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## Application of Multispectral Images to Monitor the Productive Cycle of Vines Fortified with Zinc

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**Abstract:** In a context of an exponential growing population and resource limitations, precision agriculture techniques can improve efficiency in the agricultural sector. This can be achieved by monitorization and quick detection of changes in crops, resulting in smart resource use, waste reduction and maximization of production. In a field located in Palmela (Portugal), three foliar sprays of ZnO and ZnSO<sub>4</sub> were performed in *Vitis vinifera* variety Fernão Pires, for production of biofortified single-vine wine. Field characterization was performed with soil sampling and UAVs (with altimetric measurement sensors), synchronized by GPS. Vegetations indexes, and characterization of drainage capacity and slopes were then interpolated with mineral content, monitored with X-Ray Fluorescence analysis. Morphologically, the experimental parcel had a slight slope (maximum of 1.10 m) with irrigation and nutrient availability in soil requiring special attention (i.e., just 1/3 of the parcel had higher capacity to water drainage). NDVI values reflected better physiological values in N-NE region. Zinc increases in leaf's were directly proportional with the applied concentrations in vines sprayed with ZnSO<sub>4</sub> and ZnO, in the concentration of 60% (900 g ha<sup>-1</sup>) revealed a greater vigor. In conclusion, the use of smart farm techniques and its crossing with analytical procedures, allows the characterization and vines, and a higher potential for optimization of wine production.

**Keywords:** Biofortification; Grapes; NDVI; Precision Agriculture; Remote Sensing; *Vitis Vinifera*; Zinc

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# Materials and Methods

Experimental  
Field

Fernão Pires variety-  
foliar application with  $\text{ZnSO}_4$  and  $\text{ZnO}$   
(0%, 10%, 30% and 60%- 0, 150, 450 and 900 g ha<sup>-1</sup>)

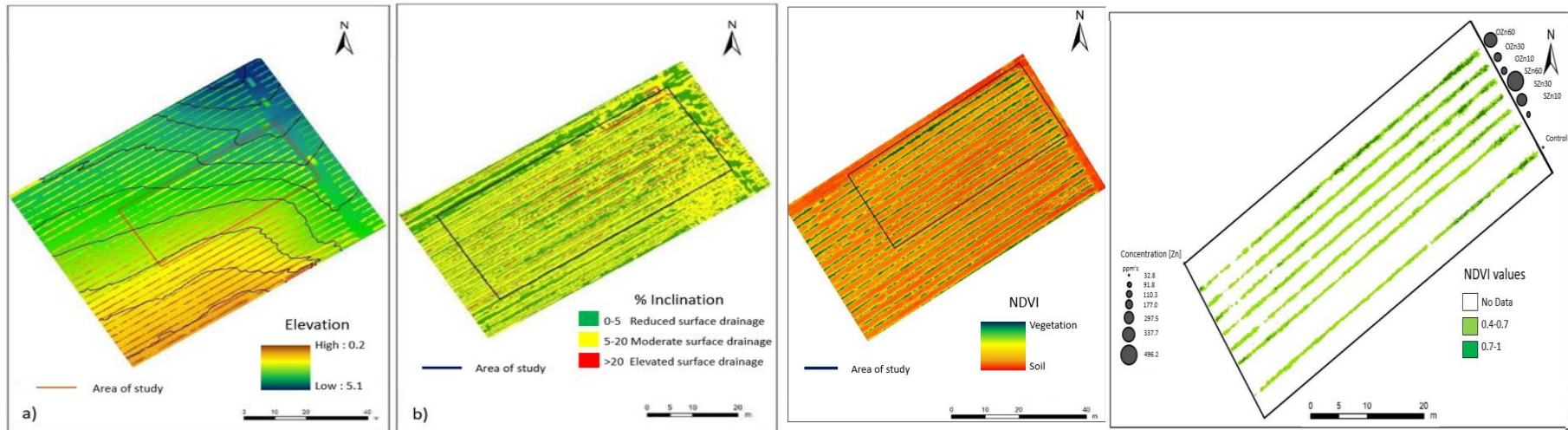
Field  
Morphology  
and vigor

UAV's images

Quantification  
of Zn

XRF

# Results and Discussion



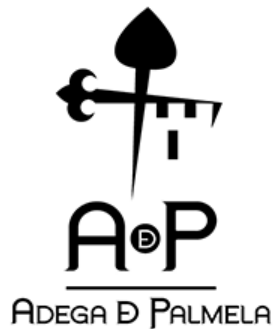
- Morphologically, the terrain is almost flat presenting a maximum variation of 1.10 m in the area.
- Regarding surface drainage conditions, only 1/3 of the total land area reflected aptitude for infiltration of surface waters.
- Zinc's mineral content in leaf's with  $\text{ZnSO}_4$  and  $\text{ZnO}$ , were directly proportional with the applied concentrations and rows sprayed with  $\text{ZnO}$  presented greater vigor in comparison to rows sprayed with  $\text{ZnSO}_4$ .

# Conclusions

- The use of precision agriculture techniques, namely images processing from cameras coupled to UAV`s, in the vineyard submitted to the reported workflow for Zn enrichment allowed terrain characterization in terms of slopes and water drainage, to identify possible conditionings to the increase of Zn in fruits.
- Furthermore, NDVI enabled the assessment to different physiological responses in different zones of the vineyard, which can be related to the characteristics of the field.
- The applied workflow using foliar application of Zn, did not present negative influences in the vineyard, and increases of Zn in leaf`s from Fernão Pires variety occurred with ZnO and ZnSO<sub>4</sub>. In both cases, Zn content rose with the increase of concentration, which become relevant, as assimilation of Zn by leaves through foliar sprays is crucial for this mineral`s increase in fruits by translocation mechanisms, and thus needed to attain fruits with added value.

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