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FOREWORD

Across the earth, there is growing evidence that a global climate change is taking place. Observed regional changes include rising temperatures and shifts in rainfall patterns and extreme weather events. Over the next century, climate changes are expected to continue and have important consequences on viticulture. They vary from short-term impacts on wine quality and style, to long-term issues such as varietal suitability and the economic sustainability of traditional wine producing areas. As a result, the wine industry is facing many challenges, which includes adapting to these potential impacts, as well as reducing greenhouse gas emissions related to their activities. In response to these challenges, the LIFE-ADVICLIM project has the objective to evaluate and develop local climate change

adaptation and mitigation strategies. The measurement network and web platform of this project seeks to inform and assist winegrowers on climate change impacts, on rational adaptation scenarios and on greenhouse gas emissions related to their practices at the scale of their vineyard plots. These technologies are evaluated in many European wine growing regions (Figure 1), namely Bordeaux and Loire Valley (France), Sussex (England), Rheingau (Germany) and Cotnari (Romania). The region of Navarra (Ausejo and Carbonera vineyards) in Spain is a non-official study area. These six regions represent the climatic diversity of European wine, ranging from the Mediterranean to Oceanic and Continental climates. For more information on this project, visit www.adviclim.eu



Figure 1: Position of the six European wine growing regions that are studied in the LIFE-ADVICLIM project.

INTRODUCTION

For most wine growing regions, significant trends in regional climates have been observed. At the same time, important changes in grapevine phenology and grape composition have occurred, with the latter leading to altered alcohol levels and sensory profiles. Although changes in grapevine behaviour are partly attributed to evolving practices, recent climate changes, in particular increasing temperatures, have been major causal factors. As a result, future climate changes are very likely to have key effects on wine quality and style, which over the long term may cause geographical shifts in suitable grapevine varieties and production areas. A changing climate is therefore one of the major environmental and socio-economic issues facing sustainable viticultural development and production over the next century.

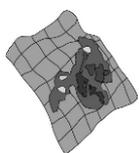
Various studies on vine's climate adaptability under different climate change scenarios show that we can expect major upheavals at global level, with the disappearance of some wine-growing regions by 2100. These studies, based specifically on climate simulation, propose fairly "brutal" methods to adapt to climate change, for instance moving wine-growing regions or changing varieties. Studies on the impact of climate change only cover major global wine regions, however, without taking into account the spatial variability of climate on finer scales. However, atmospheric parameters at the level of the boundary layer depend on surface conditions (surface roughness and type), and these can cause significant spatial variability in relatively small areas (from a few square metres to a few square kilometres). A wine's specific features are determined by these fine-scale variations (e.g. slope, exposure, type of soil, etc.), and it is at the scale of the plot that winemakers manage their estate and adapt to the climate, notably by agricultural practices (tillage, work on the vine, etc.). The spatial variability of climate at local scale should therefore be taken into account when defining a rational climate change adaptation policy (Quénol et al, 2014).

The manual is divided into four parts:



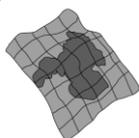
PART 1:

The first part provides a general introduction to climate change modelling in viticulture sector. The objective is to present the methodology developed to build agro-climatic models adapted to the scale of the LIFE-ADVICLIM project vineyards.



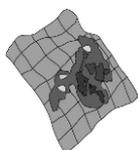
PART 2:

The second part aims to present climate change over the past 60 years in the regions of each pilot site. The calculation of specific indicators for vines and wine has enabled the recent climate change at the level of European vineyards of the LIFE-ADVICLIM project to be analysed.



PART 3:

This part provides the modelling of bioclimatic indices from the outputs of regional climate change models (EuroCordex data). These maps were produced for the future periods 2031-2050 and 2081-2100 in comparison with a 1986-2005 reference period for RCP4.5 and RCP8.5.



PART 4:

The fourth part aims to present a fine-scale mapping of projected bioclimatic indices and phenological modelling according to climatic change scenarios (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5) by 2031-2050 and 2081-2100 at the scale of each LIFE-ADVICLIM pilot site.

PART 1: CLIMATE CHANGE MODELLING IN VITICULTURE SECTOR

Climate Change Scenarios modelling

Since climate change and its effects are already perceptible, climate projections are needed to understand the expected impacts and help inform adaptation planning and policy. To perceive future climate changes, projections of greenhouse gas emissions vary over a wide range, depending on both socio-economic development and climate policies. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessed the future evolution of variables controlling climatic conditions; especially the evolution of the greenhouse gases due to human activities according to different socio-economic scenarios. These studies showed different climate evolution for Earth.

The latest scenarios on greenhouse gases are the RCP (Representative Concentration Pathways) and replace the SRES (Special Report on Emission Scenarios). These scenarios are issued from an international project gathering 30 climatic centres: the CMIP-5 (Coupled Model Inter comparison Project) aiming to assess Atmosphere-Ocean General Circulation Models (AOGCMs) for the next decades. Four main scenarios were kept (IPCC, 2014) (figure 1):

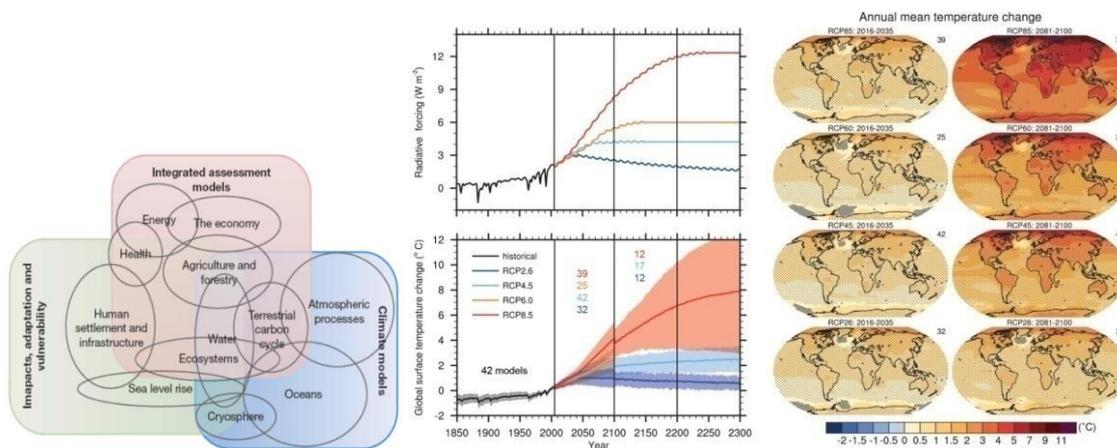


Figure 1. Framework and projections of future climate models. source: Moss et al, 2010 and IPCC, 2013

