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Detection of Grapevine Leafroll-Associated Virus 1 and 3 in White and Red Grapevine Cultivars Using Hyperspectral Imaging

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Abstract: Grapevine leafroll disease (GLD) is considered one of the most widespread grapevine virus diseases, causing severe economic losses worldwide. To date, six grapevine leafroll-associated viruses (GLRaVs) are known as causal agents of the disease, of which GLRaV-1 and -3 induce the strongest symptoms. Due to the lack of efficient curative treatments in the vineyard, identification of infected plants and subsequent uprooting is crucial to reduce the spread of this disease. Ground-based hyperspectral imaging (400–2500 nm) was used in this study in order to identify white and red grapevine plants infected with GLRaV-1 or -3. Disease detection models have been successfully developed for greenhouse plants discriminating symptomatic, asymptomatic, and healthy plants. Furthermore, field tests conducted over three consecutive years showed high detection rates for symptomatic white and red cultivars, respectively. The most important detection wavelengths were used to simulate a multispectral system that achieved classification accuracies comparable to the hyperspectral approach. Although differentiation of asymptomatic and healthy field-grown grapevines showed promising results further investigations are needed to improve classification accuracy. Symptoms caused by GLRaV-1 and -3 could be differentiated.

Keywords: grapevine leafroll disease; GLRaV; *Vitis vinifera*; disease detection; plant phenotyping; spectral imaging; Phenoliner

1. Introduction

Grapevine is considered to be one of the most important hosts for plant viruses with around 70 different virus and virus-like agents documented [1]. Among these, viruses associated with grapevine leafroll disease (GLD) are the most widespread and of high economic importance worldwide [2].

Currently, six distinct grapevine leafroll associated viruses (GLRaVs)—numbered GLRaV-1, -2, -3, -4, -7, and -13—are known. GLRaVs belong to the family *Closteroviridae* and are separated into three genera: (i) *Ampelovirus* (GLRaV-1, -3, -4, -13), (ii) *Closterovirus* (GLRaV-2), and (iii) *Velarivirus* (GLRaV-7). Within the genus *Ampelovirus*, two subgroups were formed with GLRaV-1, -3 and -13 assigned to subgroup I and GLRaV-4 assigned to subgroup II [3]. GLRaVs are mostly limited to phloem-associated cells and are unevenly distributed in plants [4]. Since grapevines are vegetatively propagated to maintain clonal integrity, these viruses are typically introduced into vineyards through contaminated planting material [5] with subsequent local dispersal of some GLRaVs by insect vectors like mealybug and soft scale species [6].

GLRaVs can occur as single or mixed infections of different combinations, and as a consequence thereof, symptom manifestation and severity are highly variable [7]. In general, GLRaV-1, -3, and most strains of GLRaV-2 induce strong GLD symptoms, whereas GLRaV-4 and -7 elicit only mild or no symptoms [8]. So far, little is known about the newly assigned GLRaV-13 concerning pathogenicity and symptomatology [9]. Symptom development typically begins around veraison in mature leaves at the bottom sections of canes and then expands gradually upwards along the shoots as the growing season progresses. In red cultivars, colored spots develop, which enlarge and coalesce over time, so that most of the interveinal leaf surface exhibits a red or reddish-purple discoloration with a narrow strip of leaf tissue around the primary and secondary veins remaining green. In late autumn, leaf margins begin to roll downward giving the disease its common name [4]. Symptoms of white-berried cultivars, which are expressed as mild yellowing or chlorotic mottling, are often subtle, thus hindering visual disease assessment. Moreover, some white *Vitis vinifera* cultivars, most rootstocks and wild *Vitis* species may be completely symptomless, making symptom-based disease diagnosis not sufficiently reliable [1].

To date, no curative in-field treatment for GLD is known. Consequently, only prophylactic measures can be applied to reduce the spread of the disease. Besides planting certified virus-free vines, identification of infected plants and subsequent uprooting is one of the most common approaches [10]. In this context, several diagnostic methods have been developed for robust and reliable disease detection, with serological and molecular analyses being the most relevant [11,12]. Serological techniques like enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) are used to detect viral proteins allowing for high-throughput screening [11]. Alternatively, molecular methods based on reverse transcription followed by polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) are applied for the detection of viral genomic material, providing high sensitivity [12]. Irrespective of the technique used, unknown viruses or new strains of known viruses can remain undetected leading to false-negative results [11,12].

In recent years, spectral sensors have proven to be a promising tool for disease diagnosis being independent from genetic and phenotypic information about pathogens [13]. These sensors capture reflectance characteristics of plants in a large part of the electromagnetic spectrum, typically in the visible (VIS; 400–700 nm), near-infrared (NIR; 700–1000 nm), and short-wave infrared range (SWIR; 1000–2500 nm) [14]. For analysis either the whole spectral range (hyperspectral) or selected bands only (multispectral) can be used [15]. Leaf spectral patterns vary in response to biochemical and biophysical alterations caused by abiotic and biotic stresses such as virus infections [16]. Since spectral sensors allow the objective and non-invasive assessment of plant traits, they are well suited to follow dynamic processes like symptom development.

Sensor technology has already been implemented to differentiate spectral reflectance patterns of virus-infected and non-infected plants. In field tests, multispectral and hyperspectral approaches for the detection of tulip breaking virus (TBV) in tulips as well as potato virus Y (PVY) in potato and tomato plants have successfully been performed [17–19]. Several studies have been conducted using greenhouse plants for the detection of tomato spotted wilt virus (TSWV) [20], potato yellow vein virus (PYVV) [21], cucumber green mottle mosaic virus (CGMMV) [22], or tomato yellow leaf curl virus (TYLCV) [23]. In the work of Afonso et al. [24], two citrus cultivars infected with citrus tristeza virus (CTV)—a closterovirus closely related to GLRaV-2—were examined prior to symptom expression showing good classification rates. For the detection of GLD symptoms, Naidu et al. [25]

used a portable spectroradiometer (350–2500 nm) to collect hyperspectral reflectance data of detached healthy, asymptomatic, and symptomatic leaves, thereby reaching classification accuracies of up to 81%. In a comparable work, Sinha et al. [26] investigated GLD symptoms during two years under field conditions. Pagay et al. [27] also used a portable spectroradiometer to detect GLD in asymptomatic leaves directly in the vineyard. Similar studies were performed by Hou et al. [28] and MacDonald et al. [29], both following an airborne remote sensing approach to obtain multispectral and hyperspectral images, respectively. All of these works have been examining red-berried cultivars infected with GLRaV-3—except for Hou et al. [28] who did not further specify the GLRaV investigated.

This study focuses on the detection of GLRaV-1 and -3 in both white- and red-berried *Vitis* cultivars using hyperspectral imaging in the range of 400–2500 nm. For this purpose, plants were recorded under controlled laboratory conditions as well as directly in the field during three consecutive years to (i) develop disease detection models for the discrimination of symptomatic, asymptomatic, and healthy plants, (ii) identify relevant wavelengths for the simulation of a multispectral approach, and (iii) differentiate GLRaV-1 and -3 symptoms.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Plant Material

2.1.1. Greenhouse

Cuttings of healthy and GLRaV-infected field grown grapevines were collected in the dormant seasons of 2016/2017 and 2017/2018, respectively. The plants that were obtained from these cuttings were then grown from February to October in a greenhouse in plastic pots (1 L volume) filled with 80% substrate (Fruhstorfer Erde Typ Tray Substrat + Perlite, Hawita Gruppe GmbH, Vechta, Germany) and 20% sand. They were watered twice a week and fertilized once a week (Hakaphos® soft, Compo Expert GmbH, Münster, Germany). Greenhouse conditions were adjusted to 26/22 °C (day/night) and a photoperiod of 16 h per day. Plants were regularly cut to a maximum length of 50 cm.

In 2017, 32 plants of *Vitis vinifera* cv. ‘Aligote’ were considered for hyperspectral measurements and in 2018, 30 plants of the cultivars ‘Gewürztraminer’, ‘Silvaner’, and ‘Pinot noir’, respectively. Detailed information on plant number, results of visual assessment, as well as molecular diagnosis, can be found in Appendix A Table A1. Hyperspectral imaging was performed every two weeks during the growing season after full symptom development. Symptoms appeared already in May on leaves of Silvaner plants and in August on leaves of Aligote, Gewürztraminer, and Pinot noir.

2.1.2. Experimental Sites

Field tests were conducted at several time points after veraison in the years 2016, 2017, and 2018. Selected rows of five genebank plots (Table 1) at the JKI Geilweilerhof located in Siebeldingen, Germany (49°21.7470 N, 8°04.6780 E) were analyzed. The vineyards consisted of *Vitis vinifera* and interspecific crossings—mostly three vines per genotype—planted between 1998 and 2011. In total, data of 497 plants of 164 different red and white cultivars were acquired. For further information as well as results of visual assessment and molecular diagnosis see Appendix A Table A2.

Table 1. Information about experimental plots.

| | Planted in | Species | Rootstocks | Number of Selected Plants | Number of Cultivars |
|---------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Plot 1 | 2010 | Interspecific crossings | SO4 | 129 | 36 |
| Plot 2 | 2006 | <i>Vitis vinifera</i> | SO4 | 48 | 17 |
| Plot 3 | 2011 | <i>Vitis vinifera</i> | SO4 | 131 | 46 |
| Plot 4 | 2006 | <i>Vitis vinifera</i> | SO4 | 131 | 41 |
| Plot 5 | 1998 | <i>Vitis vinifera</i> | Kober 5BB | 58 | 24 |

Rows were oriented in an east–west direction with interrow and grapevine distance of approx. 2 m and 1 m, respectively. Grapevines were trained in a vertical shoot positioning (VSP)-system and pruned as single guyot. During the growing season vines were treated with fungicides against powdery and downy mildew, respectively. In recent years, there was no evidence of potential vectors in these vineyards, hence, insecticides were not applied. A portable GPS (SPS585, Trimble®, Sunnyvale, CA, USA) providing highly accurate positioning (resolution: 0.02 m) was used to acquire the precise location of every plant. Precise GPS positions were required for data calibration and labeling to ensure correct mapping of vines and image data.

