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## Grape-Wine Short Course

### Grape Disease Identification and Effective Timing of Fungicide Applications

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# Midwest Small Fruit and Grape Spray Guide



# Midwest Small Fruit Pest Management Handbook





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# Midwest Grape Production Guide

# Review of Critical Periods For Fungicide Application on Grapes

# Two Phase Fungicide Program

## **Phase 1 (Early Season)**

Timing = 1 to 3 inch growth through 3 to 4 weeks  
after bloom

Diseases = Powdery Mildew, Downy Mildew,  
Black

Rot, Phomopsis and Anthracnose

## **Phase 2 (Late Season)**

Timing = 3 to 4 weeks after bloom through  
harvest

Diseases = Powdery and Downy Mildew

# Early Season (Phase 1)

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Diseases = Phomopsis

Powdery Mildew

Black Rot

Downy Mildew

Anthraco

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the Major Grape  
Diseases is Absolutely  
Critical.



# **Grape Anthracnose**

Anthracnose can be serious once established, but is generally not that common

When the disease becomes established in the vineyard, a delayed dormant application of liquid lime sulfur is important for control









# **Dormant application of Liquid Lime Sulfur**

- This is the very first spray of the season.
- I like to see it applied around bud swell  
(not too early)
- This is probably the most important spray for controlling the disease.
- It burns out inoculum (the fungus) that is overwintering in lesions on infected canes.
- If it hits green grape tissue, it will burn it.



# Dormant application of Liquid Lime Sulfur

- Liquid lime sulfur is applied at 10 gallons/A
- I generally do not recommend this spray unless anthracnose is a problem or Phomopsis is getting out of hand in the vineyard.
- I also recommend it if you are trying to grow grapes organically.
- The dormant spray does not substitute for a good fungicide spray program during the season. It is a part of the program

After bud break, early season fungicide application for control of Phomopsis and the other diseases should help control new infections of anthracnose.

Mancozeb and Captan appear to provide a significant level of control during the growing season.

“Early season control is Important”

# Phomopsis Cane and Leaf Spot







Cane and leaf infections do not cause a great deal of damage during the season that infection occurs; however, cane infections (lesions on infected canes) provide the source for inoculum that cause infections in next years crop in next years crop.

This makes cane infections very important



# Cluster Stem (Rachis) Infections

These can result in serious  
Damage







# Fruit Infection

We have recorded up to 30%  
fruit loss from Phomopsis fruit  
infection in Ohio



Phomopsis is a cool weather disease.

It requires cool and wet weather conditions in order to infect.

Pre-bloom sprays are very important for control.

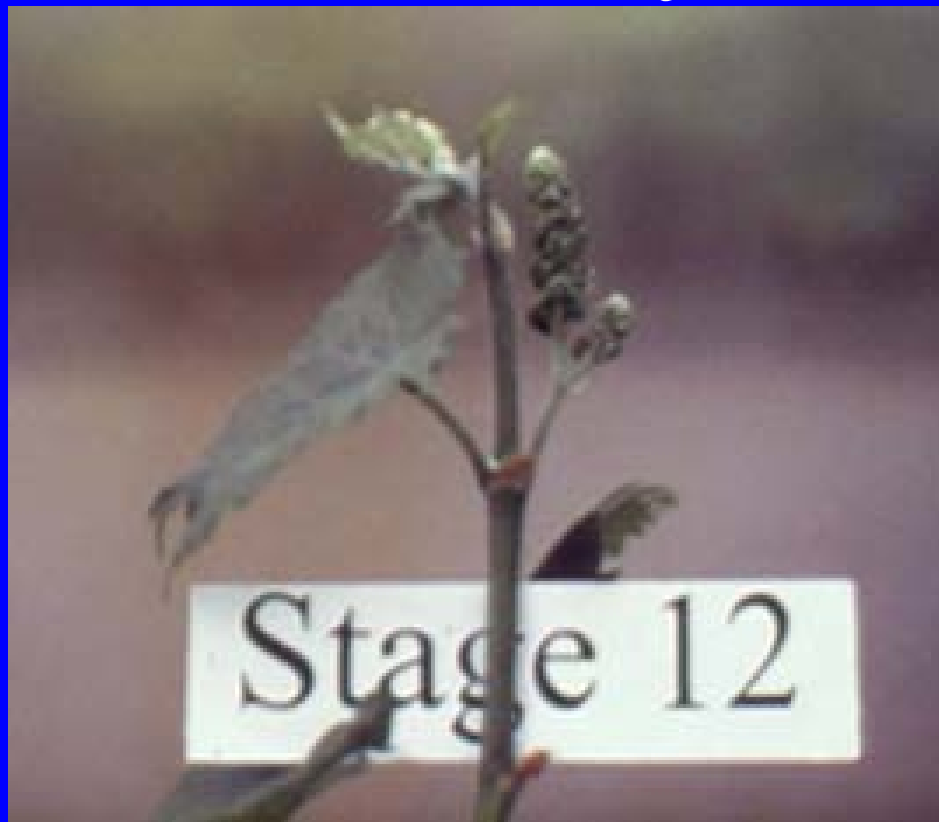
Although fruit infection by Phomopsis does not develop until harvest, the fungus actually enters the fruit early in the season (before or during bloom).





