with putative transporters and the two highest effect SNPs were not located in a known genic
329 region. A previous study by Mandl *et al.* (2006) determined that Mg deficiency was associated
330 with a region on chromosome 11. In our work, chromosome 11 was associated with Na, but not
331 Mg accumulation. These data combined would suggest that Mg accumulation in the VxT
332 population is not a result of an overexpression of a Mg-specific transporter as was postulated by
333 Mandl *et al.* (2006). SNPs associated with foliar symptoms were also predominantly located on
334 chromosome 3, suggesting that Mg content had a role in the visible symptoms. However, many
335 of the remaining symptom-related SNPs did not overlap with those associated with Mg content
336 indicating that this is only one small piece of the equation.

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338 In grape, Na stress symptoms can include internode and leaf stunting, as well as leaf burns
339 (Sinclair and Hoffman, 2003). Leaf chlorosis, observed in our study, is not considered a
340 symptom of salt stress in grape, but Na levels were consistently associated with symptoms in
341 years 1 and 2 (Baneh *et al.* 2014). This was further supported by the identification of an Na-
342 associated SNP shared with stunting symptoms, though only in 2016. Strong correlations

343 between Na concentrations and those of Mg, Ca, and N were observed in the first year of this
344 study, but were not consistent across years.

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346 In the VxT population, Na accumulation was found to be associated with SNPs located on
347 chromosome 11 consistent with previous work and chromosome 3 (Henderson et al., 2017). In
348 our study, individual SNPs (genic and non-genic) did not explain a large portion of the variation
349 observed (5 to 12%). This is similar to many GWAS studies where identified SNPs have only
350 minor effects (Wang *et al.* 2015). Overlap between Mg and Na concentration-associated SNPs
351 and those associated with symptoms (marginal leaf chlorosis, stunting or both) indicate that
352 symptoms were, in part, tied to the accumulation or mispartitioning of both Mg and Na in the
353 vine. The effect of individual SNPs varied suggesting that nutrient-related symptoms in this
354 population may be the result of interactions of various ions, particularly Al, Na, Fe, and Mg.

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356 When comparing SNP results between the two genomes used in this study, it was clear that
357 chromosome 3 was a major contributor of the phenotypic variation observed in the VxT
358 population. Similarly, individual SNPs identified in both genomes had small effects on
359 symptoms (leaf stunting and/or chlorosis), with few genes having more than one significant SNP.
360 In the Thompson genome annotation, one Na associated SNP was shared with symptom
361 associated SNPs, and most Na associated SNPs were located in genic “deserts”. However, in the
362 Pinot noir genome v3 annotation, one Na associated SNP was also associated with symptoms in
363 both years, and located within a gene (Vitvi11g01681). These data highlight the importance of
364 genome and annotation selection when performing these types of studies.

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366 In summary, we evaluated a *Vitis vinifera* segregating population for micro and macro nutrient
367 accumulation across two years. Broad sense heritability was low for most nutrient
368 concentrations, indicating a large environmental component. This was further evident in that
369 specific nutrient concentrations fluctuated with vine age from 2015 to 2016, though trends were
370 consistent across years. Symptom-associated genic SNPs identified were located in putative
371 stress response-related genes. However, many SNPs identified were not associated within known
372 genic regions. Many of the SNPs associated with Mg accumulation were distributed across
373 chromosome 3 for both of the genomes evaluated. While it is clear that a block of SNPs on

374 chromosome 3 is affecting this trait, current resources were insufficient to identify associated
375 genes. As more grape genomes are sequenced, it is quite apparent that genomic inversions and
376 deletions are common among cultivars and the grapevine gene annotation is constantly being
377 modified. Some of the candidate SNPs identified here may associate with currently unannotated
378 genes not present in the Thompson Seedless or Pinot noir genomes. Additionally, as
379 ‘Geuwurztraminer’ is an aromatic sport of ‘Traminer’, which itself is the grandparent of
380 ‘Verdejo’, this population is genetically similar to an F₂ back cross 1 (F₂BC₁). Grape is
381 particularly susceptible to inbreeding depression, and these SNPs may be associated with
382 deleterious alleles of regulatory or genic regions not annotated in sequenced grape genomes.
383 SNPs associated with Na and Mg accumulation as well as foliar symptoms were identified.
384 However, imbalances in neither of these single ions were able to fully explain the observed
385 symptoms, and the relationship with symptoms varied as the plants aged and other nutrient levels
386 changed. These fluid relationships highlight the complexity of micro- and macro nutrient
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Figure 1

