

1 ***Brettanomyces bruxellensis* wine isolates show high geographical dispersal and**
2 **long remanence in cellars**

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22 **Abstract**

23 *Brettanomyces bruxellensis* is the main wine spoiler yeast all over the world, yet the structuration of
24 the populations associated with winemaking remains elusive. In this work, we considered 1411 wine
25 isolates from 21 countries that were genotyped using twelve microsatellite markers. We confirmed that
26 *B. bruxellensis* isolates from wine environments show high genetic diversity, with 58 and 42% of
27 triploid and diploid individuals respectively distributed in 5 main genetic groups. The distribution in
28 the genetic groups varied greatly depending on the country and/or the wine-producing region.
29 However, the two wine triploid groups showing sulfite resistance/tolerance were identified in almost
30 all regions/countries. Genetically identical isolates were also identified. The analysis of these clone
31 groups revealed that a given genotype could be isolated repeatedly in the same winery over decades,
32 demonstrating unsuspected remanence ability. Besides cellar residency, a great geographic dispersal
33 was also evidenced, with some genotypes isolated in wines from different continents. Finally, the
34 study of old isolates and/or isolates from old vintages revealed that only the diploid groups were
35 identified prior 1990 vintages. The triploid groups were identified in subsequent vintages, and their
36 proportion has increased steadily these last decades, suggesting adaptation to winemaking practices
37 such as sulfite use. A possible evolutionary scenario explaining these results is discussed.

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40 Introduction

41 *Brettanomyces bruxellensis* is one of the most infamous wine spoiler yeast, able to contaminate up to
42 25% of red wines [1, 2]. Indeed, *B. bruxellensis* is known to produce specific compounds like volatile
43 phenols, associated with unpleasant aromas, usually described as “horse sweat” or “leather” [3]. The
44 contaminated wines have tainted organoleptic perception, decreased fruitiness [4, 5] and
45 consequently are rejected by the consumers [6].

46 An important bibliography is dedicated to the *B. bruxellensis* species, with 100 to 200 papers
47 published each year of the last decade (source: Google Scholar). Many papers investigate volatile
48 phenol production [7-10], the biotic and abiotic factors impacting *B. bruxellensis* growth [11-15] and
49 some peculiarities of the species like the ability to survive in the VNC (Viable Non Culturable) state
50 [7, 16, 17] or the specific oxygen needs during fermentation [18]. Moreover, different detection and
51 quantification methods for *Brettanomyces*, ranging from direct plating methods through molecular
52 detection and flow cytometry analysis, were examined (see Tubia et al., 2018 for review [19]). The
53 genetic diversity of the species has also been largely investigated, and a plethora of markers were
54 developed across the years, including RAPD (Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA) [20], AFLP
55 (Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphism)[21], REA-PFGE (pulsed field electrophoresis) [22], Sau-
56 PCR [23], PCR-DGGE [24], mtDNA restriction analysis, ISS-PCR (introns 5' splice site
57 sequence)[25, 26], etc. In the wine industry, most of these genetic analyses revealed high diversity
58 within the species, at the vineyard, in the winery or at sample levels [8, 23, 27-29]. However, in most
59 cases, only a small subset of isolates (a few dozens) were included, and these markers, although
60 discriminant, were not appropriate for population genetic studies. Recently, a great advance was made
61 with the genome sequencing of different *B. bruxellensis* strains [30-36], revealing the existence of
62 diploid and allotriploid strains. This genetic oddity prompted the development of microsatellite
63 markers, particularly well-adapted for large-scale population studies [37, 38]. Twelve markers were
64 applied to a unique collection of more than 1500 strains of *B. bruxellensis* from various countries and
65 different fermentation niches (wine, beer, bioethanol, tequila, kombucha, cider) [38, 39]. The strains

66 were clustered in 6 genetic groups, depending on both their ploidy level (diploid versus triploid) and
67 their substrate of isolation [38]. Besides their genetic difference, these populations presented
68 contrasted phenotypes: two different groups of triploid strains, mostly associated with wine substrate,
69 showed tolerance or resistance to sulfur dioxide, the most common preservative used in winemaking
70 [39-41]. A preliminary study on a small subset of 8 strains suggested variability in bioadhesion and
71 colonization properties [42]. Altogether, these results indicate that the genetic diversity of *B.*
72 *bruxellensis* is shaped by anthropic activities, including the winemaking process. Though, the precise
73 impact of wine-related activities on *B. bruxellensis* populations remains to be precisely described. In
74 this work, we focused on the 1411 isolates previously genotyped associated with wine niche (wine,
75 grapes, cellar equipment, etc.). We searched for the geographical and temporal trends underlying wine
76 *B. bruxellensis* diversity at the species and wine niche levels. Finally, a specific attention on ‘clones’
77 (i.e. isolates displaying identical genotypes) is proposed.

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79 **Material & Methods**

80 **Yeast strains and microsatellite genotyping**

81 We used 1411 isolates of *B. bruxellensis* associated with the wine production from 21 countries (S1
82 Table). Agar-YPD medium containing 10 g.L⁻¹ yeast extract (Difco Laboratories, Detroit M1), 10
83 g.L⁻¹ bactopectone (Difco Laboratories, Detroit M1), 20 g.L⁻¹ D-glucose (Sigma-Aldrich) and 20
84 g.L⁻¹ agar (Sigma-Aldrich) was used for day-to-day growth. All isolates were kept at -80°C in
85 glycerol:YPD (50:50) medium. Twelve microsatellites were used for *B. bruxellensis* genotyping as
86 previously described, and the microsatellite datasets (encompassing non-wine strains) were published
87 by Avramova et al (2017), Dimopoulou et al (2019) and Lleixa et al (submitted) [37, 38, 43].

88 **Data analysis**

89 The microsatellite dataset was analyzed using R and various packages. Principal Component Analysis
90 (PCA) was performed using ade4 package [44]. Not available (NA) data (around 6% missing data)
91 were replaced by the closest neighbour data (only for PCA analysis). The connection network and
92 minimum spanning tree was built using the chooseCN function from adegenet package [45, 46].
93 Diversity indexes were calculated using the poppr package [47, 48], and 95% confidence intervals
94 were calculated using 100 bootstrap replicates.

95 For the geographic distribution, maps were drawn using R *maps* package and pies using *graphics*
96 package. Kilometric distances between clones were calculated from longitude and latitude coordinates
97 using the sp package [49].

