

# European Grapevine Moth Biology and Management



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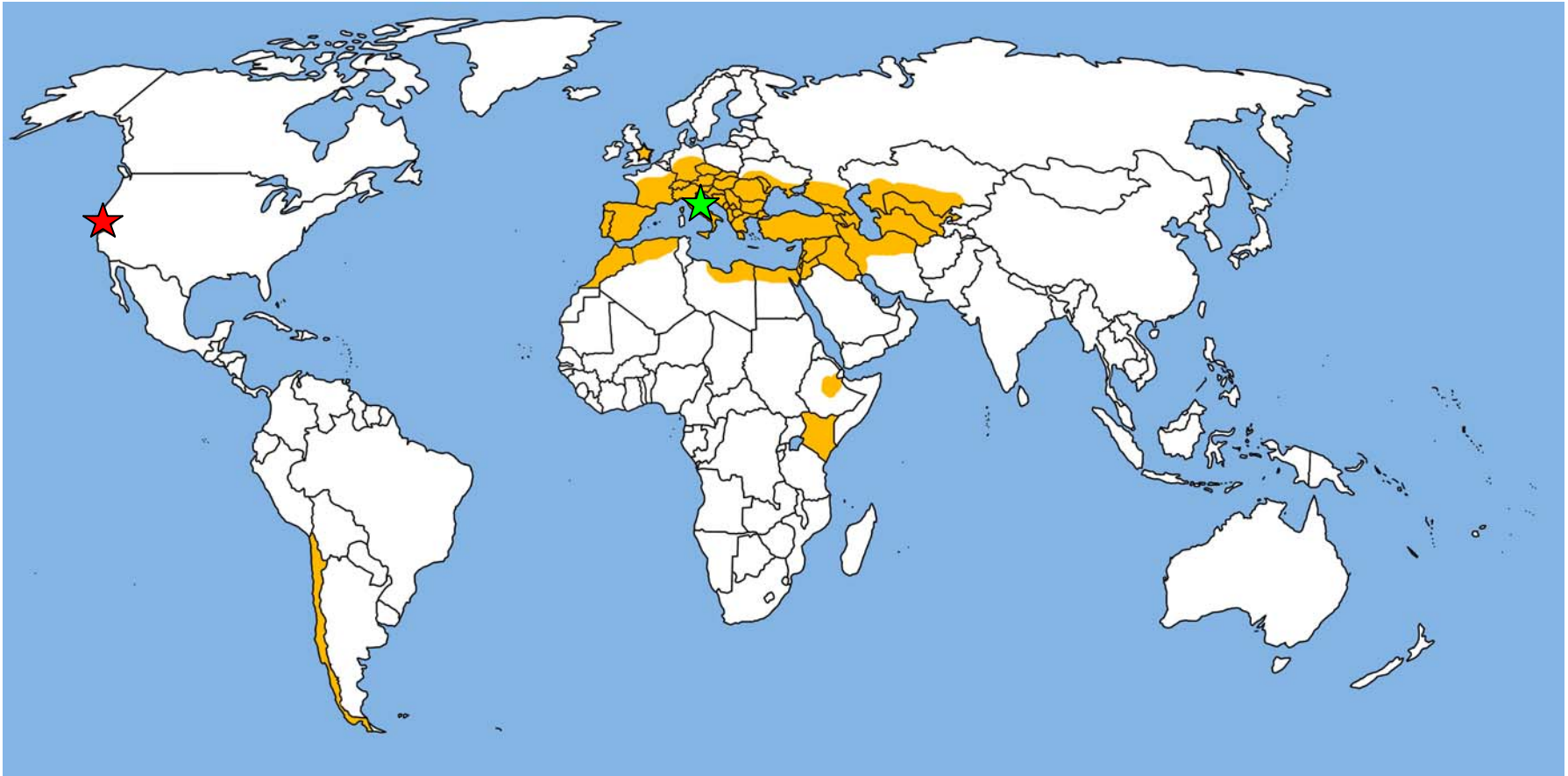


*Lobesia botrana*



# Distribution of *Lobesia botrana*

★ Origin: Italy



Adapted from Distribution Maps of Pests, Commonwealth Institute of Entomology (1974) with additions of subsequent findings.