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Figure 2

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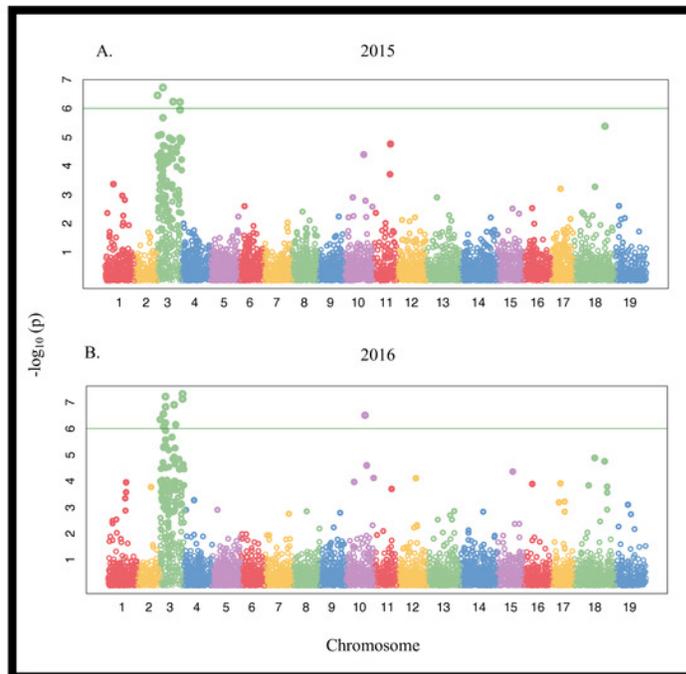


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| Nutrient | Unit ^A | Population Mean ± (StD) | | Normal range ^B (petioles) |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|
| | | 2015 | 2016 | |
| N | % dm | 2.19 ± 0.25* | 1.62 ± 0.26 | 0.8 – 1.2 |
| S | % dm | 0.18 ± 0.02* | 0.17 ± 0.03 | - |
| P | % dm | 0.17 ± 0.03* | 0.13 ± 0.03 | 0.14 – 0.30 |
| K | % dm | 0.94 ± 0.24* | 0.70 ± 0.24 | 1.2 – 2.0 |
| Mg | % dm | 0.69 ± 0.17* | 0.83 ± 0.15 | 0.35 – 0.75 |
| Ca | % dm | 2.44 ± 0.44* | 3.27 ± 0.56 | 1 – 2 |
| Na | % dm | 0.02 ± 0.02* | 0.05 ± 0.03 | - |
| Fe | ppm | 400.41 ± 86.27* | 484.20 ± 175.14 | 30 – 100 |
| Al | ppm | 238.05 ± 57.14* | 315.67 ± 112.02 | - |
| Mn | ppm | 59.31 ± 13.08* | 69.53 ± 18.69 | 100 – 1000 |
| B | ppm | 50.81 ± 14.60* | 42.00 ± 16.02 | 25 - 50 |
| Cu | ppm | 6.20 ± 2.43 | 6.12 ± 1.25 | 5 -15 |
| Zn | ppm | 20.78 ± 3.95* | 26.12 ± 5.88 | 30 - 60 |

3 ^A Units of measurement for each micro or macronutrient analyzed as percent dry matter (% dm)
 4 or parts per million (ppm).

5 ^B Typical range for petiole concentrations for *Vitis* cultivars selected from Bates and Wolf
 6 (2008).

7 * indicates a significant difference ($P \leq 0.05$) in concentration between 2015 and 2016.

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| Ion | Unit ^A | 2015 | | 2016 | |
|-----|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | | No Sym ^B | Symp | No Symp | Symp |
| N | % dm | 2.22 ± 0.23* | 2.09 ± 0.27 | 1.63 ± 0.26* | 1.53 ± 0.22 |
| S | % dm | 0.18 ± 0.02* | 0.17 ± 0.02 | 0.17 ± 0.03 | 0.17 ± 0.02 |
| P | % dm | 0.17 ± 0.03 | 0.17 ± 0.02 | 0.13 ± 0.03* | 0.15 ± 0.03 |
| K | % dm | 0.93 ± 0.24 | 0.96 ± 0.25 | 0.66 ± 0.23* | 0.86 ± 0.26 |
| Mg | % dm | 0.63 ± 0.11* | 0.89 ± 0.19 | 0.80 ± 0.14* | 0.95 ± 0.14 |
| Ca | % dm | 2.44 ± 0.43 | 2.45 ± 0.44 | 3.37 ± 0.54* | 2.86 ± 0.45 |
| Na | % dm | 0.02 ± 0.02* | 0.03 ± 0.02 | 0.04 ± 0.02* | 0.06 ± 0.05 |
| Fe | ppm | 389.85 ± 84.44* | 431.57 ± 85.68 | 443.28 ± 139.08* | 660.06 ± 205.68 |
| Al | ppm | 230.19 ± 55.58* | 261.25 ± 55.76 | 289.02 ± 89.17* | 430.21 ± 128.03 |
| Mn | ppm | 58.61 ± 12.69 | 61.35 ± 14.15 | 70.70 ± 19.17* | 64.49 ± 15.63 |
| B | ppm | 50.40 ± 14.39 | 52.02 ± 15.24 | 41.46 ± 16.61 | 44.34 ± 13.07 |
| Cu | ppm | 6.17 ± 2.60 | 6.32 ± 1.87 | 5.95 ± 1.20* | 6.85 ± 1.20 |
| Zn | ppm | 20.96 ± 3.90 | 20.25 ± 4.08 | 25.77 ± 5.20 | 27.62 ± 8.11 |

