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“Sweet Spots” Viticulture

• Every change in aspect, elevation, clone, rootstock, trellising, and soil makes a difference
• The Sweet Spots are those areas, some quite small, where the vines are in balance, the fruit ripens consistently, and regularly produce superior wines
• Sweet Spots get special attention throughout the growing season
Truly ripe clusters typically display mahogany rachis coloration.
Dealing With Defects