

2017

Ripening dynamics in Napa

Berry active sugar loading
Berry volume evolution
Harvest position

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Berry active sugar loading

The berry sugar loading

= sugar quantity per berry evolution

**Sugar quantity
per berry**

[mg/berry]

=

**Sugar concentration
of the juice**

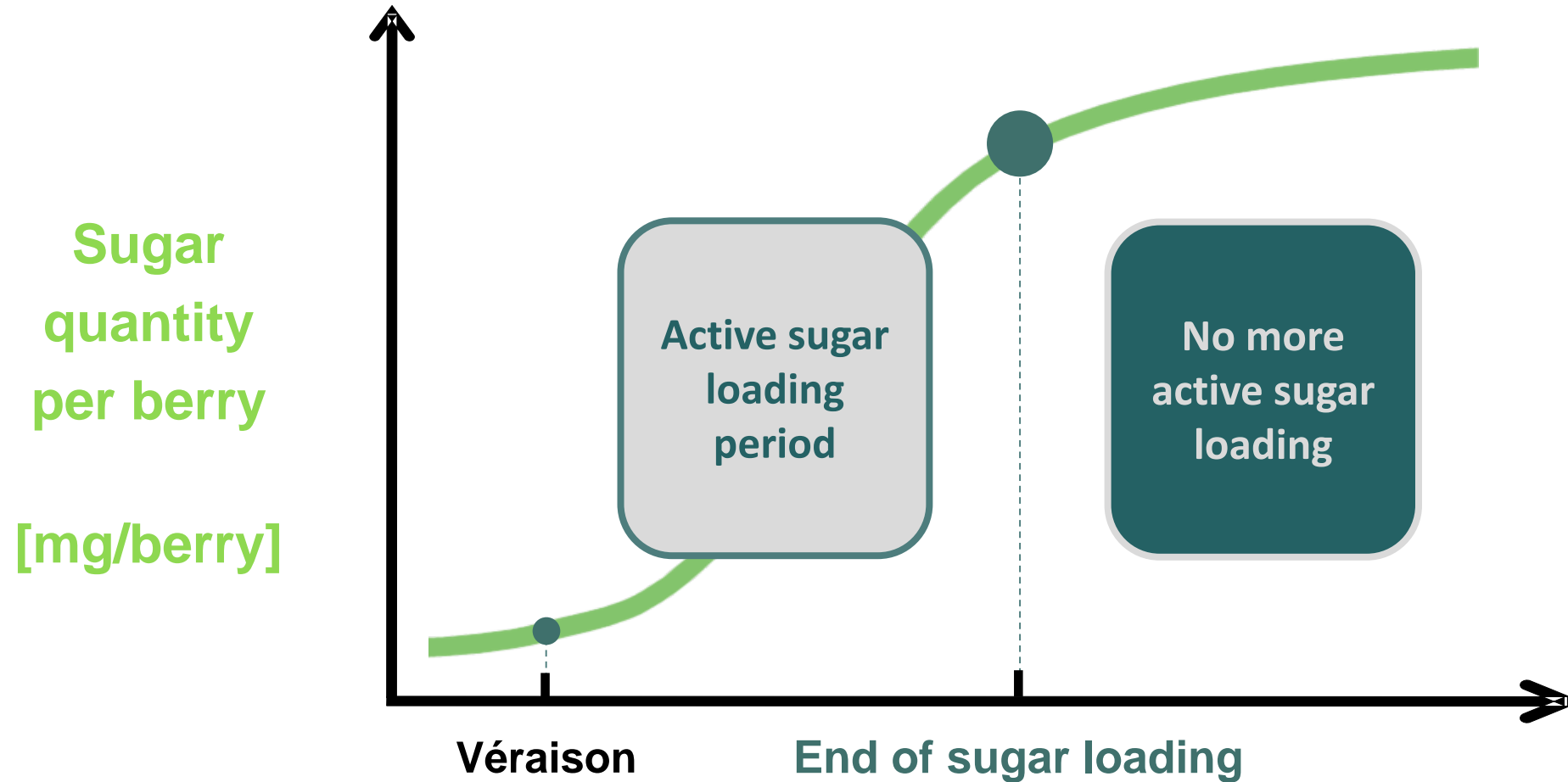
[g/L]

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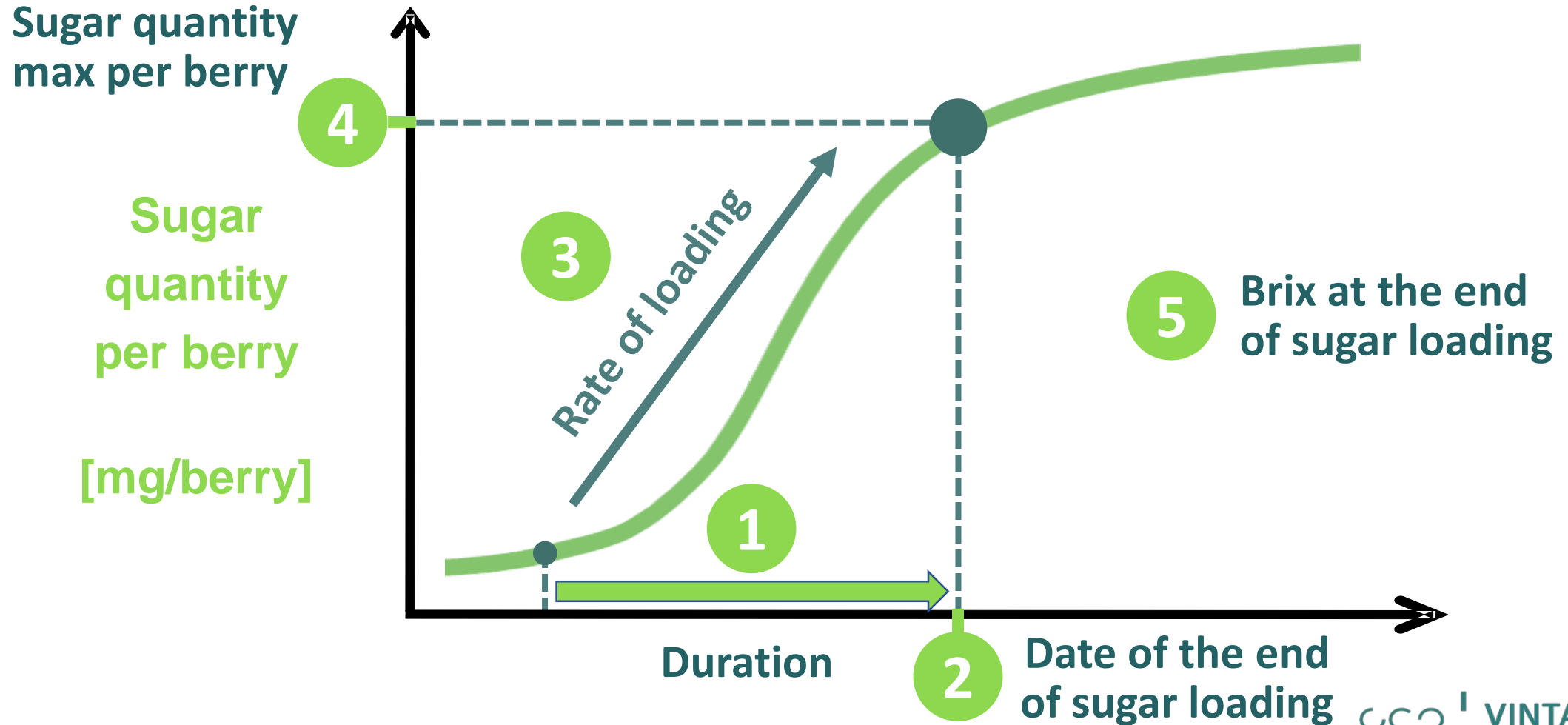
**Berry average
volume**