# Eichorn-Lorenz growth stage-12

Five to six leaves unfolded,  
inflorescence clearly visible.



The fungus enters green fruit and remains dormant (latent infection) until fruit begins to ripen near harvest.

As fruit ripens, the fungus becomes active and rots the fruit.







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Early season fungicide  
applications are critical for  
controlling this disease

For many years we have known  
that the most effective fungicides  
for control of Phomopsis are  
**mancozeb and captan.**

Many fungicide trials in New York and Ohio have shown that 2 to 3 pre bloom protectant application of fungicide provide about as good control as you are going to get.

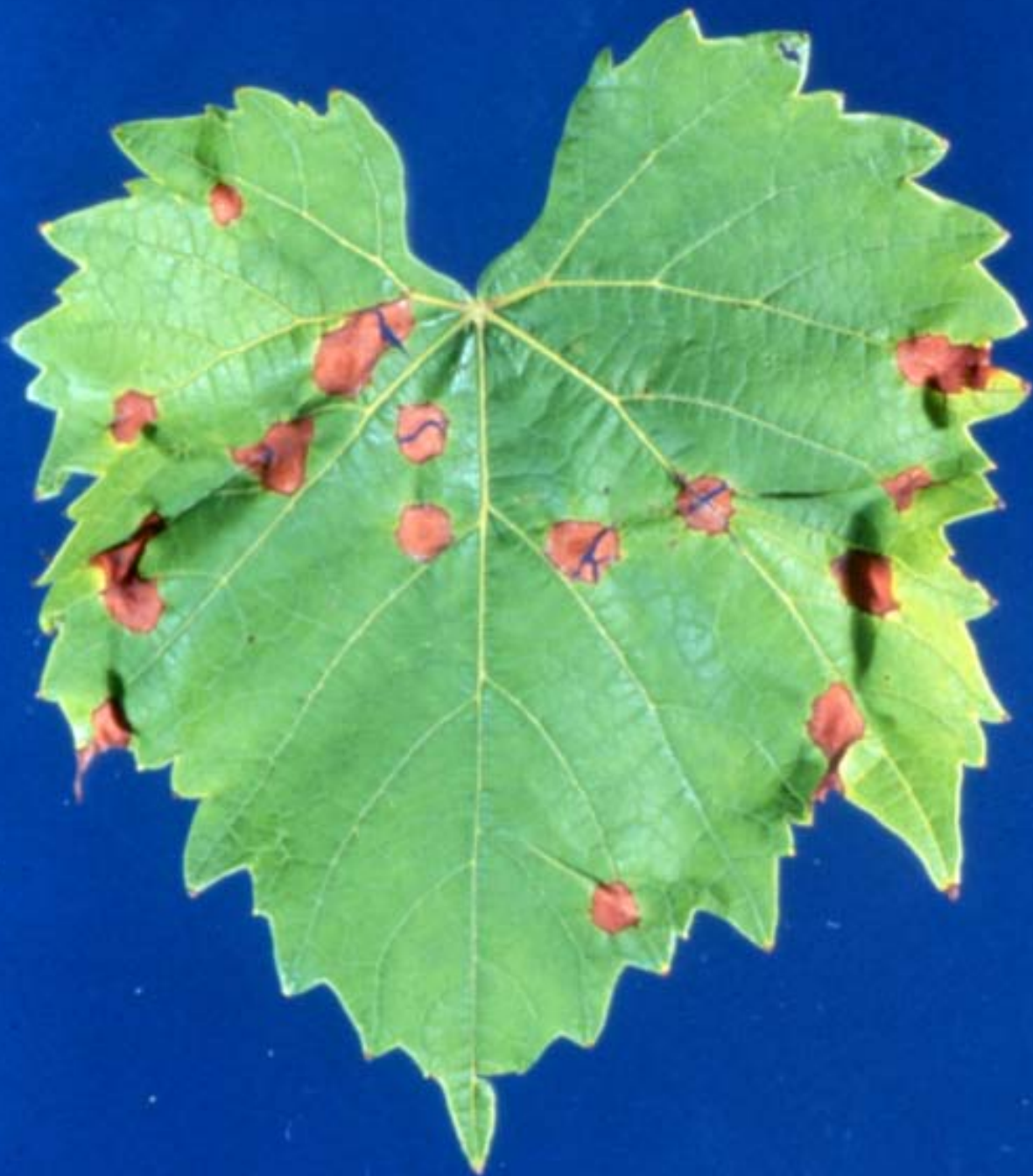
Powdery and Downy  
Mildew and Black Rot can  
also get established in the  
vineyard very early in the  
growing season.

