



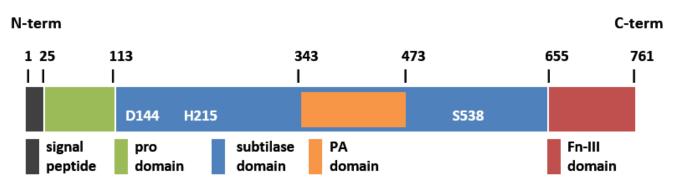


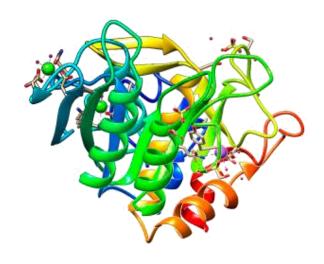
# Subtilisin-like proteins and lipid signaling events: the missing links in grapevine resistance to *P. viticola*

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# Subtilisin-like proteases

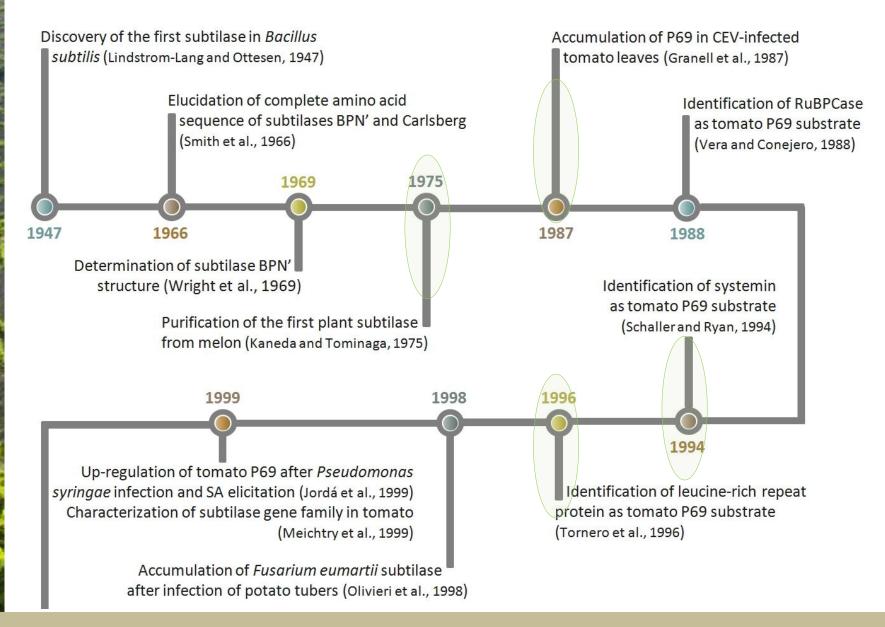
- Large group of serine peptidases
- S8 peptidase family (MEROPES)
- Broad spectrum of biological functions
- Pre-pro-proteins
  - Catalytic triad (Asp/His/Ser)
  - Pro-domain (19 inhibitor domain)
  - Subtilase domain (S8 peptidase domain)
  - Protease-associated domain (PA domain)
  - C-terminal FnIII-like domain



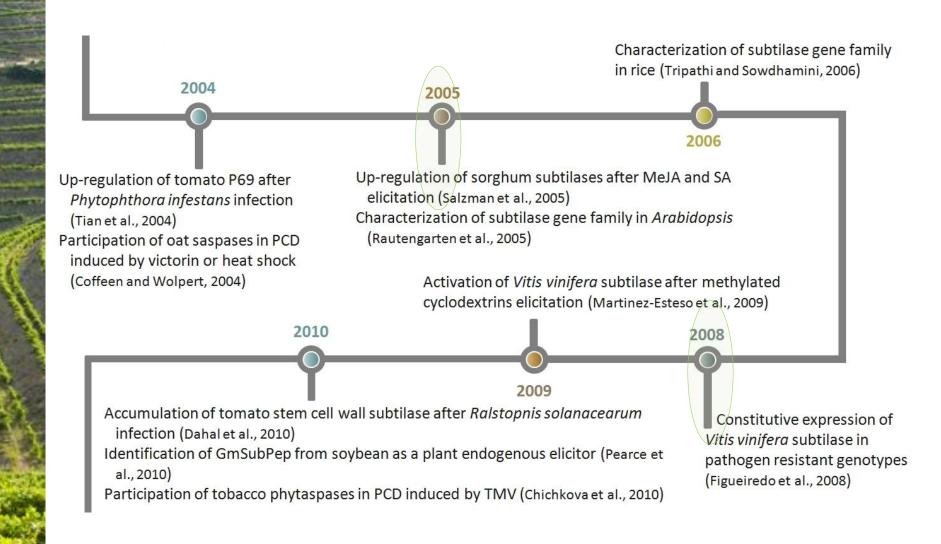


Structure prediction of the SISBt3 monomer (PDB code:1THM)

