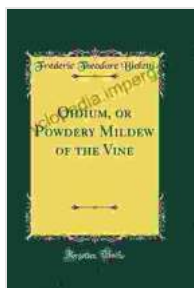


The Essential Guide to Oidium or Powdery Mildew of the Vine: Eradicate this Fungal Foe

Oidium or powdery mildew of the vine is a fungal disease that affects grapevines and can lead to significant yield loss and reduced wine quality. The disease is caused by the fungus *Uncinula necator*, which overwinters on dormant buds and canes. In the spring, when the weather conditions are favorable, the fungus produces spores that can be carried by the wind and infect new vine growth.



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Symptoms of oidium or powdery mildew on grapevine leaves

Symptoms of Oidium

The symptoms of oidium or powdery mildew on grapevines can vary depending on the stage of the disease. Early symptoms include small, white, powdery spots on the leaves, shoots, and flowers. As the disease progresses, the spots enlarge and coalesce, forming a white, powdery layer on the plant surfaces. Severely infected leaves may turn yellow and fall off prematurely, while infected shoots may become stunted and woody. Infected flowers may fail to set fruit, or the resulting fruit may be deformed and have reduced sugar content.

Impact of Oidium on Grapevines

Oidium or powdery mildew can have a significant impact on grapevines. Infected vines may experience reduced yield, lower fruit quality, and increased susceptibility to other diseases and pests. In severe cases, the disease can even lead to the death of the vine. The economic impact of odium on the wine industry can be substantial, as it can result in reduced wine production and lower wine quality.

Management of Oidium

There are a number of strategies that can be used to manage odium or powdery mildew in vineyards. These strategies include:

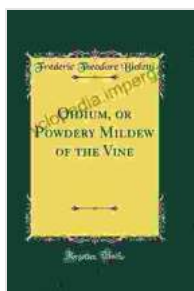
- **Cultural practices:** Cultural practices such as proper pruning, trellising, and canopy management can help to improve air circulation and reduce humidity, making the environment less favorable for the development of oidium.
- **Fungicides:** Fungicides can be used to prevent and control odium infections. There are a number of different fungicides that are effective against oidium, and the choice of fungicide will depend on the specific needs of the vineyard.
- **Biological control:** Biological control agents, such as predatory mites and fungi, can be used to suppress oidium populations. These agents can be introduced into the vineyard and will help to reduce the incidence of the disease.

Oidium or powdery mildew of the vine is a serious disease that can have a significant impact on grapevines. However, by following the management strategies outlined in this guide, it is possible to effectively manage the

disease and protect your vines. By working together, we can ensure the health of our vineyards and continue to produce high-quality grapes for generations to come.

For more information on oidium or powdery mildew of the vine, please consult the following resources:

- University of Minnesota Extension: Powdery Mildew
- American Phytopathological Society: Powdery Mildew
- CABI: *Oidium necator* (powdery mildew of grapevine)



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