

# Grapevine Trunk Diseases: What do We Know of Them in Oregon?

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What are the diseases?

What causes them?

What are the symptoms?

What do they mean for Oregon growers?

Botryosphaeria





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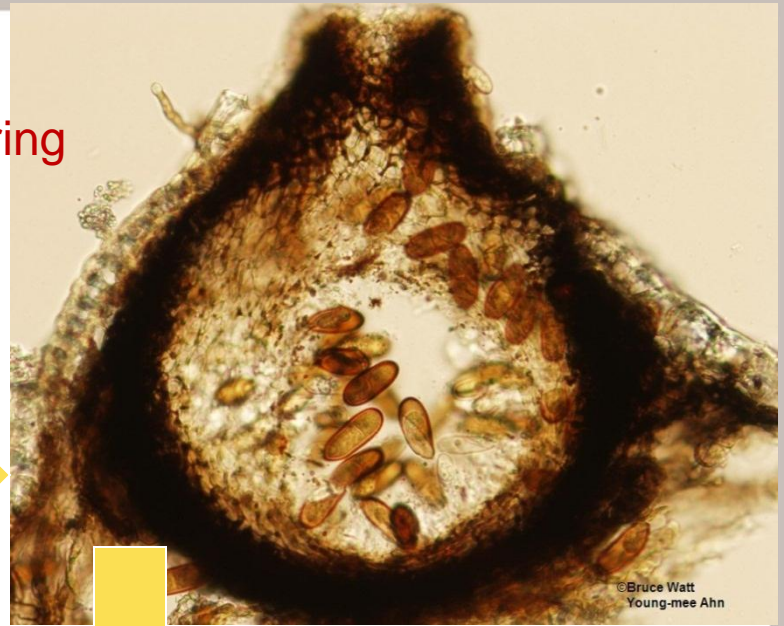






Fruiting bodies form

Overwintering spores



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2 m water splash/ fresh wounds



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Fungus  
Grows  
10-12"/yr



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Teleomorph  
(perfect stage)  
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Anamorph  
(imperfect, clonal)