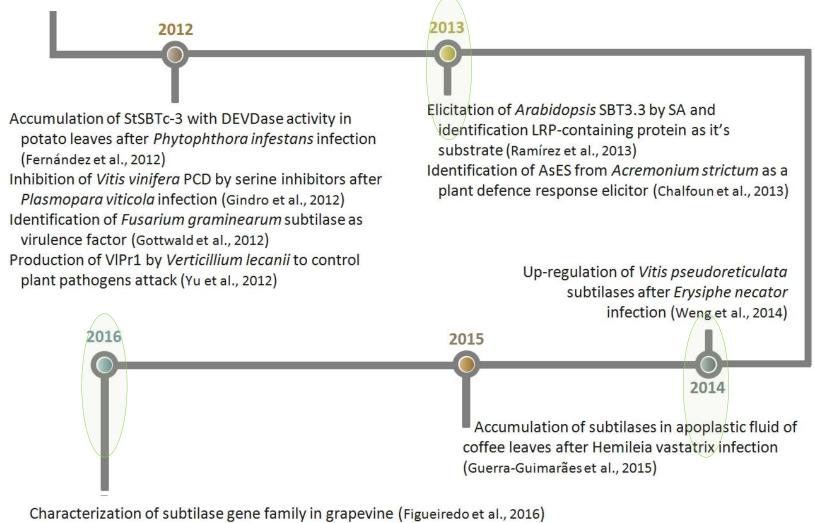
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Characterization of subtilase gene family in grapevine (Figueiredo et al., 2016)

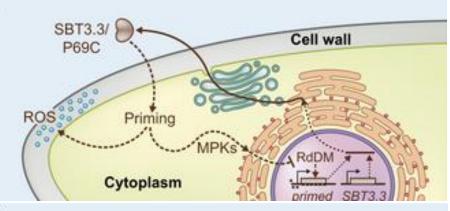
Characterization of subtilase gene family in potato (Norero et al., 2016)

Activation of cotton GbSBT1 after *Verticillium dahlia* infection, JA and ethylene elicitation; PHB-like protein identified as it's substrate (Duan et al., 2016)

Figueiredo et al. (2018). MPP, 19(4), 1017–1028

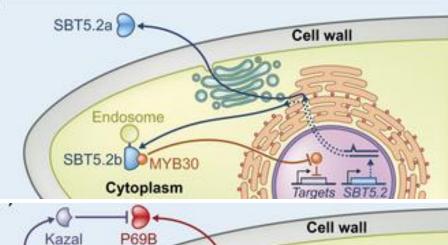
# Subtilisin-like proteases in biotic interactions

Nucleus



#### SBT3.3/P69B and immune priming

Pathogen triggers the expression of SBT3.3/P69 – negatively regulates RdDM – priming Increase of SBT3.3 expression – enhances the expression of OXI1 kinase, ROS and MAP kinase.



Cytoplasm

Oomycete

#### SBT5.2(b)

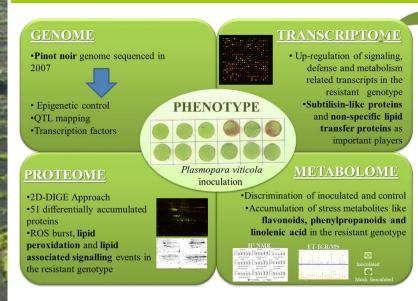
Interacts with MYB30 – nuclear exclusion – defense gene expression impairment – HR attenuation enhances the expression of OXI1 kinase, MAP kinase and ROS.

#### P69B(-like)

Inhibition by Kazal inhibitors from oomycetes.

