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Characterization of the reproductive performance of a collection of grapevine varieties

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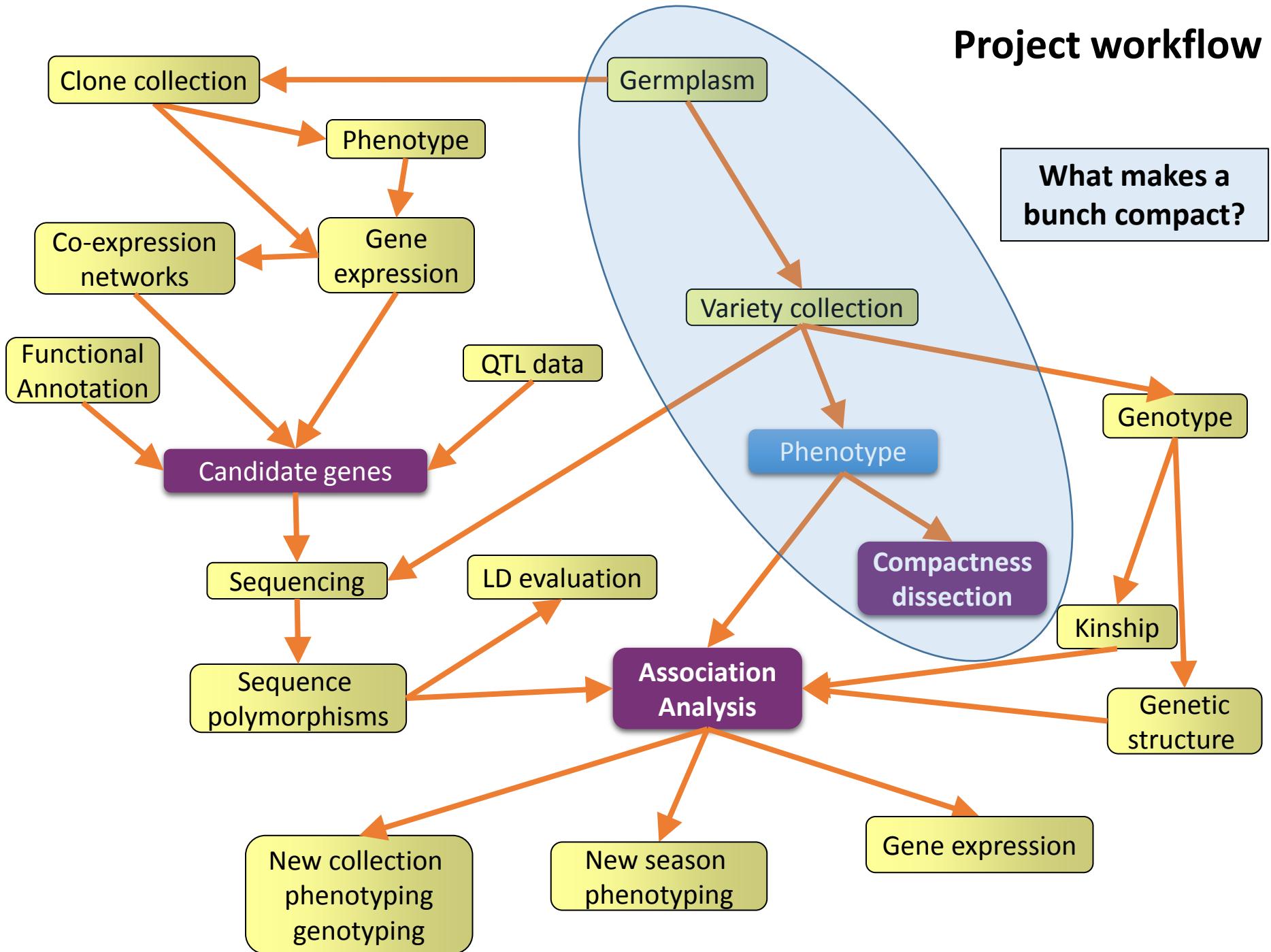


Importance of bunch compactness

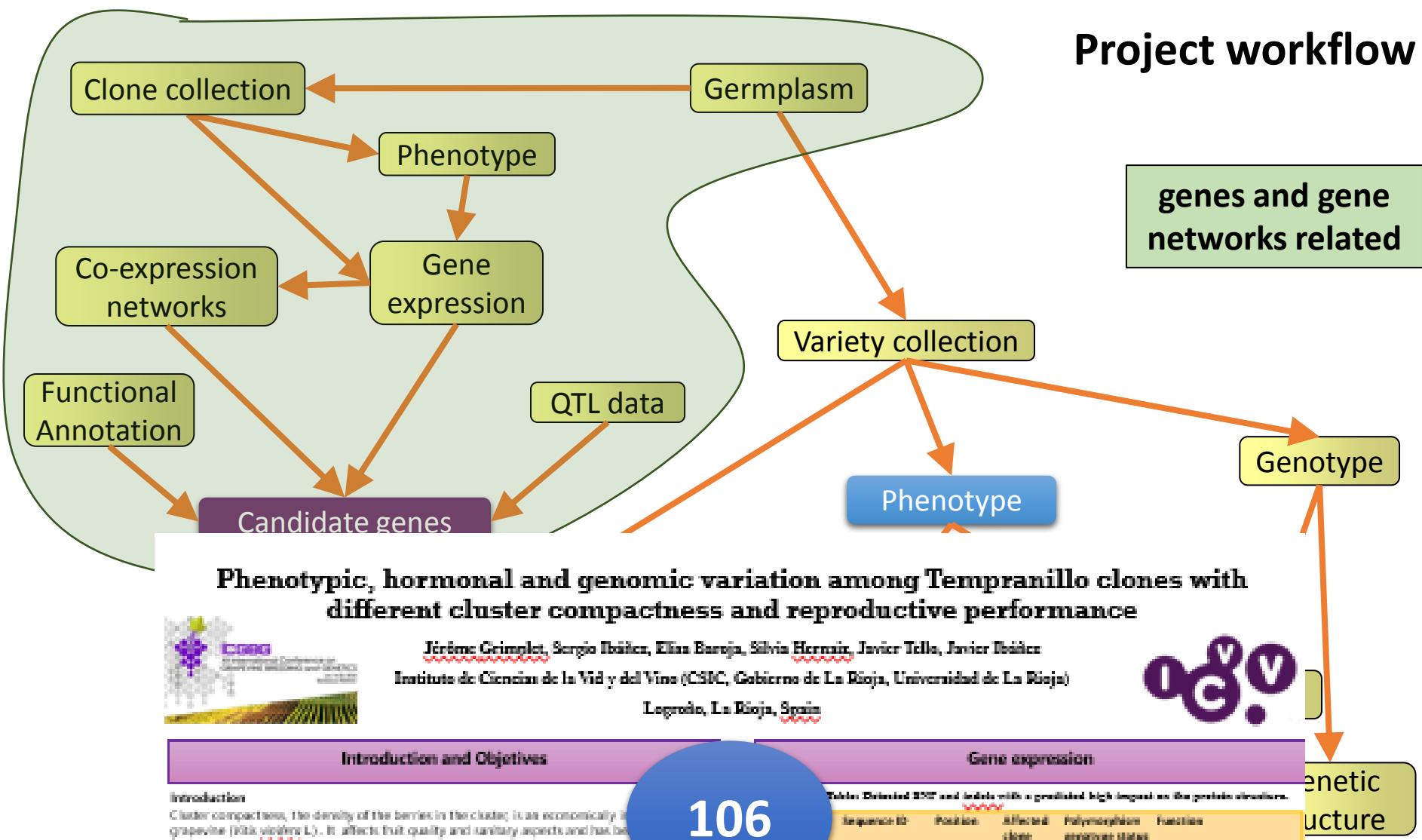
- Compact bunches show favorable conditions for the development of pests and diseases
- Compactness may increase heterogeneous maturation in the bunch
- Compact or very loose bunches are not acceptable by the table grape market



Project workflow



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Phenotypic, hormonal and genomic variation among Tempranillo clones with different cluster compactness and reproductive performance



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Introduction and Objectives

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Cluster compactness, the density of the berries in the cluster, is an economically important trait in grapevine (*Vitis vinifera* L.). It affects fruit quality and sanitary aspects and has been target of selection for many years.