# Life cycle

Adult (Moth)



Egg



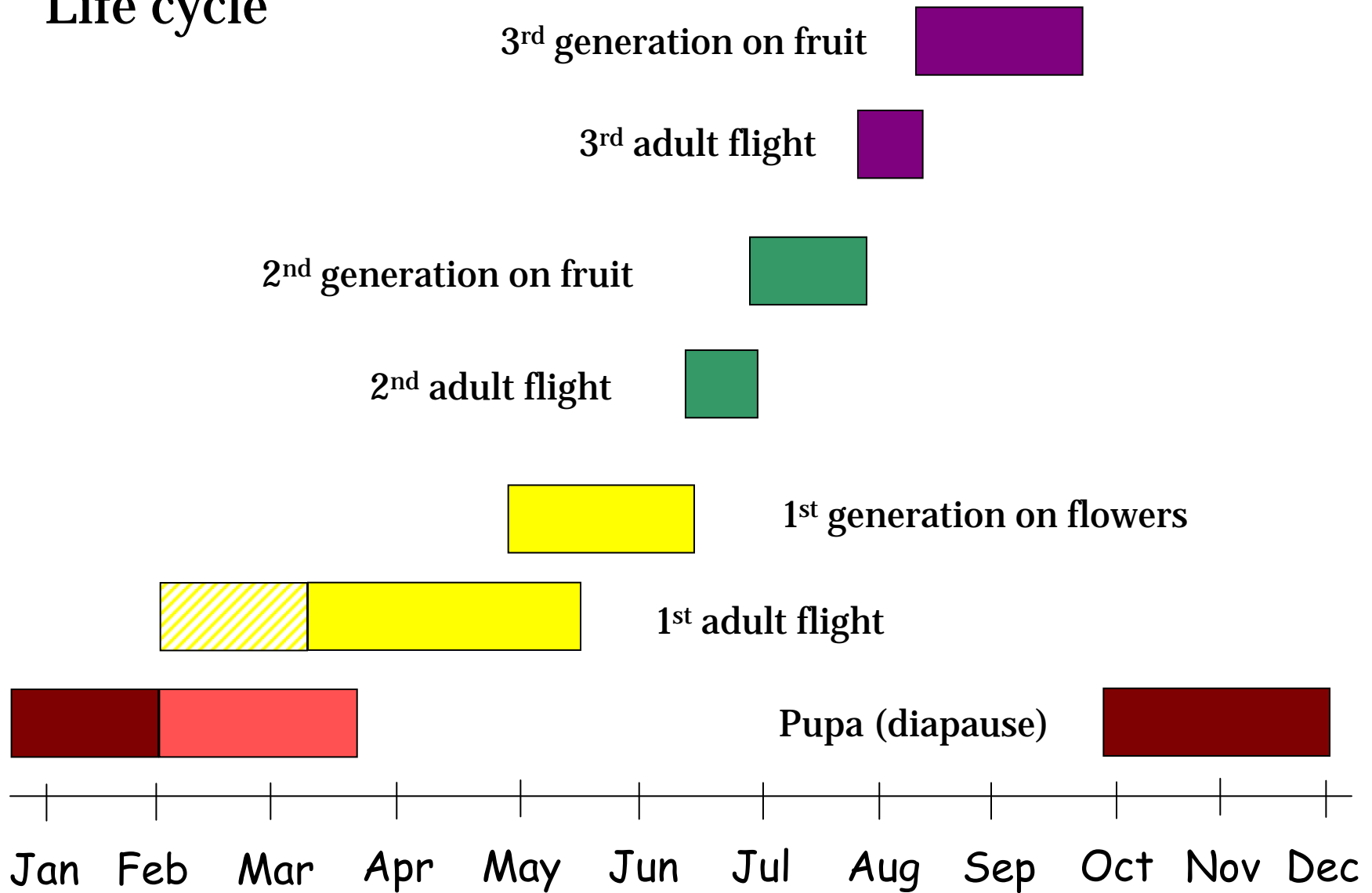
Larva (caterpillar)



Pupa



# Life cycle



adapted from Maher, 2002 PhD thesis, Aquitaine, France



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## **Development thresholds:**

