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GRAPEVINE NAMED 'SORÉLI'

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(57)ABSTRACT

A new and distinct variety of grapevine, primarily suited to the growing conditions of the temperate regions, and characterized by its medium-strong vigor; horizontal growth habit; medium-sized, wedge-shaped to circular-shaped leaves; very low to low weight berry clusters; berries with slightly firm flesh, neutral taste, and no flesh coloration; primarily used for wine; and resistance to winter temperatures (to -24° C.), resistance to downy mildew, and tolerance to powdery mildew.

4 Drawing Sheets

Latin name of the genus and species of the plant claimed: Vitis×vinifera (hybrid).

Variety name: 'SORÉLI'.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct summer/fall bearing grapevine variety, botanically known as Vitis×vinifera (hybrid), and hereinafter referred to by the name 'SORELI'.

The new grapevine 'SORÉLI' is a product of a controlled breeding program conducted by the inventors in Udine, Italy. The objective of the breeding program was to develop a new grapevine variety particularly characterized by resistance to cold (<-20° C.), resistance to downy mildew ¹⁵ (*Plasmopara viticola*), and tolerance to powdery mildew (Uncinula necator).

The new grapevine 'SORELI' originated from a cross made by the inventors in 2002 in Udine, Italy. The female or seed parent is the grapevine variety, Vitis vinifera cv. 'Tocai 20 Friulano' (unpatented), and the male or pollen parent is the grapevine variety, Vitis cv. '20/3' (Bianca×SK77-4/5) (unpatented).

The new grapevine 'SORÉLI' was discovered and selected by the inventor as a single flowering plant within ²⁵ the progeny of the stated cross in a controlled environment in 2002 in Udine, Italy. Asexual reproduction of the new grapevine variety by grafting was first performed in February 2004 in Rauscedo, Friuli Venezia Giulia region, Italy, and has demonstrated that the combination of characteristics ³⁰ as herein disclosed for the new cultivar are firmly fixed and

retained through successive generations of asexual reproduction. The new cultivar reproduces true to type.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

'SORELI' is primarily adapted to the climate and growing conditions of the temperate regions with average yearly temperature about 13° C., minimum winter temperature about -21° C., annual rainfall around 700-1500 mm of rain (e.g. North-Eastern Italy, Friuli). This region provides the necessary year-round temperatures required for it to produce and maintain a strong vigorous plant with consistent fruit production from April through November on primocanes and in the ensuing year from April through November on the floricanes.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be unique characteristics of 'SORÉLI', which in combination distinguish this grapevine plant as a new and distinct variety.

- 1. Medium-strong vigor;
- 2. Horizontal growth habit;
- 3. Medium wedge-shaped to circular shaped leaves with dark green upper surfaces and, green lower surfaces and medium texture;
- 4. Very low to low weight, medium-dense, conical-shaped berry clusters with two middle size wings; greenyellow berries with slightly firm flesh, neutral taste, and no flesh coloration; primarily used for wine; and early maturity (late August in Middle Friuli, North-Eastern Italy);

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- 5. Primocanes and floricanes with elliptic cross section, brownish color, no lenticels, and medium-sized internodes (diameter: 8 mm);
- 6. Early harvesting time (late August in Middle Friuli, North-Eastern Italy); and
- 7. Resistance to winter temperature (-24° C.), resistance to downy mildew, and tolerance to powdery mildew.

