

# The challenges of growing organic outdoor grapevines in the UK

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# Controlling weeds





#### Mildew control

Fungicides – copper and sulphur Vigour control Canopy management Varietal susceptibility







## Soil management



Green manure – soil cover Poultry manure Compost Soil analysis Buttage





#### Yield and vine health

- Foliar feeds
- Pruning and vigour control
- Vine spacing
- Rootstock choice
- Petiole analysis
- Record keeping



# Trunk fungal diseases







### Summary

- Combination of all factors
  - Soil
  - Vine
  - Climate
  - Management input
- Balance
- Biodiversity