REPRESENTATIVE CONCENTRATION PATHWAYS

- **RCP 8.5:** This RCP is consistent with a future with no policy changes to reduce emissions. It was developed by the International Institute for Applied System Analysis in Austria and is characterised by increasing greenhouse gas emissions that lead to high greenhouse gas concentrations over time.
- **RCP 6.0:** There is a raise of greenhouse gases emissions until the 2080's followed by a decrease.
- **RCP 4.5:** same as RCP 6.0 but the decrease starts around the 2040's.
- **RCP 2.5:** This RCP is consistent with a future with policy changes to reduce emissions and is characterised by decreasing greenhouse gas emissions that lead to limit the warming to 2°C by 2100.

Climate change modelling: from global to local scale

The adaptation of viticulture to climate change is crucial and should be based on simulations of future climate. Different types of model exist to represent climate on Earth at various scales. At the global scale, General Circulation Models (GCMs) are mainly used as the basis to build climate change scenarii that estimate trends in climate variables like temperature, rainfall and wind globally, at low spatial resolution (~300 km). Obviously, these kinds of models are not suitable for considering temperature variability at vineyard scale. The global climate models do not have a fine enough resolution for wine-growing region or vineyard scale impact studies. This is why many studies are attempting to create models able to disaggregate the overall climate signal at regional scales. Regional circulation models of the atmosphere, or mesoscale models, can represent finer resolutions than global models, of the order of a kilometer or even a few hundred meters (Table 1).

Table 1. The spatial and time scales and areas of application of climate models (Cautenet and Bonnardot, 2014 ; Quénot et al. 2017).

Climate models	Spatial resolution	Temporal resolution	Scale	Application
Global Circulation Models (GCM)	From 5° to 0.5° (500 to 50 km)	From 10 years to several hundred years	Global	Modeling of atmospheric general circulation Modeling of global warming
Global with varying resolution (VRGCM)	From 1° to 10-12 km	More than 10 years to several hundred years	Global and regional	Weather forecast Modeling of global warming
Regional Circulation Models (RCM)	From 50 km to 200 m (imbricated grids)	Hourly to several days	Regional and local	Weather forecast Meso-scale climate modeling

The use of Regional Circulation Models allows a scalar disaggregation of spatial patterns obtained from global models, but the need for significant computing capacity makes it difficult to achieve satisfactory results at a very fine scale. The interweaving of various atmospheric phenomena in terms of the overlapping of scales (from local to synoptic) makes this type of modelling impracticable at a very detailed level. To overcome these limitations, advanced statistical methods (e.g. non-linear regression Support Vector Regression) are used to perform spatial interpolation of climate data obtained at fine scales. These methods are based on establishing the relationship between surface characteristics (e.g. landscape morphology and land use) and weather variables. In this type of study, the existence of a link between climate elements and topographic characteristics is then evaluated spatially across a study site. Spatial interpolation using multiple regression has the advantage of being adapted to local scales.

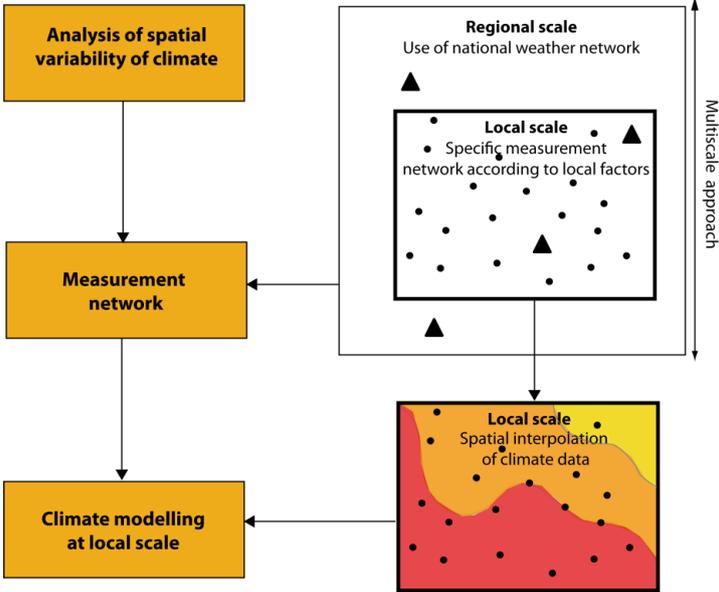


Figure 2. Local-scale climate modelling approach, based on measurements from a climate sensors network established to reflect local factors

Fine scale climate analysis based on measurement and modelling cannot estimate the future climate. However, integrating local climate variability (validated by measuring actual data) into regional and local climate change models reduces uncertainties for climate impact studies in the context of climate change. This approach is adapted to viticulture. Changes in atmospheric parameters are very important over relatively small areas (of the order of a few kilometres to a few meters) and the quality of grapes and wine is often related to these local characteristics (slope, soil, etc.).

Climate change modelling and viticulture

The provision of regionalized climate data from climate models (Coupled Model Intercomparison Project, CMIP 4 and 5), has allowed to map climate variability in connection with the evolution of the potential viticulture areas (past, present and future). Climate

change modelling at winegrowing regions are based on calculations of bioclimatic indexes according to scenarios of climate change. Bioclimatic indices are a useful zoning tool, defining a region's ability to produce grapes, varietal suitability, etc.

