# New Grapevine Cultivars What it takes | What we have

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### Tolerant Cultivars

Rootstocks have long been used as a method of tolerance to both biotic and abiotic stressors. <sup>(22)</sup>

• GRN rootstocks for nematode tolerance

Scions are also being developed to help impart tolerance to specific pests and/or diseases  $^{(23)}$ 

• Pierce's Disease resistant scions

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## Finding a PD-tolerant Scion

*Xylella fastidiosa* clogs the xylem vessels in grapevines by colonizing the vessels

To find a 'tolerant cultivar' would be to find one where vascular hydraulic conductivity does not fail under *X. fastidiosa* infections







### PD tolerant scions - the 'Walkers'

Over 20 years of development led to the release of five grape scions with inherent resistant to X. *fastidiosa* 

Developed by the Walker Lab at UC Davis

Meant to mimic the most popular cultivars in California





## PD tolerant scions - Red Grapes

#### 1. Camminare noir

- 50% Petite Syrah; 25% Cab Sauv
- Characteristics of both parents
- Early budbreak and maturity
- 94% Vitis vinifera
- 2. Passeante noir
  - 50% Zin; 25% Petite Syrah; 12.5% CS
  - Characters of Zinfandel and Cab Sauv
  - Late bloom and mid-season maturity
  - 97% Vitis vinifera



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## PD tolerant scions - Red Grapes

- 3. Errante noir
  - 50% Sylvaner
  - 12.5% each of:
    - i. Cab Sauv; Carignane; Chardonnay
  - Mid-season bloom and maturity
  - High tannin content
  - Potential as red blending grape with Cabernet Sauvignon
  - 97% Vitis vinifera

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## PD tolerant scions - White Grapes

#### 1. Ambulo Blanc

- 62.5% Cab Sauv; 12.5% Carignane & Chard
- Highly productive
- Wines are similar to Sauvignon blanc
- 97% Vitis vinifera
- 2. Caminante Blanc
  - 62.5% Cab Sauv; 12.5% Carignane & Chard
  - Small berries and small clusters
  - Late bloom and mid-season maturity
  - 97% Vitis vinifera

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# GRN Rootstocks

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# Designed for pest tolerance

- Released in 2008
- Multiple parent vines
- GRN 1 to 5
- Tolerant to feeding from:
  - Dagger nematode
  - Ring nematode
  - Root-Knot nematode
  - Citrus nematode
  - Lesion nematode

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- Cross of:
  - V. rupestris
  - Muscadinia rotundifolia
- Performs moderately
  - Low vigor in scion
  - Tested for fanleaf virus
  - Most nematode resistant
- Resistance to:
  - Dagger nematode
  - Root-knot nematode
  - (maybe) Fanleaf Virus

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### • Cross of:

- V. rufotomentosa
- V. champinii 'Dog Ridge'

### • Performs moderately

- Long shoots w/ few laterals
- Shallow roots
- Good scion vigor
- Resistance to:
  - Dagger nematode
  - Root-knot nematode

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- Cross of:
  - V. rufotomentosa
  - V. champinii 'Dog Ridge'
  - V. monticola 'c9038'
- Performs well in California
  - Induces moderate vigor in scion
  - Yields are comparably high
  - Drought and mineral tolerance
- Resistance to:
  - Dagger nematode
  - Ring nematode

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### • Cross of:

- V. rufotomentosa
- V. champinii 'Dog Ridge'
- V. monticola 'c9038'

### • Performs moderately

- Moderate vigor in scion
- Yields are moderate
- Roots well (propagation)

### • Resistance to:

- Dagger nematode
- Root-knot nematode
- Citrus nematode
- Lesion nematode

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### • Cross of:

- Several species
- V. champinii 'Ramsey'
- V. champinii X V. berlandieri 'c9021'

### • Performs moderately

- Moderate vigor in scion
- Yields are moderate to low
- Supports most phylloxera of GRNs

#### • Resistance to:

- Dagger nematode
- Root-knot nematode
- Citrus nematode
- Lesion nematode

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