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100 **Results**

101 ***B. bruxellensis* wine isolates show high genetic diversity and distribution varying with the** 102 **country and the vineyard region**

103 1411 wine isolates from 21 countries were included in our analysis, resulting in 340 genotypes. The
104 isolates' set is represented as a minimum spanning tree (Fig 1). These isolates belong mostly to the 5
105 previously described genetic groups (Table 1): 521 isolates belong to the diploid wine group (Wine
106 2N, CBS 2499-like, darkcyan), 551 to the red triploid wine group (Wine 3N, AWRI1499-like, red),
107 229 to the triploid beer group (Beer 3N, AWRI1608-like, orange), 69 to the kombucha diploid group
108 (Kombucha 2N, L14165-like, green), 40 to the other triploid wine group (Wine 3N, L0308-like,
109 turquoise) and 1 from the tequila/bioethanol triploid group (blue). Within these groups, contrasting
110 genetic diversity was highlighted, with Shannon's diversity index ranging from low (0.97) to high
111 (3.73, see Table 1). The lower diversity was estimated for the Wine 2N group, suggesting high clonal
112 expansion within this group, whereas higher diversity was obtained for the Wine/Kombucha 2N group
113 and Wine 3N turquoise and Wine/beer 3N groups. Wine/Kombucha 2N and Wine 3N turquoise group
114 showed an equitability index closed to 1, suggesting a more even distribution of the genotypes among
115 the genetic group compared to Wine 2N group. Simpson's diversity and Equitability indexes
116 showed the same trend. Overall, the percentage of triploid wine isolates was 58%, indicating that the
117 triploid state, far from being rare, has a large extend.

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119 **Figure 1: Minimum spanning tree of wine *Brettanomyces bruxellensis* isolates based on genetic**
120 **distances.** 1411 strains were genotyped using 12 microsatellite markers. A PCA was performed using
121 the R ade4 package. Only the two first axes (principal component, PC1 and PC2) were represented.
122 The connection network and minimum spanning tree was built using the chooseCN function from R
123 adegenet package. For genetically identical isolates (aka 'clones'), the size of the points is log10
124 proportional to the number of isolates.

125 **Table 1. Distribution of 1411 wine isolates of *Brettanomyces bruxellensis* and main diversity parameters.**

Group name	Reference strain	Color	Number of wine isolates	Number of genotypes (richness)	Shannon's diversity index	Shannon's Equitability index (Evenness)	Simpson's diversity index	Simpson's Equitability index
Wine 2N	CBS 2499	darkeyan	521	58	0.972 [0.789-1.455]	0.239 [0.221-0.372]	1.364 [1.301-1.804]	0.024 [0.024-0.039]
Wine/Kombucha 2N	L14165 (UCD 2399)	olivedrab3	69	50	3.732 [3.13-3.732]	0.954 [0.911-0.967]	31.53 [16.184-31.53]	0.631 [0.495-0.796]
Wine/Beer 3N	AWRI1608	orange	229	88	2.92 [2.557-3.65]	0.652 [0.618-0.831]	4.373 [3.624-14.466]	0.05 [0.05-0.189]
Wine 3N	AWRI1499	red	551	118	1.83 [1.6-2.22]	0.384 [0.368-0.493]	1.884 [1.776-2.581]	0.016 [0.016-0.029]
Tequila/Ethanol 3N	CBS 5512	royalblue4	1	1	NR	NR	NR	NR
Wine 3N	L0308	turquoise	40	26	2.856 [2.098-2.856]	0.877 [0.793-0.943]	9.756 [5.08-13.92]	0.375 [0.323-0.708]

126 For each diversity parameter, the 95% confidence interval is indicated in brackets. NR means Not Relevant.

127 The genetic distribution of the wine isolates was then assessed per country, or per wine-producing
128 region when sufficient isolates were available (Fig 2). In France, 5 regions were examined (Fig 2A):
129 Bordeaux, Languedoc, Burgundy, Jura and Cotes-du-Rhone. In Bordeaux, 732 isolates were
130 genotyped and were mainly distributed into two genetic groups: the Wine 2N group (darkcyan,
131 sensitive to SO₂, encompassing 345/732 of Bordeaux isolates), and the red Wine 3N (tolerant to SO₂,
132 373/732). By contrast, in Burgundy, only a small percentage of the 157 isolates belonged to the Wine
133 2N group (16/157), while the most represented groups were the Beer 3N (orange, 95/157) and the red
134 Wine 3N (42/157). Cotes-du-Rhone also displayed a high proportion of isolates belonging to the Beer
135 3N group (orange, 26/36), beside to the Wine 2N (darkcyan, 6/36) and the red Wine 3N (4/36). In
136 Jura, two genetic groups dominated: the red Wine 3N (8/16) and the Beer 3N (orange, 8/16). Finally,
137 isolates from Languedoc mostly fell within the Wine 2N group (darkcyan 63/108), the remaining
138 isolates belonging to the red Wine 3N group (19/108), the turquoise Wine 3N group (15/108) and the
139 Kombucha 2N group (green, 9/108). In Italy, the three regions tested (Calabria, Campania, Puglia)
140 showed various genetic distributions, Puglia being mostly associated with the Wine 2N group, and
141 Calabria/Campania with the red Wine 3N group. Denmark was associated with Wine 2N (darkcyan)
142 and Beer 3N groups (orange), while Portugal showed an almost perfect equitable distribution into the
143 five genetic groups. Isolates from Spain (mostly from Catalonia) showed the dominance of the orange
144 group while Greece was mostly associated with the Kombucha 2N group (green) and then with the red
145 Wine 3N group (Fig 2A). In non-European countries (Fig 2B), the genetic distribution of *B.*
146 *bruxellensis* was also contrasted, with the diploid wine group (darkcyan) dominant in USA, Brazil and
147 South Africa, and the red triploid wine group dominant in Australia.

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149 **Figure 2. Genetic distribution of *Brettanomyces bruxellensis* wine isolates in different regions or**
150 **countries.** Same group colors as in Fig 1. Maps were drawn using *maps* packages and pies using
151 *graphics* package.

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153 When summing-up all these regional specific distributions, some trends emerged: the Wine 2N
154 (darkcyan) and the red Wine 3N groups were isolated in almost every region/country. The Beer 3N
155 group (orange) was more dominant around a meridian crossing Denmark, the east of France and Italy
156 (except for Spain), while the Kombucha 2N group (green) was mostly found around Mediterranean
157 countries. Furthermore, isolates tolerant/resistant to sulfites (belonging to the red or turquoise Wine
158 3N groups), were found in almost all regions/countries.

159 **The temporal distribution of *B. bruxellensis* wine isolates reveals important evolution over the** 160 **last century**

161 Most of the studied strains were isolated in the last decade from wines sampled within two years after
162 grapes harvesting (vintage). However, 157 isolates were isolated prior to 2000 and/or were isolated
163 from bottles containing old vintages. For example, three strains were isolated from 1909-wine, five
164 isolates from 1911-wine, etc. Most of the wines with vintages older than 2000 were analyzed several
165 years after bottling (S1 Table).