BIOCLIMATIC INDEX AND PHENOLOGICAL MODEL

The two main indices used in viticulture are the *Winkler* and *Huglin Indices* (table 2 and 3). The former refers to the concept of growing degree-days, which is calculated as the sum of daily mean temperatures above 10°C for the period of April to October in the Northern Hemisphere. The base temperature of 10°C refers to the minimum temperature necessary for grapevine physiological activity. The interest in using the Winkler Index is that the cumulated heat is strongly correlated with grapevine phenology. The *Huglin Index* differs, as it is the sum of the mean and maximum temperature above 10°C from April to September in the Northern Hemisphere. It gives greater weight to daytime temperatures, when most vine development takes place and is therefore strongly correlated with berry composition at harvest.

Table 2. Winkler index classes (from Winkler et al., 1974)

Class	Values (°C)	General ripening capability and wine style
Region Ia	850–1111	Only very early ripening varieties achieve high quality, mostly hybrid grape varieties and some <i>V. vinifera</i> .
Region Ib	1111–1389	Only early ripening varieties achieve high quality, some hybrid grape varieties but mostly <i>V. vinifera</i> .
Region II	1389–1667	Early and mid-season table wine varieties will produce good quality wines.
Region III	1668–1944	Favorable for high production of standard to good quality table wines.
Region IV	1945–2222	Favorable for high production, but acceptable table wine quality at best.
Region V	2223–2700	Typically only suitable for extremely high production, fair quality table wine or table grape varieties destined for early season consumption are grown.

Table 3. Huglin index classes (from Huglin, 1978, Tonietto, 1999)

Climate class	Abreviation	Values (°C)
Very cool	HI ₋₃	≤ 1500
Cool	HI ₋₂	> 1500 ≤ 1800
Temperate	HI ₋₁	> 1800 ≤ 2100
Temperate-warm	HI ₊₁	> 2100 ≤ 2400
Warm	HI ₊₂	> 2400 ≤ 3000
Very warm	HI ₊₃	> 3000

Methodology developed in the ADVICLIM project

- *Climate modelling at vineyards scale in the present climate change context*

Climate change is causing important shifts in the suitability of regions for wine production. Fine scale mapping of these shifts helps us to understand the evolution of vineyard climates, and to find solutions through viticultural adaptation. The aim of this study is to identify and map the structural and spatial shifts that occurred in the climatic suitability for wine production of European regions of the LIFE-ADVICLIM project between 1951 and 2013. Discontinuities in trends of temperature were identified, and the averages and trends of 13 climatic parameters for the 1951 to 1990 and 1991 to 2013 time periods were analysed. Using the averages of these climatic parameters, climate suitability for wine production was calculated at a resolution of 30 m and mapped for each time period, and the changes analysed (Irimia et al., 2018).

- *Climate modelling at vineyards scale according to climate change future scenarios*

At regional scale, climate (temperature and precipitation) data were collected from automatic weather station from national networks for present years. Climate change model data are available from EuroCordex project (0.11° resolution) for all new IPCC scenarios (RCP as described above). These data can be used to map bioclimatic indices (Winkler, Huglin) at regional scale according to the RCP scenarios. Moreover, for all sites, a network of data loggers has been established to collect air temperature inside the grapevine canopy. Data loggers were evenly distributed with regard to slope, elevation and aspect to take into account local parameters impacting the local temperature distribution. A statistical modelling with daily temperatures as dependent variables and topographic parameters as predictor was used to model temperature and create accurate fine scale maps of daily temperature (Le Roux et al, 2017). To assess local scale for climate change projection, a downscaling method based on weather pattern detection was created. A first step consisted of detecting the days presenting similar climatic parameters to weather station data for fine scale measurements period based on wind speed, precipitation and temperature. The pattern recognition algorithm adopted in this study was based on Self-Organizing Maps (SOM), it is an unsupervised learning using artificial neural network (Kohonen, 2012). Then fine scale daily maps were associated to these nodes. For each day of the future scenarios, the same regional patterns were identified and associated with the corresponding fine scale maps, creating fine scale maps for each day of the period 2005 – 2100 for RCP 8.5 (Figure 3). Average growing degree-days (April 1st to March 31th), and Huglin index was computed at midterm (2031-2050) and long term (2081-2100).

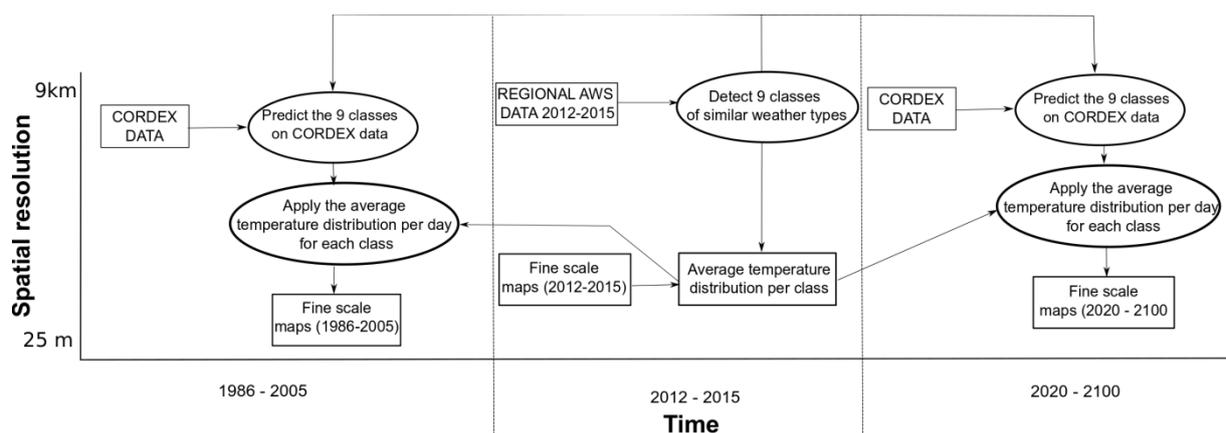


Figure 3: Workflow used to produce fine scale maps for historical and future period (Le Roux et al., 2018)