Previous studies on the identification of genetic factors affecting cluster compactness have shown that the survey of the grapevine reproductive performance could provide additional information necessary for understanding the cluster compactness trait. Specifically, we aim to determine the role of factors such as the initial number of flowers and fruit set rate, result of processes of the grapevine reproductive development that are under the control of plant hormones.

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We want to identify molecular mechanisms, genes and polymorphisms responsible for disease susceptibility and/or

- To reach that goal we selected clones differing in their reproductive performance and cluster compactness, characterized them at phenotypical, hormonal, and transcriptomic level and perform global analyses from these data.
 - A particular aim was to identify candidate genes and polymorphisms involved in the regulation of the onset of flowering in *Artemisia annua*.

Gene expression

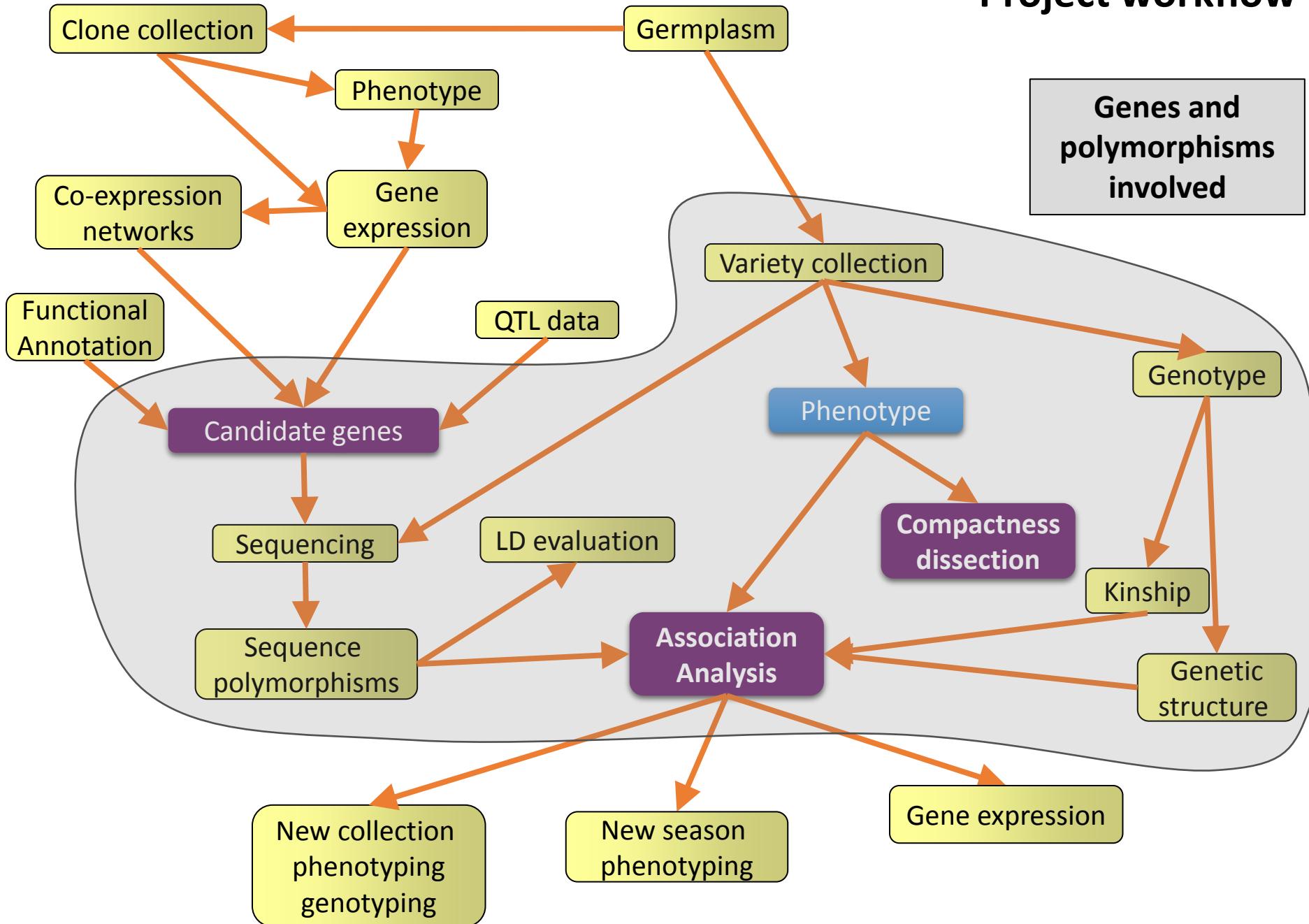
Table 1: Estimated 2005 and 2006 with a predicted high impact on the results shown in

Sequence ID	Position	Affected allele	Polymerase genotypic status	Function
rs123456789	chr. 10: 123456789	WT	Heterozygous	Nucleophobin-associated rate catalysis
rs123456789	chr. 10: 123456789	WT	Heterozygous	Nucleophobin-associated
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rs1234567890	chr. 10: 1234567890	WT	Heterozygous	High mobility group protein HMG