166 The genetic distribution of *B. bruxellensis* strains in wines older than one century, with 20-years
167 intervals, is shown on Fig 3. Without exceptions, isolates from wines produced before-1990 (104
168 isolates) all belonged to diploid groups, mostly from the Wine 2N group (darkcyan). The Wine 2N
169 group, represented 67% of the isolates from wines produced in 1981-2000, and only 32% of the
170 isolates from wines produced in 2001-2020. For the red Wine 3N group, tolerant/resistant to sulfite,
171 the older wine displaying such isolate dates back to 1990, and was isolated 15 years after wine
172 elaboration. The proportion of “red” isolates increased from 23% for 1981-2000 period and to 43% for
173 the wines produced during 2001-2020. Similarly, the Beer 3N group that was first isolated from a wine
174 of 1995 vintage represented only 4% of the isolates from wines produced between 1981 and 2000, and
175 18% of the isolates from wines produced between 2001-2020. For the other genetic groups, the older
176 isolates were found in wine as old as 1956 for Kombucha 2N (and represented around 4-5% of the
177 population), 1994 for turquoise Wine 3N (1% and 3% found in wines produced in 1981-2000 and after
178 2001 respectively), and 2002 for Tequila/Ethanol (less than 1%). Unless the late sampling of the wine

179 (>15 years) biases the analyses, the temporal distribution of *B. bruxellensis* wine isolates shows a clear
180 shift from domination by the 2N darkcyan genetic group in old vintages to 3N red genetic group
181 prevalence among isolates from wines produced over the last decades.

182 **Figure 3. Distribution of *B. bruxellensis* wine isolates from different genetic groups over**
183 **vintages.** 20 years-intervals were used. In order to calculate confidence intervals, 100 bootstraps were
184 performed (re-sampling of the population). Error bars correspond to 95% confidence interval.

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186 **The same *B. bruxellensis* genotypes can be identified in wines produced in a given cellar over**
187 **decades**

188 We then focused on *B. bruxellensis* clones. In this paper ‘clones’ will be defined as genetically
189 identical isolates for all 12 microsatellite markers tested. Over the 1411 isolates, 138 groups of clones
190 were identified, encompassing 2 to 114 isolates. We searched whether some clones were identified
191 repeatedly in the same winery over different vintages. Forty-two groups of clones contained isolates
192 isolated several times in 11 wineries from France and Italy (Fig 4). For example, in winery A1, 9 clone
193 groups were identified: 7 from the Wine 2N and 2 from the red Wine 3N. Clones from the group n°4
194 (Wine 2N) were isolated independently in wines of vintages 1909, 1948 and 1970, while clones from
195 the group n°8 were isolated in wines produced in 1990, 2012, 2013 and 2014. Similarly, for winery
196 B1, 15 clone groups were evidenced: clones from the group n°12 (Wine 2N) were isolated repeatedly
197 in wines of vintages 1961, 1985, 1996 and 2014 wines while clones from the group n°22 (Wine 3N)
198 were isolated in wines produced in 2003, 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2014. Thus, in several wineries,
199 genetically identical strains were isolated from wines of different vintages, sometimes from different
200 decades. The longer interval (86 years) was found for winery B1, with clones from the group n°3
201 isolated in wines produced in 1926 and 2012.

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203 **Figure 4. Identification of clone groups within the same winery over different vintages.**

204 Genetically identical isolates were designed as clone group. 42 groups gathering clones isolated from
205 the same winery over different vintages were identified, corresponding to 11 wineries from France and
206 Italy. Same colors as in Fig 1 for each genetic group.

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208 Fig 4 also illustrates that, within a given sample, different *B. bruxellensis* can be isolated. In fact, if we
209 considered the strains isolated from the same samples, our collection contained 57 wine samples for
210 which at least 5 isolates were analysed (mostly from France or Italy). In 45 out of 57 samples, we
211 found isolates from two different genetic groups, highlighting the high diversity of *B. bruxellensis* at
212 sample level.

213 **Wines from different countries and/or continents can be spoiled by the same *B. bruxellensis***
214 **clone**

215 Since some clones were able to persist over several years in the cellar, we searched whether wine-
216 producing regions were associated with specific clones. No ‘signature’ was identified, meaning that no
217 specific genotypes were associated with the studied regions. Instead, we found that some clone groups
218 were highly disseminated. For example, the clone group n°16 (Wine 2N, darkcyan) encompassed 96
219 isolates from Denmark, France, Portugal and USA (Fig 5A). Another example is clone group n°67 (6
220 isolates), isolated in wines from Italy, Portugal and South Africa. In the other genetic groups also,
221 several examples of dissemination were found (Fig 5B): the clone group n°24 (red Wine 3N)
222 encompassed 29 isolates from France, Italy and USA, while clone group n°35 were found in France,
223 Italy and South Africa.

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225 **Figure 5. Examples of spatial dispersion of wine clones of *B. bruxellensis*.** Over the 138 clone
226 groups identified, 24 encompassed isolates from different countries. For clarity, only 7 of these groups
227 (number 2, 16, 24, 35, 47, 67, 72) are represented here.

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229 In order to quantify the level of clonal dissemination, we computed the kilometric distance separating
230 the different isolates belonging to a given clone group (Fig 6). 88% of clone pairs were localized in the
231 same region, with kilometric distance inferior to 100km ('local clone pairs'), of which 34% had
232 distance inferior to 1km. 4% were separated by ~100-750km, usually associated with inter-country
233 distances, less than 1% were distant of ~750-1000km (intra-continental distances), and 6% were
234 separated by more than 1000km (inter-continental distances). It has to be noted that all isolates were
235 considered here, including clonal isolates from the same wine samples that may drift the distribution
236 toward zero kilometric distance. Thus, *B. bruxellensis* clones appear to mainly disseminate in short
237 distances while a significant proportion of them showed high geographic dispersal with distances
238 incompatible with natural dispersion.

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240 **Figure 6: Kilometric distances between wine clones of *B. bruxellensis*.** For each clone pairs, the
241 separating distance was calculated. Genetically identical isolates separated by less than 100km were
242 considered as "local clone pairs".

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245 **Discussion**

246 In this work, we studied the genetic diversity and structuration of a large collection (>1400) of wine
247 isolates of *B. bruxellensis*, from 21 countries across 5 continents. Most of these wine isolates belong to
248 five of the six genetic groups previously described at the species level [38], and confirmed the high
249 genetic diversity of this yeast species [23, 27]. Interestingly, we showed that the distribution of
250 *B. bruxellensis* wine isolates varied greatly from one country/region to another. For some regions,
251 hundreds of isolates were studied (e.g. Bordeaux region, >700 isolates), while smaller subsets were
252 considered for others (16 isolates for Portugal or Australia, for example). Thus, it will be necessary to
253 further those results with a larger number of isolates for all regions. At a large scale, our results
254 confirm that the two wine triploid groups showing sulfite resistance/tolerance are identified in 14
255 regions/countries out of 16 and are widespread worldwide.