[mL]

The berry sugar loading curve



The 5 data of berry sugar loading



Average values of the last 5 years in California

| | CABERNET SAUVIGNON | MERLOT | SAUVIGNON BLANC |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Maximum sugar quantity per berry (mg/berry) | 190 | 238 | 314 |
| Rate of loading during the first phase (mg/berry/day) | 4.2 | 5.4 | 7.6 |
| Duration of sugar loading (days) | 36 | 35 | 35 |
| Average date of sugar loading end | Aug-25 | Aug-29 | Aug-21 |
| Brix at the end of sugar loading (° Brix) | 21.1 | 21.8 | 22.4 |

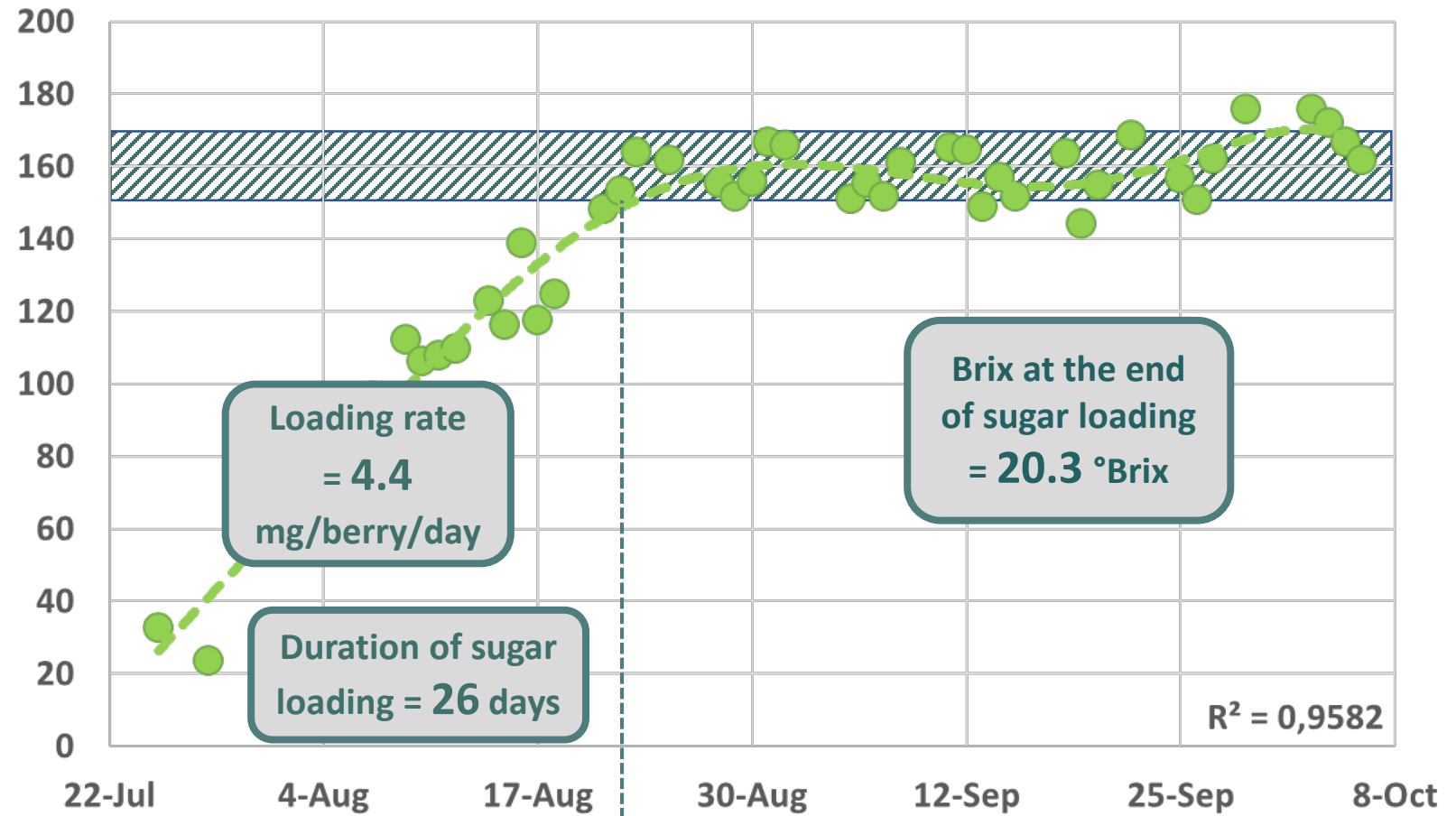
2017 Cabernet Sauvignon sugar loading in Napa

Max. sugar quantity
= 160 mg/berry

Sugar
quantity
per berry

[mg/berry]