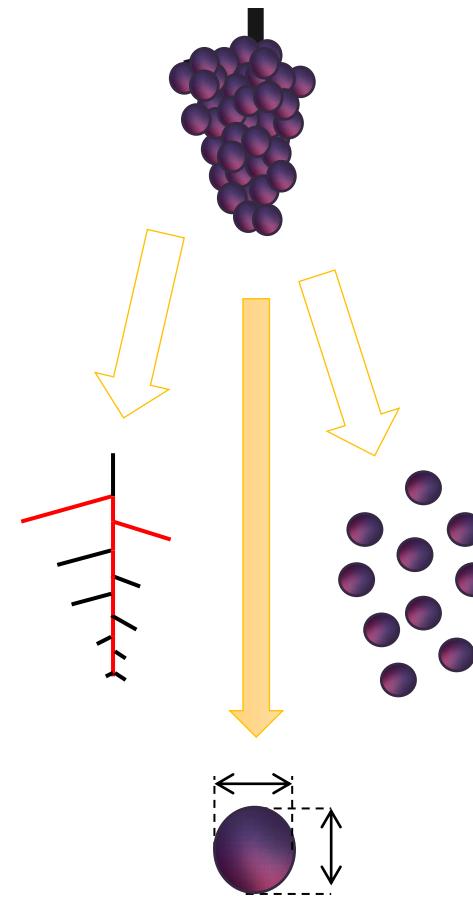
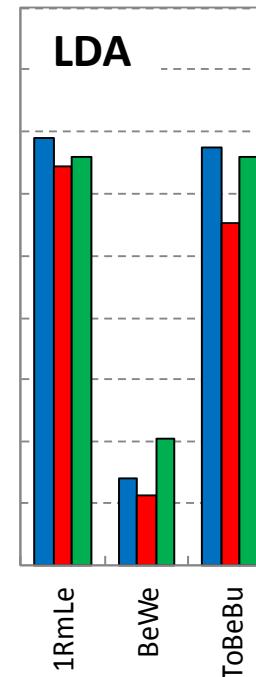
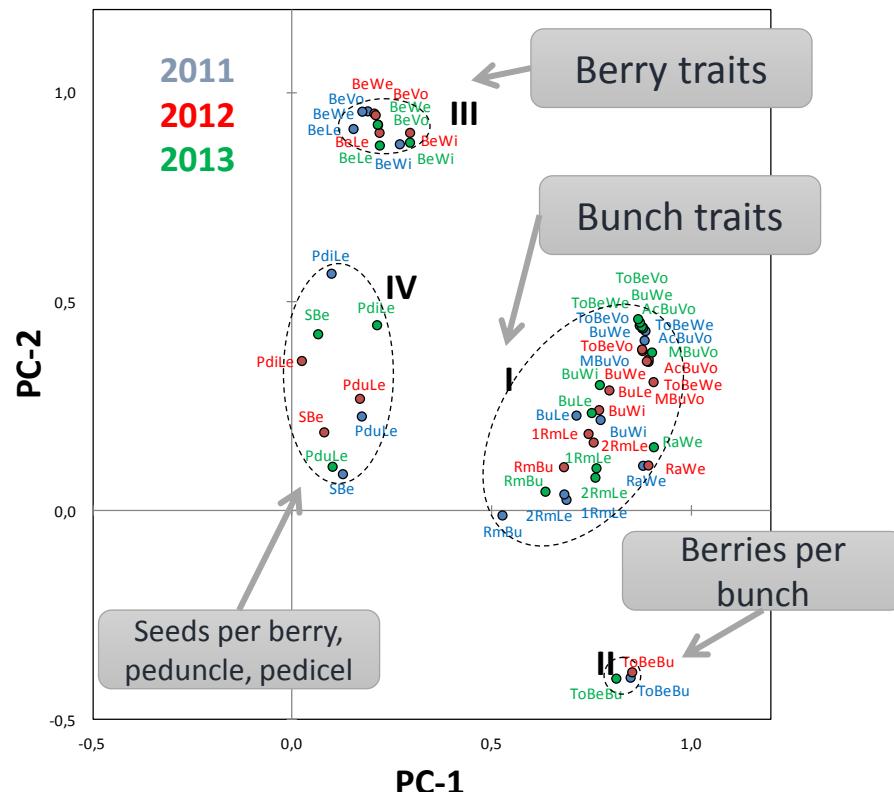
Analyses to identify the genes with polymorphic variation between clones. RNAseq allowed us to highlight these types of conserved variants.

- Transcripts with SNP leading to modification of the protein integrity (β genes, Table).
 - Complete impairment of expression is at least one clone unless direct damage in the ability to be transcript due to variation in their regulatory sequence (β II genes).
 - Identical expression between clones in both stages: expression not influenced by

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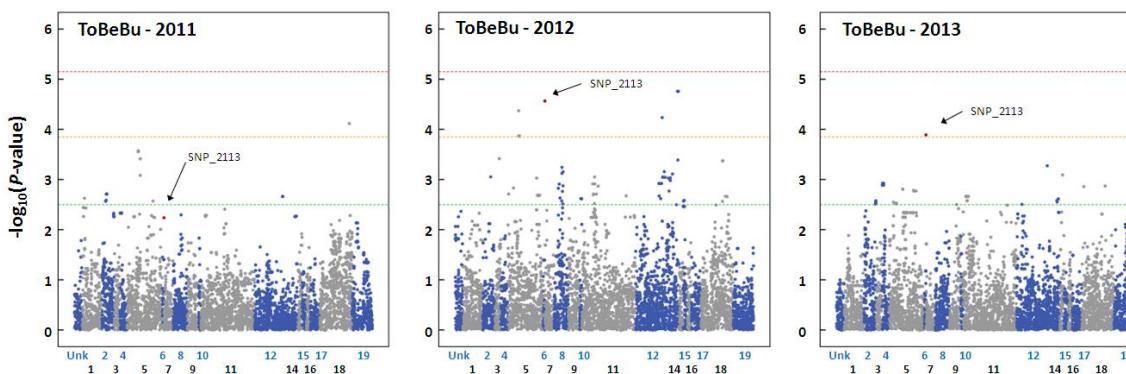


What makes a bunch compact?