Since symptom development in the vineyard usually starts after veraison, hyperspectral imaging was performed around 30 and 55 days thereafter (before harvesting). However, the time point of veraison varied in the three experimental years. In 2016, the different grapevine cultivars investigated reached this phenological stage on average on day 229 of the year, in 2017 on day 216, and in 2018 on day 206. This could be due to different environmental conditions in the three years that are also known to influence GLD symptom development. Table 2 shows the monthly average temperature and precipitation for the experimental years.

Table 2. Monthly average temperature (°C) and precipitation (mm) for the years 2016, 2017, and 2018.

| | | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------|----|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 2016 | °C | 3.44 | 4.63 | 5.11 | 9.16 | 14.51 | 17.56 | 20.06 | 19.65 | 18.03 | 9.57 | 5.43 | 2.27 |
| | mm | 60.06 | 77.94 | 53.60 | 58.78 | 50.11 | 99.35 | 47.94 | 21.24 | 13.82 | 47.92 | 37.73 | 4.57 |
| 2017 | °C | −1.39 | 4.90 | 9.01 | 9.71 | 15.75 | 19.77 | 20.29 | 19.34 | 13.59 | 11.62 | 5.90 | 3.53 |
| | mm | 23.64 | 40.51 | 54.78 | 3.78 | 44.05 | 70.15 | 54.39 | 57.16 | 90.46 | 36.72 | 97.92 | 104.06 |
| 2018 | °C | 5.87 | −0.05 | 4.68 | 13.83 | 16.83 | 19.62 | 22.12 | 20.93 | 16.35 | 11.92 | 6.60 | 4.54 |
| | mm | 131.91 | 28.44 | 68.74 | 52.39 | 91.84 | 38.48 | 21.16 | 48.80 | 36.67 | 13.34 | 23.71 | 141.52 |

Weather data are available at Agrarmeteorologie Rheinland-Pfalz [30].

2.2. Visual Assessment of GLRaV-Symptoms

Disease symptoms of greenhouse and field plants were assessed every two weeks during the growing season—always in parallel to hyperspectral imaging.

2.3. Molecular Methods

Samples from each studied vine were collected during the dormant seasons of 2016/2017 and 2017/2018, respectively, and consisted of 15–20 cm sections of basal canes. Samples were assayed for the five most common virus species in the Palatinate region, Germany: GLRaV-1, GLRaV-3, *Arabis mosaic virus* (ArMV), *Grapevine fanleaf virus* (GFLV), and *Raspberry ringspot virus* (RpRSV). All plants (greenhouse and field) were tested by RT-PCR. Field plants were additionally analyzed by DAS-ELISA.

2.3.1. RT-PCR

Total RNA extraction, reverse transcription, and multiplex PCR were performed following the protocol of Steinmetz et al. [31]. The primers used in this study are listed in Table 3. Primer concentrations for reverse transcription were adopted from Steinmetz et al. [31]. Different concentrations for multiplex PCR were used leading to final concentrations of 0.03 µM for *Vitis* 18S, 0.3 for µM GLRaV-1, 0.5 for µM GLRaV-3, 0.54 for µM ArMV, 0.2 µM for GFLV, and 0.3 µM for RpRSV. Due to the similar product sizes of GLRaV-1 and RpRSV, the latter was not included in the multiplex PCR but analyzed separately.

2.3.2. DAS-ELISA

In order to detect virus infection, DAS-ELISA (double antibody sandwich-enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) was carried out according to the optimized protocols of Bioreba AG. Lignified

canes of samples were scraped and analyzed using commercial antibodies (Bioreba AG, Reinach, Switzerland) for GLRaV-1, GLRaV-3, ArMV, GFLV, and RpRSV-ch.

Table 3. Primer sequence and product size.

| Target | Primer | Sequence 5'-3' | Product Size | Reference |
|-----------|---------|------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Vitis 18S | Forward | CGCATCATTCAAATTTCTGC | 844 bp | [32] |
| | Reverse | TTCAGCCTTGCGACCATACT | | |
| GLRaV-1 | Forward | GTTGGTGAATTCTCCGTTTCGT | 382 bp | [33] |
| | Reverse | ACTTCGCTTGAACGAGTTATAC | | |
| GLRaV-3 | Forward | TACGTTAAGGACGGGACACAGG | 336 bp | [32] |
| | Reverse | TGCGGCATTAATCTTCATTG | | |
| ArMV | Forward | TGACAACATGGTATGAAGCACA | 402 bp | [32] |
| | Reverse | TATAGGGCCTTTCATCACGAAT | | |
| GFLV | Forward | ATGCTGGATATCGTGACCCTGT | 118 bp | [32] |
| | Reverse | GAAGGTATGCCTGCTTCAGTGG | | |
| RpRSV | Forward | TGTGTCTGGCTTTTGATGCT | 385 bp | [34] |
| | Reverse | GAGTGCATAGGGGCTGTT | | |

2.4. Hyperspectral Imaging

2.4.1. Hyperspectral Camera System

Spectral reflectance was measured in the range from 400 to 2500 nm using commercially available line scanning cameras from Norsk Elektro Optikk A/S (Skedsmokorset, Norway). During the course of this study, two camera sets were used. In 2016, spectra in the visible and near-infrared range (VNIR; 400 to 1000 nm) were recorded by a HySpex VNIR 1600, while in 2017 and 2018 a HySpex VNIR 1800 was used. Spectra in the short-wave infrared (SWIR; 1000 to 2500 nm) were acquired with a HySpex SWIR 320 m-e in 2016 and with a HySpex SWIR 384 in 2017 as well as 2018. Each camera system was calibrated by the manufacturer in wavelength sampling and radiance response to minimize differences in measurements. Due to availability, only one system was used for measurements in each year. In Table 4 key specifications of the camera systems are given.

Table 4. Overview of the camera specifications.

| Specification | HySpex VNIR 1600 | HySpex VNIR 1800 | HySpex SWIR 320 m-e | HySpex SWIR 384 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Spectral Bands | 160 | 256 | 256 | 288 |
| Spatial Pixels | 1600 | 1800 | 320 | 384 |
| Spectral Resolution (nm) | 3.70 | 3.26 | 6.00 | 5.45 |
| Max. Framerate (Hz) | 100 | 100 | 160 | 400 |
| Dynamic Range (bit) | 12 | 16 | 14 | 16 |
| Pixel Edge Length at 1 m (mm/px) | 0.19 | 0.17 | 0.78 | 0.65 |

Definitions: SWIR: short-wave infrared; VNIR: visible and near infrared.

All cameras used in this study were line scanning cameras. Due to the setup, scan lines were about 15 (field) to 30 cm (greenhouse) apart with a scanning overlap of around 85%. Both cameras were mounted with an effective distance of 1 m to the recorded objects. Effective pixel size in measurement plane is given in Table 4.

2.4.2. Greenhouse Data Acquisition

Hyperspectral imaging was performed in a dark chamber in order to achieve optimal and reproducible measuring conditions. The two hyperspectral sensors (HySpex VNIR 1800 and HySpex SWIR 384) were mounted on a horizontal translation stage in 1 m distance to the recorded objects. Between them a 1000 W short-wave spotlight (Hedler C12, Hedler Systemlicht, Runkel/Lahn, Germany) with broad power spectral density was installed. Greenhouse plants were placed on a low reflective background along

with a PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene) spectralon (Sphere Optics GmbH, Herrsching, Germany) used for calibration. The PTFE spectralon was included in every image. Image acquisition and radiometric calibration was performed using the camera vendor's acquisition software HySpex Ground.

2.4.3. Field Data Acquisition

Hyperspectral measurements were performed using the Phenoliner, a field phenotyping platform based on a grape harvesting machine [35]. Following the concept of a movable tunnel, the Phenoliner is independent of external light conditions and provides an artificial background, therefore enabling the acquisition of standardized sensor data. During this study, minor modifications have been made compared to the original design: (a) for better illumination, two additional 300 W short-wave spotlights (Hedler C12, Hedler Systemlicht, Runkel, Germany) with broad power spectral density were installed and (b) the PTFE spectralon used as calibration standard was replaced by a smaller one (54.5×35 cm) (Sphere Optics GmbH) covered with borosilicate glass for protection. The combination of the spectralon and glass cover was reflectance certified by Sphere Optics GmbH. The PTFE spectralon was constantly used as background and was therefore included in every image.

The imaging software developed by Fraunhofer IFF integrates the two hyperspectral cameras and the Phenoliner RTK GPS receiver and offers a control interface as well as data visualization for image acquisition. The GPS protocol allows a matching of image position and geo position for a correct mapping of the vine positions in the hyperspectral imaging data.

2.4.4. Data Calibration and Labeling

Data calibration for indoor and outdoor imaging was performed by calculating the reflectance value from a recorded dark current (while camera shutter is closed) and a recording when the spectralon (white target) is covering the camera viewport. Calibration measurements are performed before and after each imaging process. Reflectance R_λ per pixel is calculated as

$$R_\lambda = \frac{I_\lambda - I_\lambda^{DC}}{I_\lambda^W - I_\lambda^{DC}} \quad (1)$$

where I_λ is the image pixel intensity at wavelength λ , I_λ^W the intensity while recording the spectralon device, and I_λ^{DC} the intensity when measured with closed shutter. For segmentation, a model based on the reflectance image was trained to classify each spectral pixel into leaves, grapes, stems, and general background. The model training was performed using the AutoML platform HawkSpex[®] Flow developed by the Fraunhofer IFF. The best model for segmentation was a multi-layer perceptron [36] with standard normal variate (SNV) normalization [37], which was then used for all segmentation purposes. Separate models for VNIR and SWIR image processing were created.