Average of
662 analysis



2017 Cabernet Sauvignon vs 2016 & 2015

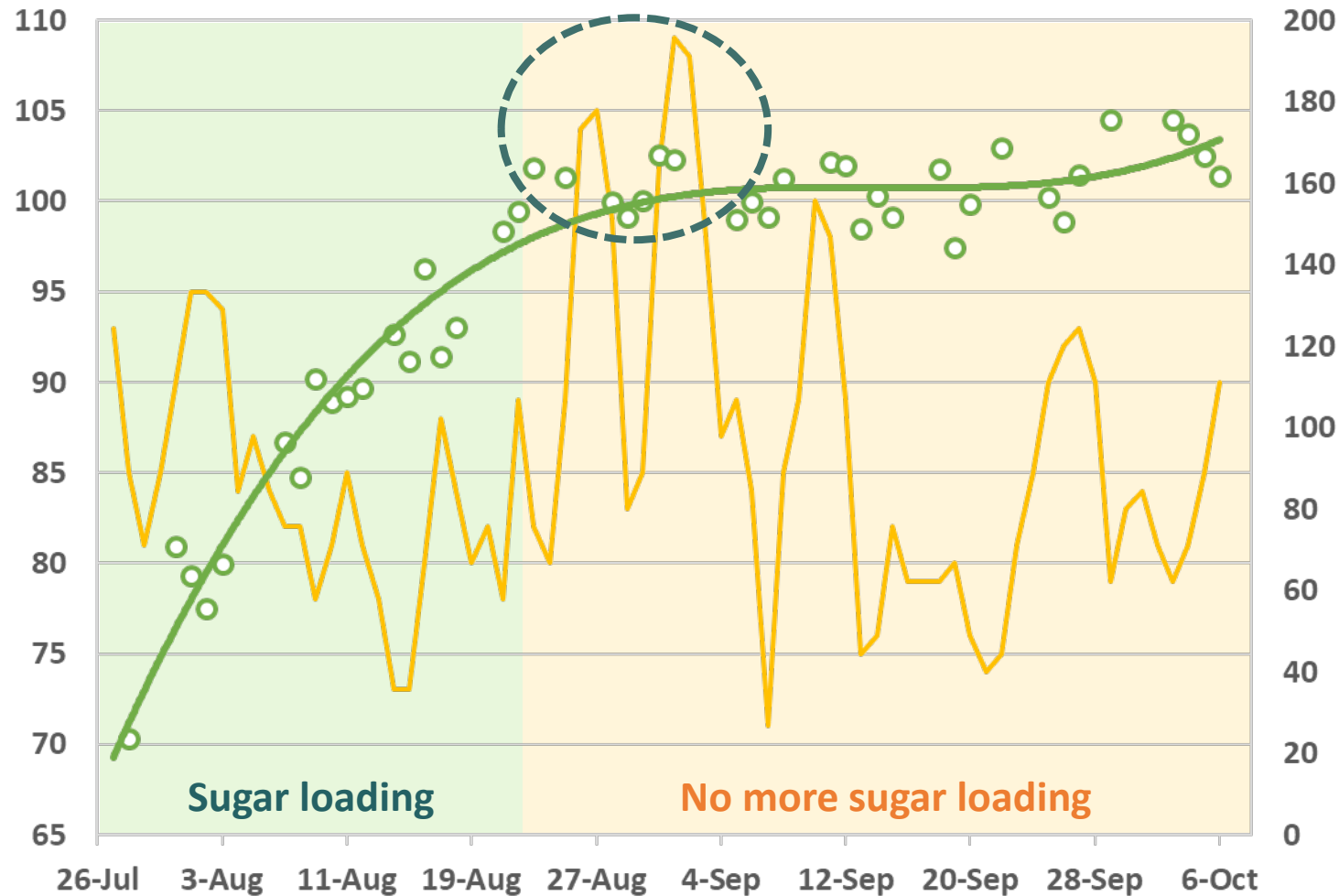
| | CS Napa 2017 | CS Napa 2016 | CS Napa 2015 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Maximum sugar quantity per berry (mg/berry) | 160 | 175 | 172 |
| Rate of loading during the first phase (mg/berry/day) | 4.4 | 3.5 | 4.1 |
| Duration of sugar loading (days) | 26 | 35 | 29 |
| Average date of sugar loading end | 22-Aug | 18-Aug | 12-Aug |
| Brix at the end of sugar loading (° Brix) | 20.3 | 21.1 | 20.9 |

2017 : a shorter period of sugar loading

Maximum Temperature [°F] in Oakville

Source: University of California

<http://cenapa.ucanr.edu>

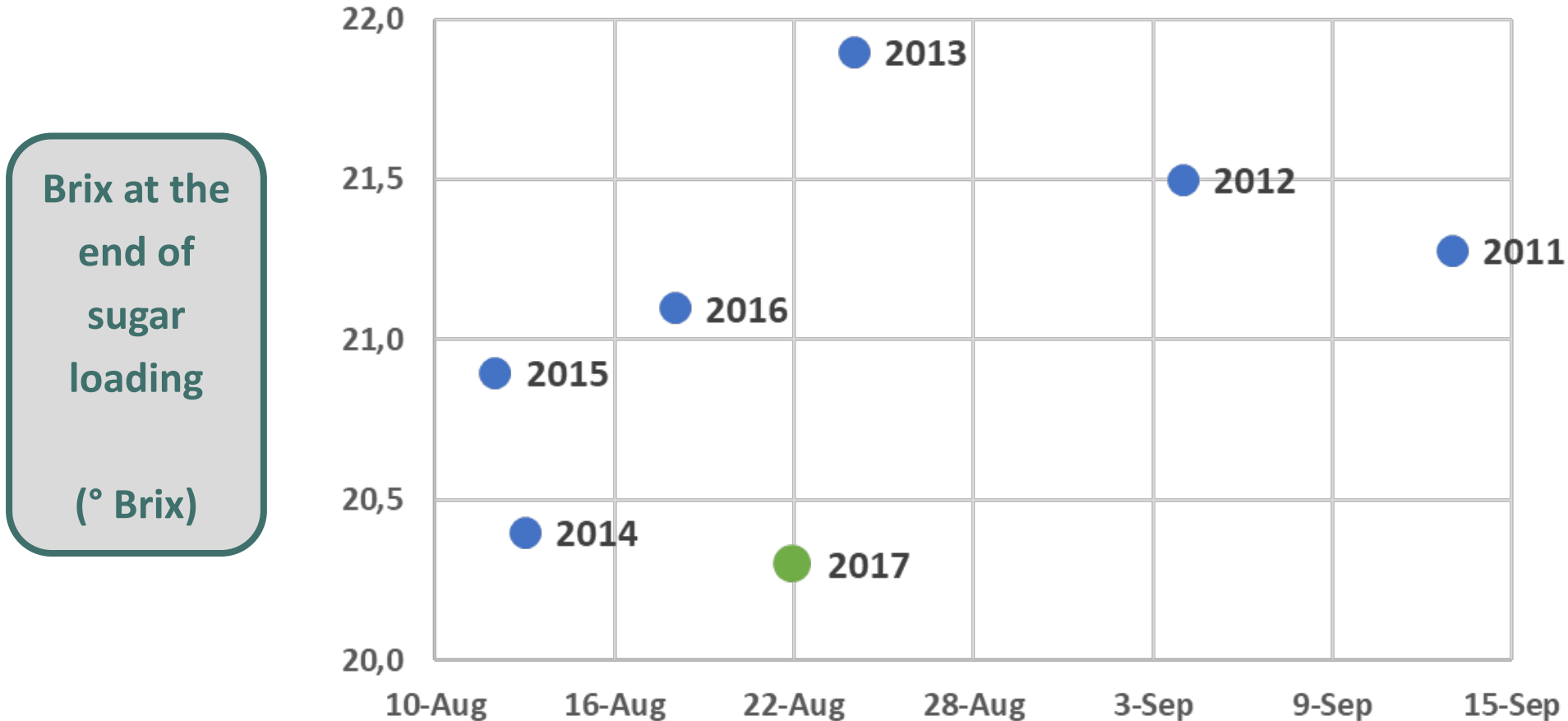


2017 sugar quantity per berry

[mg/berry]

