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Grape erineum mite

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This very small mite cannot be seen without magnification. It overwinters under the bark of 1-year-old canes. In spring, the mites move to leaves, causing raised bumps, called an "erineum," on the upper surface. This has densely curled leaf hairs on the lower surface, in which the mites feed and reproduce.

Additional information

Recommendations from the Michigan Fruit Management Guide

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White patches on the undersurface of the leaf house the erineum mite.