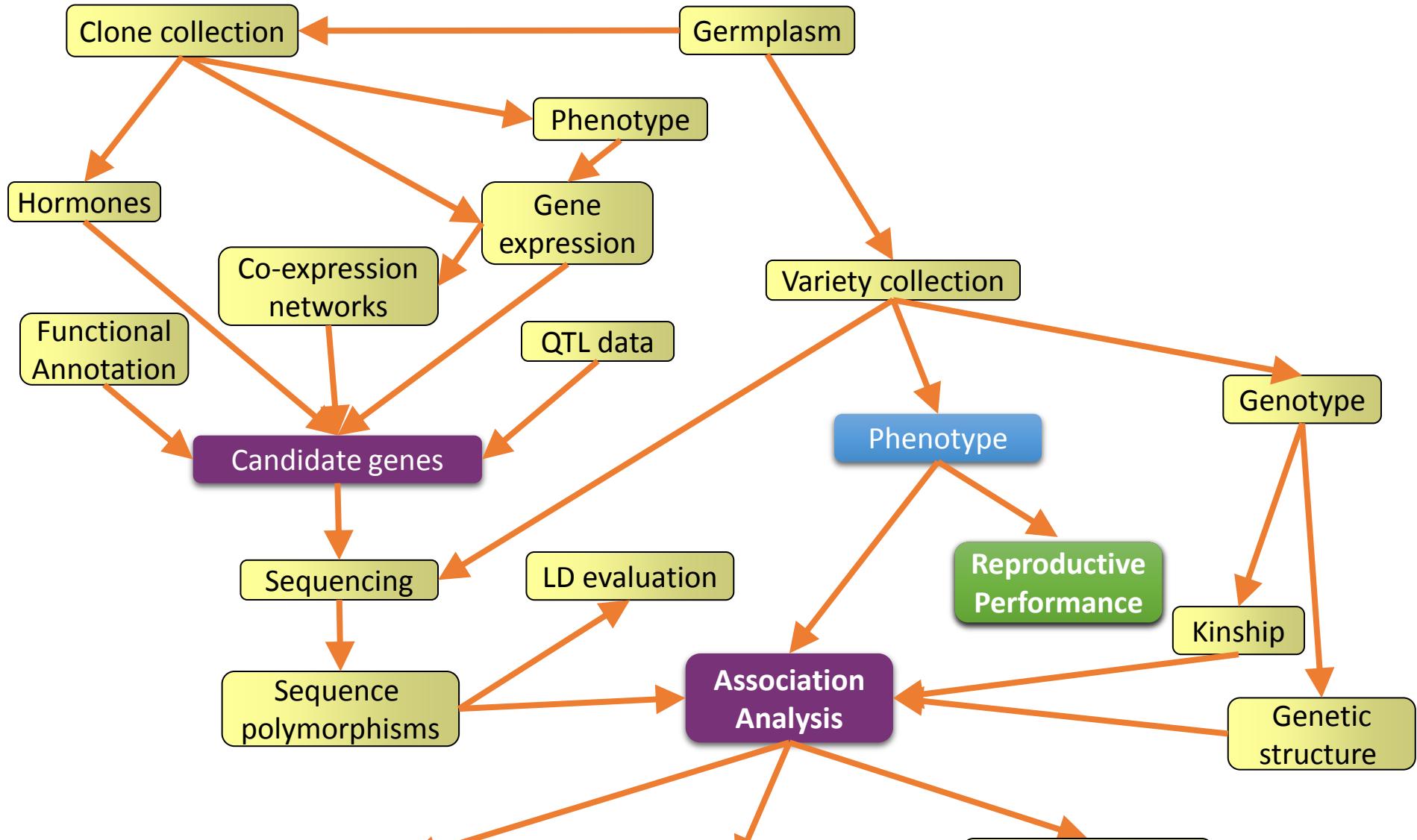


Tello et al. 2015. Multicultivar and multivariate study of the natural variation for grapevine bunch compactness. AJGWR 21:277–289

The **total number of berries per bunch** and the **bunch architecture** arise as the major factors responsible for the trait variation, followed by **berry size**



Tello et al. 2016. Association analysis of grapevine bunch traits using a comprehensive approach. TAG 119:227-242



Dry et al. 2010. Classification of reproductive performance
of ten winegrape varieties. AJGWR 16 (s1): 47-55

Materials and methods

Plant material

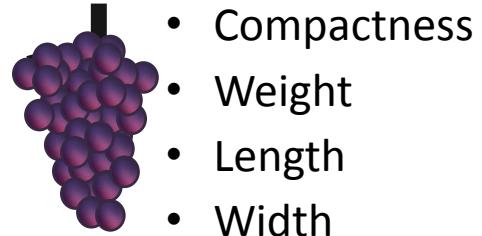
- Finca La Grajera
- 120 cultivars
- Planted 2010
- 2.0 x 1.1 m
- Double cordon pruning North – South



Morpho-agronomic characterization

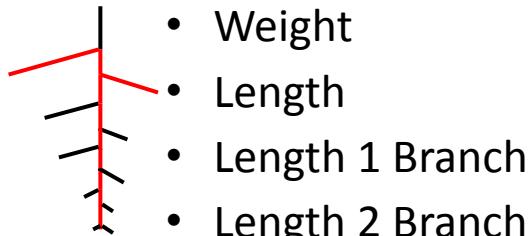
- 10 bunches/variety

- Bunch variables:



- Compactness
- Weight
- Length
- Width

- Rachis variables:



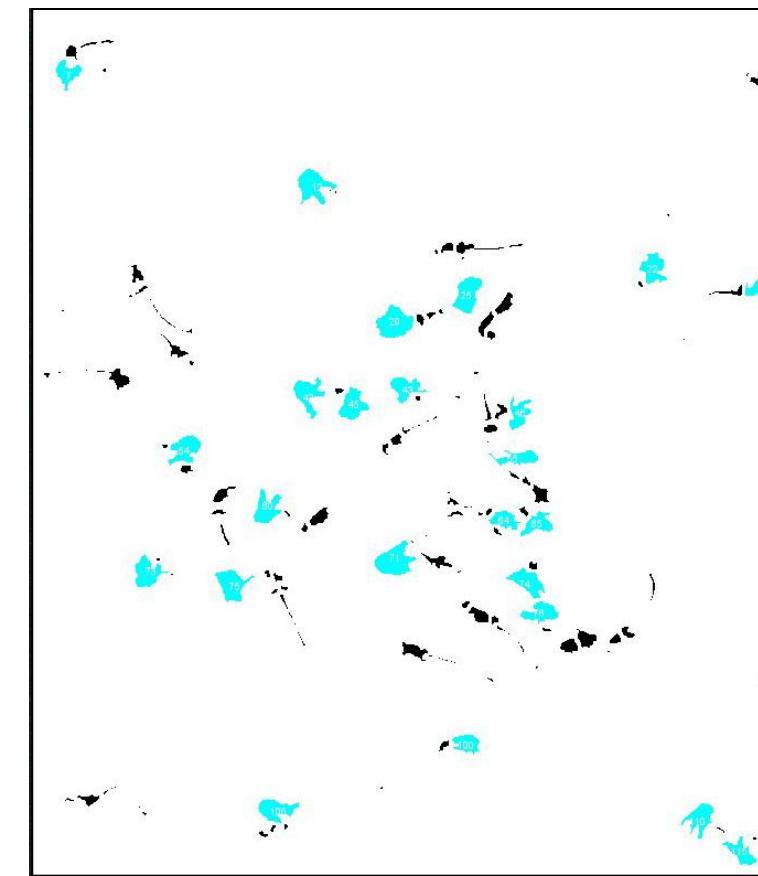
- Weight
- Length
- Length 1 Branch
- Length 2 Branch

Reproductive performance:

- No. Flowers
- No. Berries
- Fruitset
- Millerandage
- Coulure

2016-2017

Estimating the number of flowers in the inflorescence: counting calypters



Reproductive performance parameters

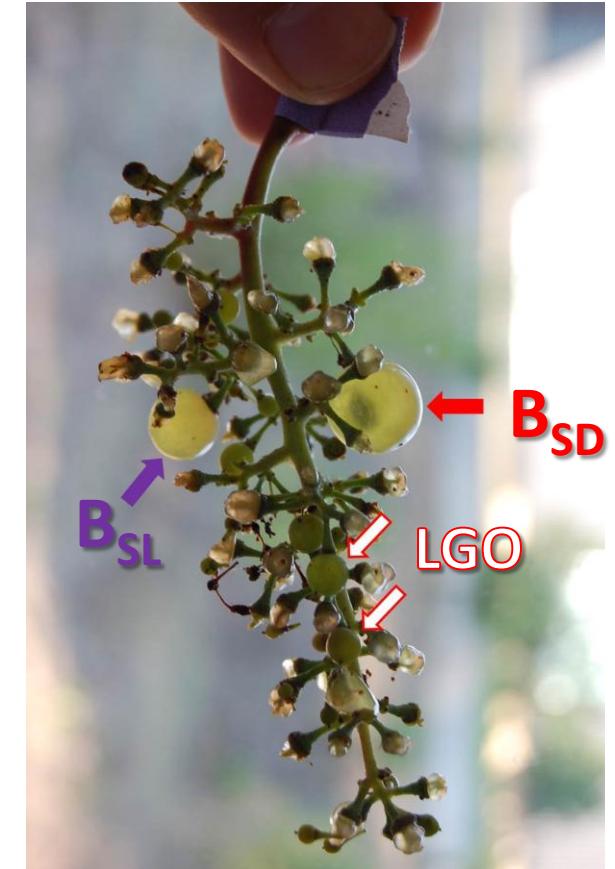
Post-flowering organs:

- seeded berries (B_{SD})
- seedless berries (B_{SL})
- live green ovaries (LGO)

$$Fruitset = \left(\frac{\text{No. seeded berries} + \text{No. seedless berries}}{\text{No. Flowers}} \right)$$

$$Coulure Index = 10 - \left\{ \frac{(B_{SD} + B_{SL} + LGO) \times 10}{\text{No. Flowers}} \right\}$$
 Scale: 0 - 10

$$Millerandage Index = 10 - \left\{ \frac{(B_{SD}) \times 10}{(B_{SD} + B_{SL} + LGO)} \right\}$$
 Scale: 0 - 10



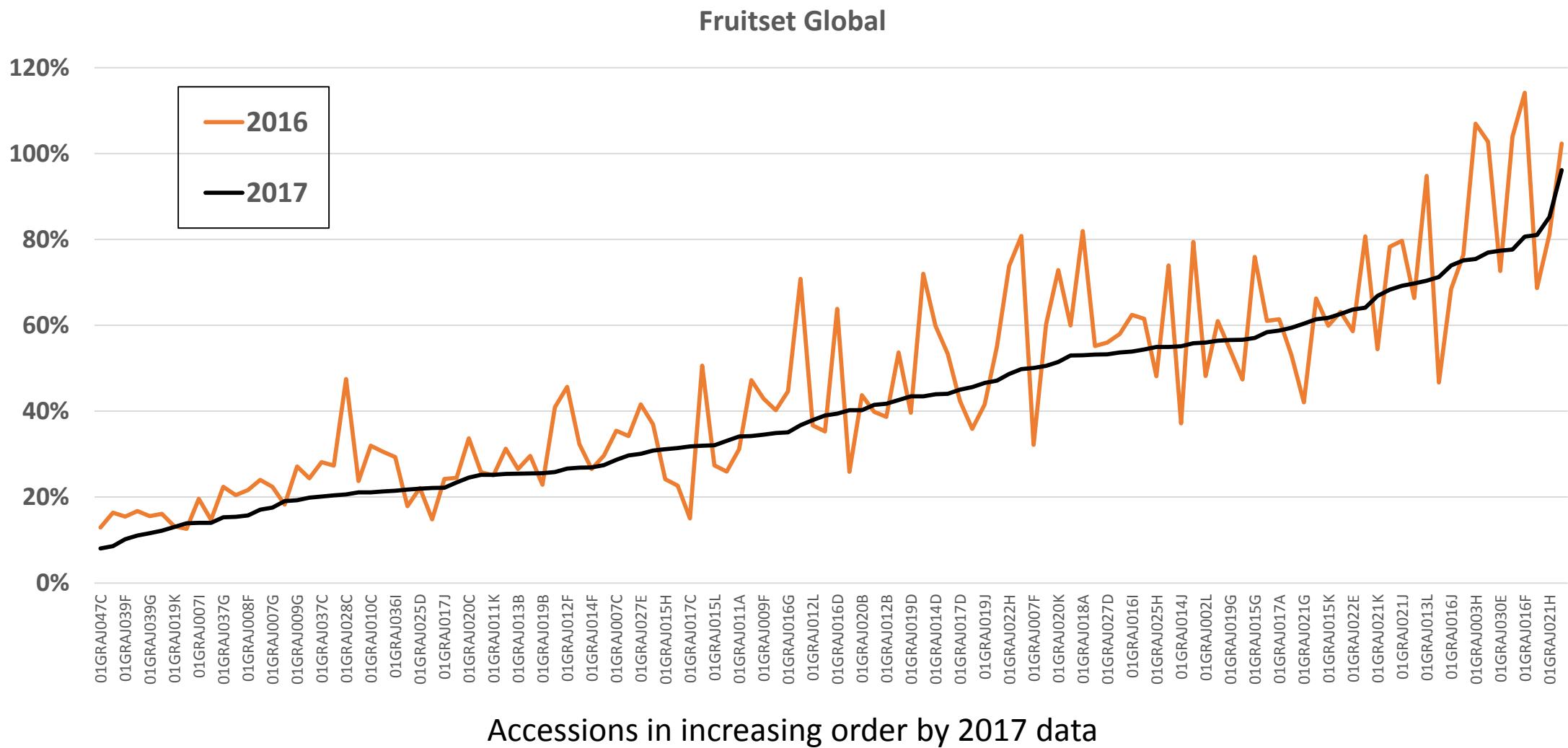
Calculation of Reproductive performance parameters

- **Global (accession-basis)**: all the berries, LGOs and flowers are added up within each accession before calculating its corresponding index
- **Average (bunch-basis)**: indices are calculated for every bunch and then averaged within the accession
- **Average corrected**: after calculating the Average indices, they are recalculated excluding the individual values out of the mean ± 1 SD for each accession

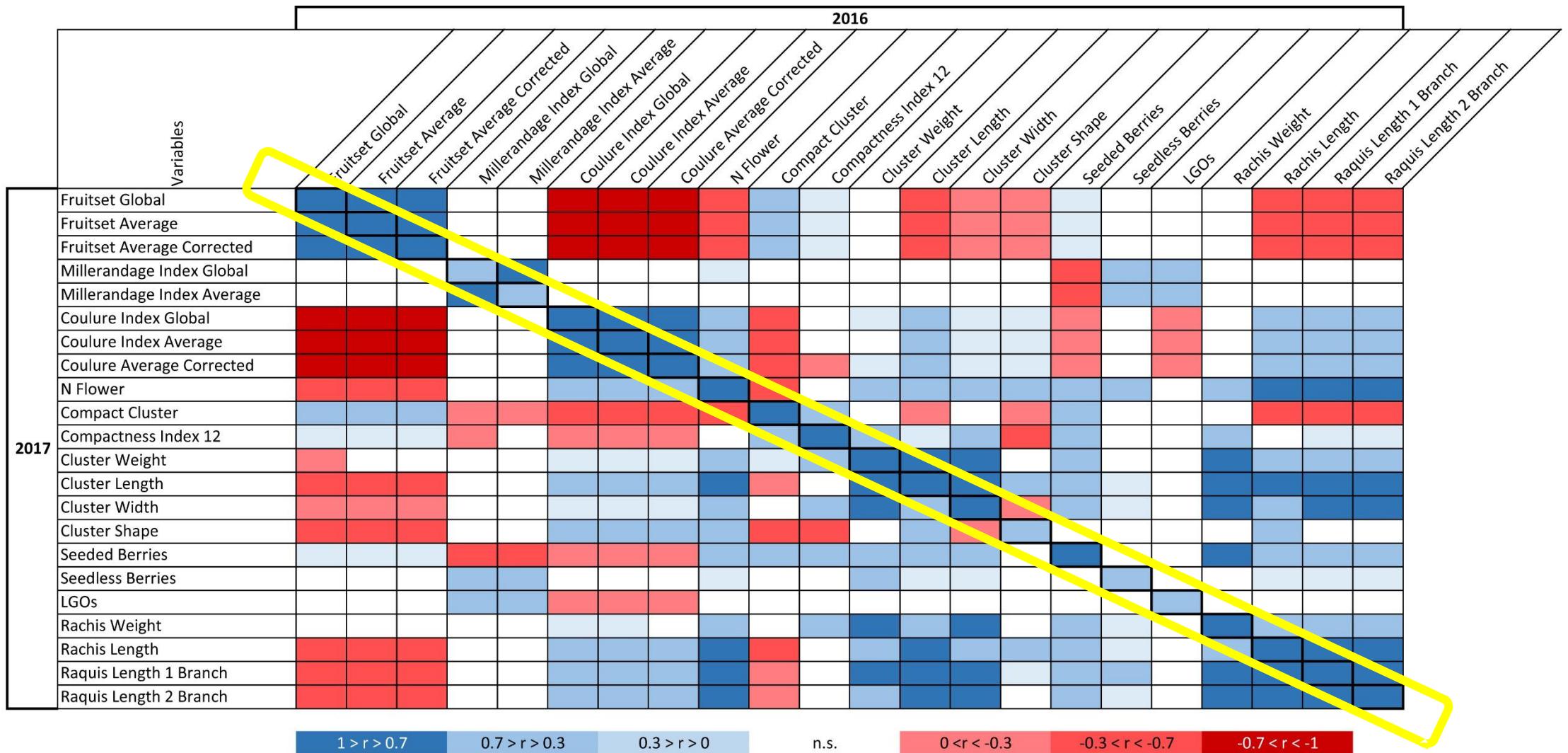
Summary of Reproductive Performance data from 120 cultivars