Average of 662 analysis

2017 : lower Brix at the end of sugar loading



Brix at the end of sugar loading (° Brix)

Date of the end of sugar loading

2017 Sugar loading conclusions (CS, Napa)

Strong impact of the heat wave last week of August

- A shorter period of sugar loading (one missing week)**
 - *10 % less sugar per berry*
 - *0.7° Brix lower at the end of sugar loading (vs 2015 & 2016)*

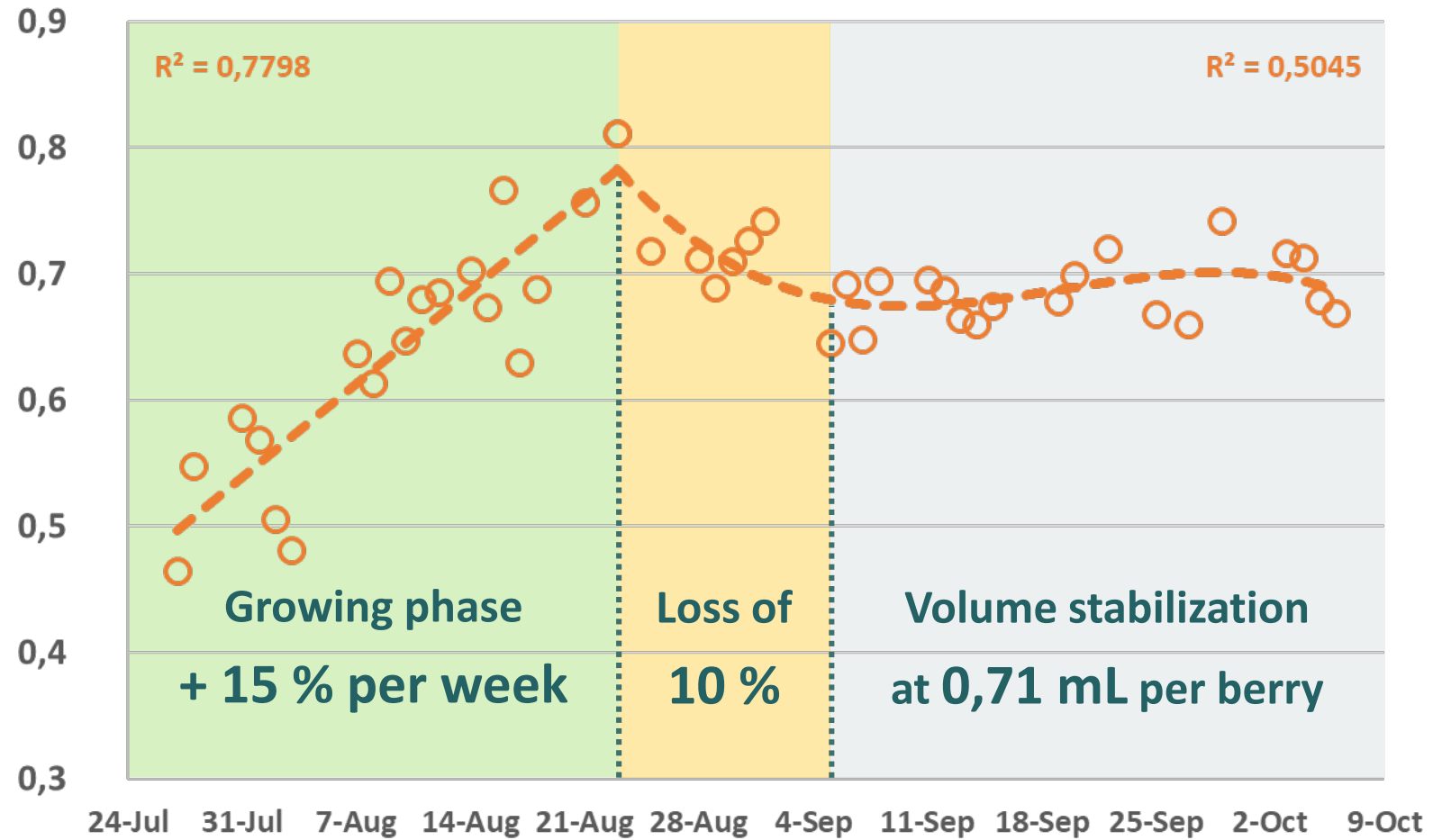
- Despite a higher rate of loading during the sugar loading period**