Plants of the new grapevine 'SORELI' differ from plants of the parents, *Vitis vinifera* 'Tocai Friulano' (unpatented) and *Vitis* cross '20/3' (unpatented), in the following characteristics described in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Comparison with parent varieties				
Charac- teristic	New Çultivar 'SORÉLI'	Female Parent 'Tocai Friulano' (unpatented)	Male Parent '20/3' (unpatented)	
vigor: growth habit	medium-strong horizontal	strong semi-erect	medium semi-erect	
leaf	medium, dark green color (upper surface), green color (lower surface), no hairs in both surfaces, wedge-shaped to circular shape, medium texture	medium size, light green color (upper surface), green color (lower surface), very few hairs in both surfaces, circular shape, medium texture	Medium size, light green color (upper surface), green color (lower surface), no hairs in both surfaces, wedge-shaped—kidney-shaped, medium texture	
cluster	Very low-low weight, conical shape with 1-2 middle size wings, medium dense, berry skin with green-yellow color, slightly firm flesh, neutral taste, no flesh coloration	low weight, conical, with 1-2 wings, dense, berry skin with green-yellow color, soft flesh, neutral taste, no flesh coloration	low weight, conical, with 1-2 wings, medium dense, berry skin with green-yellow color, slightly firm flesh, neutral taste, no flesh coloration	
primocane and floricane	elliptic cross section, brownish color, lenticels: absent, medium internodes, diameter: small (about 8 mm)	circular cross section, brownish color, lenticels: absent, short- medium inter- nodes, diameter small (about 8 mm)	oblate cross section, brownish color, lenticels: absent, medium internodes, di- ameter small (about 8 mm)	
harvesting time	early (last decade of August in Middle Friuli, North-Eastern Italy),	Early-medium (early September, Middle Friuli, North-Eastern Italy)	Early (last decade August, Middle Friuli, North- Eastern Italy)	
resistances	• / /	Average resistance to winter temperature (-15° C.), susceptible to downy mildew, susceptible to powdery mildew	resistant to winter temperature not checked, resistant to downy mildew, resistant to powdery mildew	

Of the many commercial cultivars known to the present inventor, the most similar to the new grapevine 'SORÉLI' is the female parent 'Tocai Friulano', to which a comparison has been provided above.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying photographs illustrate the overall appearance of the new grapevine 'SORÉLI' showing the colors as true as is reasonably possible with colored reproductions of this type. Colors in the photographs may differ

slightly from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description, which accurately describe the color of 'SORÉLI'.

FIG. 1A and FIG. 1B show a typical fruit cluster of 'SORÉLI' taken on Aug. 30, 2012, in Udine, Italy.

FIG. 2 shows a typical mature leaf (upper surface, left and lower surface, right) of 'SORÉLI' taken on May 31, 2012, in Udine, Italy.

FIG. 3 shows a typical mature vine of 'SORÉLI' taken on Aug. 6, 2012.

FIG. 4 shows a close-up view of typical mature fruit of 'SORÉLI taken on Aug. 30, 2012, in Udine, Italy

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The following description of 'SORÉLI' unless otherwise noted, is based on observations taken during the 2011, 2012, and 2013 growing seasons(s) in Udine, Italy and Fossalon di Grado (GO), Italy, from plants dug from a nursery located in, Rauscedo (PN), Italy during the beginning of December 2007 and planted approximately 16 to 20 weeks later in Udine, Italy and Fossalon di Grado (GO), Italy. The phenotypical descriptions and color designations stated for the new variety may vary, depending upon variations in environmental factors, including weather (temperature, humidity and light intensity), day length, soil type, location and cultural conditions. 'SORÉLI' has not been observed under all possible environmental conditions.

	Characteristic	'SORÉLI'	'TOCAI FRIULANO' (unpatented)
	GENERAL	_	
35	Resistance to pest/disease	Resistant to downy mildew, tolerant to powdery mildew	Susceptible to downy mildew and to powdery mildew
4.0	Resistance to natural elements VINE	Resistant to winter cold down to -24° C.	Resistant to winter cold down to -15° C.
40	Vigor Trunk diameter Bark	Medium-strong 6 cm (6 yrs-old plant)	strong 6.5
45	color underbark color texture Canes	RHS 177B RHS 179B n.a.	Dark brown Light brown n.a.
	length	Internode length cm 12	Internode length about cm 10
50	width Shoots	8 mm	8 mm
55	shape	Erected, cross section: elliptic, surface: with stripes, nodes and internodes without hairs	Semi-erected, cross section: circular, surface: smooth, nodes and internodes without hairs
	color	internodes with red (RHS 185B) and green (RHS 144B) pigmentation on both sides, nodes with red (RHS 185B) and green	color on ventral and dorsal side, nodes with green ventral and dorsal side
60	Tendrils	(RHS 144B) pigmentation on both sides	
65	form	bifid or trifid RHS 145C and RHS 184D	bifid Green