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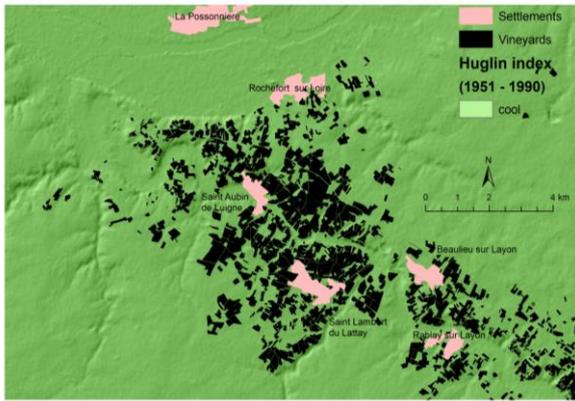
PART 2: SHIFTS IN CLIMATE SUITABILITY FOR WINE PRODUCTION AS A RESULT OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN WINE REGIONS OF LIFE-ADVICLIM PROJECT

Following the results of the analysis on climate evolution in the Cotnari pilot site (Romania), where observed climatic change between 1961-2010 brought climate suitability for the red wine production (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs00704-017-2033-9>), LIFE-ADVICLIM researches revealed similar evolutions, with climatic trends favourable to increasing quality of wines in all the other pilot sites of the project. The assessment of the impact of climate change on suitability for the wine production was based on the analysis of the Huglin index values over 2 periods; i.e. 1951-1990 and 1991-2013 (before and after a identified statistical breakpoint in the times series) using daily data of national weather station networks. As mentioned in Part 1, Huglin index (HI) is a viticulture index revealing climate suitability for the cultivation of various cultivars and implicitly the production of certain types of wine production (Huglin, 1978). Its values vary between less than 1500 and more than 3000, framing into 6 classes characterizing different climate suitability's (Table 3 of Part1).

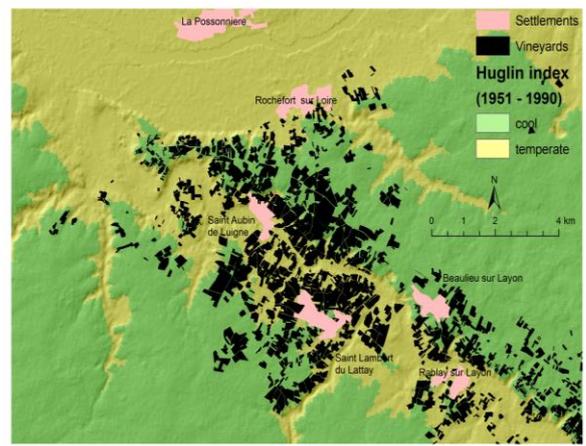
Using the mean Huglin values (HI) and its difference between the 1991-2013 period and the 1951-2013 period, results of ADVICLIM showed an increase of 216 units on average for the 6 pilot sites, with a minimum of +165 units in the Cotnari pilot site (Romania) under continental conditions and a maximum of 286 units in the Saint Emilion pilot site (France) under warm maritime conditions. In most of the pilot sites, the difference between the two periods showed a shift in the higher class of climate suitability for the wine production. In Spain, at Ausejo, suitability conditions shifted from the temperate to the warm temperate class suitable for the Grenache, Mourvèdre and Carignan Mediterranean varieties. Higher altitudes such as Carbonera (850 m asl) contributed to enlarge climate suitability in this region. Similar pattern were identified in the Saint Emillion pilot site, shifting from the temperate to the warm temperate class, suitable also for the Mediterranean wine grape varieties Grenache, Mourvèdre, Carignan. The Coteaux du Layon and Saumur Champigny regions in the Loire Valley as well as Cotnari pilot site in Roumania shifted from the cool class to the temperate class, suitable for Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah red varieties. Rudesheim in Germany shifted from the very cool class (not recommended for cultivation), to cool class, suitable also for Pinot noir, Merlot or Cabernet franc. At last, with a 135-unit increase, Plumpton pilot site moved to the upper level of the very cool class (not recommended for cultivation) getting closer to shift into the upper cool climate class.

The HI distribution was further analysed using the percentage of membership in the different classes between 1950 and 2013 (rather than in average as indicated above) to better describe and quantify the shift in climate suitability for viticulture: in Ausejo, where ~~98.25%~~ 98.25% of the area was characterized between 1951-1990 by the HI temperate class, 100% of the surface is at present (1991-2013) characterized by the warm temperate class; Carbonera at higher altitude passed from 34% of very cool to 35% of temperate and a difference of 64% cool between both time periods; in Saint Emilion, the temperate class which in the past characterized 100% of the area is currently limited at 6.78%, giving way at 93.2% to temperate-warm class. In the Coteaux de Layon and Saumur Champigny pilot sites, about 45% of the surface is currently characterized by the temperate class, while before the 90's its entire surface was characterized by the cool class. Regarding the Rudesheim pilot site, the very cool class which represented in the past 68% of the area has totally disappeared over the 1991-2013 period and the entire area is now characterized by the cool class.

Our data indicate that these developments are taking place amid the increase in the average temperature of the growing season by 0.97 °C between 1951-2013 at the level of all pilot sites, with a maximum increase of 1.3 °C in Saint Emilion (France) and a minimum increase of 0.8°C in Plumpton (UK) and Cotnari (Romania). At the same time, different precipitation patterns are observed, generally suitable for the wine growing. A decrease or stability in rainfall was observed in the cooler areas of Plumpton, Rudesheim and Cotnari (-16.7 ... + 3.8 mm), while a slight increase was observed in the warmer areas of Ausejo, Carbonera, Bordeaux and the Loire Valley (+ 16.7 ... + 50 mm). ***Please, see below figures 4ab to 10ab.***

