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Bird damage

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Birds damage grapes either by totally removing berries or by pecking the berry surface. The resulting angular punctures often develop into depressions in the berry surface. Look for a pattern of injury on visible clusters, especially next to structures where birds may perch.

At left, bird damage at harvest on the Leon Millot variety with berries completely missing from some pedicels. At right, the variety Aurore shows bird-pecked areas deteriorating with fruit rot.



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