



2013 Fort Collins grape variety trial

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- Planted in 2013, with additions in 2014
 - Randomized Complete Block (RCB) design with 4 replications (8 vines per rep)
 - Vine x row spacing is 5' x 9'
 - Training system is High Cordon
 - Drip irrigation with “volunteer” grass in the inter-row area
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Test Varieties

- Aromella
 - Chambourcin
 - Frontenac
 - La Crescent
 - Marquette
 - Vignoles
 - (Noiret and Traminette in guard rows & panels)
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Results

Two extreme low temperature events occurred in late 2014

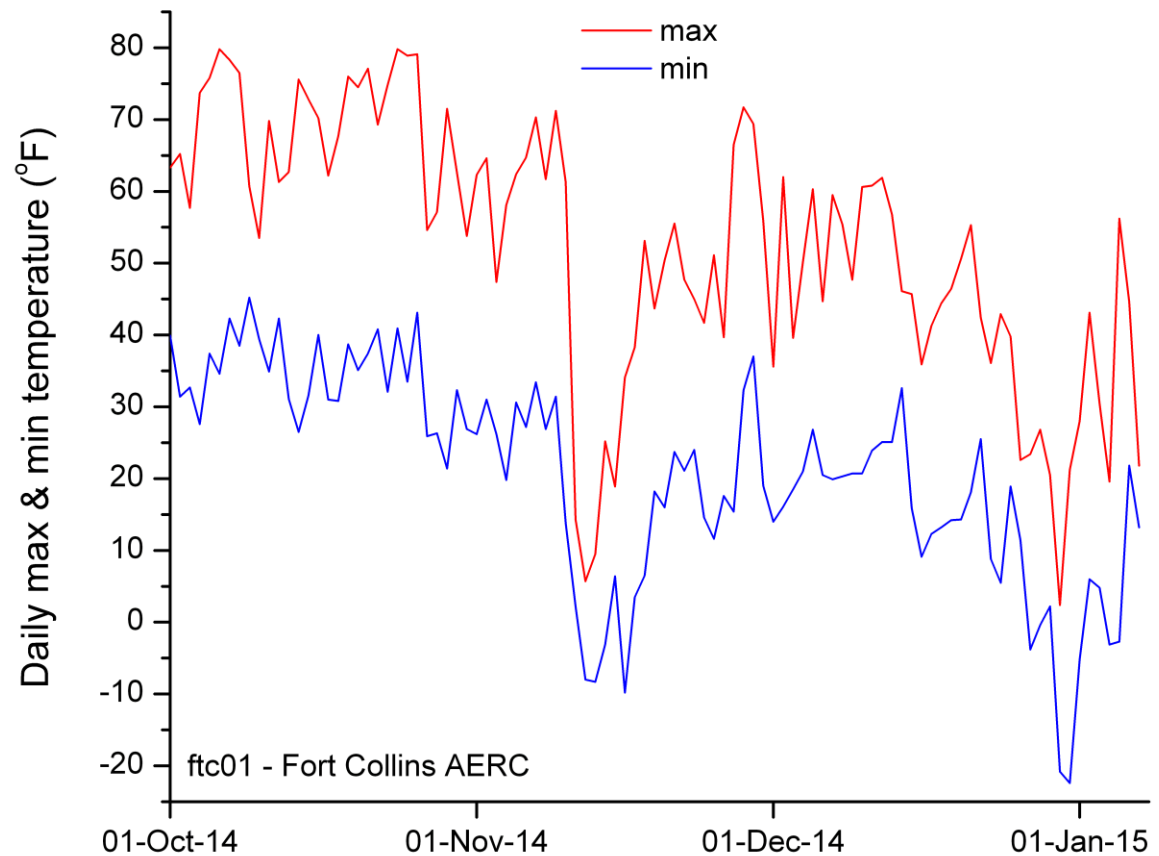
-9 F (12 Nov 2014)

-22 F (31 Dec 2014)