Although Pre-bloom Sprays  
are Very Important, The  
Most Critical Period for  
Disease Control on Grapes  
Is:

Immediate Pre-bloom Through  
3 to 4 Weeks After Bloom.

Black Rot











EARLY SEASON DISEASE  
CONTROL IS CRITICAL





# Controlling Black Rot Fruit Infection

Current research indicates that berries become resistant to black rot infection much earlier than previously thought.

The old literature says berries are resistant when they reach 6 to 8 percent sugar.

Current research indicates  
that berries on most varieties  
are resistant by 3 to 4 weeks  
after bloom.

Fungicide tests in New York and Ohio indicate that 3 sprays on a 10 to 14 day interval from early bloom through berry touch (the critical period for control) provides excellent control of black rot.

# Fungicides For Black Rot Control, 1999

Treatment and Rate/A	Black Rot	
	% leaf infection	% fruit infection
Nova 4oz. (3 sprays, CP)	1.8 b	0 b
Abound 11oz. (3 sprays, CP)	0.8 b	2.5 b
Penncozeb 4lbs. (3 sprays, CP)	1.3 b	5.0 b
Ziram 3lbs. (8 sprays, FS)	1.0 B	2.5 b
Untreated	19.4 a	82.5 a









# Most Critical Period For Controlling Grape Diseases With Fungicides

Immediate Pre-bloom  
Through  
2 to 4 weeks after bloom

It is very important for  
grape growers to  
understand why this  
period is so important.

# Why is this period so Critical?

By 3 to 4 weeks after bloom, the fruit develop

**“ONTOGENIC RESISTANCE”**

and the fruit are not longer susceptible to infection by Black Rot

Fruit also Develop  
“Ontogenic Resistance”  
to  
Powdery and Downy Mildew  
at 3 to 4 weeks after bloom