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Characteristic	'SORÉLI'	'TOCAI FRIULANO' (unpatented)		Characte
texture number Buds	Normal 2 or <2 consecutive	normal 2 or <2 consecutive	5	Overall Color (in Upper structure) Under structure
size shape color	average round RHS 139C and RHS 181A	average round Light brown	10	Color (n Upper st Under st Pedicel
number time of budbreak LEAVES	2/node early	2/node early-medium		Length (Color FRUIT
Size Number of leaflets Glossiness Cross section shape	medium 5 Medium revolute	medium 5 medium V-shaped	15	Primoca fruiting Clusters
Color (immature) Upper surface Under surface Color (mature)	RHS 140B and RHS 18 RHS 140B and RHS 18		20	cluster versions cluster sectors avg. ber
Upper surface Under surface Petiole	RHS 141B RHS 141C	Medium green Darker green	25	avg. clushoot Berries
Length (cm) Color (upper	5.5 RHS 145A and RHS 184D	6.0 green		Berry si Berry le Berry w Overall
surface) Color (under	RHS 145A and RHS 184D	green	30	berry Berry To Berry Sl
surface) Stipule orientation FLOWERS	n.a.	n.a.		(immatu Berry Sl (mature,
Flowering period (time of beginning of flowering)	End of May	End of May	35	Berry Fl Soluble Titratabl
Sex Size Diameter (cm) Stamen color	hermaphrodite Average 0.3 (stamens) RHS 4D	hermaphrodite average 0.3 (stamens)		(as g/L tacid) Sugar/ac Firmnes
Pistil color Fragrance Flower number (at 3 rd node from tip of lateral mean	RHS 149A average n.a.	average n.a.	40	Seeds Seed Co Skin cra Juice co Berry ta Eating of
and range) Petals			45	Berry us Shipping
Length (cm) Width (cm) Overall shape Calyptra Color Sepals	n.a. n.a. calyptra RHS 134A	n.a. n.a. calyptra green	50	Wha 1. A
Length (cm) Width (cm)	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.		as here forth a

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	Characteristic	'SORÉLI'	'TOCAI FRIULANO' (unpatented)
5	Overall shape Color (immature) Upper surface Under surface	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.
0	Color (mature) Upper surface Under surface Pedicel	n.a.	n.a.
	Length (mm)	7	7
	Color FRUIT	RHS 145C	green
5	Primocane time of fruiting (1 st pick) Clusters	August 30th	September 7th
	cluster weight	g 170	g 230
0	cluster shape	cylindrical	conical
•	cluster length	long (mm 190)	medium
	avg. berries per cluster	160	220
	avg. clusters per	2	2
	shoot		
5	Berries		
	Berry size	Very low to low (g 1.5)	Very low to low (g 1.8
	Berry length (cm)	1.3	1.50
	Berry width (cm)	1.3	1.50
	Overall shape of	globose	globose
	berry		
)	Berry Texture	slightly firm	soft
	Berry Skin Color (immature)	RHS 137C	green
	Berry Skin Color (mature, at 19° Bx)	RHS 8C	green
	Berry Flesh Color	RHS 148B	
5	Soluble solids (%) Titratable acidity	22.7	21.1
	(as g/L tartaric acid)	5.0	5.7
	Sugar/acid ratio	4.5	3.7
	Firmness	Slightly firm	soft
)	Seeds	2-3	2-3
_	Seed Color	RHS 166C and RHS187A	
	Skin cracking?	no	rarely
	Juice color	transparent	transparent
	Berry taste	Neutral	neutral
	Eating quality	n.a.	n.a.
5	Berry uses	wine	wine
	Shipping quality	n.a.	n.a.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct grapevine, referred to as 'SORÉLI, as herein described and illustrated by the characteristics set forth above.