In order to match vegetation hyperspectral signatures for outdoor measurement with the vine ID from the expert scoring of virus symptoms, a log with the GPS positions was created while imaging. The GPS positions were corrected for the relative position of the GPS antenna and camera position on the vehicle. From a list of manually measured vine locations, a vine ID was associated with an image window centered on the scanning line with the closest distance to the vine GPS position. The window was set to 50 cm in order to avoid a mix between vine plants (Figure 1). The window was further adjusted by considering the vines arc direction (for the years 2017 and 2018). For indoor imaging, the vine ID was logged manually in the imaging process and stored in the imaging data.

2.4.5. Model Development and Application

A machine learning model is a generic mathematical formula that calculates an output from an input using a number of free parameters. The best-known methods are artificial neural networks, which mimic the information processing of the human brain, or more mathematically motivated models like support vector machines (SVM) or Bayesian models, that learn data distributions. In this study,

a number of spectral pre-processing methods in combination with machine learning models were tested (see Tables 5 and 6). These models were generated separately on datasets of the measurement years 2016, 2017, and 2018 describing certain disease detection tasks. Due to computational demand, only 10,000 spectra per label class were used in the modeling. Since an alignment of camera images was not successful, VNIR and SWIR reflectance data were modeled separately. For greenhouse data this procedure was identical just without the yearly repetition as they were recorded in only one year.

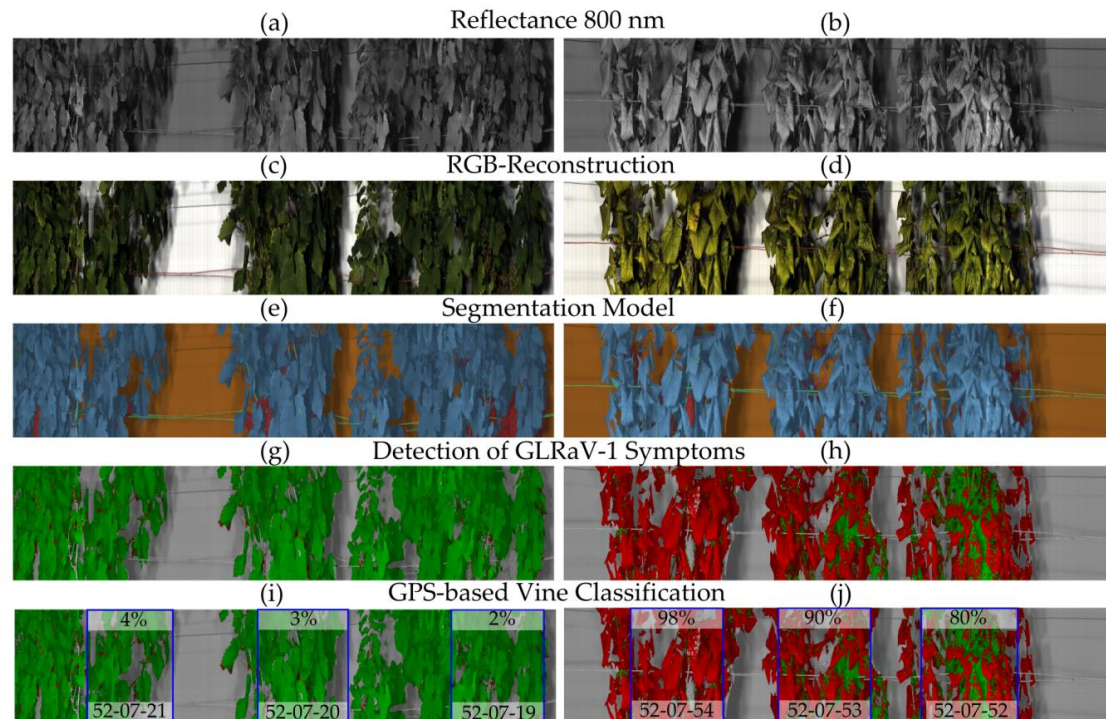


Figure 1. Overview of the workflow for field data of control (left) and grapevine leafroll-associated viruses (GLRaV-1) infected (right) vines. Depicted are a calibrated reflectance image at 800 nm coded as grey scale (a,b) and an RGB reconstruction (red-green-blue color space) (c,d), which is for visualization only. The hyperspectral image was segmented into leaves, grapes, stem material, and background (e,f) and detection models were applied on leaf pixels only (g,h). Vines were labeled with their GPS position and a 50 cm wide window was placed around each of them to avoid overlaps between plants. Based on a majority vote of pixel results per window the whole vine was classified as infected or healthy (i,j).

Table 5. Pre-processing methods.

| Method | Formula |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Vector L2 Normalization | $R_{\lambda}^N = \frac{R_{\lambda}}{\sqrt{\sum_{\lambda} R_{\lambda}^2}}$ |
| Vector SNV Normalization [36] | $R_{\lambda}^N = \frac{R_{\lambda} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\lambda} R_{\lambda}}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{\lambda} (R_{\lambda} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\lambda} R_{\lambda})^2}}$ |

For each approach, optimal model parameters were found by a defined algorithm that calculates the error between model output and input. In this case, the input is a coded representation of the scoring class associated with the data point and is defined as -1 for control and $+1$ for virus infection. In order to minimize prediction errors, optimization algorithms were applied to find suitable model parameters either by iteratively applying an optimization strategy like gradient descent (artificial neural networks) or by a closed form mathematical calculation (partially least squares).

Models were validated by performing n-fold cross validation, where the dataset is randomly divided into n parts. While n-1 folds were used for model optimization, the nth-fold was used to

test the resulting model. This process was performed in all possible combinations without repetition. As evaluation of model performance, the average accuracy and standard deviation of the performance value was calculated across modeling runs.

Table 6. Model hyper-parameters.

| Method | Hyper-Parameter | Reference |
|---|--|-----------|
| Linear Discriminance Model (LDA) | No hyper-parameters | [38] |
| Partially Least Square (PLS) | Number of components: 20 | [39] |
| Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP) | Number of hidden layers: 3 Optimization method: scaled conjugate gradient backpropagation Neurons per hidden layer: 50, 25, 10 | [36,40] |
| Radial-Basis Function Network with Relevance (rRBF) | Number of radial basis functions: 30 Optimization method: scaled non-linear conjugate gradient | [41–43] |

All models were assessed using the following performance criteria (with sample being defined as one spectrum labeled with its respective class):

- Classification accuracy (CA): the percentage of correctly classified samples among all possible samples.
- True positive rate (TPR): the percentage of samples correctly detected as infected among all infected samples. Determines the precision of the detector.
- False positive rate (FPR): the percentage of samples incorrectly detected as infected among all control samples. Determines the false alarm rate or 1-specificity.

After optimization for the detection task, the best performing model in terms of classification accuracy (see Supplementary Tables S1–S3) was then applied back to the hyperspectral image (field or greenhouse), labeling each vegetation pixel independently. In order to assess the detection performance, statistics were calculated over all considered vegetation pixels and the label with the highest occurrence was regarded as the representing label for the entire vine or greenhouse plant (majority vote) (Figures 1 and 2).

2.4.6. Spectral Relevance and Multispectral Simulation

During minimization of the classification error, the training algorithm of the radial basis function network (RBF) adjusts a wavelength specific vector of numerical weights. This so called relevance profile [42] indicates the importance of wavelengths for the differentiation tasks. Based on these relevance profiles local maxima can be selected in order to simulate a multispectral imaging system. Multispectral cameras are not measuring certain wavelengths at the same precision as hyperspectral cameras, therefore, a spectral band was approximated by using a Gaussian function with 30 nm full-width-half maximum (FWHM), which is a typical specification for optical filters used in multispectral imaging systems.

In order to optimally place the spectral band, an automatic algorithm was applied that generated 100,000 random wavelength values by using the relevance function as probability density function (pdf). As a consequence, the generated values are denser in areas of high relevance and less dense in areas of low relevance. A neural gas vector quantization algorithm was then trained on this data set [44], which placed a set number of wavelength values in a way to minimize the quantization error measured by the mean squared error between placed wavelengths and best machine generated wavelengths. Consequently, the neural gas algorithm covered denser areas with more wavelength candidates (or “prototypes”) than less dense areas. For the multispectral simulation, ten wavelength prototypes were considered

since more were not seen as realistic for commercial multispectral cameras. After placing the spectral bands, the multispectral simulation was performed by elementwise multiplication of spectrum and gauss function followed by a summation of the resulting products. Spectral bands were ordered with a descending relevance value at mid-wavelength position. An example of the band selection process is given in Figure 3.