256 Our results reveal the unequal distribution of the different genetic groups at both the geographical and
257 time level, suggesting that some environmental factors (climate, temperature, grape varieties etc.)
258 leading to specific wine composition (pH, ethanol and polyphenols contents, etc.), and/or oenological
259 practices (sulfur dioxide management, barrel ageing) could be shaping the diversity of these wine
260 isolates. It will be interesting in a near future to identify those environmental/anthropic factors, and to
261 examine the associated phenotypic characteristics.

262 ***B. bruxellensis* wine isolates show high spatiotemporal dispersion**

263 The analysis of clones (genetically identical isolates for all 12 microsatellites) revealed unexpected
264 patterns: first, it was observed a cellar remanence of clones over decades despite modern hygienic
265 practices, improved cleaning/disinfection protocols and a large choice of products and treatments [50-
266 52]. This long-term remanence of *B. bruxellensis* wine isolates in a given cellar is remarkable. In
267 *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, the persistence of cellar-resident populations was shown, but on smaller
268 period of time (over 20 years maximum) [53]. This exceptional temporal durability remains to be
269 explored, but could be related to the specific survival ability of the species, even in a VNC form and to

270 its bioadhesion/biofilm forming capacity in the winery environment [42, 54]. Secondly, besides its
271 cellar residency, some *B. bruxellensis* clones showed high geographical dispersal and were
272 independently isolated from wines originated from different producing regions, countries and
273 sometimes even from different continents. At a regional scale, the clonal dispersal could be promoted
274 through yeast vectors like insects and birds for a distance inferior to 100km [55-57]. However, for a
275 significant number of clone groups, the calculated kilometric distance is incompatible with the natural
276 dispersion, indicating the involvement of human activities. Indeed, the exchange of contaminated
277 equipment (barrels, bottling equipment, pumps, etc.), the international wine trade and human transport
278 of goods (fruits, etc.) could probably explain such situation [58]. The possibility to isolate clones in
279 wines from old vintages is another example of the specific ability of the species to survive in wines
280 after bottle aging and possibly explain world dissemination of clones through wine exports. In
281 addition, exchanges may also happen between different industrial processes, allowing also niches
282 dispersal of the species. However, it was previously shown that the dispersal was higher for wine
283 isolates than other processes, suggesting different dispersal patterns for the different fermentation
284 processes. Altogether, these results are consistent with the exchange of contaminated wine-related
285 material, followed by adaptation to local winemaking practices, as suggested before [38]. These results
286 draw an atypical picture of *B. bruxellensis* opportunistic lifestyle, mostly sedentary with nomad
287 propensities.

288 **Allotriploidisation: a recent adaptation to winemaking practices?**

289 One of the most interesting results of this work is the fact that isolates from old vintages mostly belong
290 to a unique group, the so-called “wine diploid” (darkcyan), while, intriguingly, this group represents
291 only $\approx 31\%$ of nowadays isolates. The oldest isolates for the triploid genetic groups date back the 1981-
292 2000 interval, which is particularly surprising for the Wine 3N (red) group that encompasses $\approx 45\%$ of
293 recent isolates and in a less extend for the Wine/Beer 3N (orange) group showing $\approx 16\%$ of recent
294 isolates. It has to be noted that most of the ‘old’ isolates were actually isolated recently from ‘old’
295 vintages (eg strain L0626 that was isolated in 2006 from a 1909 vintage). Thus, two main hypotheses
296 can explain this result: either isolates from the Wine 2N group have higher survival or revival rates or

297 the triploid groups emerged more recently, during the 1981-2000 period. It is not possible from our
298 data to favor one or the other scenario. Subsequent strain isolations will help determine whether the
299 different genetic groups display contrasted ability to survive in wines over decades, thus formally
300 testing the first hypothesis. On the opposite, some elements could be consistent with the second
301 hypothesis: first, wines produced these last decades are characterized by higher ethanol content as a
302 consequence of climate change [59, 60]. Cibrario et al recently showed that some strains of the Wine
303 3N red group were highly tolerant to high ethanol content [61]. It can be hypothesized that the
304 progressive increase in wine alcohol level could have triggered the selection of fitter individuals
305 regarding ethanol content. Second, the two Wine 3N groups (red and turquoise) show an outstanding
306 phenotypic trait related to adaptation to modern winemaking practices, namely sulfite
307 tolerance/resistance. While sulfur dioxide addition is used in winemaking at least since the 18th
308 century, it became the preferred treatment for *B. bruxellensis* spoilage in the 90's, when Chatonnet et
309 al. demonstrated formally that the species was the main responsible for ethylphenol production in wine
310 [3]. Subsequently, control strategies encouraging the use of recurrent sulfite treatments at high dosage
311 have emerged [62]. One possible outcome of the adoption of these strategies by the wine industry
312 might have been the selection of tolerant/resistant strains. For example, in Australia where the use of
313 larger quantities of sulfite was promoted [58, 63], 92% of *B. bruxellensis* wine isolates were SO₂-
314 tolerant in 2012 while in Greece the isolates that belong to the tolerant/resistant group were
315 exclusively isolated from sweet red wine where higher doses of SO₂ are detected and permitted [64].
316 Winemaking environments may have supported the existence of specific selective pressure favouring
317 the retaining of fitter allotriploid individuals and their progressive proliferation in the last decades.
318 Indeed, competition experiments between tolerant and sensitive strains showed that the former
319 outcompeted the latter in high SO₂ concentrations [41]. Altogether, our results suggest that
320 independent allotriploidisation events in *B. bruxellensis* may have allowed diversification and
321 subsequent adaptation to winemaking practices.