2 ^A Units of measurement for each micro or macronutrient analyzed as percent dry matter (% dm)
3 or parts per million (ppm).

4 ^B Non symptomatic (No sym) and Symptomatic (Symp) plants.

5 * indicates a significant difference between symptomatic and asymptomatic plants

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| | Mg | Ca | Na | Fe | Al | N | Sym^A |
|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------------------|
| Mg | - | 0.4414*** | 0.3175*** | 0.1663** | 0.2220** | -0.3552*** | 0.6146*** |
| Ca | 0.4123*** | - | 0.1414* | NS | NS | -0.3394*** | NS |
| Na | 0.2134** | NS | - | 0.1847* | 0.1601* | NS | 0.2973*** |
| Fe | NS | -0.2168** | 0.1850* | - | 0.9675*** | -0.1512* | 0.2149** |
| Al | 0.1385* | -0.1958* | 0.1919* | 0.9841*** | - | -0.2290** | 0.2406** |
| N | -0.2852* | -0.2822*** | NS | NS | NS | - | -0.2275** |
| Sym | 0.3200*** | -0.3619*** | 0.2436*** | 0.4724*** | 0.4805*** | -0.1679* | - |

4 ^A Symptoms

5 *P ≤ 0.05

6 **P < 0.001

7 ***P < 0.0001

8 NS = not significant

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| Chr ^A | Gene ^B | SNP | Effect ^C | Putative function ^D |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|
| 10 | g1087 | S10_19692199 | 6-9% | Polyphenol oxidase |
| 3 | g1405 | S3_149721 | 9% | Probable beta-D-xylosidase 5 |
| | g1407 | S3_265316 | 5-6% | Uncharacterized protein LOC109124260 |
| | g1462 | S3_921272 | 6-7% | FAD-linked sulfhydryl oxidase ERV1 |
| | g1519 | S3_2023880 | 5% | HTH-type transcript regulator protein ptxE |
| | g1523 | S3_2032939 | 4-5% | CASP-like protein 5C1 |
| | | S3_2032882 | 4-6% | |
| | g1599 | S3_2800042 | 6% | Glycoside hydrolase, family 10 |
| | g1629 | S3_3258173 | 6-9% | At4g33990 |
| | g1632 | S3_3366650 | 7-9% | Oxysterol-binding protein 5 |
| | | S3_3366649 | 5-7% | |
| | g1658 | S3_3935538 | 7-9% | Polyphenol oxidase |
| | g1676 | S3_4305461 | 5% | Myb-binding protein 1A |
| | g1689 | S3_4773185 | 5% | Scopoletin glucosyltransferase-like |
| | g1736 | S3_5569343 | 7% | Receptor-like protein kinase HAIKU2 |
| | g1784 | S3_6826327 | 5-7% | Os01g0234100-like isoform X1 |
| | g1882 | S3_8415245 | 4-6% | Classical arabinogalactan protein 9 |
| | g1999 | S3_10174220 | 4-6% | Dof zinc finger protein DOF3.4-like |
| | g2046 | S3_11599143 | 7-8% | CSC1-like protein HYP1 isoform X1 |
| | g2086 | S3_12359712 | 7% | Protein unc-50 homolog |
| | g2129 | S3_13316810 | 5-6% | Serine/threonine-protein kinase BLUS1 like |
| | g2137 | S3_13577682 | 6-7% | Exocyst complex component SEC6 |
| | g2185 | S3_14537967 | 7% | Hypothetical protein VITISV_042288 |
| | g2192 | S3_14638969 | 5-6% | E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase MBR2 iso X1 |
| | g2217 | S3_15151065 | 9-10% | Mitochondrial Rho GTPase 1-like |
| | g2363 | S3_18838966 | 5-7% | DNA-directed RNA poly II, IV, V sub 3 |
| | g2581 | S3_22457867 | 6-7% | D-3-phosphoglycerate dehydrogenase 1 like |
| | g2622 | S3_23241926 | 6% | KH domain-containing protein HEN4 |

3 ^A Chromosome

4 ^B Putative grape gene based on the Thompson Seedless genome (Patel et al., 2018).