Upper: 86° F

Lower: 50° F

Optimal: 70-84° F

RH: 40-70%

80-160 eggs per ♀  
per lifetime



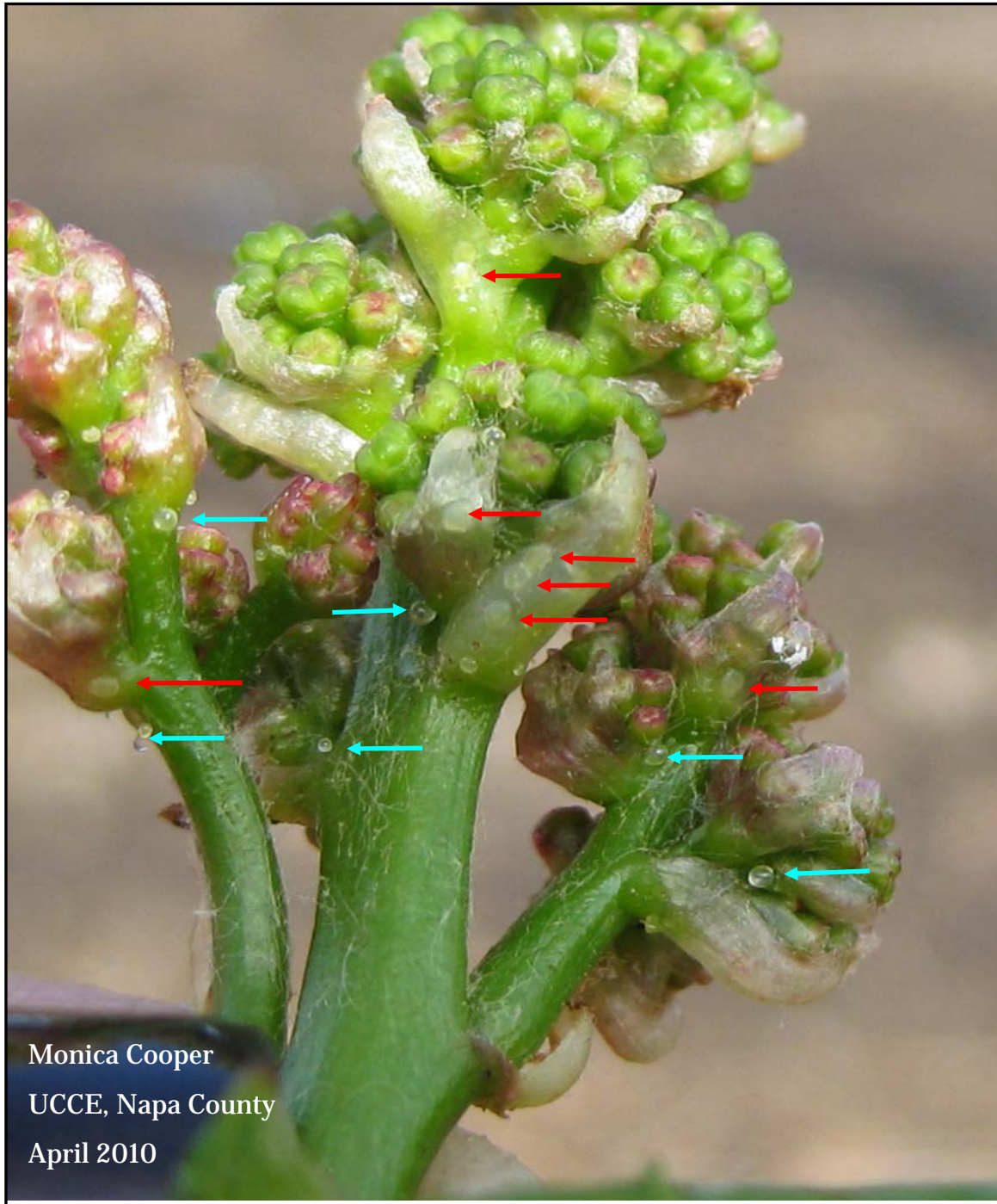
# Eggs 1<sup>st</sup> generation



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Eggs: red

Xylem drops: blue

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# Eggs change color as they develop

White (freshly laid)



Yellow (developing)



Orange



Black cap





# 1<sup>st</sup> generation: damage



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Andrea Lucci



Bruno Bagnoli



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1<sup>st</sup> generation: damage