	2016 & 2017				
	N	\bar{X}	Sd	Min	Max
Fruitset Global	240	43.41%	22.20%	8.04%	114.16%
Fruitset Avg	240	45.47%	22.58%	8.10%	122.00%
Fruitset Avg Corrected	240	44.81%	22.73%	7.62%	109.08%
Millerandage Index Global	240	1.32	1.27	0.02	10.00
Millerandage Index Avg	240	1.32	1.22	0.02	10.00
Coulure Index Global	240	5.34	2.43	-2.44	9.19
Coulure Index Avg	240	5.06	2.58	-4.23	9.19
Coulure Avg Corrected	240	5.19	2.49	-2.42	9.23
N Flower	240	524.84	364.69	129.56	3179.20
Seeded Berries	240	170.68	80.94	7.60	454.00
Seedless Berries	239	12.82	22.13	0.00	214.50
LGOs	240	11.80	13.33	0.00	77.70
Compactness	240	4.80	1.91	1.00	9.00

Fruitset values for two years



Correlations between variables and between seasons



$1 > r > 0.7$

$0.7 > r > 0.3$

$0.3 > r > 0$

n.s.

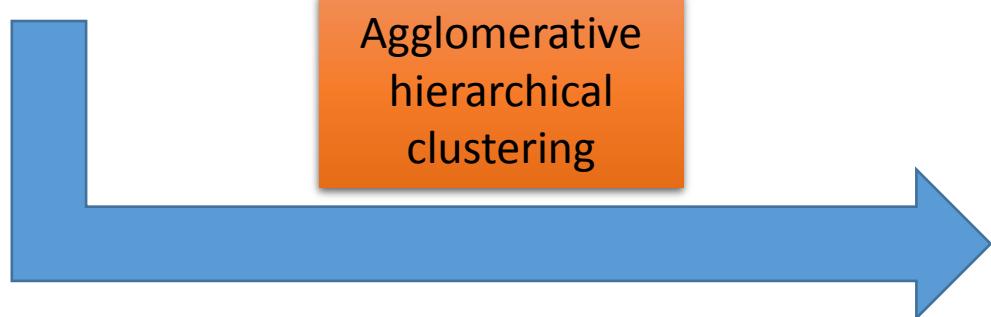
$0 < r < -0.3$

$-0.3 < r < -0.7$

$-0.7 < r < -1$

Clustering of cultivars according to their reproductive performance

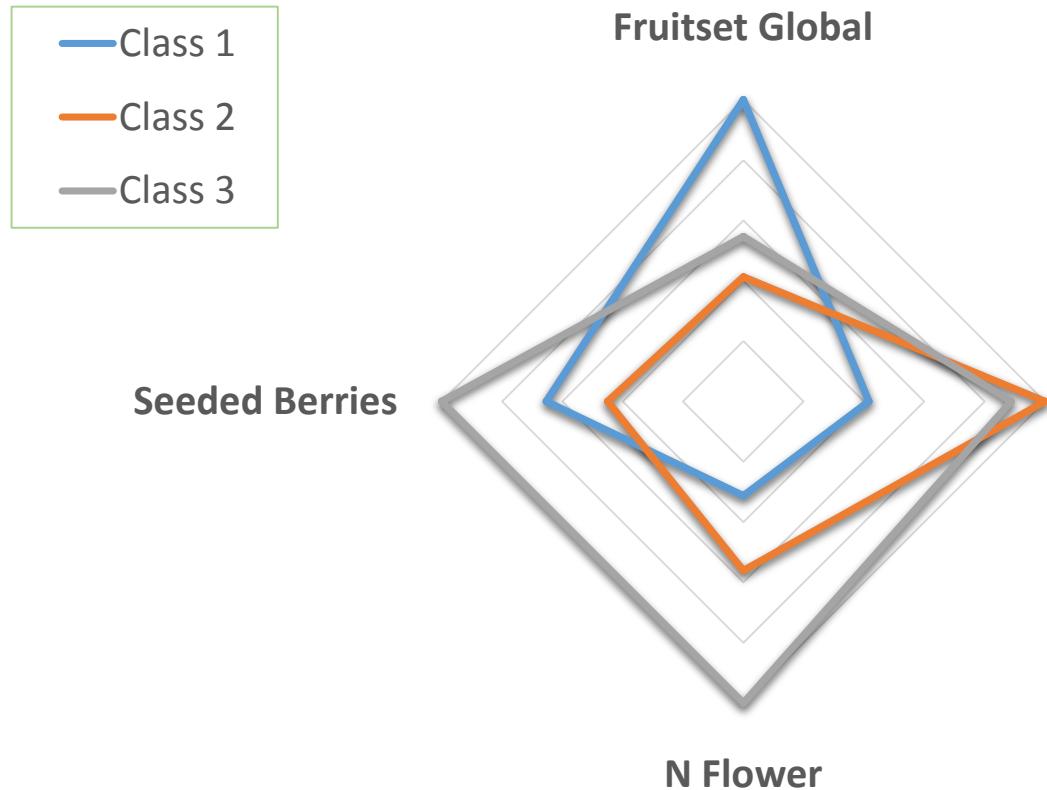
Averages 2016-2017	N	\bar{X}	Sd	Min	Max
Fruitset Global	120	43.46%	21.39%	10.48%	99.21%
Millerandage Index Global	120	1.32	1.10	0.05	7.15
Coulure Index Global	120	5.33	2.34	-1.19	8.95
N Flower	120	522.63	343.18	136.68	2476.73
Seeded Berries	120	170.10	74.37	23.40	382.15
Seedless Berries	120	13.09	19.69	0.05	142.54



For each variable (row), different background colors indicate significant differences ($\alpha=0,05$)