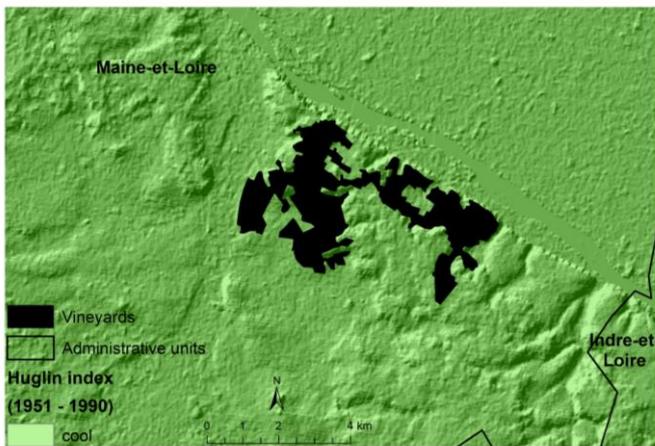


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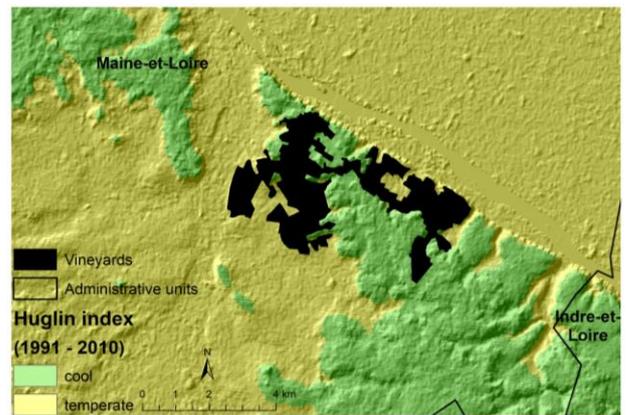


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Figure 4: Coteau du Layon (France) - Huglin Index for 1951-1990 (a) and 1991-2010 (b)

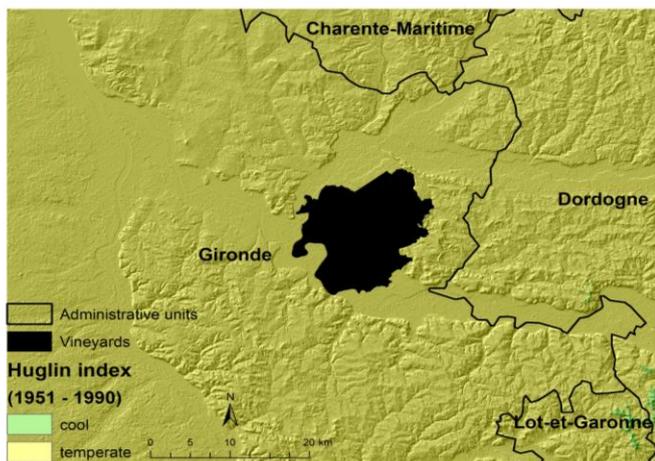


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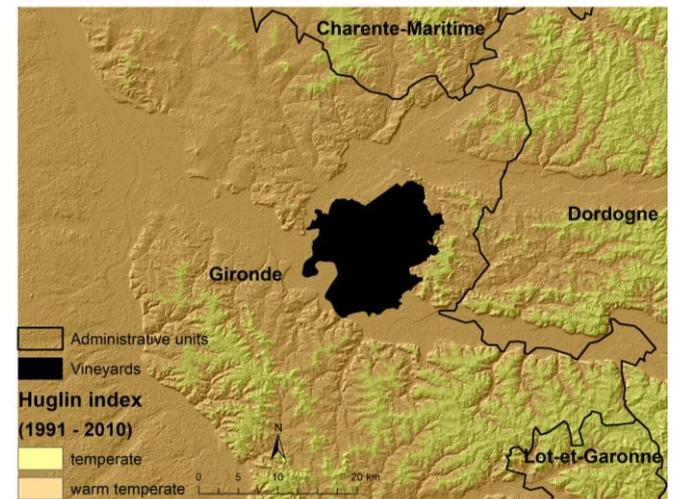


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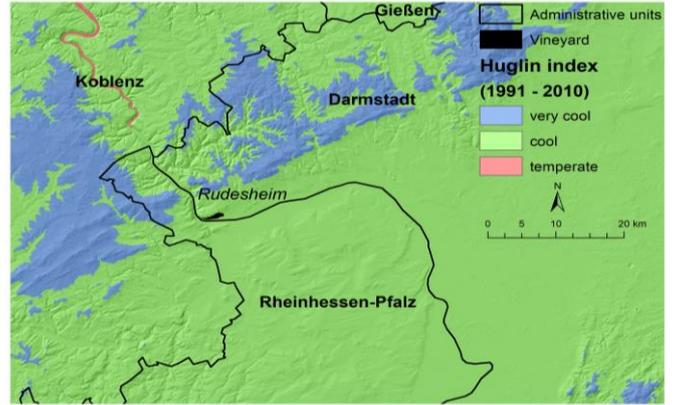
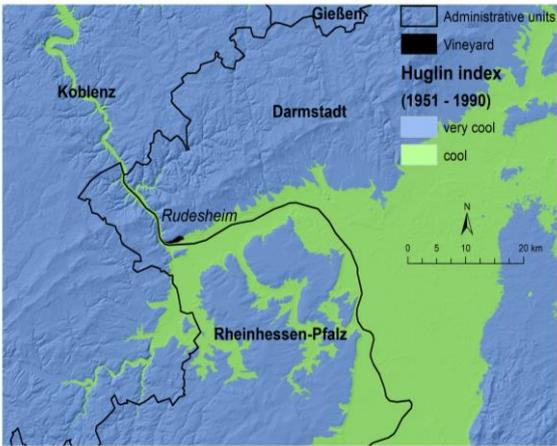