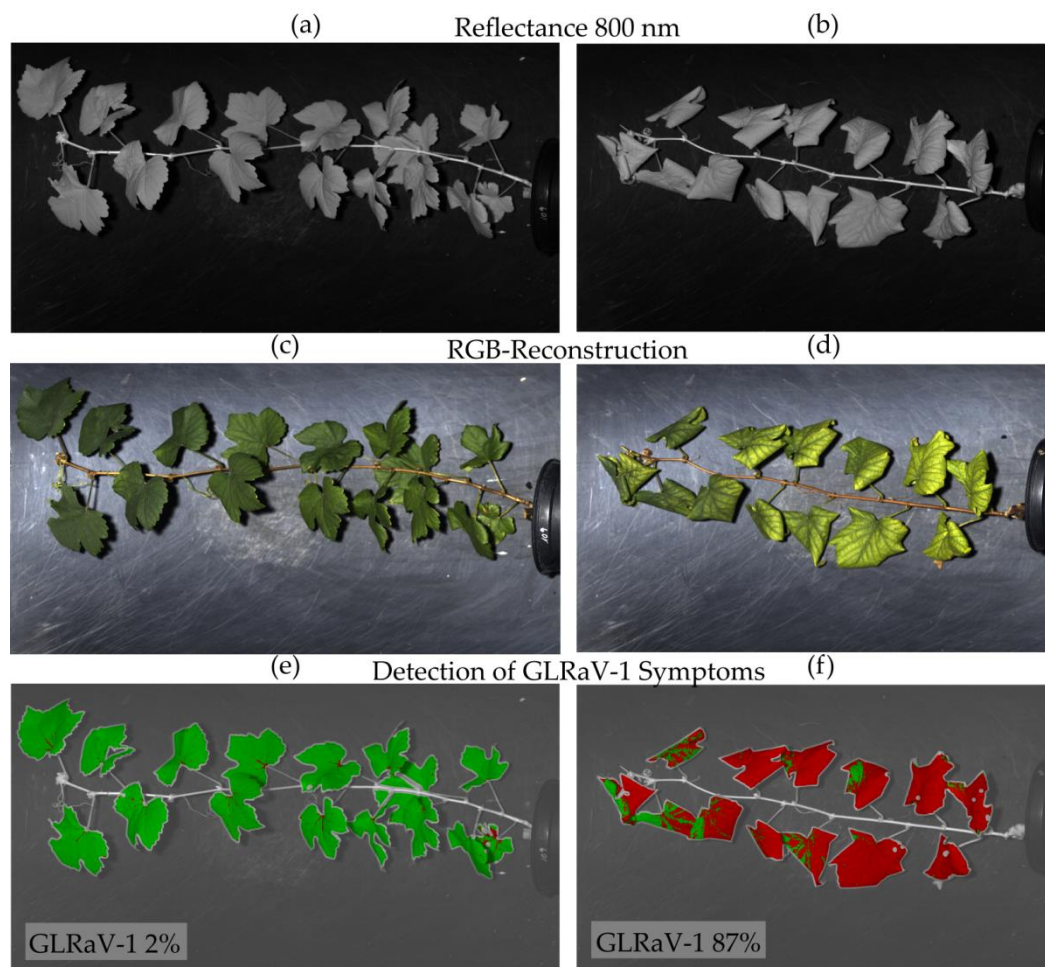


Figure 2. Overview of the workflow for greenhouse data of control (left) and GLRaV-1 infected (right) vines. Depicted are a calibrated reflectance image at 800 nm coded as grey scale (a,b) and an RGB reconstruction (c,d), which is for visualization only. The hyperspectral image was segmented into its main components and the binary classifier detecting GLRaV-1 was applied to leaf pixels calculating the ratio of symptomatic pixels to all available pixels, thereby, classifying the whole plant as infected or healthy (e,f).

Thereby, new datasets were generated with identical ground truth, in which 2–10 input spectral features were selected according to the relevance value ordering. In order to assess the change in precision compared to using the full spectral range, these new datasets were modeled with the same set of machine learning methods as described above.

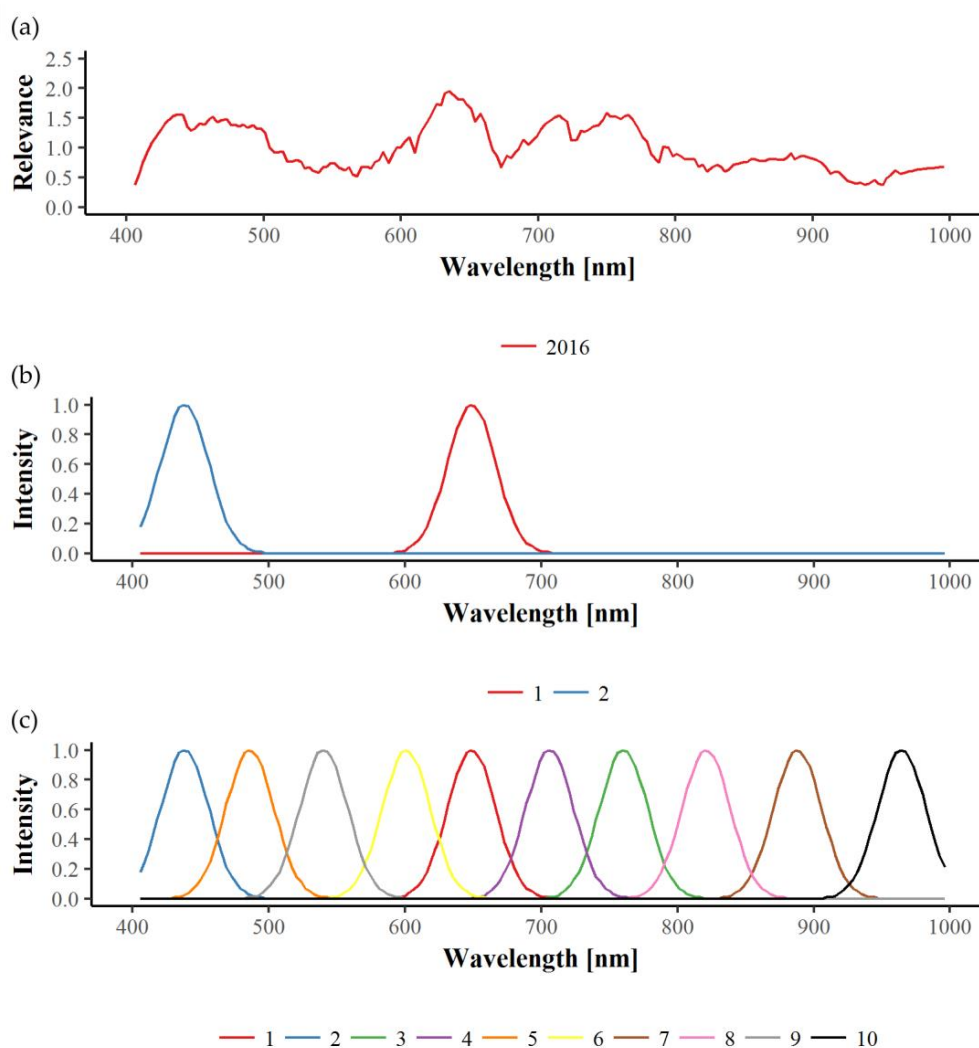


Figure 3. Example of the band selection process in the VNIR range for GLRaV-1 symptom detection of white cultivars in 2016. According to the relevance profile (a), multispectral bands can be selected starting with the two most informative. (b) Single bands can be added until a maximum of ten is reached (c).

3. Results

3.1. Greenhouse Plants

3.1.1. Symptomatic Disease Detection

Table 7 shows the results for the detection of GLD leaf symptoms of greenhouse plants. In the modeling approach, TPRs between 74% and 87% could be obtained depending on the cultivar and camera used, indicating that an acceptable number of pixels were correctly identified. In general, the SWIR wavelength range seemed to perform slightly better. However, no such trend could be observed when the models were applied on plant-level. During model development all pixels were evaluated not considering spatial scales (i.e., individual plants). In the next step, these models were therefore applied per plant, performing a majority voting of pixel results that can be used to derive a prediction of the symptom status per plant. Here, the number of false positives can be manually adjusted, thereby affecting TPRs. In this study, FPRs were generally chosen in order to identify most infected plants resulting in TPRs of 82–100% for GLD symptom detection in greenhouse plants.

Table 7. Results for the detection of GLRaV-symptomatic greenhouse plants. For modeling, all pixels were evaluated not considering spatial scales. Developed models were then applied per plant using all leaves for majority voting.

| | | | VNIR | SWIR |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Modeling | Aligote (GLRaV-3) | CA (%) | 85 ± 1 | 91 ± 2 |
| | | TPR (%) | 82 ± 2 | 87 ± 1 |
| | | FPR (%) | 12 ± 3 | 4 ± 1 |
| | Gewürztraminer (GLRaV-1) | CA (%) | 78 ± 1 | 86 ± 1 |
| | | TPR (%) | 77 ± 2 | 91 ± 3 |
| | | FPR (%) | 21 ± 1 | 19 ± 4 |
| | Silvaner (GLRaV-1) | CA (%) | 73 ± 1 | 83 ± 1 |
| | | TPR (%) | 74 ± 1 | 83 ± 1 |
| | | FPR (%) | 29 ± 2 | 16 ± 1 |
| | Pinot noir (GLRaV-1) | CA (%) | 80 ± 1 | 84 ± 1 |
| | | TPR (%) | 75 ± 2 | 83 ± 1 |
| | | FPR (%) | 16 ± 1 | 14 ± 1 |
| Application per Plant | Aligote (GLRaV-3) | CA (%) | 100 | 97 |
| | | TPR (%) | 100 | 92 |
| | | FPR (%) | 0 | 0 |
| | Gewürztraminer (GLRaV-1) | CA (%) | 97 | 97 |
| | | TPR (%) | 100 | 93 |
| | | FPR (%) | 7 | 0 |
| | Silvaner (GLRaV-1) | CA (%) | 93 | 97 |
| | | TPR (%) | 100 | 100 |
| | | FPR (%) | 13 | 7 |
| | Pinot noir (GLRaV-1) | CA (%) | 83 | 96 |
| | | TPR (%) | 82 | 94 |
| | | FPR (%) | 14 | 0 |

CA = classification accuracy, TPR = true-positive rate, FPR = false-positive rate.

3.1.2. Asymptomatic Disease Detection

The detection of GLRaV-infected but symptomless vines was only possible for a limited number of Aligote ($n = 4$) and Pinot noir ($n = 6$) plants. Table 8 shows CAs, TPRs, and FPRs for the modeling and per plant application. Identification of asymptomatic plants seemed to be easier for the cultivar Aligote reaching detection rates of 100% without misclassifications. For Pinot noir, TPRs of 100% could be achieved but 29% of the vines were falsely identified as positives, resulting in classification accuracies of 85% for VNIR and SWIR, respectively.