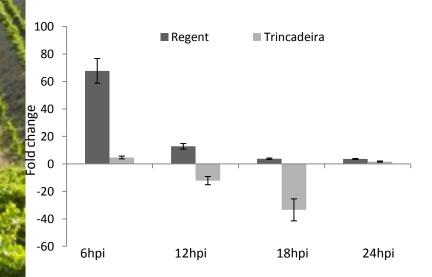


# Grapevine SBTs and P. viticola resistance



#### **Grapevine SBT gene family**

- •Composed by 87 genes encoding 109 predicted proteins
- Divided into 5 groups
- •Unevenly distributed among 15 of the 19 grapevine chromosomes
- •80% secreted, 10% mitochondrion, 9% chloroplast
- Glycosylated





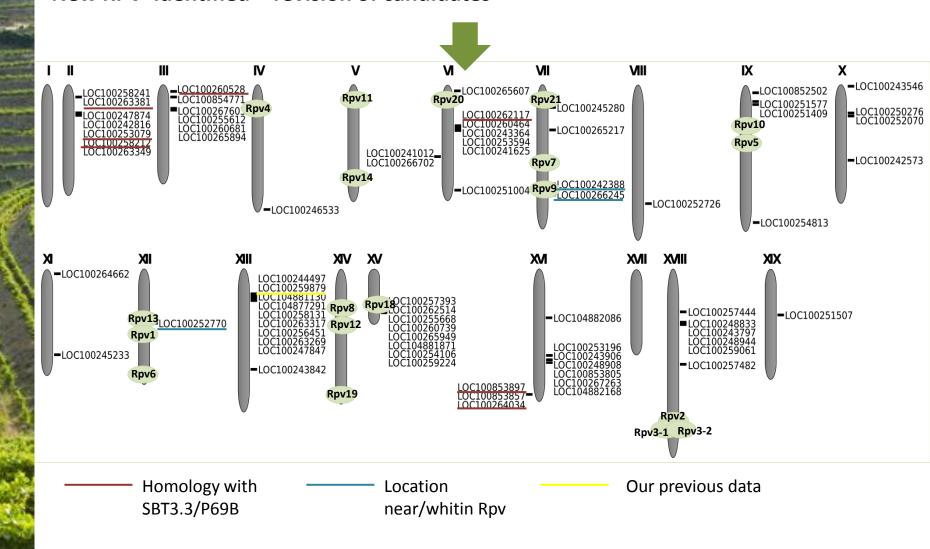
#### **Selection of 14 grapevine subtilases:**

- -Previous microarray and expression data
- Sequence similarity with AtSBT3.3 and P69C
- -Location near RPV loci (RPV9 in Chr7 and between RPV1 and RPV13, Chr12)

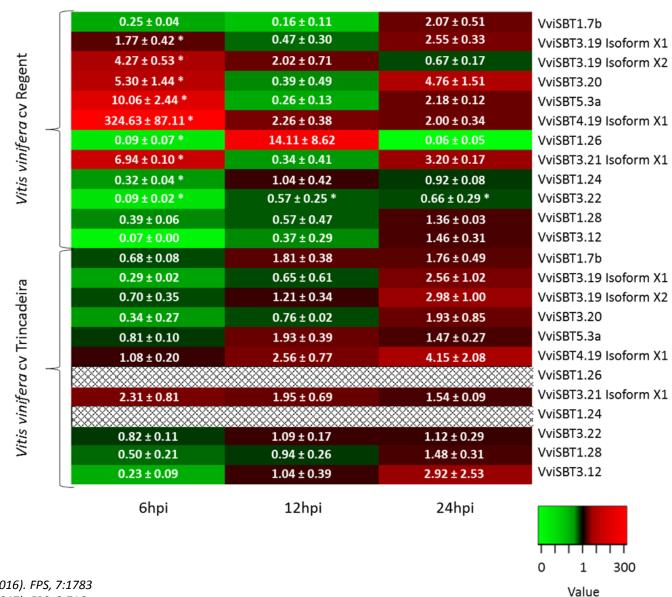
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# **Grapevine SBTs**

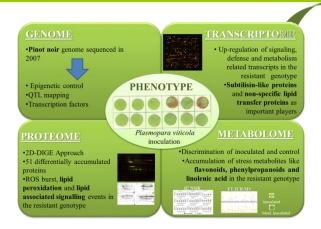
#### New RPV identified - revision of candidates