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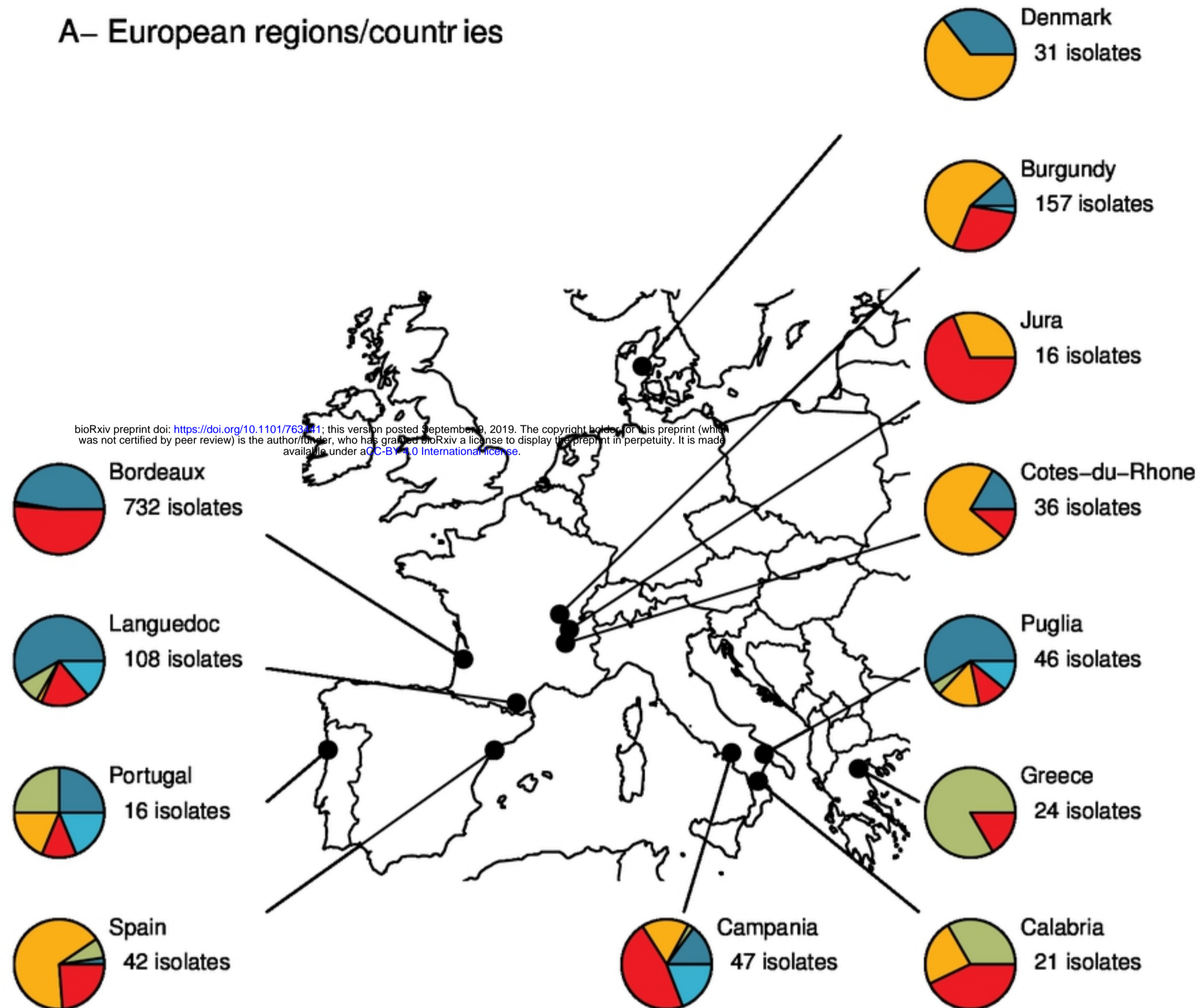
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537 **Supporting information**

538 **S1 Table. Details of the 1411 strains of *Brettanomyces bruxellensis* used in this study.**

A– European regions/countries

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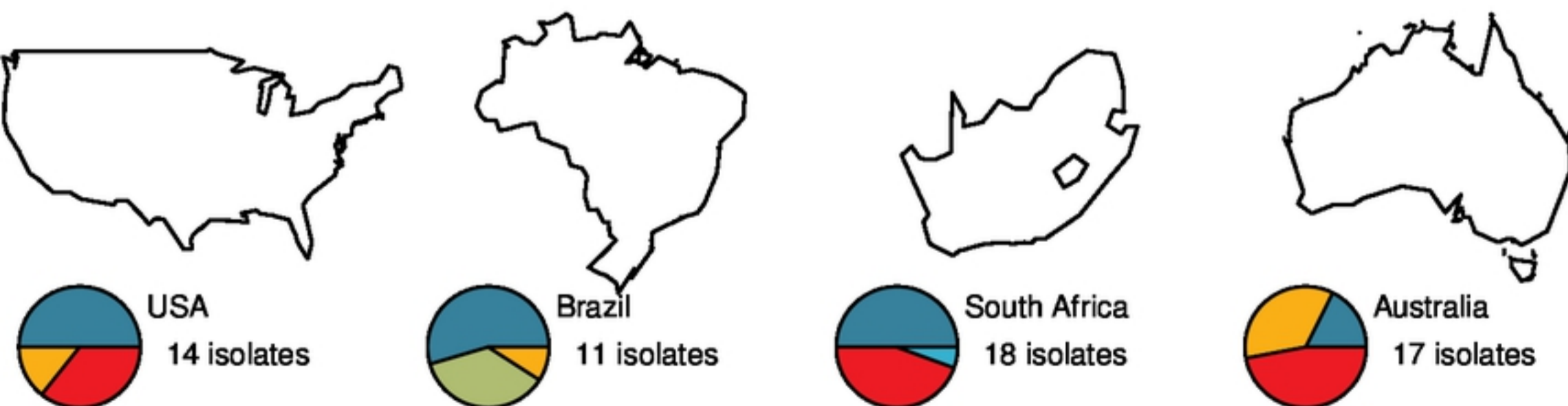


