

ANALYSIS OF *Vitis* CHLOROPLAST GENOME POLYMORPHISMS AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA PROVIDE CLUES TO UNDERSTAND GRAPEVINE DOMESTICATION

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We have searched for polymorphisms at thirty chloroplast microsatellite loci in grapevine. Only five of those loci show polymorphisms, which are always due to a variable number of mononucleotide residues within A/T stretches in the amplified regions. These polymorphisms were used to characterise the chloroplast haplotypes of more than 500 wine and table grapevine varieties grown around the Mediterranean Sea as well as more than 100 wild *Vitis* isolates. For wine varieties, these analyses showed the existence of different haplotype frequency distributions in the two ends of the Mediterranean area, related to the haplotype distribution of wild isolates. This situation was different for table grape varieties, which haplotypes seem to be more homogeneously distributed around the analysed area. These results suggest that *Vitis vinifera* could have been independently domesticated in multiple locations along the area of distribution of wild *Vitis*, with different patterns of domestication and dissemination for table and wine grapevine varieties.