#### Grapevine SBTs

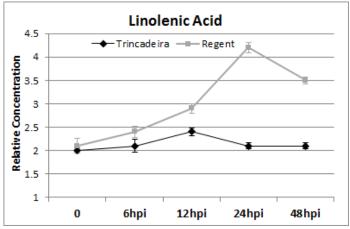


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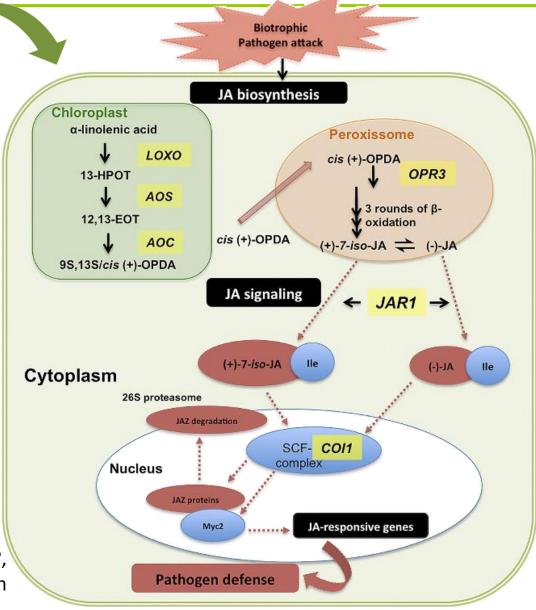
#### JA synthesis:

-C18:3 accumulation

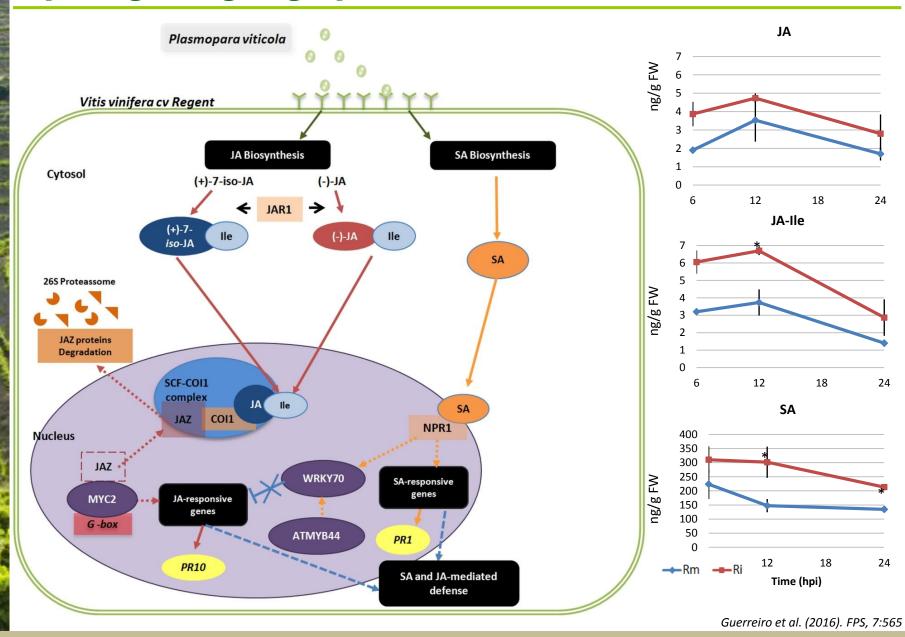


-Increase of LOX2, AOC, AOS, OPR3, JAR1, COI1 after P. viticola inoculation

incompatible interaction

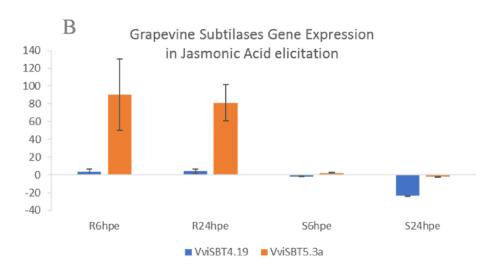


# Lipid signaling in grapevine defense



# SBTs and lipid signaling

- •Systemin is derived from a precursor called prosystemin, similar to polypeptide hormones
- Systemin activates a lipid-based signaling cascade
- •Wounding of tomato plants triggers the release of systemin from its precursor prosystemin by SBT3
- •Systemin is perceived at cell surface by a LRR receptor-like kinase JA biosynthesis induction JA accumulation



# SBTs and lipid signaling in P. viticola resistance

- Some grapevine subtilases are linked to defense mechanisms towards P. viticola
- Lipid signalling and jasmonic acid are also important players
- •Subtilases, particularly SBT3.3 and P69C are believed to be associated to immune priming events and activation of signalling cascades
- •A link between JA and SBT3.3 has been shown for other model



# Are grapevine subtilisin-like proteins linked to lipid signaling events – grapevine immune priming?

Apoplast proteomics and lipidomics

Recombinant protein production (structure and substrates)

Interactome analysis

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