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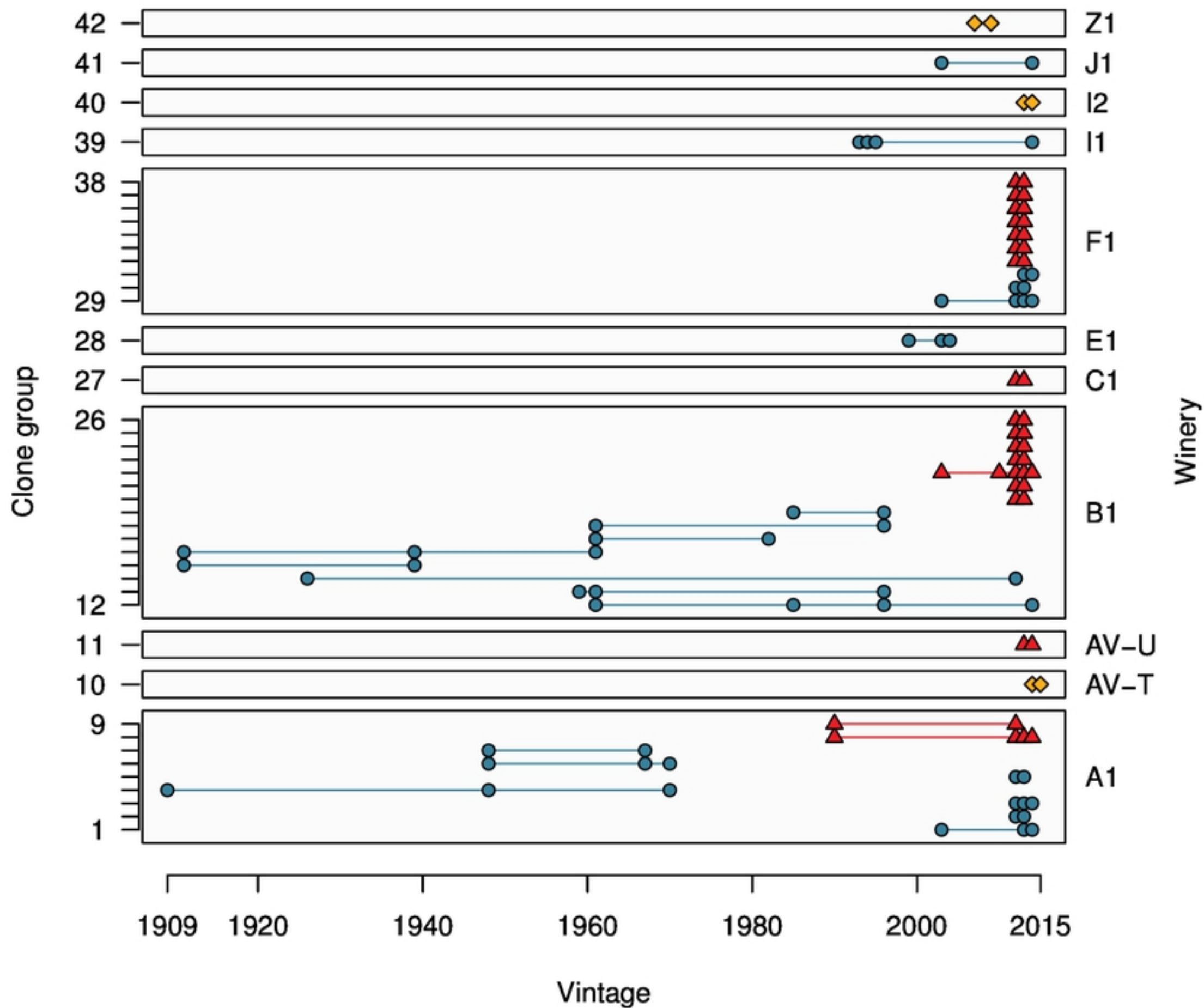


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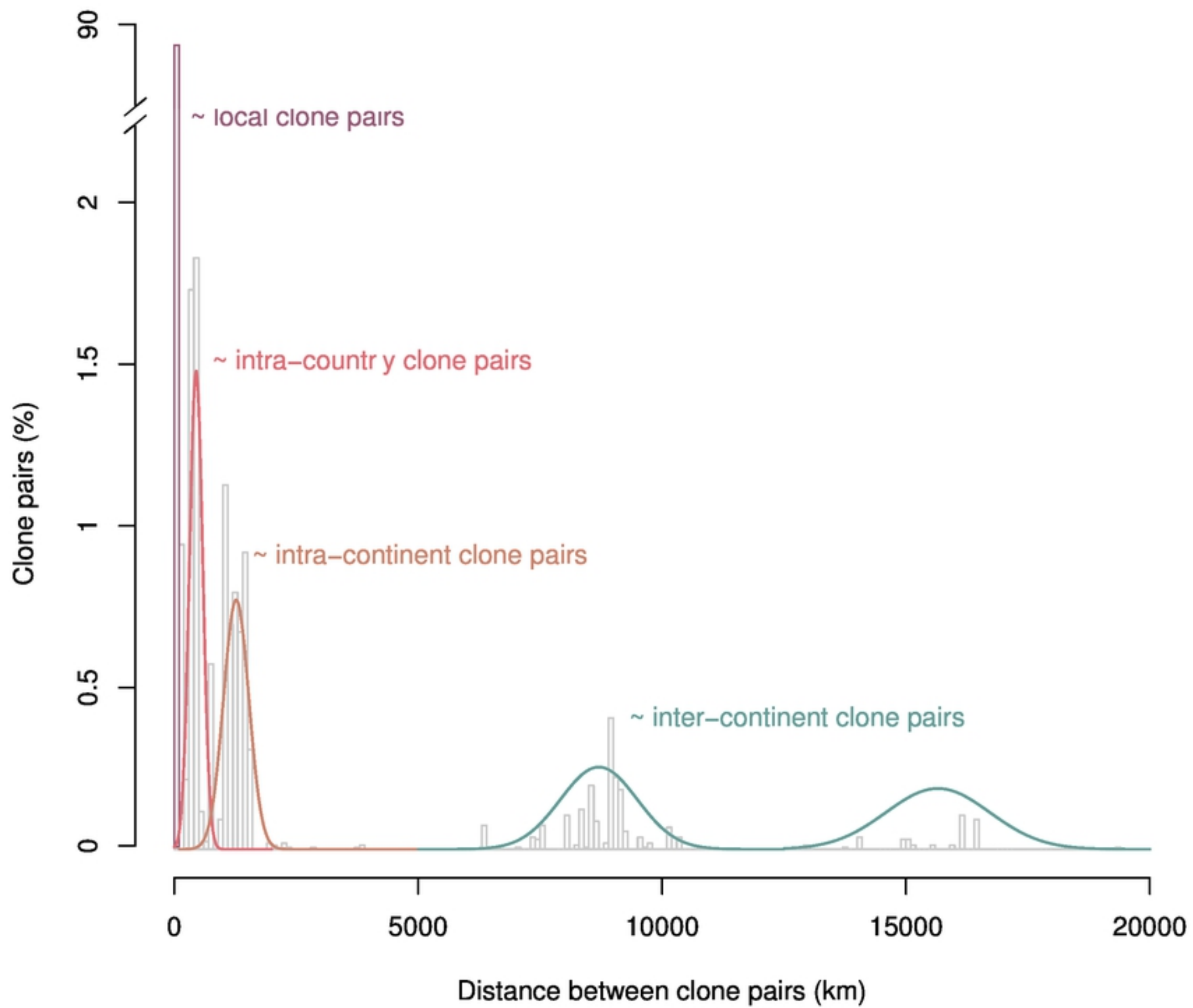