Table 8. Results for the detection of GLRaV-infected but symptomless greenhouse plants. For modeling, all pixels were evaluated not considering spatial scales. Developed models were then applied per plant using all leaves for majority voting.

| | | | VNIR | SWIR |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Modeling | Aligote (GLRaV-3) | CA (%) | 91 ± 1 | 93 ± 1 |
| | | TPR (%) | 92 ± 1 | 94 ± 3 |
| | | FPR (%) | 9 ± 1 | 8 ± 3 |
| | Pinot noir (GLRaV-1) | CA (%) | 73 ± 3 | 75 ± 1 |
| | | TPR (%) | 72 ± 1 | 78 ± 10 |
| | | FPR (%) | 26 ± 2 | 28 ± 7 |
| Application per Plant | Aligote (GLRaV-3) | CA (%) | 100 | 100 |
| | | TPR (%) | 100 | 100 |
| | | FPR (%) | 0 | 0 |
| | Pinot noir (GLRaV-1) | CA (%) | 85 | 85 |
| | | TPR (%) | 100 | 100 |
| | | FPR (%) | 29 | 29 |

CA: classification accuracy; TPR: true-positive rate; FPR: false-positive rate.

3.2. Field Tests

3.2.1. Symptomatic Disease Detection

In 2018, red-berried grapevines infected with GLRaV-3 did not show typical leaf symptoms, thus model development was not possible.

During modeling, a slight trend was noticeable towards better symptom detection in red cultivars (Table 9), being expressed by higher TPRs and corresponding lower FPRs. This tendency could partially be verified after applying the detection models on plant scale. Regarding red-berried cultivars, CAs between 83% and 98% could be achieved. Whereas CAs for white cultivars were slightly lower, reaching 76–97%. In 2017, symptom detection seemed to be difficult in the VNIR, range with a TPR of 54%.

Table 9. Results for the in-field detection of GLRaV-symptomatic white and red cultivars. For modeling, all pixels were evaluated not considering spatial scales. Developed models were then applied per plant using all leaves for majority voting.

| | | | VNIR | | | SWIR | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|-------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| | | | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | |
| Modeling | GLRaV-1 | White | CA (%) | 77 ± 1 | 65 ± 1 | 80 ± 1 | 76 ± 10 | 72 ± 2 | 78 ± 10 |
| | | | TPR (%) | 78 ± 1 | 60 ± 2 | 80 ± 1 | 86 ± 5 | 72 ± 2 | 73 ± 26 |
| | | | FPR (%) | 24 ± 2 | 31 ± 2 | 20 ± 1 | 35 ± 23 | 28 ± 3 | 18 ± 7 |
| | | Red | CA (%) | 90 ± 1 | 87 ± 1 | 96 ± 1 | 81 ± 2 | 94 ± 1 | 87 ± 1 |
| | | | TPR (%) | 92 ± 1 | 89 ± 2 | 97 ± 1 | 85 ± 4 | 95 ± 1 | 90 ± 2 |
| | | | FPR (%) | 11 ± 1 | 15 ± 3 | 6 ± 3 | 23 ± 5 | 8 ± 2 | 16 ± 1 |
| | GLRaV-3 | White | CA (%) | 92 ± 1 | 69 ± 1 | 67 ± 9 | 92 ± 1 | 88 ± 1 | 74 ± 9 |
| | | | TPR (%) | 94 ± 1 | 68 ± 1 | 71 ± 27 | 94 ± 1 | 90 ± 2 | 75 ± 11 |
| | | | FPR (%) | 10 ± 1 | 31 ± 1 | 36 ± 26 | 10 ± 2 | 15 ± 2 | 27 ± 26 |
| | | Red | CA (%) | 94 ± 1 | 82 ± 1 | - | 94 ± 1 | 95 ± 1 | - |
| | | | TPR (%) | 96 ± 1 | 82 ± 1 | - | 95 ± 1 | 95 ± 2 | - |
| | | | FPR (%) | 7 ± 1 | 18 ± 2 | - | 8 ± 1 | 6 ± 1 | - |
| Application per Plant | GLRaV-1 | White | CA (%) | 76 | 80 | 93 | 89 | 82 | 88 |
| | | | TPR (%) | 90 | 54 | 93 | 90 | 84 | 100 |
| | | | FPR (%) | 25 | 16 | 7 | 11 | 18 | 13 |
| | | Red | CA (%) | 83 | 96 | 98 | 86 | 98 | 96 |
| | | | TPR (%) | 100 | 83 | 100 | 92 | 100 | 100 |
| | | | FPR (%) | 18 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 3 | 4 |
| | GLRaV-3 | White | CA (%) | 88 | 84 | 83 | 97 | 95 | 86 |
| | | | TPR (%) | 100 | 83 | 88 | 100 | 100 | 82 |
| | | | FPR (%) | 13 | 16 | 18 | 3 | 6 | 13 |
| | | Red | CA (%) | 84 | 94 | - | 90 | 96 | - |
| | | | TPR (%) | 80 | 100 | - | 75 | 100 | - |
| | | | FPR (%) | 16 | 6 | - | 10 | 4 | - |

CA: classification accuracy; TPR: true-positive rate; FPR = false-positive rate.

In general, no differences could be seen on symptomatic plants between the VNIR and SWIR range, neither for symptoms in white and red cultivars nor for virus infection, so both wavelength ranges seem to be suitable for disease detection.

3.2.2. Asymptomatic Disease Detection

Identification of asymptomatic grapevines (white and red cultivars were pooled) seemed to be more challenging for field-grown than for greenhouse plants, which is expressed by smaller TPRs and CAs (Table 10). Furthermore, model performance was significantly lower in comparison to symptomatic disease detection. Regarding GLRaV-1, the highest amounts of classification could be reached in 2018 for model application per plant. For GLRaV-3, the best results during model development were obtained in 2016, but when applied on plant scale no obvious differences could be

seen between the three years. Both viruses seem to be equally detectable in symptomless grapevines with TPRs of 62–95% and corresponding FPRs in the range of 18–41%.

Table 10. Results for the in-field detection of GLRaV-infected but symptomless grapevines. For modeling, all pixels were evaluated not considering spatial scales. Developed models were then applied per plant using all leaves for majority voting.

| | | | VNIR | | | SWIR | | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| | | | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Modeling | GLRaV-1 | CA (%) | 63 ± 1 | 62 ± 1 | 65 ± 9 | 67 ± 6 | 74 ± 1 | 72 ± 8 |
| | | TPR (%) | 64 ± 2 | 66 ± 1 | 73 ± 27 | 72 ± 11 | 80 ± 3 | 84 ± 7 |
| | | FPR (%) | 37 ± 2 | 41 ± 2 | 43 ± 24 | 38 ± 22 | 31 ± 4 | 39 ± 22 |
| | GLRaV-3 | CA (%) | 81 ± 1 | 65 ± 1 | 65 ± 1 | 80 ± 1 | 76 ± 4 | 52 ± 6 |
| | | TPR (%) | 84 ± 1 | 65 ± 2 | 62 ± 2 | 83 ± 3 | 79 ± 5 | 60 ± 46 |
| | | FPR (%) | 23 ± 1 | 36 ± 1 | 32 ± 2 | 24 ± 3 | 26 ± 4 | 55 ± 48 |
| Application per Plant | GLRaV-1 | CA (%) | 64 | 64 | 79 | 77 | 65 | 80 |
| | | TPR (%) | 82 | 85 | 95 | 75 | 78 | 95 |
| | | FPR (%) | 41 | 10 | 25 | 22 | 37 | 23 |
| | GLRaV-3 | CA (%) | 75 | 69 | 68 | 72 | 82 | 68 |
| | | TPR (%) | 94 | 79 | 77 | 63 | 91 | 62 |
| | | FPR (%) | 27 | 32 | 37 | 27 | 18 | 29 |

CA: classification accuracy; TPR: true-positive rate; FPR: false-positive rate.

3.2.3. Comparison of Symptomatic White and Red Cultivars

So far, models have been developed independently for red and white cultivars. By comparison of white and red discolorations caused by GLRaV-1 and -3, respectively, the need for separate detection models for white and red cultivars should be investigated. Good symptom differentiation could be obtained for both viruses during model development reaching TPRs of 80–100% with FPRs of 1–21% for VNIR and SWIR, respectively (Table 11). When applied on plants infected with GLRaV-1, models also allowed high accuracy of discrimination.

Table 11. Results for virus-wise (GLRaV-1, -3) differentiation of white and red symptoms of field-grown grapevines. For modeling, all pixels were evaluated not considering spatial scales. Developed models were then applied per plant using all leaves for majority voting.

| | | | VNIR | | | SWIR | | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | | | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Modeling | GLRaV-1 | CA (%) | 91 ± 0 | 89 ± 1 | 95 ± 1 | 82 ± 1 | 88 ± 1 | 86 ± 13 |
| | | TPR (%) | 92 ± 1 | 87 ± 1 | 95 ± 2 | 80 ± 3 | 91 ± 3 | 94 ± 3 |
| | | FPR (%) | 10 ± 1 | 9 ± 1 | 5 ± 2 | 17 ± 2 | 14 ± 2 | 21 ± 28 |
| | GLRaV-3 | CA (%) | 99 ± 0 | 81 ± 1 | - | 99 ± 0 | 99 ± 0 | - |
| | | TPR (%) | 99 ± 0 | 81 ± 2 | - | 100 ± 0 | 99 ± 1 | - |
| | | FPR (%) | 4 ± 1 | 5 ± 1 | - | 2 ± 0 | 1 ± 0 | - |
| Application per Plant | GLRaV-1 | CA (%) | 97 | 100 | 94 | 81 | 89 | 100 |
| | | TPR (%) | 92 | 100 | 100 | 92 | 100 | 100 |
| | | FPR (%) | 0 | 0 | 7 | 26 | 12 | 0 |
| | GLRaV-3 | CA (%) | 91 | 100 | - | 80 | 100 | - |
| | | TPR (%) | 80 | 100 | - | 50 | 100 | - |
| | | FPR (%) | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | - |

CA = classification accuracy, TPR = true-positive rate, FPR = false-positive rate.