# Powdery Mildew







# ASCOSPORES

PRODUCED IN THE SPRING IN  
OVERWINTERING FRUITING  
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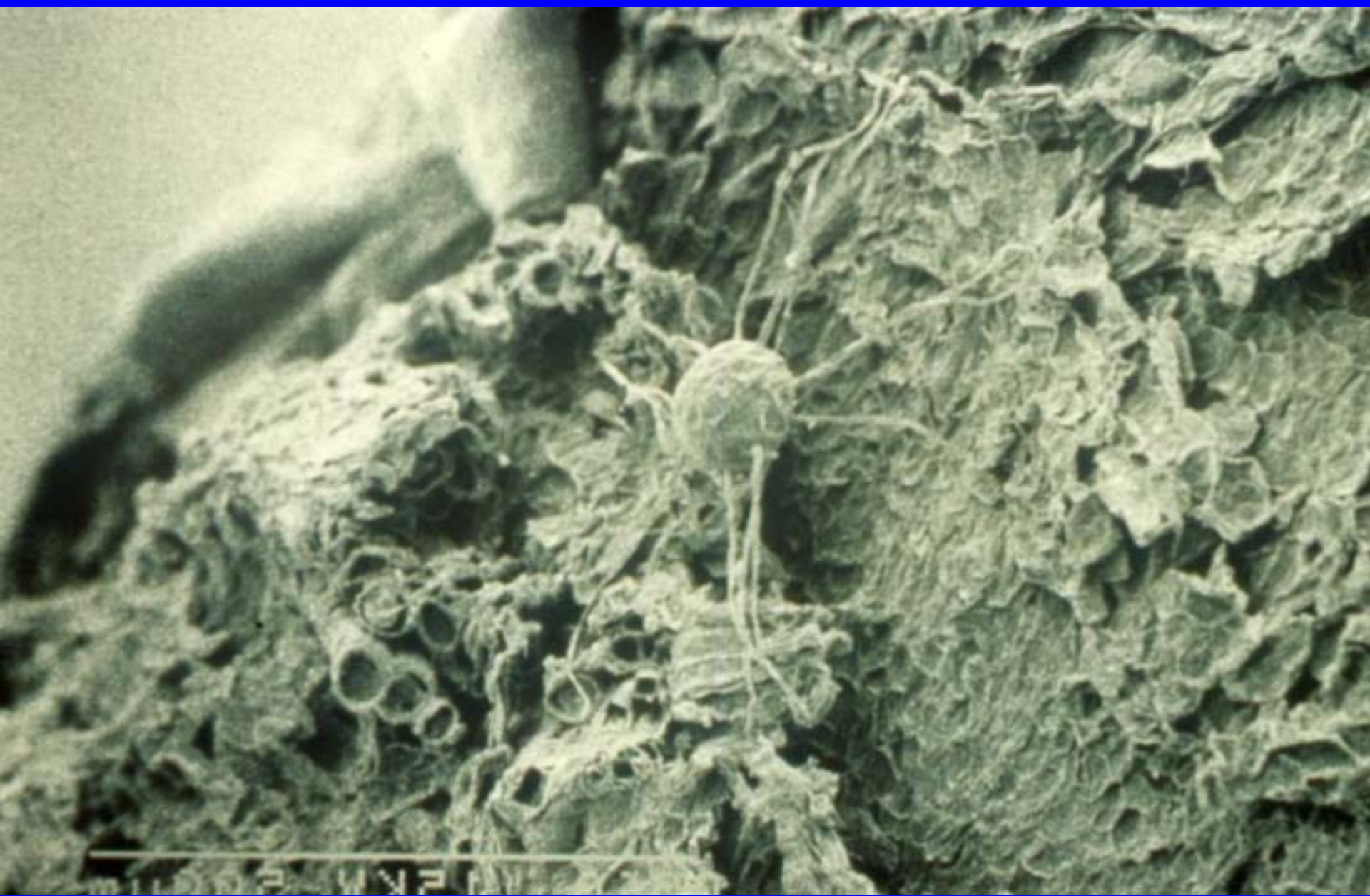








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# ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR POWDERY MILDEW ASCOSCPORE DISCHARGE IN THE SPRING

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.01 inch of rain with average temperature of 50  
degrees Fahrenheit

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D. M. Gadoury, Cornell University, Geneva



IT IS CRITICAL TO  
CONTROL PRIMARY  
INFECTIONS CAUSED BY  
ASCOSPORES EARLY IN  
THE SEASON



Pre-bloom Sprays Are  
Very Important to Keep  
Powdery Mildew From  
Getting Established In  
the Vineyard

# Controlling Fruit Infection By Powdery Mildew















Research in New York  
indicates that berries become  
resistant to powdery mildew  
infection much earlier than  
previously thought.

On Concord grapes, berries appear to be very resistant by two weeks after bloom.



On susceptible *Vinifera* and French Hybrids, resistance appears to develop within 3 to 4 weeks after bloom.

# Chardonnay



21 June  
prebloom  
Brix=nd



4 July  
2mm fruit  
Brix=nd



17 July  
5mm fruit  
Brix=4.6



2 August  
Brix=4.2



15 August  
Brix=4.8



29 August  
Brix=9.3

# Critical Period for Disease Control on Grapes

Immediate Pre-bloom through  
2 to 4 weeks after bloom

It is important to remember  
that cluster stems (Rachis)  
and leaves remain susceptible  
throughout the growing  
season.