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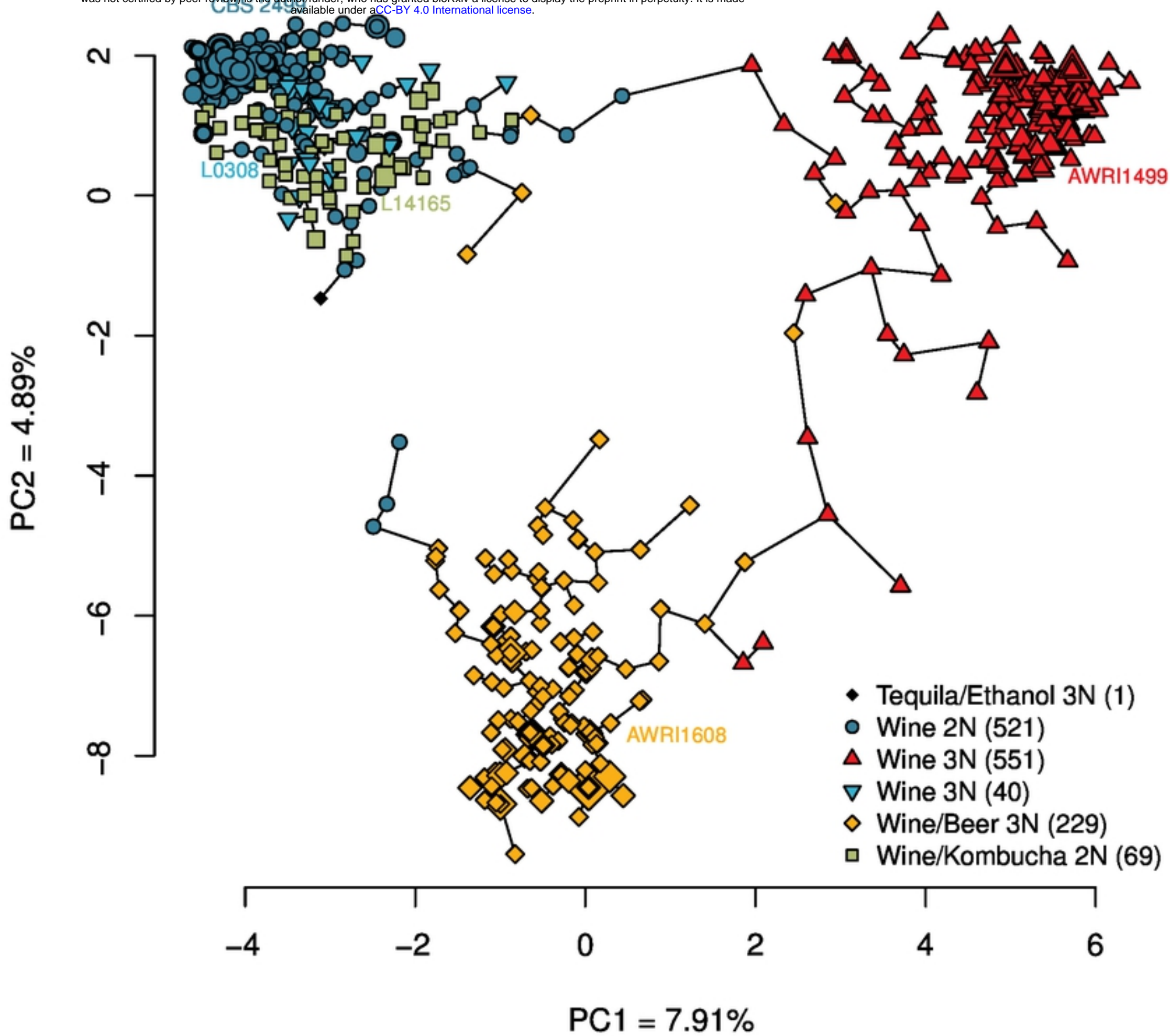


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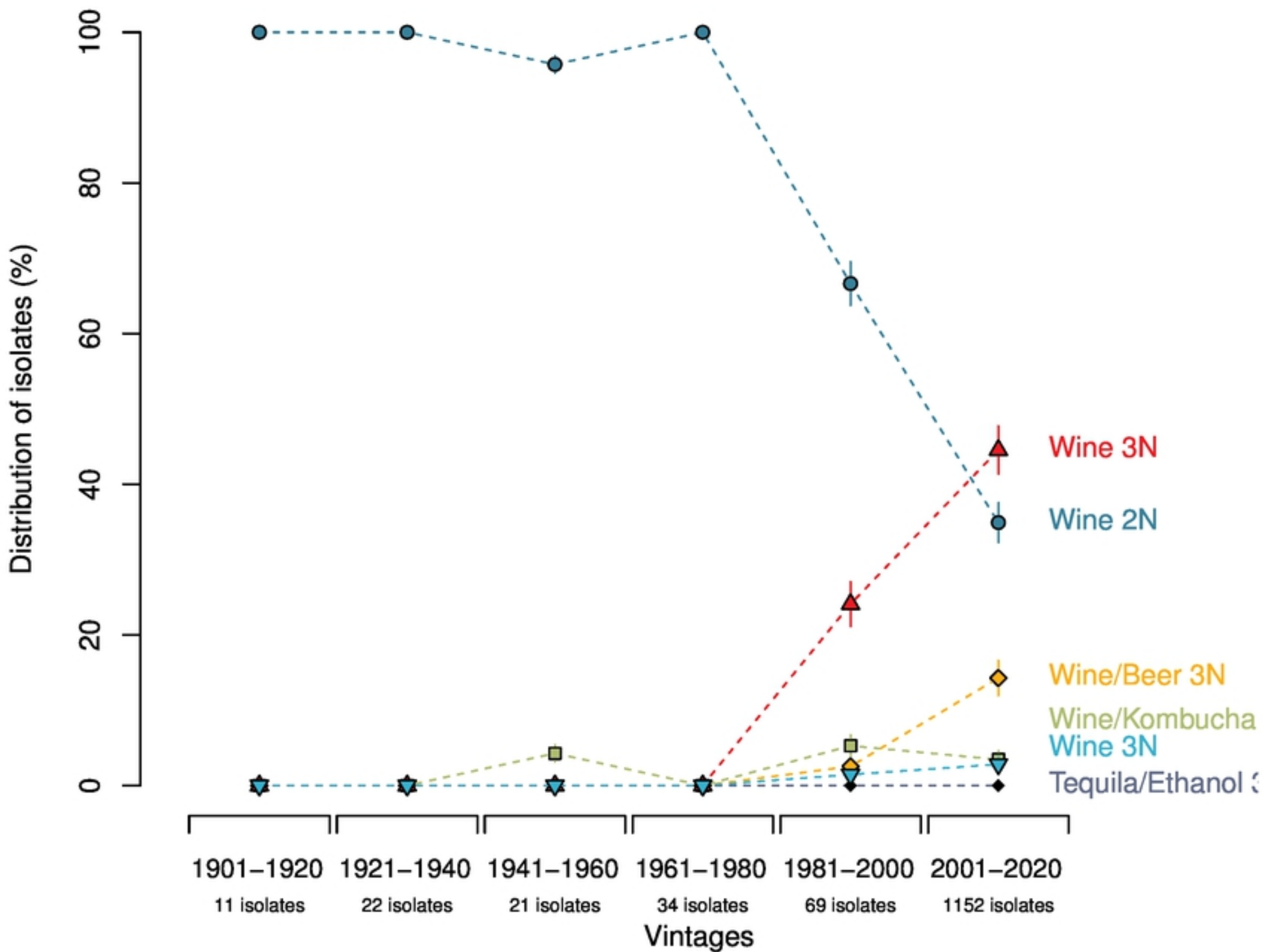
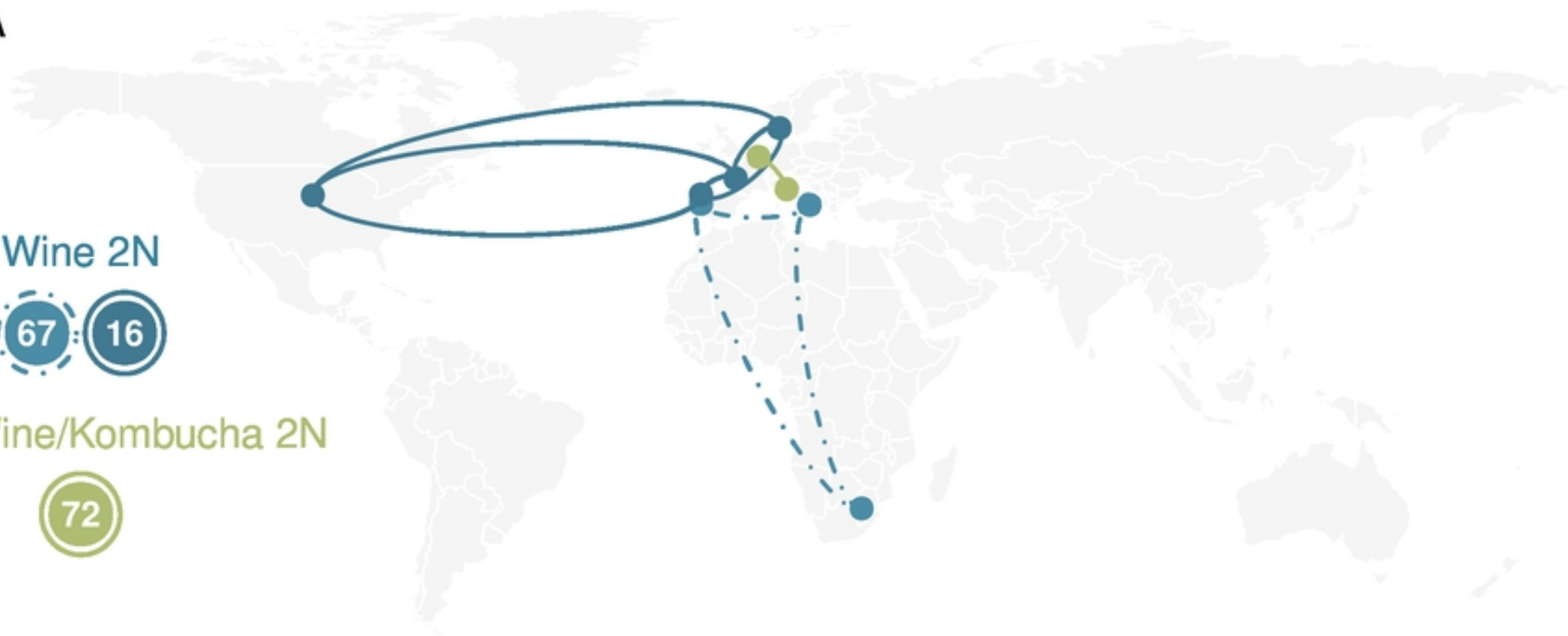