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FIG. 1A

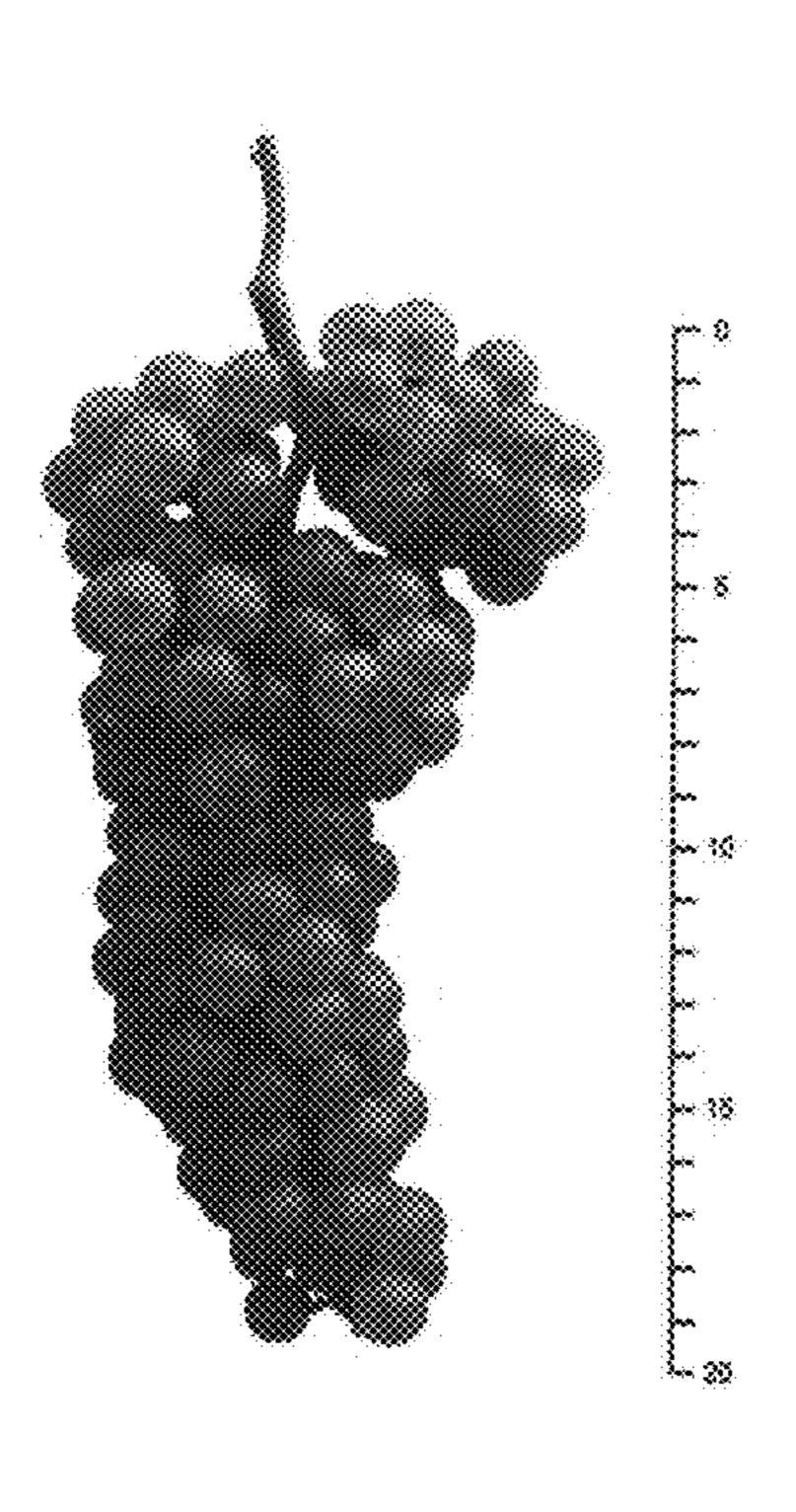


FIG. 1B

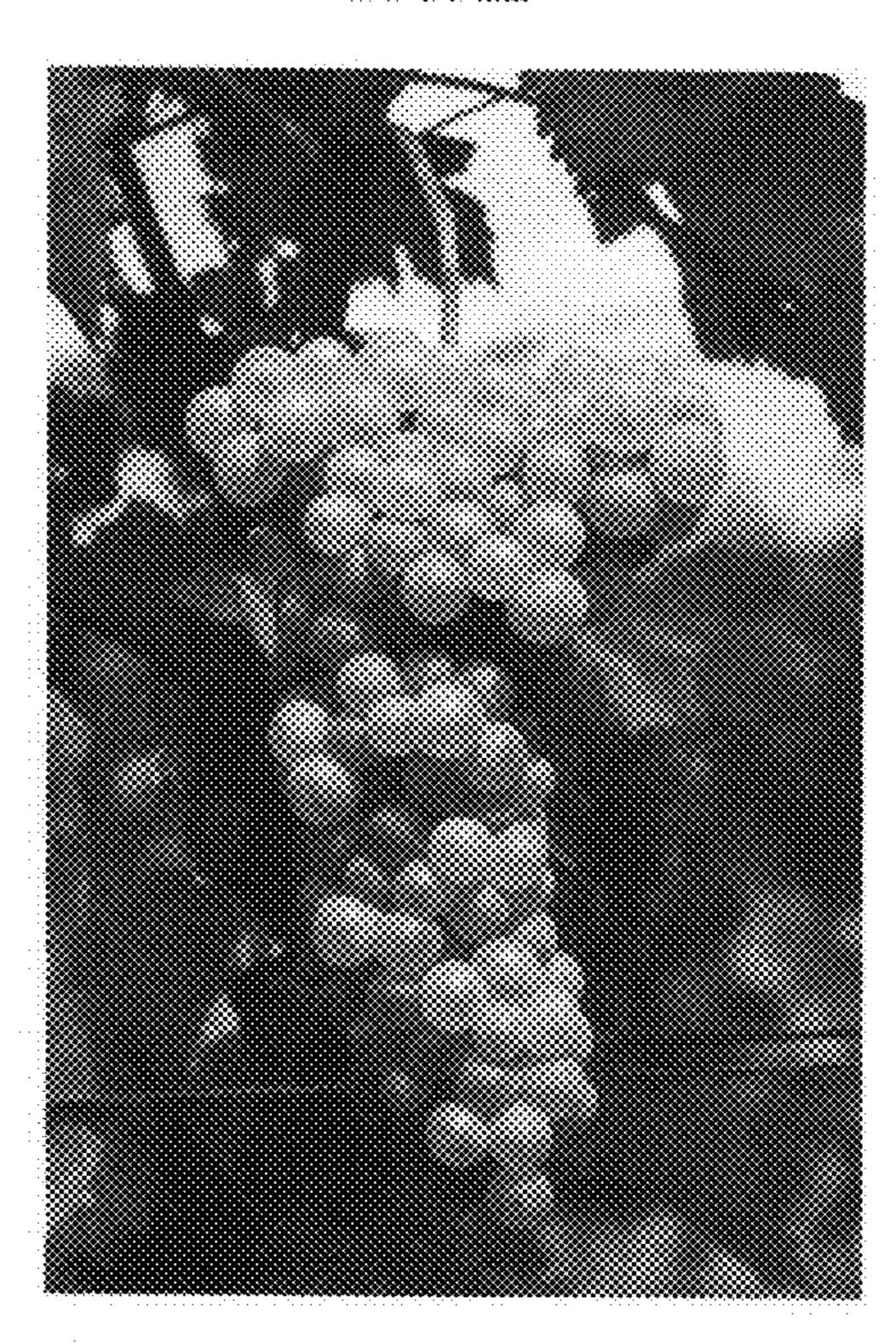