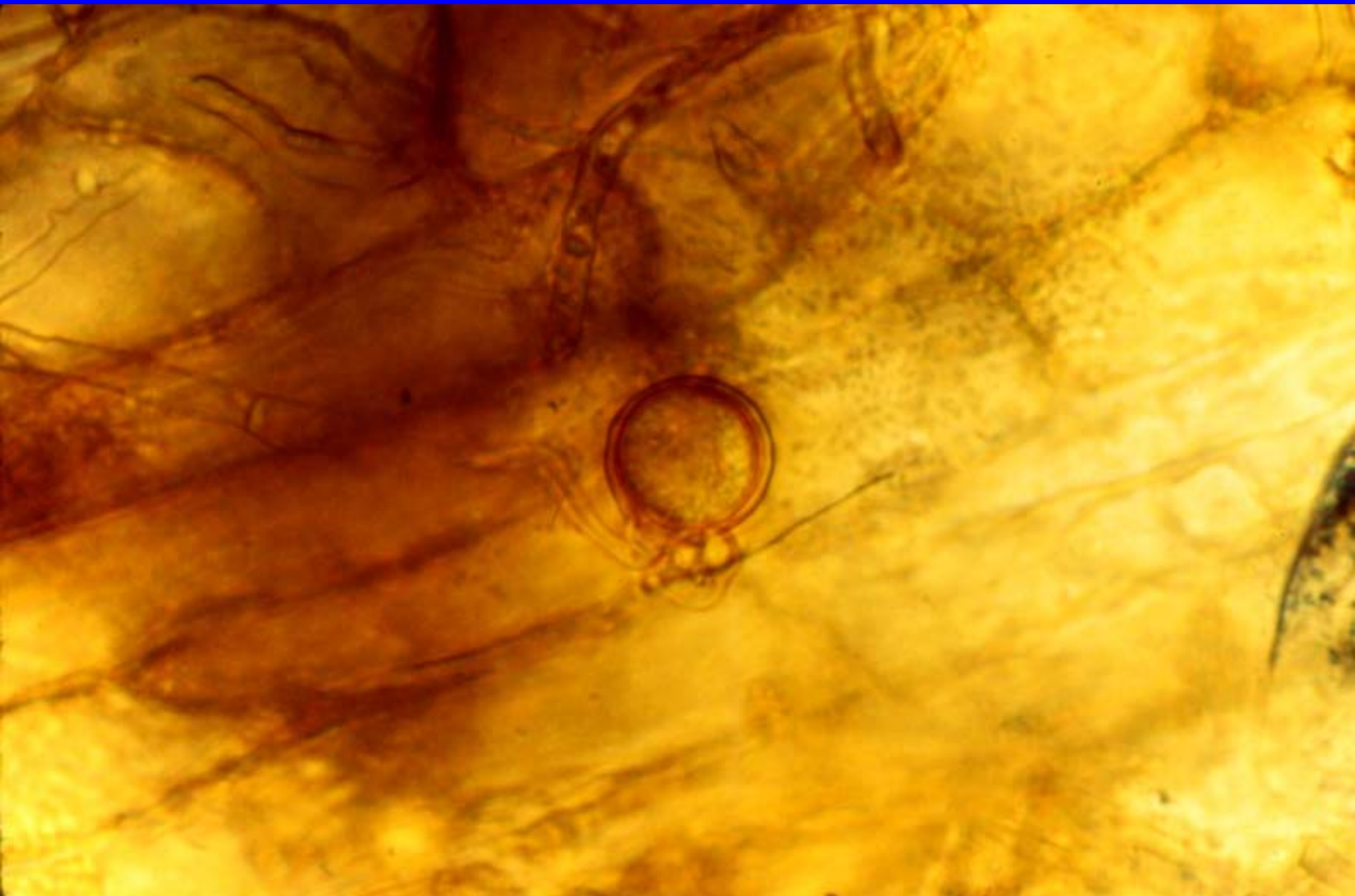


Downy Mildew











# ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR DOWNY MILDEW OOSPORE GERMINATION IN THE SPRING

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10°C

=

50°F

10 mm of rain

= 0.4

in

10 cm of vine growth

= 4 in.

EARLY SEASON  
DISEASE CONTROL IS  
CRITICAL

# Controlling Fruit Infection By Downy Mildew



# Downy Mildew

It appears that fruit become resistant to Downy Mildew by 3 to 4 weeks after bloom.

Remember that the rachis leaves remain susceptible later in the season.



# **Most Critical Period For Controlling Grape Diseases With Fungicides**

Immediate Pre-bloom  
Through  
2 to 4 weeks after bloom

This is the most critical period  
to prevent fruit infections by  
Black Rot, Powdery Mildew  
and Downy Mildew.