Berry volume evolution

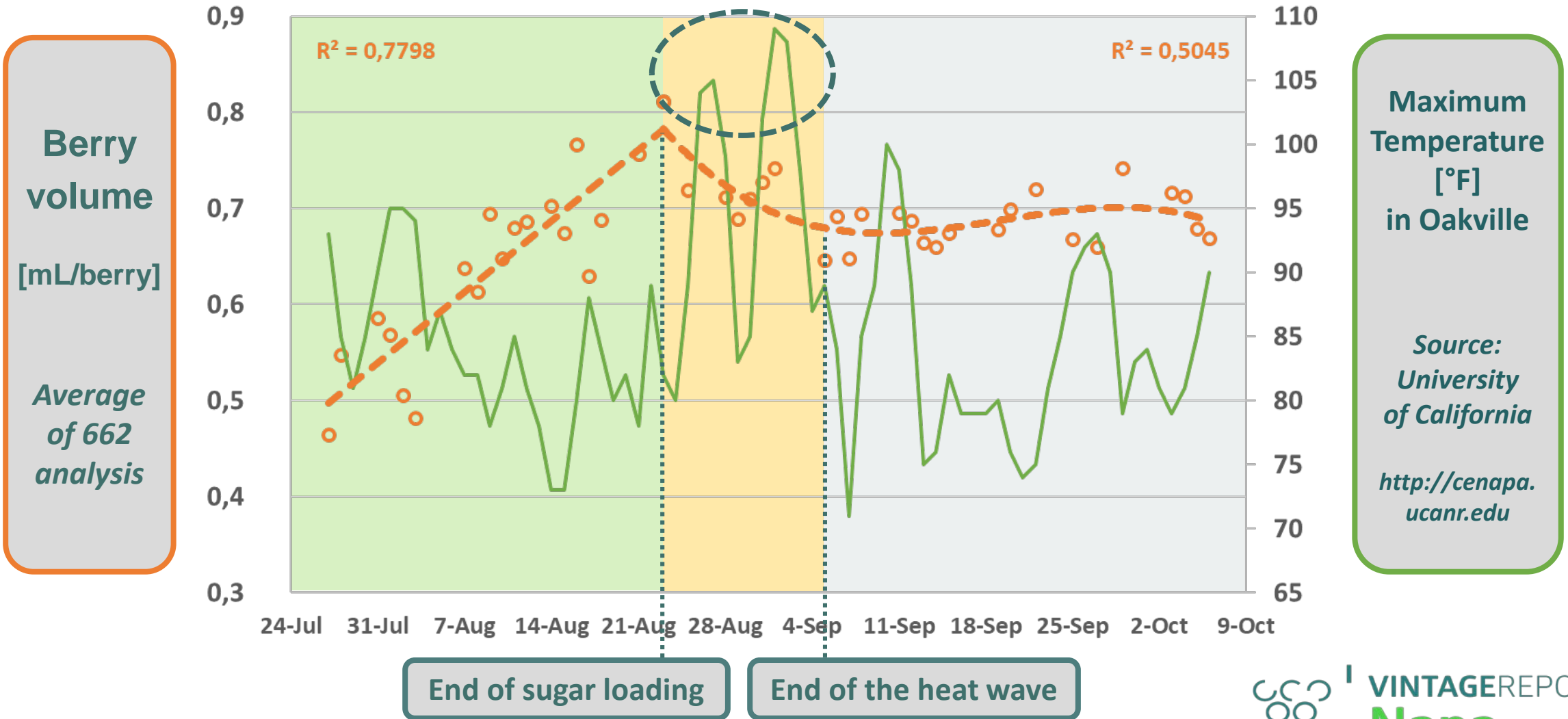
2017 Cabernet Sauvignon berry volume in Napa

Berry volume
[mL/berry]

Average of 662 analysis



2017 Cabernet Sauvignon berry volume in Napa

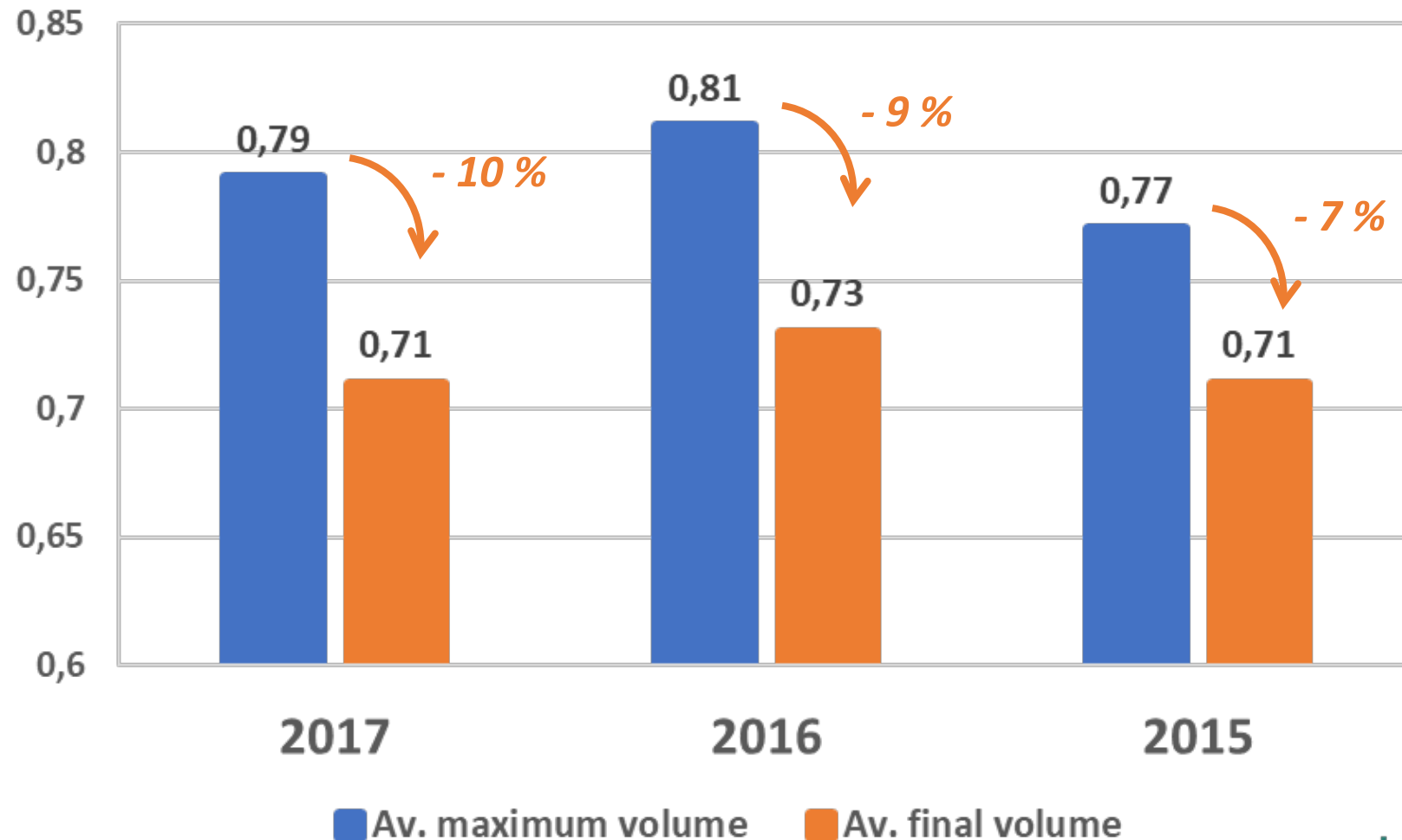


Berry volume [mL/berry]
Average of 662 analysis

Maximum Temperature [°F] in Oakville
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2017 Cabernet Sauvignon vs 2016 & 2015

Berry
volume
[mL/berry]