Buds were evaluated in early January 2015

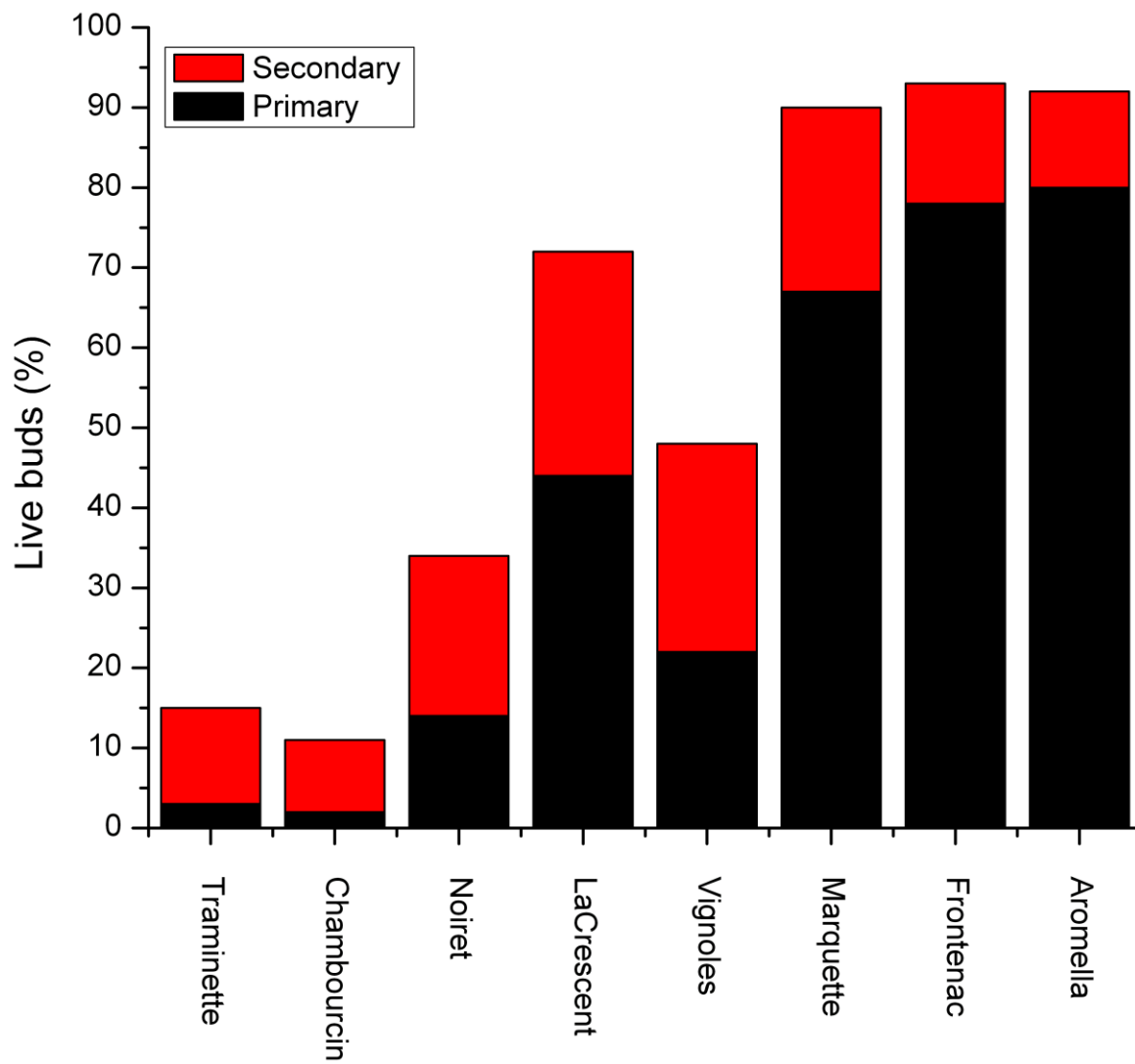


Temperature data Oct 2014 - Jan 2015





January 2015 bud evaluations





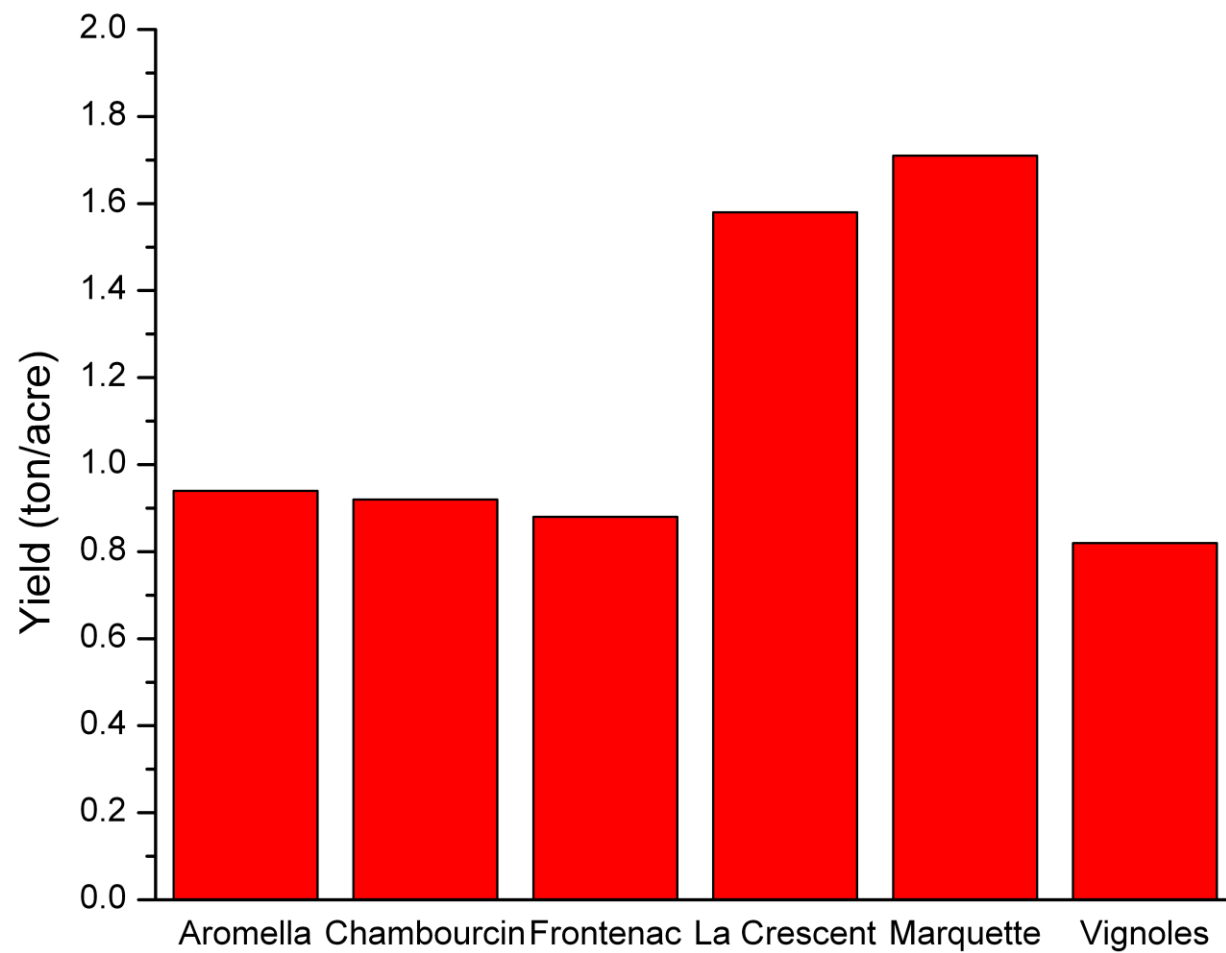
Summary

- Poor bud survival of Traminette, Chambourcin, and Noiret
 - Very good bud survival of MN varieties, Aromella, and Vignoles particularly in light of the extreme November event.
 - But a late spring frost (23 F on 11 May 2015; after bud break) caused near 100 % crop loss on all varieties.
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Summary

- Many vines needed re-training due to the repeated cold damage during fall & winter 2014, and spring 2015.
 - At this site vines have low vigor, and only a small crop was produced in 2016.
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2016 Harvest



Outlook 2017

- Another low temperature event occurred on 6 January 2017 (-20 F)
 - This site might be too cold for medium-hardy varieties such as Chambourcin, Noiret, and Traminette
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Questions?

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