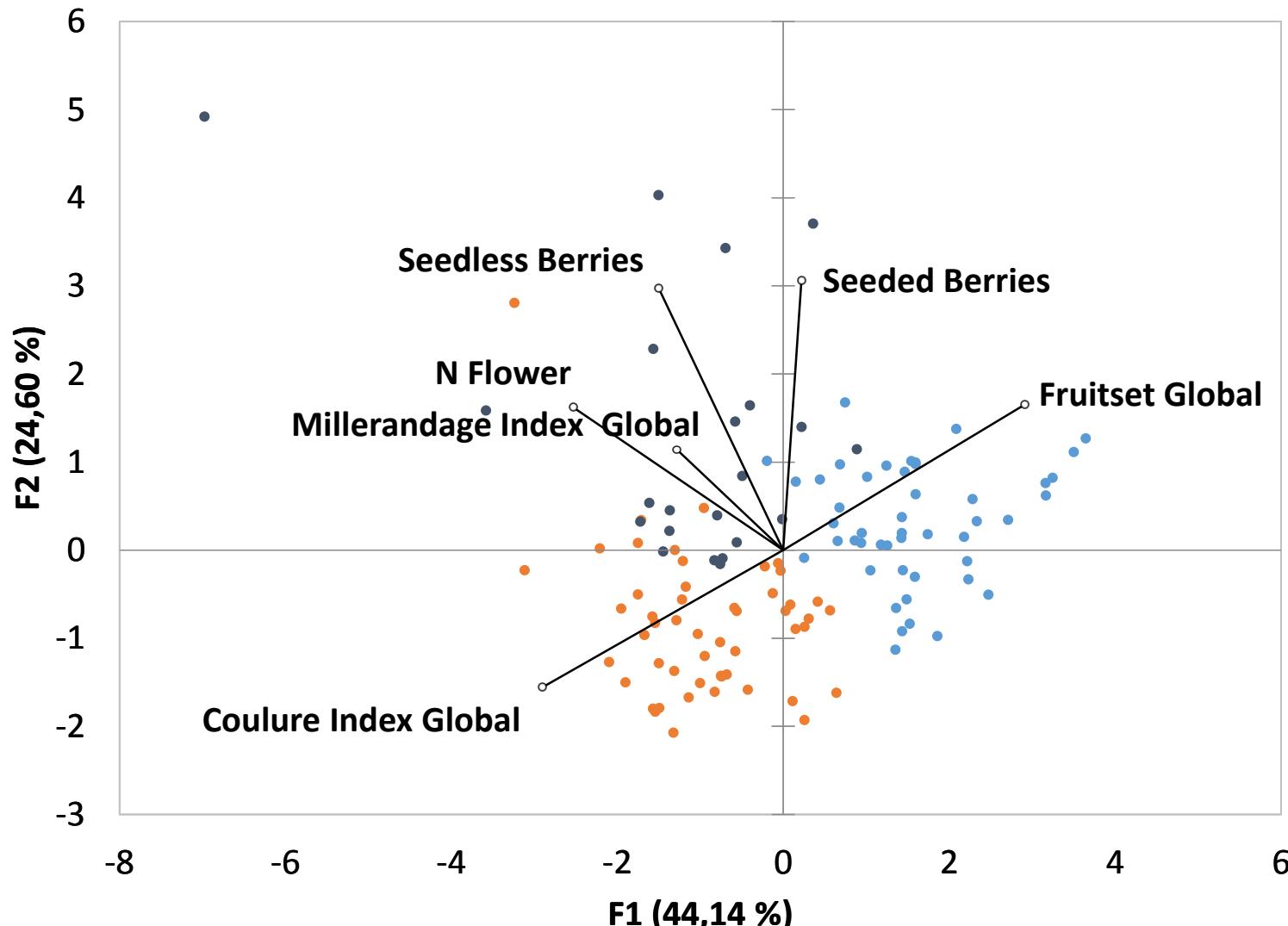
	Classes		
	1	2	3
	47	51	22
Fruitset Global	65.12%	26.91%	35.54%
Millerandage Index Global	1.11	1.58	1.17
Coulure Index Global	2.96	7.10	6.31
N Flower	300.34	538.64	960.43
Seeded Berries	176.32	121.25	270.04
Seedless Berries	8.71	11.51	26.09

Clustering of cultivars according to their reproductive performance (AHC)



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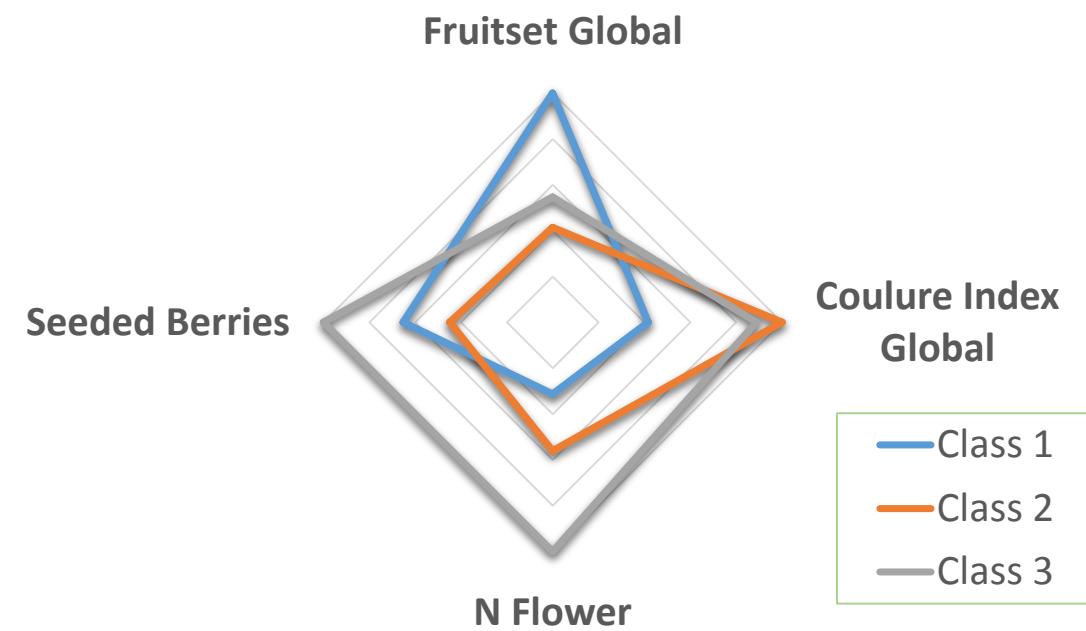
Clustering of cultivars according to their reproductive performance (PCA-AHC)