2017 Berry volume conclusions (CS, Napa)

Strong impact of the heat wave last week of August

→ loss of 10 % of berry volume

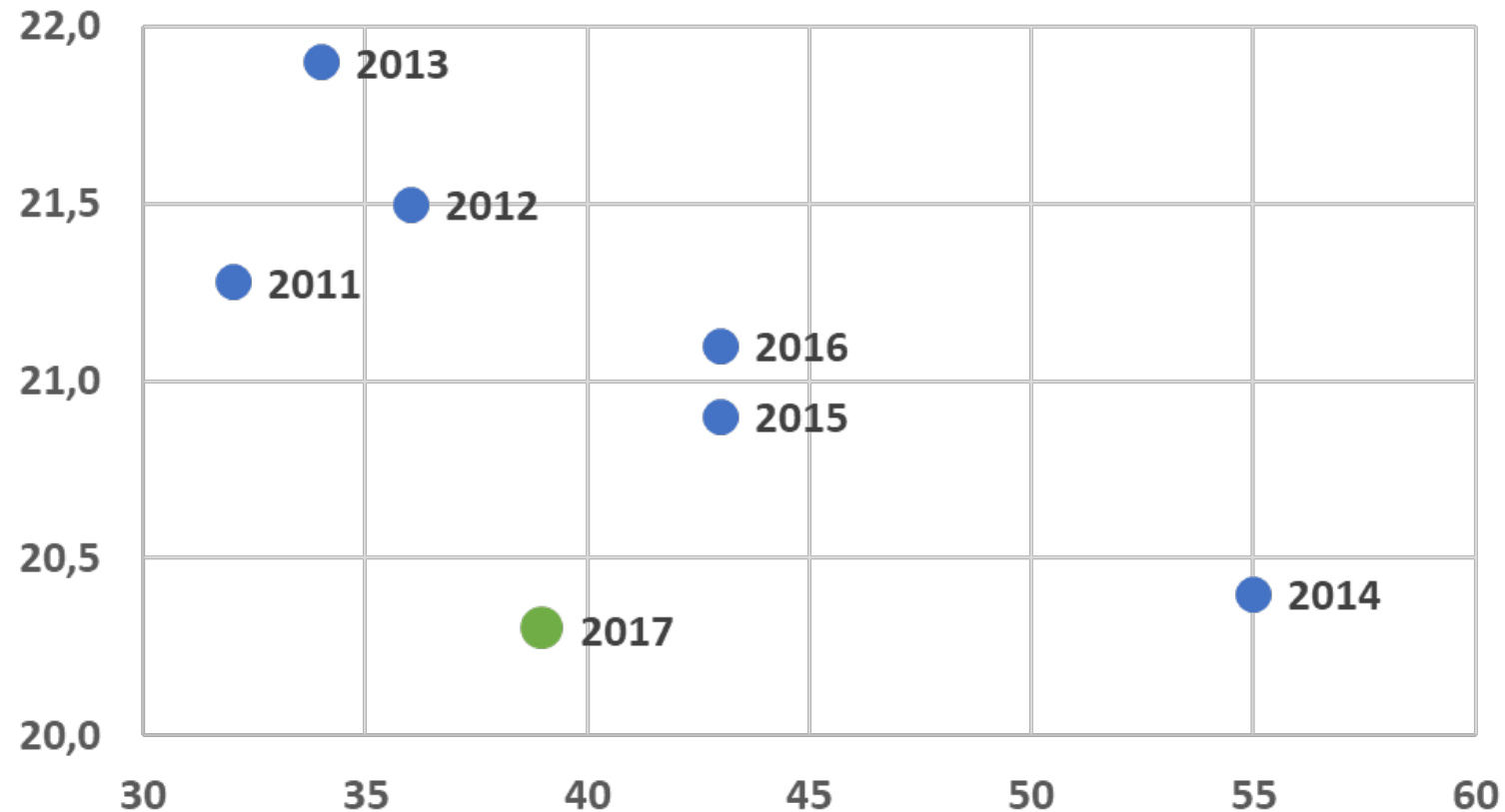
**→ but final berry volume similar to 2016 & 2015
(0,7 mL / berry)**

**→ thanks to a strong increase during the first phase
(+ 15 % per week, vs 10-12 % per week in general)**

Harvest position

2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Harvest position

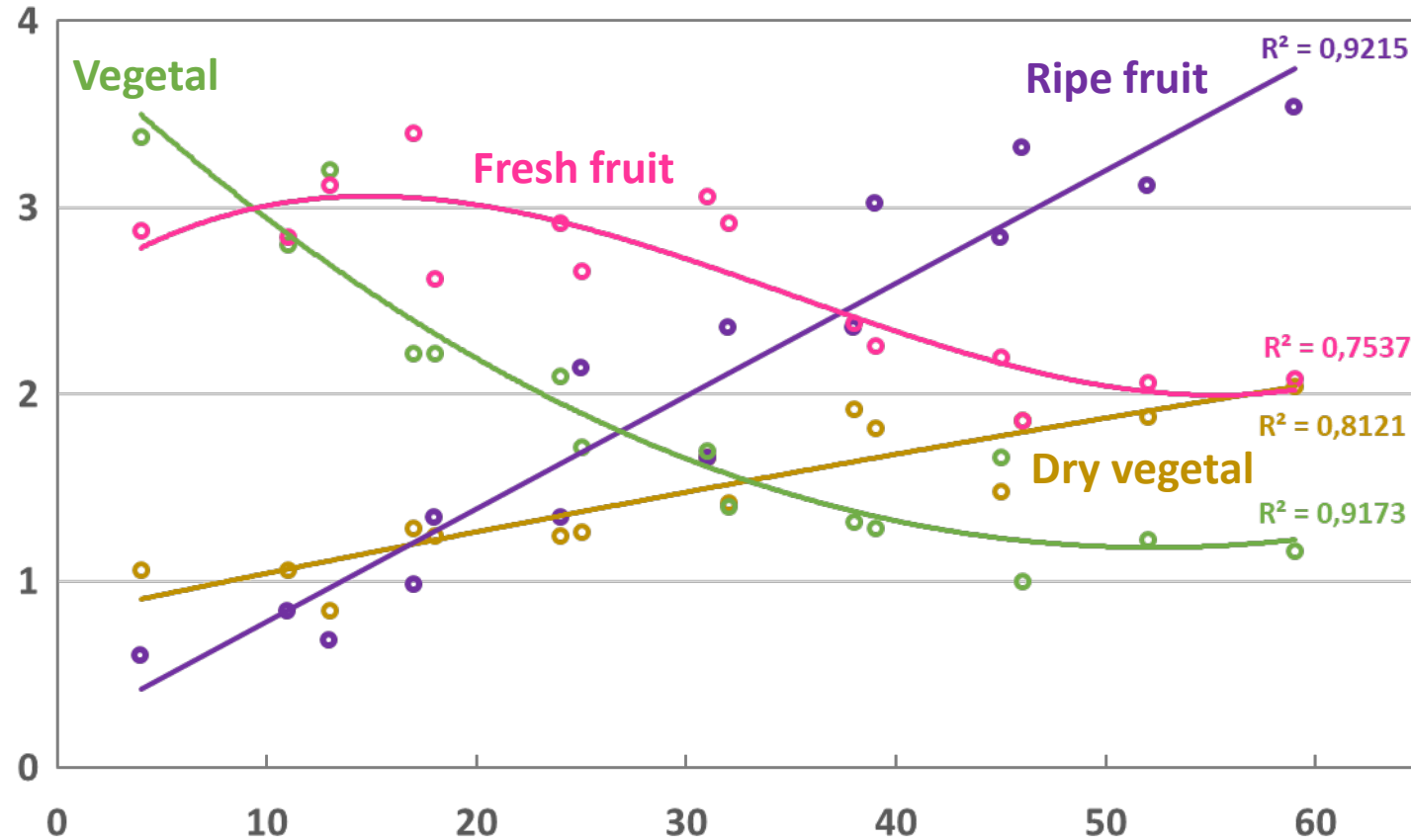
Brix
at the end
of sugar
loading
(° Brix)



