A Year in the Life of a LaCrosse Vineyard - (2009)

Walnut Ridge Vineyard
Indianola, Iowa

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Early Bud Swell

Late Bud Swell

Vertical Shoot Positioned (VSP) Trellis System

Arm

Trunk

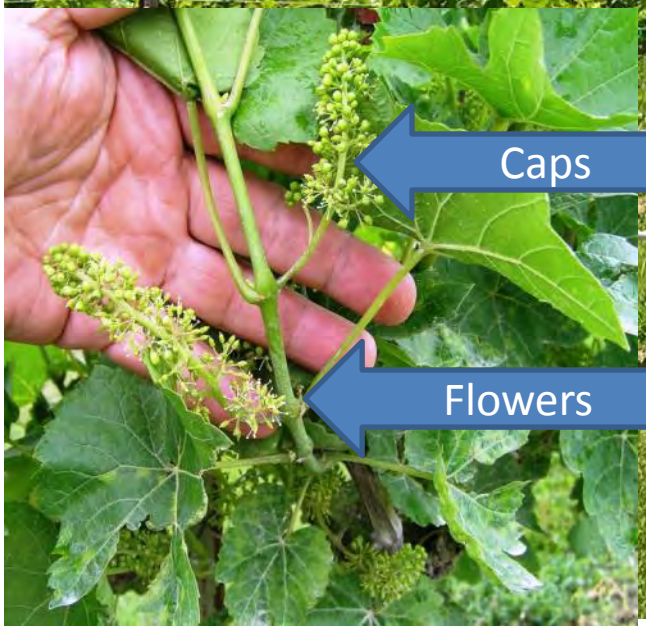
Bud Burst

Cordon
4” – 8” Shoots
Flower Clusters
Exposed

10” – 16” Shoots
Flower Clusters Fully Exposed

Immediate
Pre-Bloom

Early Bloom - Caps are Beginning to Fall



Late Bloom to
Buckshot Berries
Catch Wires

Note Upward Growth Habit of LaCrosse

Berry Touch

Fruit Zone

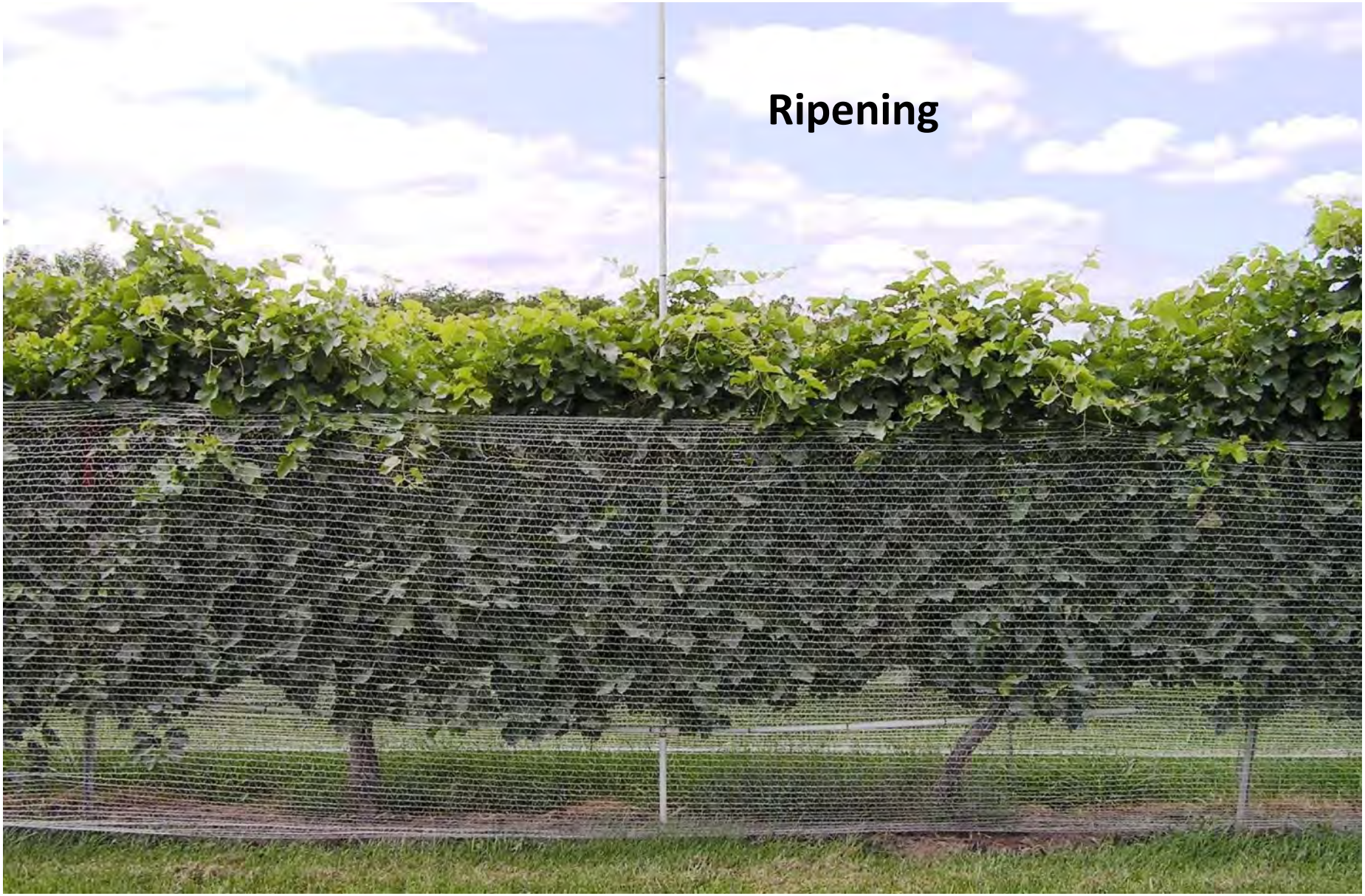
Lateral Shoot Growth

Bunch Closure

Early Veraison - Berries are starting to soften.

Veraison

Netting Applied for Bird Exclusion


Ripening

Ready for Harvest

Harvested

Lime dust from gravel road.

Downy Mildew

Two days after a hard frost.

Dormant and Ready for Winter

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The End