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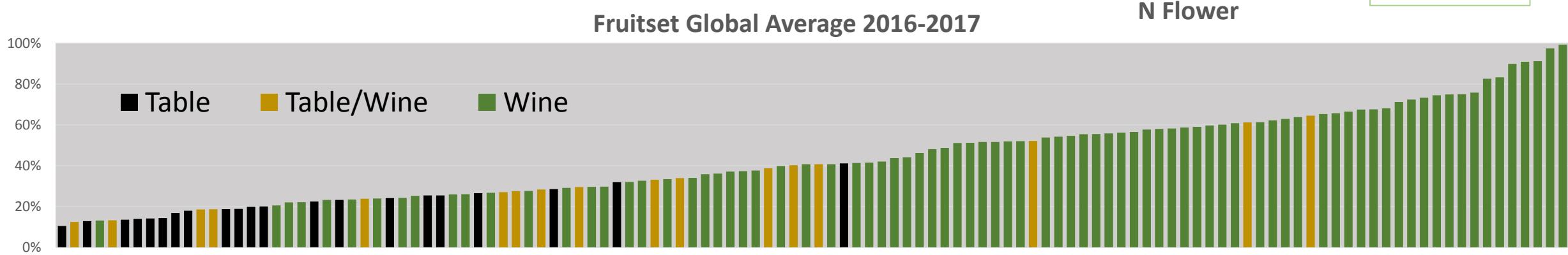
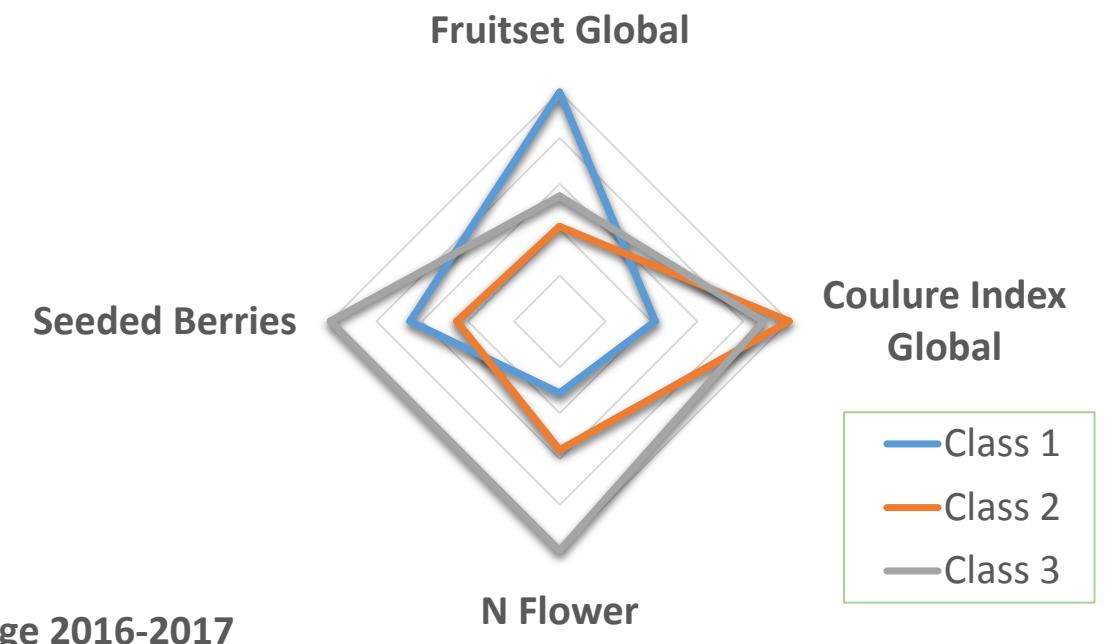
Examples of cultivars classified according to their reproductive performance

Class 1 (47)	Class 2 (51)	Class 3 (22)
Alfrocheiro	Afus Ali	Airen
Chardonnay	Alphonse Lavallee	Aubun
Gamay Noir	Cabernet Franc	Bobal
Gewuerztraminer	Cabernet Sauvignon	Beba
Monastrell	Cot	Cayetana Blanca
Muscat a Petits Grains	Dabouki	Clairette Blanche
Pinot Noir	Italia	Listan Prieto
Sangiovese	Muscat Hamburg	Nehescol
Sauvignon Blanc	Riesling Weiss	Pedro Ximenes
Tempranillo	Trebbiano Toscano	Planta Nova



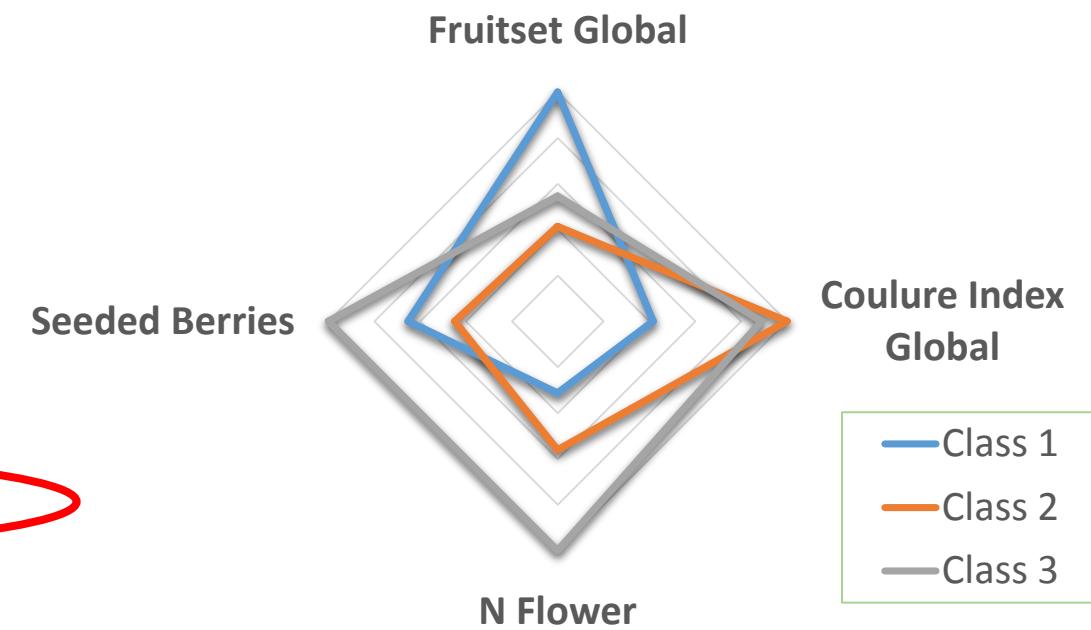
Distribution of cultivars classified according to their reproductive performance and grape use

Use (VIVC)	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Total
Wine	44	22	16	82
Table	0	19	2	21
Wine/Table	3	10	4	17
Total	47	51	22	120



The different classes showed differences for all the variables studied, but Millerandage Index

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Seedless Berries		8.71	11.51	26.09
Bunch Compactness		6.1	3.6	4.8
Bunch Weight		315.2	388.3	629.4
Bunch Length		15.7	18.4	22.2
Bunch Width		10.8	11.6	14.4
Rachis Weight		11.9	12.9	25.8
Rachis Length		12.1	15.8	19.4
Rachis Length 1 Branch		46.9	60.6	93.9
Rachis Length 2 Branch		42.5	55.1	84.3



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Summary and conclusions

- Results of the study of the reproductive performance of 120 cultivars for two seasons, one accession per cultivar in one plot
- A large range of variation was found for different variables related to reproductive performance, including number of flowers, number of berries, fruitset rate and coulure index
- The genetic component had a major impact given the magnitude of the differences and of the correlations found between the two seasons
- A classification according to their reproductive performance grouped cultivars in three classes, partly related to their use
- The classes differ significantly for all the variables studied (but millerandage index), including bunch compactness

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