Harvest position
(number of days after the end of sugar loading)

Wine aromatic profile & Harvest position

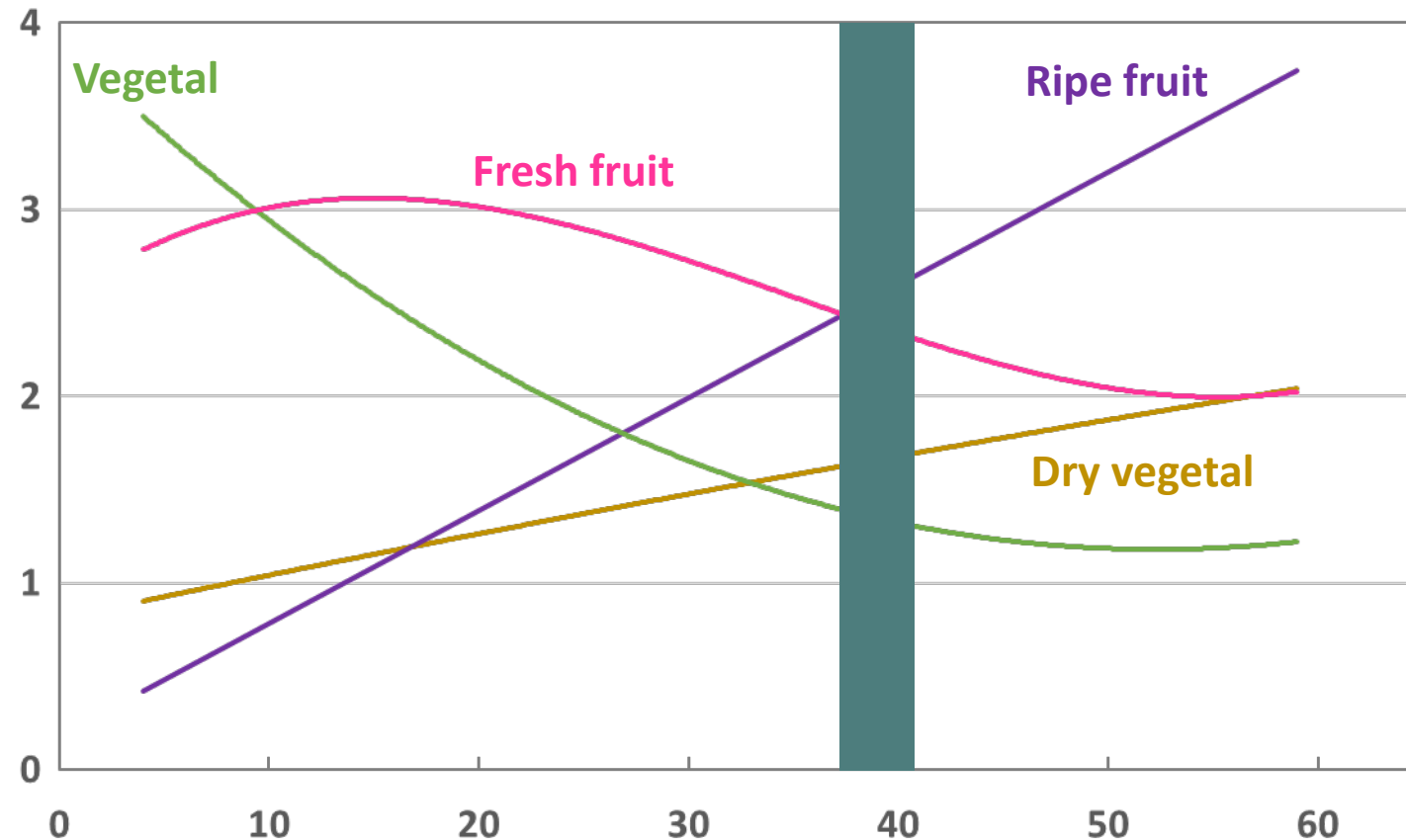
Tasting grade
(/ 5)



Harvest position
(number of days after the end of sugar loading)

