



ROMEO®

Innovative biofungicide against foliar fungal diseases

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Agrauxine – Lesaffre Plant Care

- Lesaffre is an industrial family company
- 160 years experience in fermentation
- Innovation in microbials and derivates
- Scalability of the production



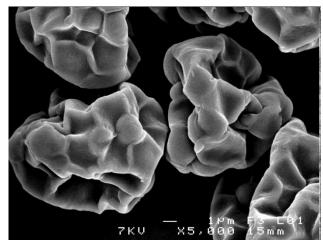
- Application : Biocontrol & Biostimulant
- Obtained by **fermentation** processes
- R&D > Registration > Production > Sales





Cerevisane® - Active substance

- Cerevisane is coming from Lesaffre R&D pipeline and patented in 2006
- **Cell wall** of *S.cerevisiae* yeast strain LAS117
- Specific process of purification
- Glucans, mannans, proteins, lipids and chitins
- EU approval of cerevisane on the 23/04/2015
 for 15 years Listed in annex of regulation
 540/2011 as a low risk substance
- No MRLs (Annex IV of Regulation EC 396/2005)



Cerevisane microscopic picture (SEM)



ROMEO® – **Product description**

• **Composition:** 94,1% of a.i. Cerevisane

Formulation : WP

2 years shelf life at room temperature

Developped in field since 2009

In several countries and crops (> 300 GEP trials)

Partnership with universities, technical institutes and distribution

- Preventive foliar application at low dose rate
- Non living, easy to use in tank mix with chemicals

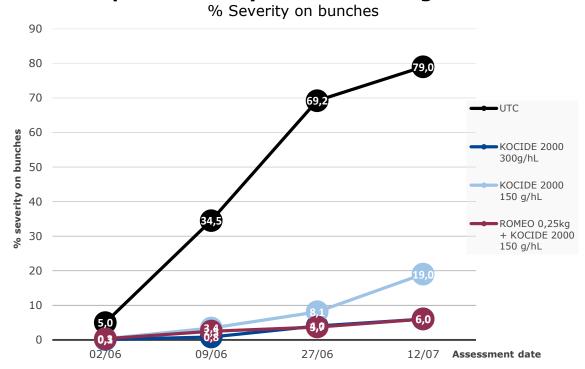
Crops	Targets	Dose /ha
Grapevine & Table grape	Downy mildew Powdery mildew <i>Botrytis cinerea</i>	0,25 kg
Vegetables Cucurbits, salads, tomato, strawberry		0,5 - 0,75 kg



Field results - Grapevine Downy Mildew



Grapevine Downy Mildew - Portugal 2016



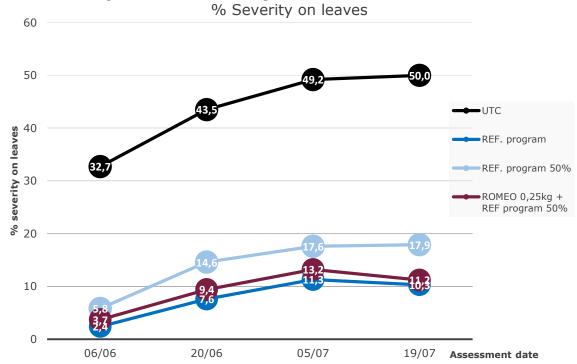
- Very strong pressure of downy mildew on bunches
- In tank mix, ROMEO allowed 50% dose reduction of copper



Field results - Grapevine Powdery Mildew



Grapevine Powdery Mildew – France 2016



- Strong pressure and early attack on Carignan cultivar
- In tank mix, ROMEO allowed 50% dose reduction of this chemical program

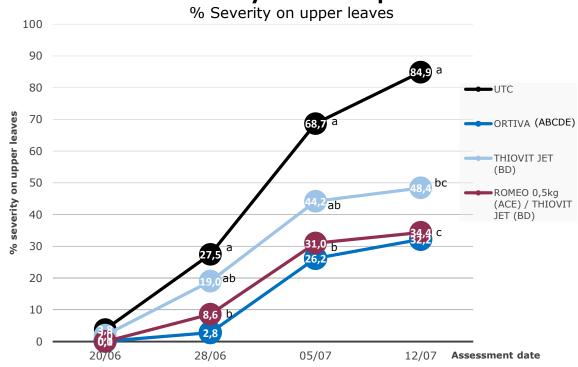
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Field results - Cucurbits Powdery Mildew



Melon Powdery Mildew - Spain 2016



- Very strong pressure of powdery mildew on leaves
- In alternation with sulfur, ROMEO improved the efficacy and reached azoxystrobin reference efficacy.



And finally how does it works?



Perception by the plant

Activation of **cell signaling cascade**





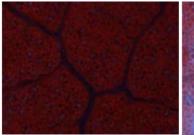
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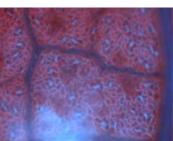


Microscopic observation of *E.necator* development on grapevine leave

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ROMEO stimulates the production of phytoalexins in leaves (fluorescent compounds).

Induction of defense genes

Metabolic changes = effective defenses

Plant protection against further pathogen attacks

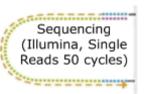


And finally how does it works? Genomic studies



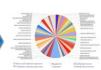






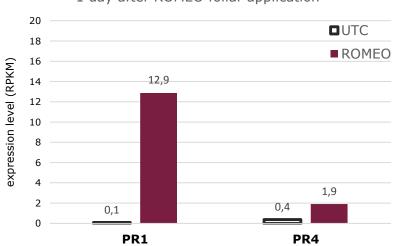






Expression level (RPKM) of PR1 & PR4

1 day after ROMEO foliar application



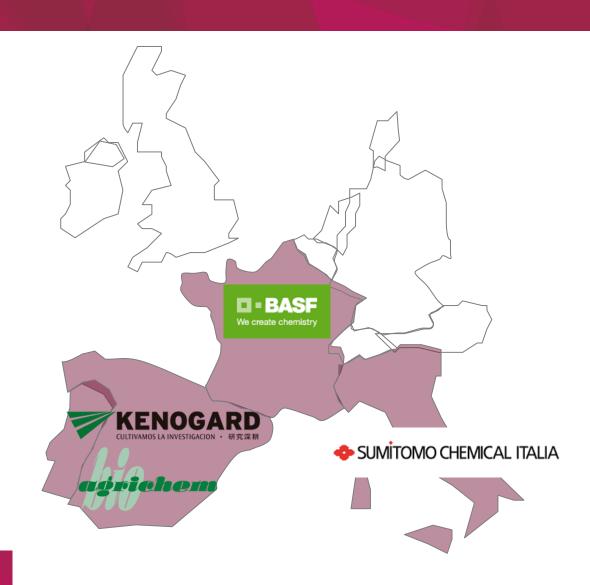
- ROMEO induces the expression of many genes including genes involved in defense
- Stimulates both SA- and JA/ETdependent signaling pathways
- Activates some defense processes known to be implicated in the reaction of grapevine genotypes resistant to downy mildew.

- 1st Systemic Resistance Inducer based on non living microbial
- Multi-targets: effective against several foliar fungal diseases
- Easy to integrate in chemical program and manage dose reduction
- Long shelf life (2 years) and available at industrial scale
- Low dose rate : 0,25 0,75 kg/ha
- EU approval of active substance Cerevisane Low risk
- No residues





Distribution – ROMEO® / ACTILEAF®



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