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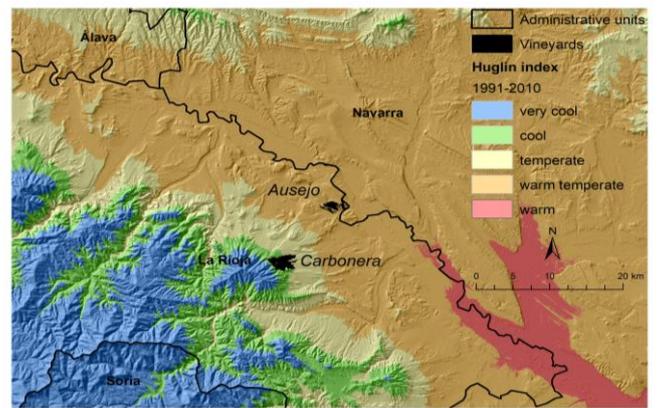
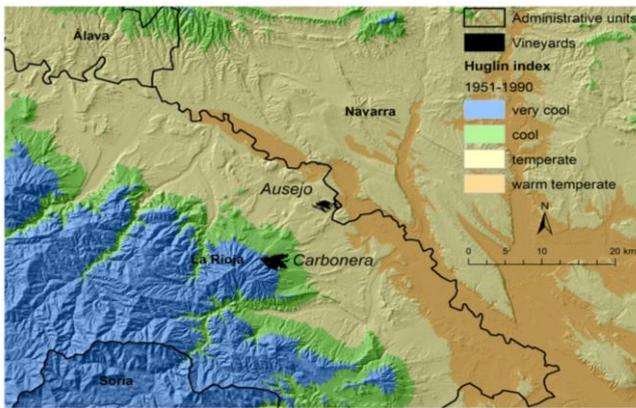
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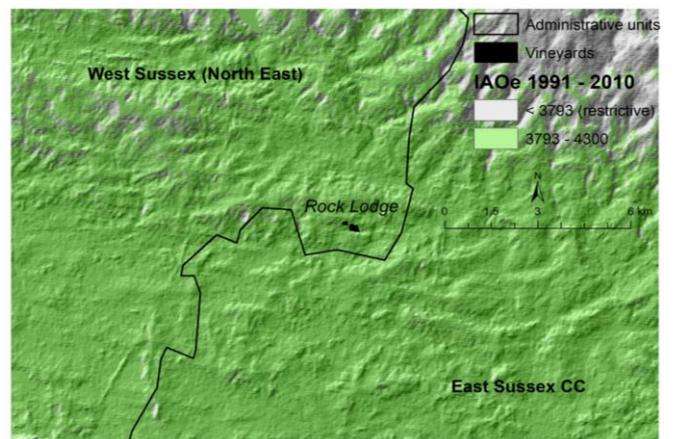
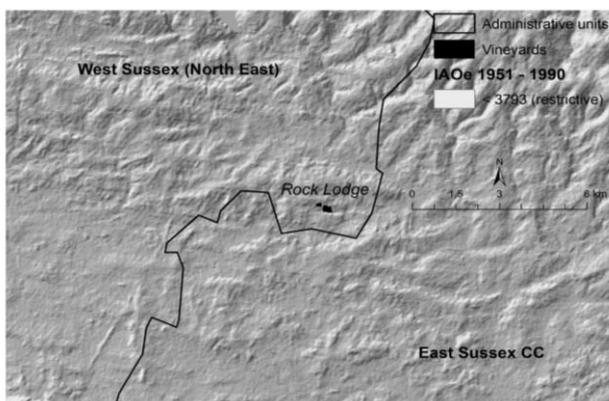
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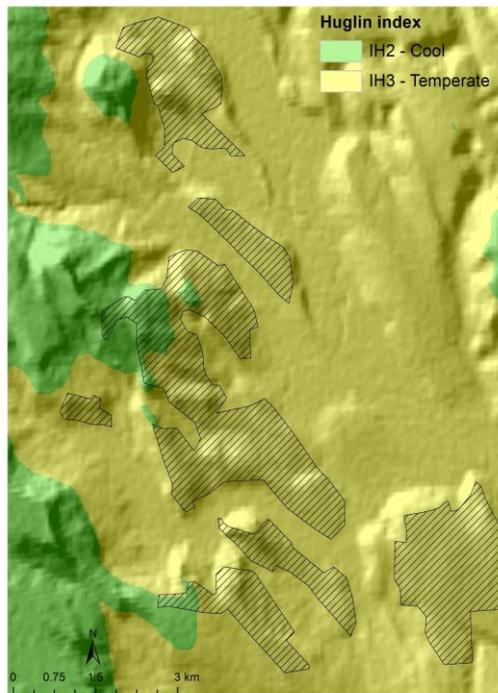
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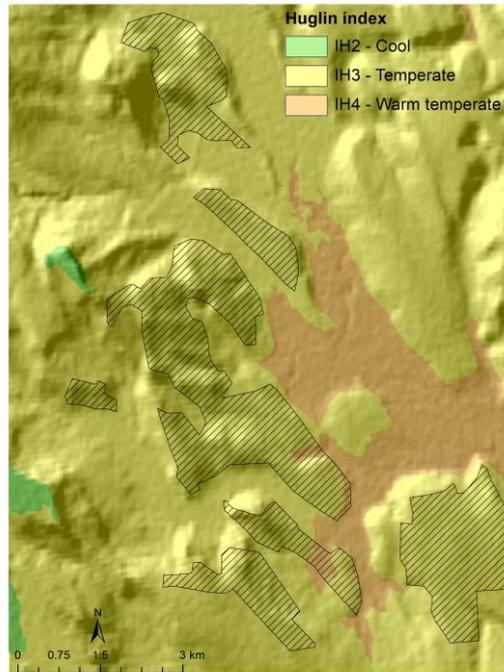
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Figure 9: Sussex (United Kingdom) - Huglin Index for 1951-1990 (a) and 1991-2010 (b)