2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Harvest position

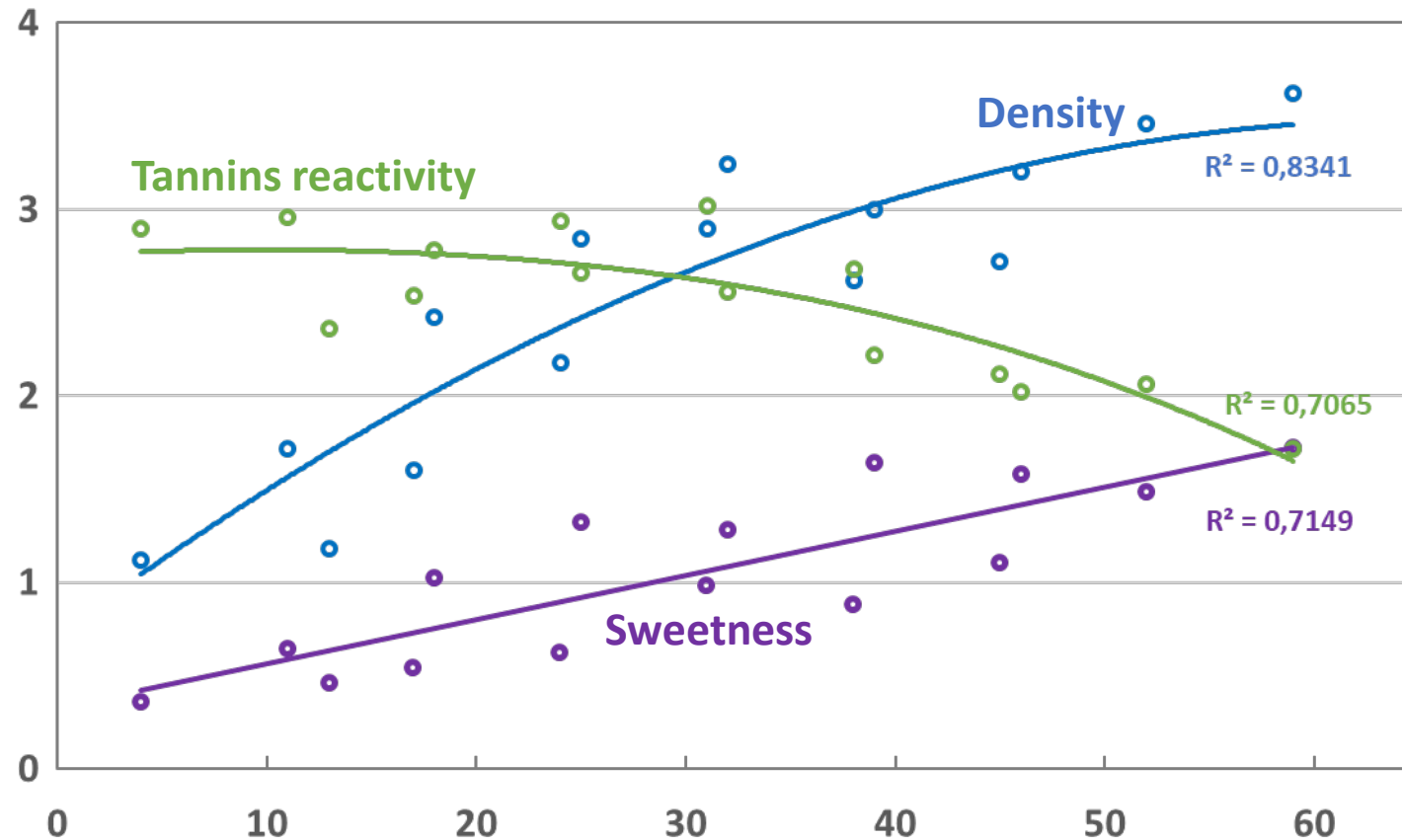
Tasting grade
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Harvest position
(number of days after the end of sugar loading)

Wine mouthfeel profile & Harvest position

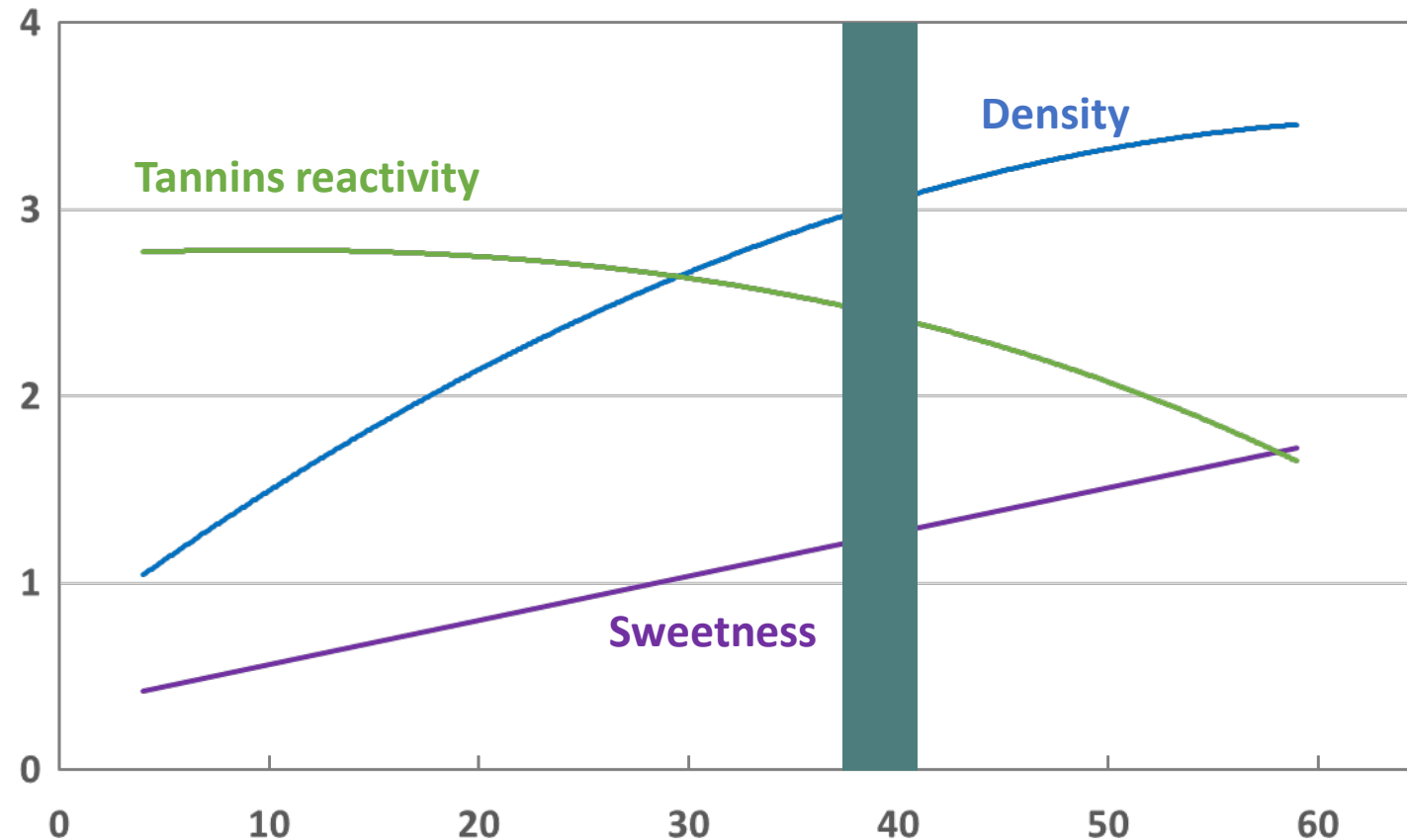
Tasting grade
(/ 5)



Harvest position
(number of days after the end of sugar loading)

2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Harvest position

Tasting grade
(/ 5)



Harvest position
(number of days after the end of sugar loading)

2017 Harvest position conclusions (CS, Napa)

- A lower grape potential due to a shortened sugar loading
- A position of harvest closer to the end sugar loading, comparing with 2016 & 2015

Thank you for your attention