5 ^C Percent of the variation explained by a SNP.

6 ^D Putative function based on BLAST2GO annotation (Gotz et al., 2008).

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| Chr ^A | Gene ^B | SNP | Effect ^C | Putative function ^D | |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 3 | Vitvi03g00243 | S3_2846002 | 6% | Calcium ion binding protein | |
| | Vitvi03g00247 | S3_2876678 | 4% | Tonoplast monosaccharide transporter2 | |
| | Vitvi03g00380 | S3_4196400 | 4 - 6% | Unknown | |
| | Vitvi03g00384 | S3_4208958 | 5 - 7% | Integral membrane protein | |
| | Vitvi03g00384 | S3_4209015 | 5 - 7% | Integral membrane protein | |
| | Vitvi03g00430 | S3_4637832 | 5 - 7% | Dof zinc finger protein DOF5.8 | |
| | Vitvi03g00520 | S3_5653914 | 5 - 7% | Basic helix-loop-helix (bHLH) family | |
| | Vitvi03g00534 | S3_5852953 | 5% | ABA-specific glucosyltransferase | |
| | Vitvi03g00543 | S3_5986778 | 7 - 8% | DNA-directed RNA polymerase II | |
| | Vitvi03g00560 | S3_6167883 | 7 - 8% | UNC-50 | |
| | Vitvi03g00583 | S3_6554413 | 6 - 7% | TIP41 | |
| | Vitvi03g00603 | S3_6823070 | 8 - 9% | R protein MLA10 | |
| | Vitvi03g00724 | S3_8516174 | 3 - 4% | FKBP12-rapamycin complex-associated protein | |
| | Vitvi03g00756 | S3_9107785 | 5 - 6% | Pathogenesis-related protein 1B | |
| | Vitvi03g00772 | S3_9286732 | 9 - 14% | Transposon protein | |
| | Vitvi03g00777 | S3_9374358 | 6 - 7% | EMB2758 (embryo defective 2758) | |
| | Vitvi03g00783 | S3_9441309 | 6 - 8% | Proline iminopeptidase | |
| | Vitvi03g00855 | S3_11308538 | 6 - 12% | Zinc finger (C3HC4-type ring finger) | |
| | Vitvi03g00858 | S3_11368101 | 5% | SEC6 | |
| | Vitvi03g00925 | S3_12779089 | 5 - 9% | Unknown | |
| | Vitvi03g00997 | S3_14475933 | 4 - 5% | No hit | |
| | Vitvi03g01012 | S3_14786293 | 5 - 6% | No hit | |
| | Vitvi03g01067 | S3_16246430 | 5% | MADS-box agamous-like 24 | |
| | Vitvi03g01088 | S3_16701286 | 6 - 7% | Oxoglutarate/malate translocator DIT2.1 | |
| | Vitvi03g01092 | S3_16774264 | 7 - 9% | GTP cyclohydrolase II | |
| | Vitvi03g01092 | S3_16774395 | 5 - 9% | GTP cyclohydrolase II | |
| | Vitvi03g01518 | S3_4201002 | 5 - 7% | PREDICTED: uncharacterized protein | |
| | Vitvi03g01581 | S3_6106914 | 7 - 9% | PREDICTED: PRKR-interacting protein 1 | |
| | Vitvi03g01606 | S3_7076477 | 7 - 12% | hypothetical protein VITISV_014038 | |
| | Vitvi03g01649 | S3_8895549 | 6 - 8% | PREDICTED: basic form of pathogenesis-related protein 1 | |
| | 3 | Vitvi03g01769 | S3_15171032 | 5 - 6% | PREDICTED: uncharacterized protein |
| | | Vitvi03g01769 | S3_15171570 | 6 - 7% | PREDICTED: uncharacterized protein |
| | | Vitvi03g01792 | S3_16473090 | 4 - 6% | Peru 1 |
| 11 | Vitvi11g00662 | S11_7516783 | 4% | No hit | |

4 ^A Chromosome

- 5 ^B Putative grape gene based on the Pinot Noir 12xv2 genome (Canaguier et al., 2017).
- 6 ^C Percent of the variation explained by a SNP.
- 7 ^D Functional annotation based on Pinot Noir genome v3 annotation (Canaguier et al., 2017).