# Pre-bloom Sprays

1 to 3 inch shoot growth

Through

Immediate Pre-bloom

Important for:

Phomopsis, Powdery mildew, Downy Mildew,

Anthracnose

and Black Rot

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Controlling  
Black Rot,  
Powdery Mildew,  
and  
Downy Mildew  
Fruit (Cluster) Infections

## Take home message

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the fruit develop

**“ONTOGENIC RESISTANCE”**

and the fruit are not longer  
susceptible to infection by  
**Black Rot, Powdery or Downy  
Mildew**

# Early Season (Phase 1) Fungicides

## Diseases to Consider

Powdery Mildew

Downy Mildew

Black Rot

Phomopsis



Prior to Resistance Development  
in the Powdery and Downy mildew  
pathogens to the Strobilurin Fungicides

Abound  
Sovran  
Pristine  
(used alone)

Provided excellent control of all early  
season diseases

# Black Rot, Powdery, Downy and Phomopsis

Mancozeb

Plus

Nova , Elite , or Rubigan

or Quintec

or Endura

or Sulfur

or JMS Stylet Oil

or Potassium Salt

The Cheapest Program by Far is

Mancozeb plus a Sulfur Fungicide

next least expensive

Mancozeb plus Rubigan (Vintage)

On sulfur tolerant varieties, the  
sulfur combination makes pretty  
good sense

Sulfur is the old standard on  
tolerant varieties

It still works well and it is  
cheap!

“If possible, I think sulfur  
should be part of the fungicide  
program on wine grapes”

# Late Season (Phase 2) Fungicides

Timing = 3 to 4 weeks after bloom  
Through Harvest

Diseases = Powdery Mildew

Downy Mildew

Botrytis Bunch Rot



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# Powdery and Downy Mildew

(Summer or late season cover sprays)

Captan or Phosphorous acid

Plus

A Sulfur Fungicide

or

another powdery mildew material

Quintec, Vivando Endura, potassium salt, or  
JMS oil

OR

A Copper Fungicide ( used alone)

Pristine for Ice wine grapes

Apply at normal harvest

# Pristine 38WG

Pristine cannot be applied to American grapes such as Concord





# Several new Combination products (Package Mixes) were recently registered

- Revus Top (difenoconazole + mandpropamid)  
(sterol inhibitor) + (Revus)
- Quadris Top (difenoconazole + azoxystrobin)  
(sterol inhibitor) + (Abound)
- Inspire Super (difenoconazole + cyprodinil)  
(sterol inhibitor) + (Vanguard)
- Adament (tebuconazole + Trifloxystrobin)  
(Elite) + (Flint)

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Controls **black rot, powdery and downy mildew**
- Quadris Top (sterol inhibitor) + (Abound)  
Controls **black rot, powdery and downy mildew, and suppression of Phomopsis and Botrytis fruit rot**
- Inspire Super (sterol inhibitor) + (Vangard)  
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- Adament (Elite) + (Flint)  
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# Use (rates) and PHI

- Revis Top (7 fl oz/A) 14-Day
- Quadris Top (10-14 fl oz/A) 14-DAY
- Inspire Super (16-20 fl oz) 14-DAY
- Adament 50WG (3-4 oz/A) 14-Day

# Notes on Revus Tops

- Looks good for late season control of powdery and downy mildew.
- Cost is about \$17.00 /A
- Can't be used on Concord or other Labrusca type grapes.
- Apparently no problem on Vinifera or French hybrids.
- Affected grapes will be on the label

There have been several new fungicides recently registered for use on grapes in Ohio

Four new fungicides have been registered  
for control of Downy Mildew

- Revus 2.08F - mandipropamid (Syngenta)
- Presidio 4L - fluopicolide (Valent)
- Forum 4.17F - dimethamorph (BASF)
- RANMAN 3.33F - cyazofamid (FMC)
- All of these materials provide good to excellent control of downy mildew
- They are all in different classes of fungicide chemistry- important for resistance management



# Use rates and PHI

- Revus 2.08F (8 fl oz/A) PHI=14 days
- Presidio 4L (3-4 fl oz/A) PHI=21 days
- Forum 4.17F (6 fl oz/A) PHI=28 days
- RANMAN 3.33F (2.1-2.75 fl oz/A) PHI=30 days

# Switch and Scala

## Recently Registered for Control of Botrytis Bunch Rot

- Switch 62.5 WG is a combination product from Syngenta.  
Cyprodinil (Vangard) plus fludioxanil
- Scala 5SC (pyrimethonil) is similar chemistry to Vangard and is a product of Bayer.
- Both materials provide excellent control of Botrytis bunch rot but do not control other diseases. They are different chemistry.

# Phosphorous Acid (phosphite) Fungicides

There are many products on the market

- Agri Fos
- ProPhyt
- Phostrol
- Topas
- Rampart
- Aliette
- Legion

That Concludes my  
Presentation

Thank You

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