As previously described, red cultivars did not show GLRaV-3 leaf symptoms in 2018, so differentiation of red and white discolorations was impossible in this vegetation period. The GLRaV-3

model applied per plant led to divergent results in 2016 and 2017. In 2017, all vines could be correctly identified resulting in CAs of 100%, but in 2016 classification was not entirely satisfactory for SWIR.

Symptom differentiation was successful in both wavelength ranges, although VNIR performed slightly better. Therefore, this study clearly reveals the necessity for separate disease detection models for red and white cultivars.

3.2.4. Comparison of GLRaV-1 and GLRaV-3 Infected Symptomatic Grapevines

Symptom intensity may be highly variable depending on GLRaV infection. GLRaV-1 and -3 are both known to induce strong GLD symptoms which cannot be distinguished visually, therefore, hyperspectral data were analyzed. Due to reasons described earlier, no model could be developed for red cultivars in 2018. In Table 12 results are provided for the symptom-based differentiation of GLRaV-1 and -3. During model development as well as per plant application, the two viruses could be clearly discriminated. For white varieties, this resulted in 77–100% correctly classified plants with FPRs of 9–29%, leading to CAs between 76% and 92%. Similar outcomes were achieved for red cultivars with TPRs of 75–100%, FPRs of 0–15%, and CAs of 83–100%, depending on year and camera.

Table 12. Results for symptom-based (white and red) differentiation of GLRaV-1 and GLRaV-3 infected field-grown grapevines. For modeling, all pixels were evaluated not considering spatial scales. Developed models were then applied per plant using all leaves for majority voting.

| | | | VNIR | | | SWIR | | |
|-----------------------|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| | | | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Modeling | White | CA (%) | 92 ± 0 | 71 ± 1 | 82 ± 1 | 90 ± 1 | 85 ± 1 | 78 ± 10 |
| | | TPR (%) | 93 ± 1 | 70 ± 2 | 82 ± 2 | 92 ± 2 | 87 ± 3 | 84 ± 9 |
| | | FPR (%) | 9 ± 1 | 29 ± 2 | 18 ± 2 | 13 ± 3 | 18 ± 3 | 29 ± 26 |
| | Red | CA (%) | 96 ± 1 | 95 ± 1 | - | 98 ± 0 | 99 ± 0 | - |
| | | TPR (%) | 96 ± 1 | 96 ± 0 | - | 98 ± 1 | 100 ± 0 | - |
| | | FPR (%) | 2 ± 1 | 18 ± 1 | - | 1 ± 0 | 1 ± 0 | - |
| Application per Plant | White | CA (%) | 88 | 76 | 84 | 88 | 92 | 84 |
| | | TPR (%) | 100 | 77 | 82 | 100 | 100 | 94 |
| | | FPR (%) | 15 | 24 | 13 | 16 | 9 | 29 |
| | Red | CA (%) | 83 | 100 | - | 88 | 100 | - |
| | | TPR (%) | 80 | 100 | - | 75 | 100 | - |
| | | FPR (%) | 15 | 0 | - | 8 | 0 | - |

CA: classification accuracy; TPR: true-positive rate; FPR: false-positive rate.

3.3. Spectral Relevance and Multispectral Simulation

The machine learning approach provides information about the most significant wavelengths for the detection tasks by calculating relevance profiles. For example, relevance profiles for the identification of GLRaV-1 symptoms are depicted in Figure 4 (for GLRaV-3 see Figure A1). Regarding red cultivars in the VNIR range (Figure 4b), similar patterns can be observed over the years with wavelengths around 550 and 710 nm being the most important. In contrast, relevance profiles are not concordant for red cultivars in SWIR (Figure 4d) and white cultivars in VNIR (Figure 4a), respectively. Several wavelengths seem to be of high significance in one of the three years but only a few overlap, thus impeding the development of one uniform disease detection model. For white cultivars in SWIR (Figure 4c), spectral relevance is neither unspecific nor completely defined as can be seen by many overlaps in the range of 1100 to 1650 nm over the three years. These spectral regions seem to be highly relevant for disease detection but so far could not be narrowed down to single wavelengths.

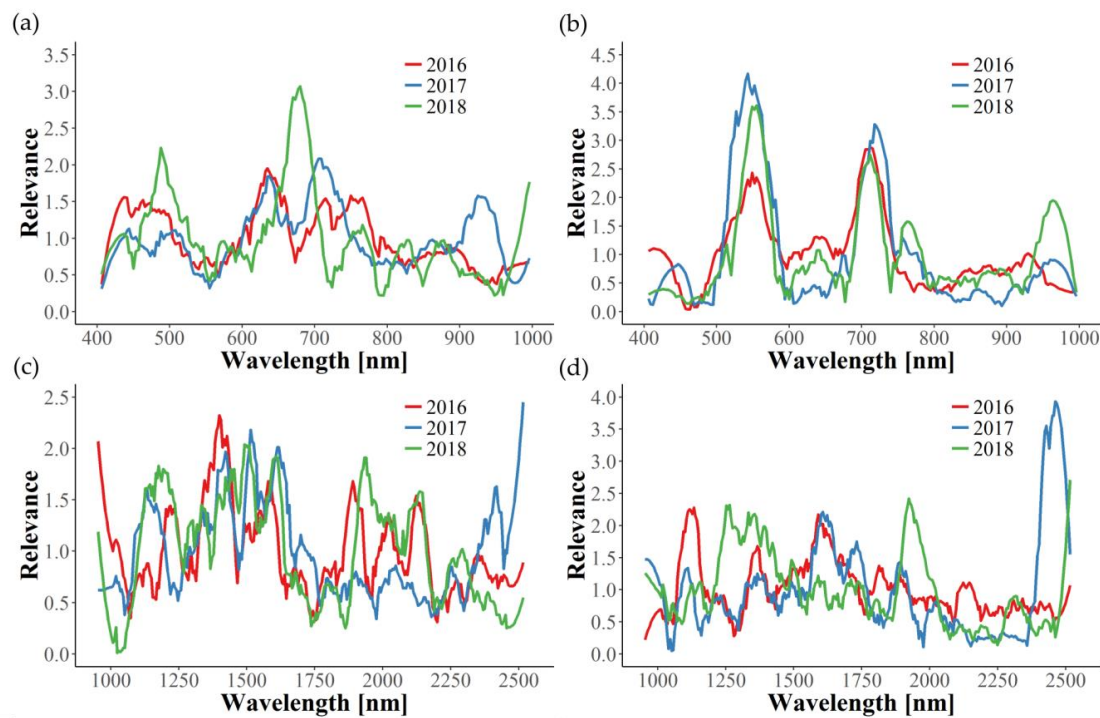


Figure 4. Spectral relevance profiles for VNIR (a,b) and SWIR (c,d) in three consecutive years regarding white (a,c) and red (b,d) cultivars infected with GLRaV-1.

Based on the relevance profiles local maxima can be selected in order to simulate a multispectral system. Thereby, data dimensionality will be reduced, which subsequently shortens computation time and enables the transfer of disease detection approaches to a more practical application. Table 13 shows the CAs, TPRs, and FPRs of the multispectral simulation and the entire spectrum, respectively, for GLRaV-1 symptom detection. In general, the CAs and TPRs increased as more wavelengths were considered, while the FPRs decreased. Compared to the entire spectrum, similar results could be obtained using approximately 8–10 wavelength bands. Analogous outcomes could be achieved for GLRaV-3 symptom detection (Table A3).

Table 13. Results of the multispectral simulation for GLRaV-1 symptom detection.

| | | | VNIR | | | | | | | | | | SWIR | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------|---------|------|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | | | HSI | Multispectral Simulation | | | | | | | | | HSI | Multispectral Simulation | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 186 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 288 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 2016 | White | CA (%) | 77 | 59 | 63 | 71 | 72 | 72 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 76 | 56 | 60 | 68 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 76 |
| | | TPR (%) | 78 | 52 | 60 | 69 | 71 | 72 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 79 | 86 | 48 | 45 | 67 | 72 | 75 | 77 | 76 | 77 | 77 |
| | | FPR (%) | 24 | 33 | 34 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 27 | 27 | 26 | 25 | 35 | 37 | 25 | 31 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 26 | 25 | 25 |
| | Red | CA (%) | 90 | 64 | 66 | 70 | 75 | 81 | 87 | 90 | 91 | 91 | 81 | 69 | 71 | 72 | 75 | 74 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 79 |
| | | TPR (%) | 92 | 70 | 72 | 72 | 77 | 84 | 89 | 92 | 93 | 92 | 85 | 69 | 71 | 72 | 78 | 76 | 79 | 79 | 81 | 81 |
| | | FPR (%) | 11 | 43 | 39 | 32 | 27 | 21 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 23 | 30 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 22 | 22 |
| 2017 | White | CA (%) | 65 | 55 | 60 | 61 | 61 | 63 | 63 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 72 | 58 | 63 | 64 | 68 | 69 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 |
| | | TPR (%) | 60 | 49 | 54 | 55 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 58 | 59 | 72 | 72 | 64 | 71 | 78 | 75 | 74 | 76 | 77 | 77 |
| | | FPR (%) | 31 | 40 | 33 | 32 | 32 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 28 | 56 | 37 | 43 | 42 | 37 | 39 | 37 | 37 | 36 |
| | Red | CA (%) | 87 | 69 | 76 | 79 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 88 | 89 | 89 | 94 | 50 | 79 | 82 | 86 | 87 | 89 | 91 | 91 | 91 |
| | | TPR (%) | 89 | 53 | 69 | 74 | 84 | 86 | 81 | 88 | 89 | 83 | 95 | 0 | 90 | 90 | 93 | 92 | 92 | 94 | 94 | 95 |
| | | FPR (%) | 15 | 15 | 17 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 8 | 0 | 32 | 27 | 21 | 18 | 15 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| 2018 | White | CA (%) | 80 | 62 | 64 | 68 | 72 | 74 | 79 | 80 | 80 | 80 | 78 | 59 | 62 | 67 | 70 | 72 | 73 | 75 | 75 | 76 |
| | | TPR (%) | 80 | 56 | 65 | 70 | 72 | 74 | 80 | 80 | 81 | 81 | 73 | 52 | 58 | 63 | 67 | 70 | 72 | 74 | 75 | 75 |
| | | FPR (%) | 20 | 32 | 37 | 35 | 29 | 26 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 21 | 18 | 33 | 35 | 29 | 28 | 25 | 25 | 24 | 25 | 24 |
| | Red | CA (%) | 96 | 70 | 91 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 96 | 87 | 65 | 69 | 73 | 78 | 81 | 82 | 86 | 86 | 86 |
| | | TPR (%) | 97 | 66 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 97 | 97 | 90 | 69 | 71 | 75 | 79 | 81 | 83 | 87 | 87 | 87 |
| | | FPR (%) | 6 | 26 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 40 | 33 | 29 | 22 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 16 | 15 |