Figure 3

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Wine/Kombucha 2N
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B

Wine 3N
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Wine/Beer 3N
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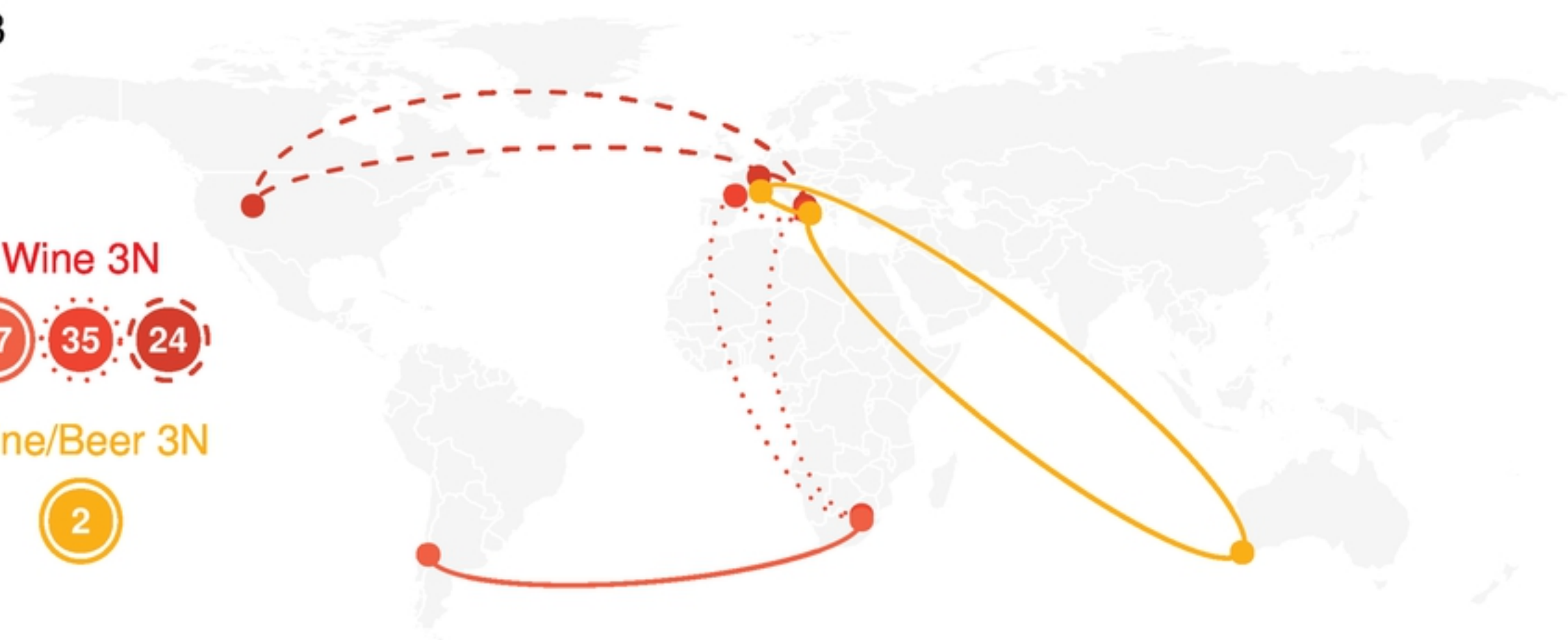


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