FIG. 2



FIG. 3

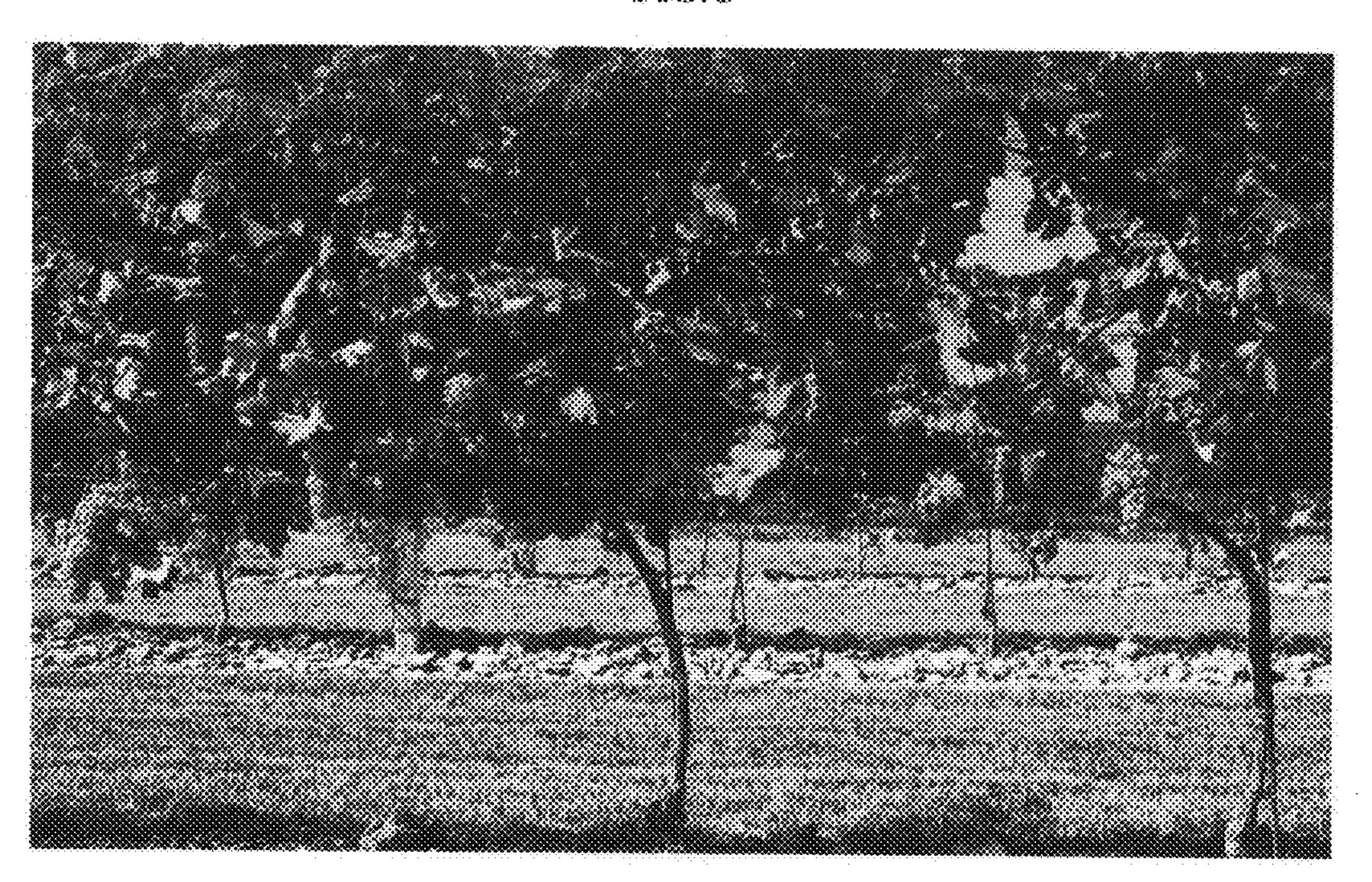


FIG. 4