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# 2<sup>nd</sup> generation

Eggs laid on green fruit

Larvae feed in fruit

Pupae in bunches, under bark



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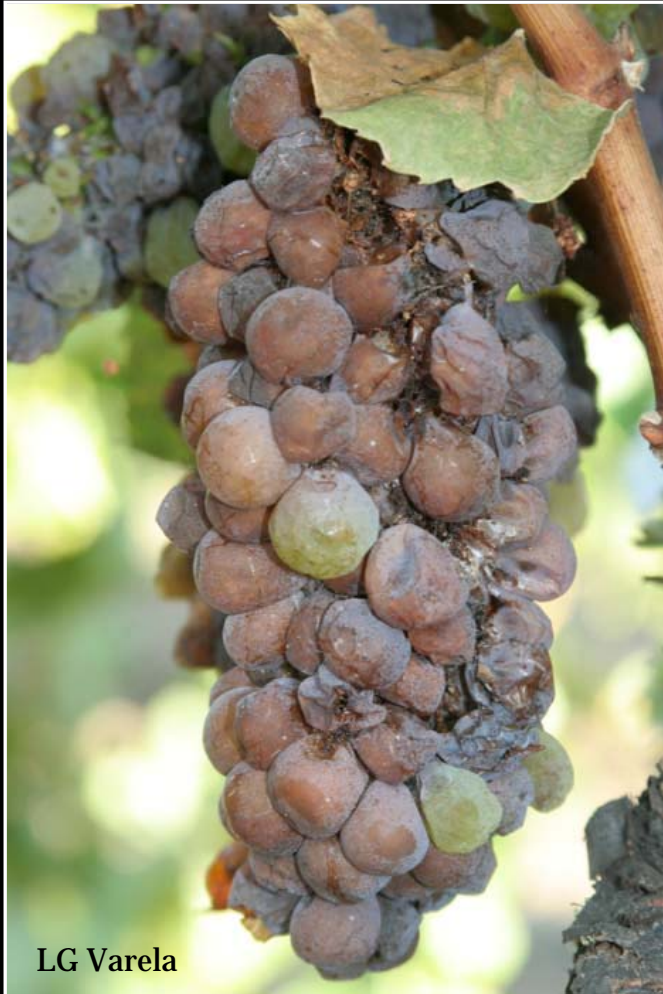


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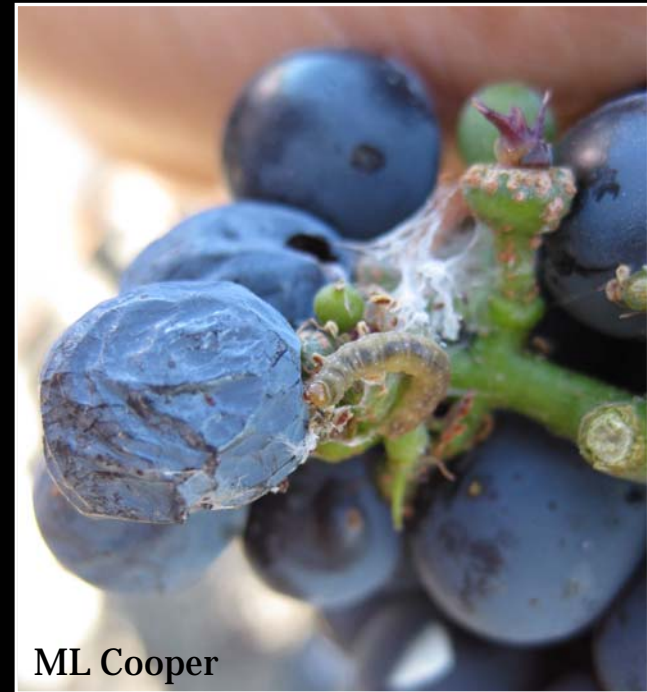


Zangheri et al. 1992

# 3<sup>rd</sup> generation



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Eggs laid on ripening fruit

Larvae feed in ripening fruit

Botrytis bunch rot develops

Pupae overwinter under bark, in  
soil crevices



# 3<sup>rd</sup> generation



# 3<sup>rd</sup> generation





# 3rd generation





# Insecticides

Ovicide: apply to plant before egg is laid

Larvicide: most effective against young larvae



LBAM larva  
JK Clark



# Insecticide

OMRI

Ovicide/  
Larvicide

Toxicity  
Predator/Parasitoid

**Insect growth regulator (Ecdysone mimic)—IRAC grp. 18**

<b>Intrepid (methoxyfenozide)</b>	N	Y / Y	low/low
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**Microbial (disrupts midgut membranes)—IRAC grp. 11**

<b>Dipel (<i>Bt</i> Kurstaki)</b>	Y	N / Y	low/low
<b>Biobit (<i>Bt</i> Kurstaki)</b>	Y	N / Y	low/low

**Diamides (nerve and muscle targets)—IRAC grp. 28**

<b>Altacor (chloranthraniprole)</b>	N	Y / Y	low/low
<b>Belt (flubendiamide)</b>	N	N / Y	low/low