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# Impact

Perennial cankers

Shoot dieback

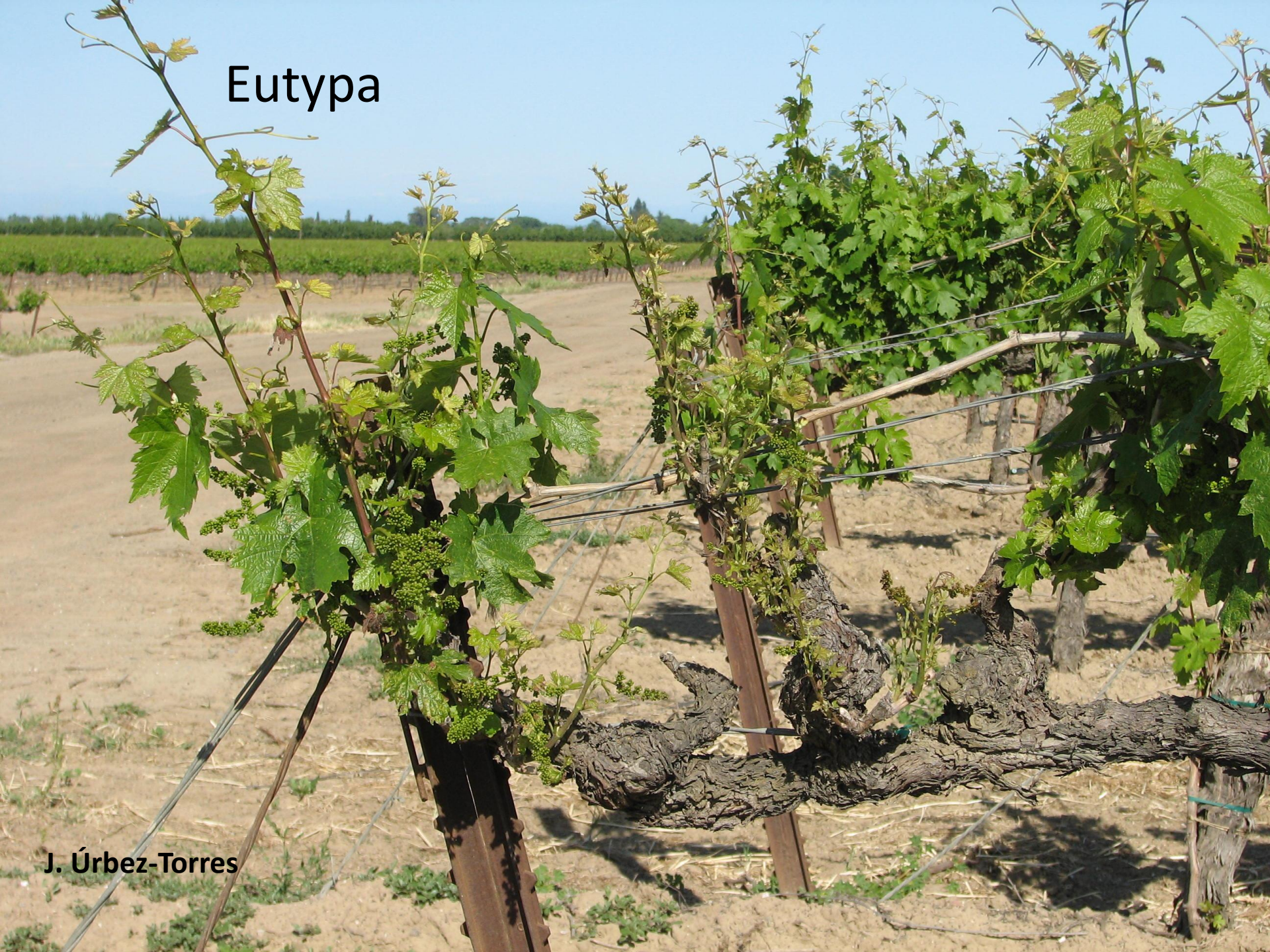
Reduced fruit yield

Reduced vine longevity

Increased management costs

Eutypa

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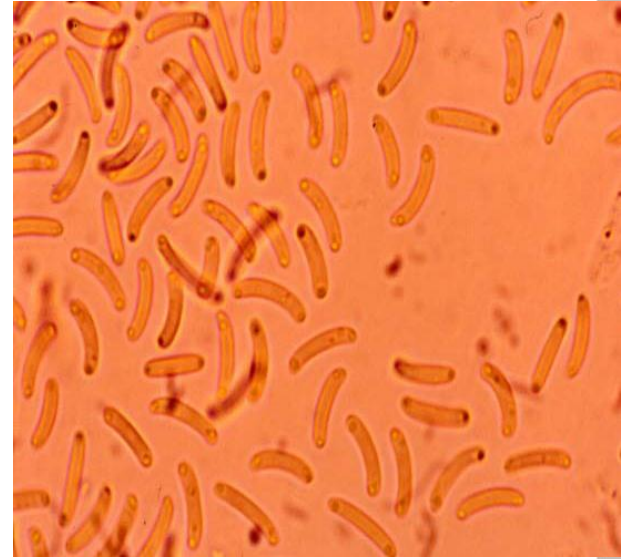




6 yrs later



Ascospores released



Wounds



*Eutypa lata*  
disease cycle in  
California  
(from W.D. Gubler,  
et al., UC Davis)



3-4 yrs later

# Fungi associated with “Eutypa” canker in the US

*Eutypa lata*, *E. leptoplaca*

*Cryptosphaeria pullmanensis*

*Cryptovalsa ampelina*

*Diatrype oregonensis*, *D. stigma*. *D. whitemanensis*

*Diatrypella verrucaeformis*

*Diatrypella* sp.

*Eutypella vitis*, *Eutypella* spp.

## Washington:

~ 20-50% yield loss for moderate disease

~ 60-95% yield loss for severe disease

## California:

30-60% yield loss for moderate disease

80+% yield loss for severe disease

Fewer fruit clusters

Smaller clusters

Reduced vine longevity



## California:

Bot/Eutypa canker is **#1** cause of  
reduced vineyard longevity

\$260 million

## Oregon:

???



# Eutypa Management:

- Mark vines in spring for removal.
- Remove diseased wood 4 - 6 inches below the canker, and train a new, healthy shoot into position.
- Avoid large pruning cuts, avoid pruning during and before wet weather.
- When making large cuts during wet weather, leave a stub, prune later during dry weather.
- Remove and destroy all large trunk or cordon pieces from the vineyard.

Fungicides sprayed onto cuts within 24 hours of pruning, & second spray 2 weeks later.

- Mettle
- Rally 40 WSP
- Topsin M WSB. May also be applied as a paint to cut or pruned surfaces.

**Oregon only** (SLN OR-100003)

# Other fungi associated with grapevine cankers in the US

*Aspergillus niger, A. carbonarius*

*Diaporthe eres*

*Pestalotiopsis* sp., *P. uvicola*

*Phaeomoniella chlamydospora*

*Phomopsis fukushii, P. viticola*

*Toginina minima (Phaeoacremonium aleophilum)*

*Schyzophyllum commune*

and on and on...

Teleomorph (perfect stage)  
Anamorph (imperfect stage)