CA: classification accuracy; TPR: true-positive rate; FPR: false-positive rate; HIS: hyperspectral imaging; 186/288: wavelength bands of the hyperspectral sensors; 2–10: number of selected spectral bands.

4. Discussion

In the present study, hyperspectral imaging is used for the detection of GLRaV-1 and -3 in different white and red grapevine cultivars. Since symptom development is highly dependent on environmental factors, scion-rootstock combination, and the cultivar itself [4], as a first step, ungrafted greenhouse plants were used to evaluate the potential of hyperspectral imaging for GLD detection. Thereby, symptomatic vines could be successfully distinguished from healthy vines with TPRs of 82–100% and corresponding low FPRs of 0–14%. Although growing vines under greenhouse conditions allows environmental factors to be closely controlled, phenotypes rarely agree with those in the field as grapevines are typically large perennial plants. Therefore, hyperspectral sensors were also applied in the field over three consecutive years. In order to reduce disruptive factors the Phenoliner phenotyping platform was used for standardized data acquisition [35] and vineyards in close proximity to each other were selected to minimize environmental effects. While disease detection models for greenhouse plants were developed separately per cultivar due to the small set of plant-virus combinations, in models for field-grown grapevines more than 150 *Vitis vinifera* cultivars and interspecific crossings were combined. Since spectral reflectance is known to differ by cultivar as recently demonstrated by Gutiérrez et al. [45], we wanted to develop robust detection models that should not be influenced by varietal effects. In red cultivars, GLRaV-3 symptomatic vines can be differentiated from healthy vines, reaching CAs of 84–96%; similar results were obtained for GLRaV-1. Symptom detection is also successful for white cultivars, which had not been investigated in previous studies, with CAs between 83% and 98% for GLRaV-3 and 76–93% for GLRaV-1. Hence, in-field disease detection is possible, although in most cases slightly better for red than white cultivars. This is not surprising as the contrast between reddish discoloration of symptomatic leaves and green healthy leaves in red-berried cultivars is more pronounced than that of yellowish discolorations in white cultivars. These effects were also observed by Albetis et al. [46] using airborne multispectral imaging for the detection of *Flavescence dorée*—a grapevine disease exhibiting similar symptoms as GLD. They obtained better results for red than white cultivars which was due to higher confusion between symptomatic and healthy pixels in white cultivars.

The different symptom expression of GLD can be explained by an increase of anthocyanin concentration in infected red cultivars [47], which does not occur in white-berried grapevines due to several mutations in the flavonoid biosynthetic pathway genes [48]. Therefore, detection models were developed separately for red and white cultivars. As expected, symptoms induced by GLRaV-1 and -3 in red and white cultivars, respectively, can be clearly distinguished in VNIR but also in SWIR. Interestingly, Al-Saddik et al. [49] combined leaves of different white and red cultivars that showed typical *Flavescence dorée* symptoms in a binary classification approach (healthy vs. symptomatic). Thereby, joined symptomatic leaves reached only slightly lower classification accuracies than single cultivars. Additional studies are required to determine whether this concept could also be successful for GLD detection.

In this context, model robustness should also be evaluated in further studies by applying them to unknown plant material that was not considered in model development. Thereby, effects of different locations (e.g., environment, soil) can be analyzed and disease detection could be tested under commercial conditions with only one cultivar per vineyard. Furthermore, it would be interesting to compare the models developed in this study with more than 150 cultivars with models developed specifically for one vineyard or one cultivar in order to further evaluate the potential of one universal GLD detection model.

Although GLD symptoms can be clearly distinguished between white and red cultivars, visual differentiation between the divergent GLRaVs is impossible [2]. However, Berdugo et al. [50] showed the potential of spectral imaging for the discrimination of viral diseases in cucumber plants. They were able to differentiate cucumber mosaic virus (CMV) and cucumber green mottle mosaic virus (CGMMV) up to accuracies of 100% using VNIR. Therefore, we first developed detection models separately for GLRaV-1 and -3 symptoms and, in a next step, developed models to discriminate plants infected with

the two viruses. In both white and red cultivars, differentiation is possible with CAs of 76–100%. Since GLRaV-1 and -3 are closely related and can be distinguished using hyperspectral imaging, spectral data of infections caused by their different genetic variant groups [51,52] should also be evaluated in order to analyze the disease in more detail. Furthermore, spectral data of additional GLRaVs, e.g., GLRaV-2 with most of its strains producing strong GLD symptoms [53], or mixed infections, which are common for GLRaVs [7], could be included in future work in order to follow a broader approach.

In this study, relevance profiles were calculated for the in-field disease detection, providing information about the importance of wavelengths for the differentiation tasks. In most cases, relevance profiles of the three years examined are not consistent, since many wavelengths seem to be of significance in only one or two years. Apparently, year-dependent environmental conditions interfere with the effects caused by GLD infection, thus hindering the development of one uniform disease detection model. The only exception in this work is the identification of GLRaV-1 in red cultivars using the VNIR wavelength range. Here, similar graphs can be observed for the three years, with wavelengths around 550 and 710 nm being the most important. Naidu et al. [25] also observed changes in these spectral regions for GLRaV-3 symptomatic Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot plants. In our work, the relevance of 550 and 710 nm could also be seen for GLRaV-3 infected red cultivars in 2016, but not in 2017. Therefore, further experimental years would be helpful in determining important spectral regions of GLRaV-3 infection. Gitelson et al. [54] found that reflectance in these two spectral bands (550 ± 15 and 700 ± 7.5 nm) is well suited to estimate leaves' anthocyanin content non-destructively and, subsequently, introduced the anthocyanin reflectance index (ARI). Thus, our findings can be clearly correlated to the increase of anthocyanin concentration in red cultivars upon GLD symptom development [47].

Through the identification of application specific wavelengths data dimensionality can be reduced and, as a consequence thereof, computational analysis and processing becomes more efficient. Using optimal spectral bands is a common approach that has successfully been implemented for the detection of three sugar beet diseases [55], anthracnose on strawberries [56], yellow rust on winter wheat [57], and powdery mildew as well as *Flavescence dorée* on grapevines [58,59]. Moshou et al. [57] and Yeh et al. [56] demonstrated that the number of selected spectral bands significantly influences classification, which is in accordance with our results—classification improves as more wavelengths are considered and is comparable to using the whole spectral range. This was also reported by Wang et al. [20] who identified eight wavelengths that achieved the same plant-level accuracies as the entire spectrum for the detection of tomato spotted wilt virus. Although most relevance profiles in our study vary between the three years, classification within one year is always successful when using the identified spectral bands. Al-Saddik et al. [60] developed spectral disease indices (SDIs) for the detection of *Flavescence dorée*, but their best wavelengths selected were different from one case to another and, therefore, no universal SDI was found to be applicable. Moreover, Sinha et al. [26] tried to transfer relevant wavelengths from one year to another for identification of GLRaV-3 in Cabernet Sauvignon vines, but results were very divergent and transfer was only partially satisfying.

However, symptom detection is only the first step in disease management. There appears to be a delay of at least one growing season between virus inoculation and symptom manifestation [61], and given the fact that some cultivars, rootstocks and most wild *Vitis* species do not exhibit symptoms at all [4], identification of symptomless carriers is crucial to reduce pathogen reservoirs in vineyards. GLRaVs are known to affect primary and secondary metabolism in asymptomatic plants leading to alterations in the composition of leaf biochemicals and subsequently causing changes in reflectance spectra [62,63]. The detection of asymptomatic plants was successful under greenhouse conditions even though only few plants could be used for modeling. However, in-field identification was challenging in both VNIR and SWIR for GLRaV-1 and -3, respectively. Naidu et al. [25] also used leaves from field-grown vines to detect GLRaV-3 before developing symptoms and gained significantly lower classification results (max. 75%) in comparison to symptomatic leaves. A possible explanation is that GLRaVs are unevenly distributed within grapevines and virus titer differs in the course of a

growing season [64–66]. In contrast to field-grown grapevines, greenhouse plants consisted of only one shoot, which could lead to higher virus concentrations and better distribution, resulting in satisfying CAs. In general, detection of asymptomatic vines would not only be helpful for winegrowers in commercial vineyards but could also be a useful tool for nurseries as it might improve their ability to provide virus-free plant material to growers. Although the presented system is applicable to mother vineyards, further efforts are required to optimize classification accuracies for better in-field detection of infected, but symptomless, mother plants. Moreover, field nurseries could be screened, but here too, further improvements and a different experimental setup would be necessary as the plants are rather small and densely planted. However, young grafted plants could be analyzed after removing them from callusing boxes since most of them developed several leaves or even shoots by then [67]. Spectra of these plants could be assessed in a similar approach as was presented in this study for greenhouse plants that showed promising results with regard to asymptomatic disease detection.