**Sodium channel blockers (paralysis)—IRAC grp. 22**

<b>Avaunt (indoxacarb)</b>	N	N / Y	low/ med
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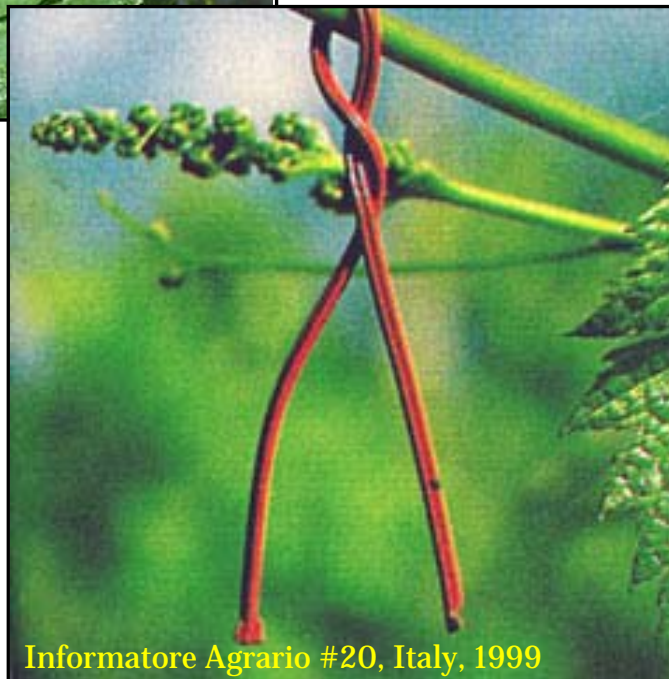
**Spinosyns (nicotinic AChR—nervous system block, paralysis)—IRAC grp. 5**

<b>Success (spinosad)</b>	N	N / Y	low/ med-high
<b>Entrust (spinosad)</b>	Y	N / Y	low/ med-high
<b>Delegate (spinetoram)</b>	N	N / Y	med/ high

# Mating Disruption

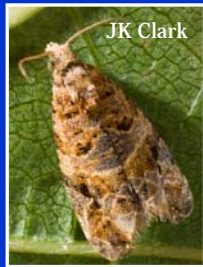
Recently registered in CA

Best as Area-wide program  
& when populations are low

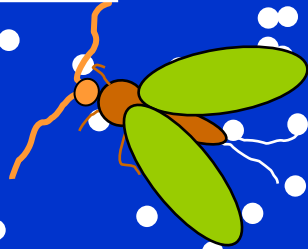




# Mating disruption



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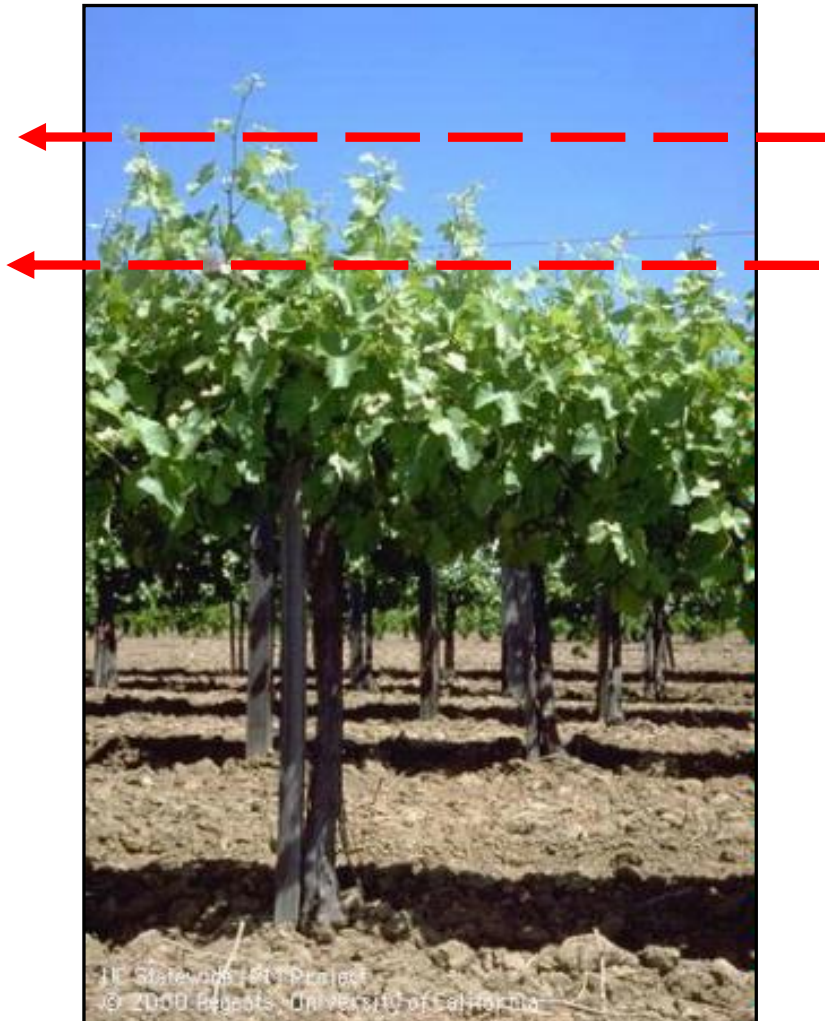
# Pacific Biocontrol Corporation, Shin-Etsu Fine Chemicals Division