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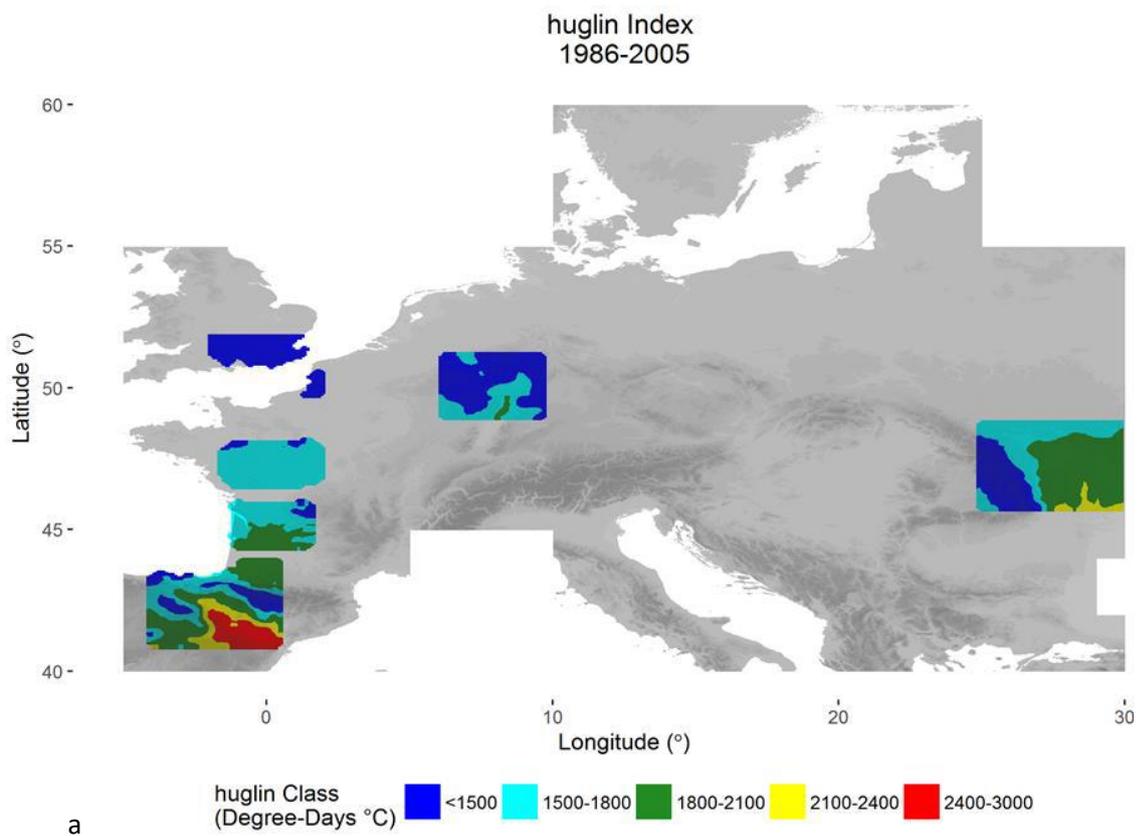


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Figure 10 : Cotnari (Romania) - Huglin Index for 1951-1990 (a) and 1991-2010 (b)

PART 3: REGIONAL APPROACH OF CLIMATE CHANGE MODELLING

As part of the deliverable of Action A1 was a compilation of maps of the projected temperature (bioclimatic indices) by 2050 and 2100, using the fine-scale geostatistical model in order to downscale the future climate projections (provided by EuroCordex at 10km-resolution) at the 5 pilot sites. The range of possible future temperature trends at regional scale according to two IPCC climatic change scenarios (RCP4.5 and RCP8.5) by 2050 and 2100 at the scale of each site was shown. The spatial distribution of the Winkler and Huglin indices is given as an example of results (Figure 11 et 12).



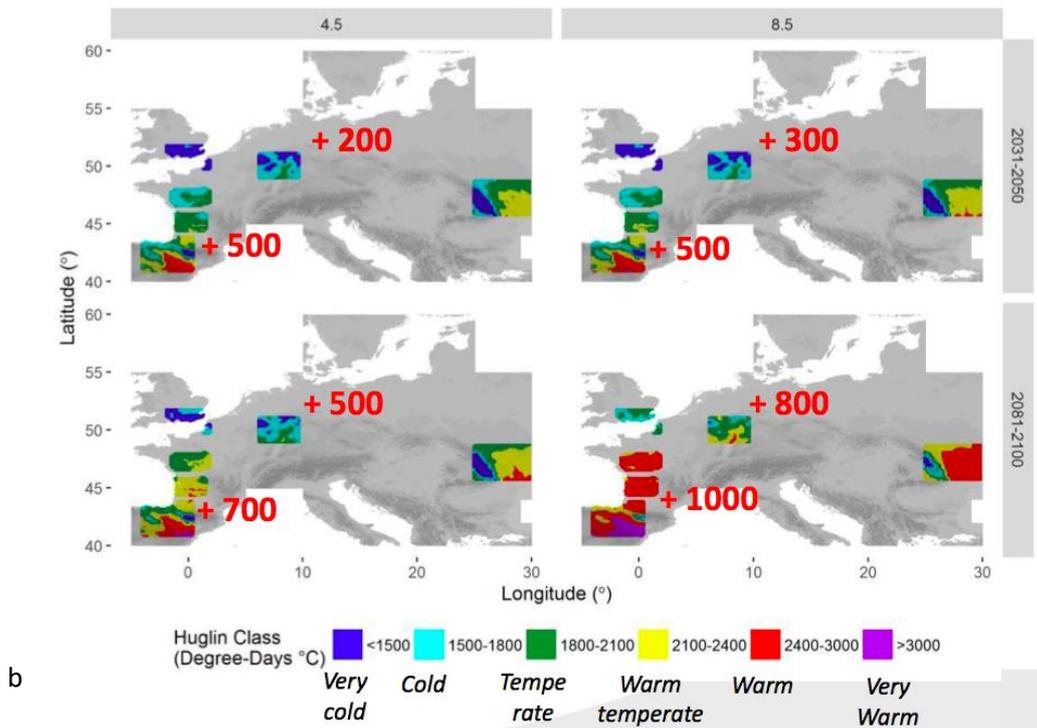


Figure 11: (a) Mapping of the Huglin Index in ADVICLIM wine growing regions for the period 1986 to 2005 and (b) the changes expected in the Huglin Index for the period 2031 to 2050 and 2081 to 2100 according to the climate scenarios of RCP4.5 and RCP8.5. The red numbers surimposed on the maps highlight the mean increase in degree-days compared to a reference period (1986-2005). (Data source: EURO-CORDEX, R. Vautard).