5. Conclusions

Grapevine leafroll disease is considered to be the most important grapevine virus disease as it is of great economic importance for winegrowers worldwide. Currently, identification and removal of infected vines are the only in-field treatments to reduce the spread of this disease. In this context, we evaluated ground-based hyperspectral imaging (400–2500 nm) in both greenhouse and field applications for automatic disease detection. In addition to the identification of GLRaV-3, which has already been investigated in other works, this is the first study focusing also on GLRaV-1 detection. Another novelty of our study is the consideration of not only red but also white grapevine cultivars. Symptom detection was successful in the greenhouse as well as directly in the field, reaching classification accuracies of up to 100%. However, models should also be transferred to unknown plant material at different locations in order to evaluate their robustness. Although relevant wavelengths for symptom detection were not consistent over the three-year field trial, the potential of a multispectral approach is clearly shown. Further studies could use the identified bands for development of GLD specific SDIs and compare them to common reflectance indices (e.g., normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI), normalized difference red edge index (NDRE), ARI) and the whole spectral region. In general, disease detection models were developed separately for white and red cultivars as well as separately for GLRaV-1 and -3. In a comparative approach it could be shown that symptoms in white and red cultivars can be clearly distinguished. Here, further investigations are needed to evaluate if one joint detection model would be possible. Moreover, differentiation of the two viruses was successful for both white and red cultivars. Additional GLRaVs could be included in future studies to extend the detection models. Furthermore, GLD should be discriminated from other diseases or deficiencies causing similar symptoms. Besides symptom detection, identification of asymptomatic grapevines would help to reduce pathogen reservoirs in vineyards and could be a useful tool for nurseries to provide virus-free planting material. While high classification accuracies could be reached for greenhouse plants, reliable in-field detection requires further investigations. In summary, our results show the potential of hyperspectral imaging for the detection of symptomatic and asymptomatic grapevines infected with different GLRaVs and, therefore, can serve as a good basis for future studies.

Supplementary Materials: The following are available online at <http://www.mdpi.com/2072-4292/12/10/1693/s1>, Table S1: Results of the different machine learning approaches for disease detection of symptomatic and asymptomatic greenhouse plants, Table S2: Results of the different machine learning approaches for in-field disease detection of symptomatic white/red and asymptomatic plants, Table S3: Results of the different machine learning approaches for in-field symptom and disease differentiation.

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Appendix A

Since the virus status of mother plants was known, greenhouse cuttings were tested by RT-PCR only. There is an almost even distribution of virus-infected and non-infected plants except for Pinot noir showing a class unbalance. In Table A1, results of the molecular analysis as well as visual assessment are given.

Table A1. Number of greenhouse plants tested either positive or negative by RT-PCR. Positive plants were visually assessed as symptomatic (S) or, asymptomatic (AS).

| Cultivar | Virus RT-PCR | Number of Plants | | |
|----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | PCR Positive S | PCR Positive AS | PCR Negative |
| Aligote | GLRaV-3 | 11 | 4 | 17 |
| Gewürztraminer | GLRaV-1 | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| Silvaner | GLRaV-1 | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| Pinot noir | GLRaV-1 | 17 | 6 | 7 |

For hyperspectral analysis of field data, only plants were considered that (i) were tested positive or negative by both ELISA and RT-PCR; (ii) were not infected by multiple viruses; and (iii) showed no other signs of discoloration caused by nutritional disorders, mechanical damage, insects, or other diseases. In Table A2, the number of plants is given that could potentially be considered for spectral evaluation according to their ELISA and RT-PCR results as well as the number of plants that were actually considered after visual inspection. Due to the limited amount of ArMV-, GFLV-, and RpRSV-infected grapevines, this study focused on the detection of GLRaV-1 and -3 only.

Table A2. Number of field plants tested positive or negative by RT-PCR as well as double antibody sandwich (DAS)-ELISA and visually assessed as symptomatic (S) or asymptomatic (AS).

| Virus | RT-PCR + DAS-ELISA | Visual Disease Assessment | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| | | 2016 | | 2017 | | 2018 | |
| | | S | AS | S | AS | S | AS |
| GLRaV-1 | 95 | 27 | 61 | 49 | 37 | 21 | 2 |
| GLRaV-3 | 78 | 15 | 54 | 34 | 44 | 17 | 56 |
| ArMV | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| GFLV | 9 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| RpRSV | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| negative | 243 | | 188 | | 242 | | 124 |

Appendix B

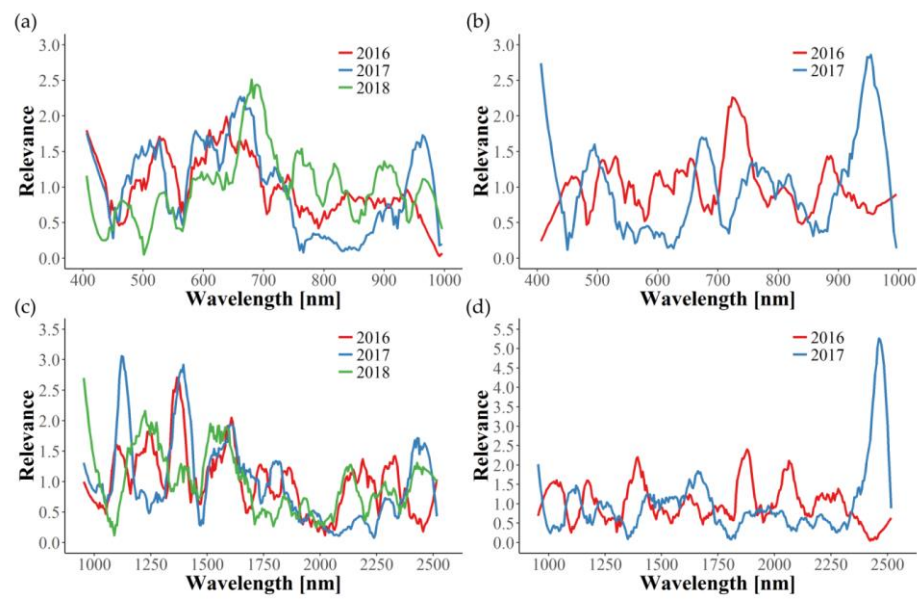


Figure A1. Spectral relevance profiles for VNIR (a,b) and SWIR (c,d) in three consecutive years regarding white (a,c) and red (b,d) cultivars infected with GLRaV-3.

Table A3. Results of the multispectral simulation for GLRaV-3 symptom detection.

| | | | VNIR | | | | | | | | | | SWIR | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------|---------|------|----|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|----|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | | | HSI | | Multispectral Simulation | | | | | | | | HSI | | Multispectral Simulation | | | | | | | |
| | | | 186 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 288 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 2016 | White | CA (%) | 92 | 61 | 68 | 82 | 84 | 85 | 88 | 90 | 91 | 91 | 92 | 63 | 80 | 82 | 84 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 91 |
| | | TPR (%) | 94 | 61 | 74 | 84 | 87 | 87 | 90 | 92 | 93 | 93 | 94 | 69 | 78 | 82 | 85 | 90 | 91 | 91 | 93 | 92 |
| | | FPR (%) | 10 | 39 | 37 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 43 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 13 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 10 |
| | Red | CA (%) | 94 | 69 | 72 | 82 | 89 | 91 | 93 | 93 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 70 | 73 | 76 | 81 | 86 | 89 | 90 | 90 | 91 |
| | | TPR (%) | 96 | 77 | 80 | 87 | 92 | 94 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 96 | 95 | 74 | 78 | 78 | 85 | 89 | 92 | 92 | 92 | 93 |
| | | FPR (%) | 7 | 39 | 36 | 23 | 13 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 34 | 31 | 26 | 23 | 18 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 11 |
| 2017 | White | CA (%) | 69 | 58 | 58 | 64 | 64 | 67 | 67 | 67 | 68 | 70 | 88 | 57 | 69 | 77 | 83 | 84 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 89 |
| | | TPR (%) | 68 | 52 | 55 | 63 | 63 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 68 | 71 | 90 | 64 | 78 | 82 | 86 | 87 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 91 |
| | | FPR (%) | 31 | 37 | 39 | 36 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 32 | 31 | 15 | 49 | 40 | 29 | 20 | 19 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 13 |
| | Red | CA (%) | 82 | 60 | 67 | 68 | 73 | 78 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 95 | 78 | 80 | 85 | 88 | 89 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 |
| | | TPR (%) | 82 | 64 | 68 | 68 | 74 | 81 | 81 | 82 | 84 | 84 | 95 | 90 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 96 |
| | | FPR (%) | 18 | 44 | 33 | 31 | 29 | 25 | 21 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 6 | 33 | 32 | 23 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 11 |
| 2018 | White | CA (%) | 67 | 61 | 67 | 67 | 69 | 71 | 76 | 74 | 74 | 76 | 74 | 56 | 61 | 62 | 64 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 73 | 75 |
| | | TPR (%) | 71 | 49 | 64 | 66 | 70 | 74 | 76 | 76 | 76 | 77 | 75 | 43 | 56 | 59 | 60 | 67 | 70 | 72 | 73 | 74 |
| | | FPR (%) | 36 | 28 | 31 | 32 | 31 | 31 | 29 | 27 | 27 | 26 | 27 | 31 | 35 | 36 | 32 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 25 |
| | Red | CA (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | TPR (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | FPR (%) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

CA: classification accuracy; TPR: true-positive rate; FPR: false-positive rate; HIS: hyperspectral imaging; 186/288: wavelength bands of the hyperspectral sensors; 2–10: number of selected spectral bands.

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