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# Monitoring

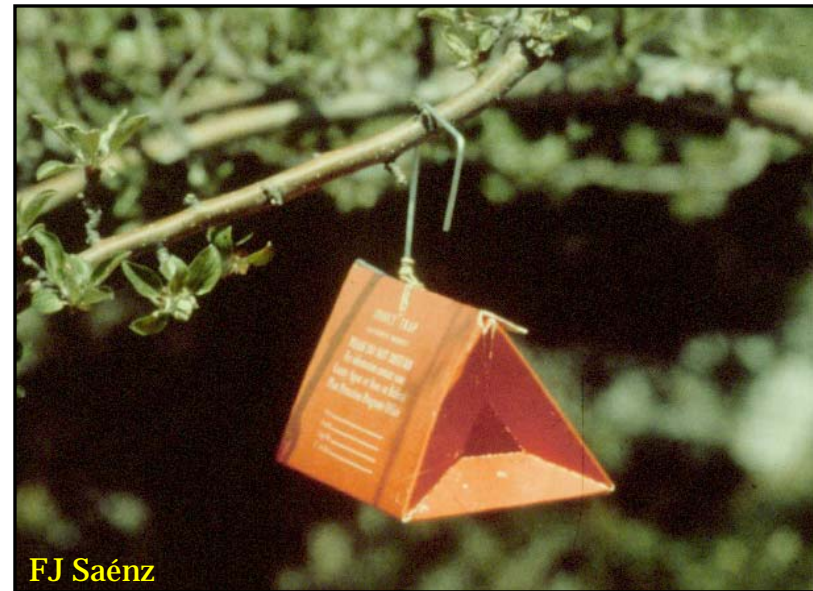


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## Delta Traps

Monitor male flights

Ranches w/o mating  
disruption



FJ Saéñz

# Traps for Delimitation

Determine extent of *Lobesia* populations in the state

**25** traps per square mile in vineyards state-wide

**Ag Commissioner's office** and **CDFA**

Checked every **14 days**

Interactive map on Napa Ag Commissioner's website:

<http://www.countyofnapa.org/AgCom/>



## Traps for Monitoring (Treatment)

Follow development for timing treatment applications in Napa County

**38** traps deployed in Oakville, Rutherford, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Ranches with **KNOWN** populations

UC Cooperative Extension (Monica & Lucia Varela)

Checked **3** times per week (**M-W-F**)

Results reported weekly

Results available through *Lobesia* newsletter:

<http://ucanr.org/egvm> newsletter

## **Main hosts:**

*V. vinifera*

*Daphne gnidium*

## **Secondary hosts:**

Olive

Blackberry

Gooseberry

Black & Red currant

Cherry

Prune

Persimmon

Kiwi

Pomegranate





# Host range

Olive flowers host 1<sup>st</sup> generation in Italy, Greece



# Unique characteristics of *Lobesia botrana*

Lay eggs singly...

NOT in masses



Orange Tortrix



Omnivorous  
Leafroller





# Unique characteristics of *Lobesia botrana*

Feed on flowers and fruit...



NOT on leaves



LG Varela



LG Varela

# Unique characteristics of *Lobesia botrana*

Overwinter as pupae under the bark...



not as larvae in mummied berries or on spurs





UCCE Napa (Viticulture):

<http://cenapa.ucdavis.edu>

UCCE Sonoma (Pest Management):

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NEWSLETTER:

<http://ucanr.org/egvm> newsletter

Napa County Agricultural Commissioner:

<http://www.countyofnapa.org/agcom>

California Department of Food and Agriculture

<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/egvm/index.html>