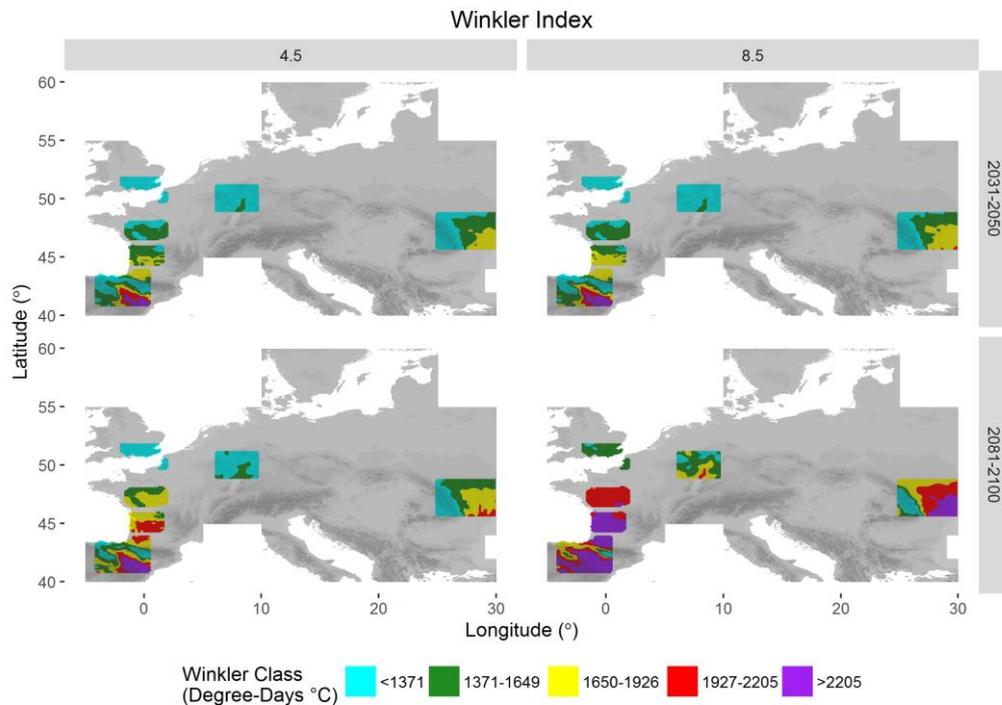


Figure 12: Winkler Index for the period 2031 to 2050 (top graphs) and 2081 to 2100 (bottom graphs) according to the climate scenarios of RCP4.5 (left graphs) and RCP8.5 (right graphs). Data source: EURO-CORDEX, R. Vautard).

Average growing degree-days (figure 12) and Huglin index (figures 11 a and b) mapping show a spatial and temporal evolution of different classes. Relative to the recent past (1986-2005), the projected increases in the near (2031-2050) and far future (2081-2100) are illustrated in Figure 11b and 12. For Huglin index, considering the optimistic (RCP4.5) and pessimistic scenario (RCP 8.5), an increase of 200 to 500 degree-days can be calculated respectively on average by 2050 compared to the reference period (1986-2005). This means that all the sites will move upwards into warmer climatic classes or to the upper level of their present class. For instance, the Loire Valley and Cotnari will likely shift from the "cold" climate class to the "temperate" class; Bordeaux region from the "temperate" class to the "warm temperate" class; and Navarra from the "warm temperate" class to the "warm" class. Rudesheim will likely shift from the "very cold" class to the "cold/temperate" class. Rock Lodge East Sussex will likely move to the upper level of the "very cold" class. By 2100 period, the increase in degree-days compared to the reference period is amplified and is projected to reach between 500 and 1000 units depending on the site. As a result, according to the pessimistic RCP8.5 scenario, all ADVICLIM wine regions will likely fall in the "warm" and "very warm" classes; except Rock Lodge East Sussex, the northernmost pilot site, which will likely fall in the "temperate" climate class (comparable to Bordeaux current climate).

Regional atmospheric modelling using EuroCordex data was performed in order to integrate high resolution geostatistical modelling based on both field observations and outputs from atmospheric models. The results of the testing showed that Regional and local climate models using statistical downscaling do reproduce the local variability of temperatures in climate change context

PART 4: CLIMATE MODELLING AT VINEYARDS

SCALE IN A CLIMATE CHANGE CONTEXT

To integrate the local temperature variability at vineyard scale, daily fine scale temperature maps were produced using the downscaling method previously described (part 1). Then bioclimatic indices (Huglin and Winkler indices) and the Grapevine Flowering Véraison index (GFV) were mapped at vineyard scale for RCP scenarios.

Modelling of bioclimatic indices demonstrated, in accordance with the regional scale approach, an increase in the growing degree-days over the investigated period. But, the integration of local scale in climate change projections gave more details and highlighted a great temperature range within each studied site. For example, a difference of more than 300 degrees-days was observed between plots within the Rheingau or in Coteaux du Layon pilot sites. Given this wide spatial temperature range, maturity could be delayed by three weeks in the latest ripening parcels, compared to earliest ripening parcels.

To assess this spatial variability of temperatures at local scale, the downscaling method (presented in Part1) was applied to the Grapevine Flowering Veraison model (GFV). "Phenological models, which are based on responses of the plant to temperature, are useful tools to predict grapevine phenology in various climate conditions" (Parker et al., 2011). This model is based on an extensive dataset (over 4,000 phenology observations collected in 123 sites) and advanced modelling techniques (PMP modelling platform, Chuine et al., 2003). It allows precise prediction of the timing of major phenological stages (flowering and veraison) for approximately one hundred cultivars of *Vitis vinifera* (Parker et al., 2013). This model was validated at a regional scale. In the ADVIDCLIM project, the GFV model was tested at a very fined scale in each pilot site.

Combined with regional climate scenarios, analyzing the spatial variability of local climate (bioclimatic index and phenologic modelling) makes it possible to refine the models' spatial resolution and to propose rational adaptation methods at the vineyard scale rather than at the level of major wine regions. And it is likely that growers will have to change grapevine varieties in the future due to changing climatic conditions (Hannah et al, 2013; van Leeuwen et al.,2013). The phenology maps, coupled to established heat requirements for grapevine varieties, will allow growers to optimize the adjustment of varieties to local climatic conditions.

MODELLING OF BIOCLIMATIC INDICES AT VINEYARDS SCALE UNDER FUTURE CLIMATE CONDITIONS

The main results of this work are that the spatial variability of climate within the pilot sites is similar to, if not higher than the rise in temperature (sums of degree/day) between the current period and future periods (2050 and 2100). Considering the short term, i.e. by 2050, the trend in the Huglin and Winkler indices is similar whatever the scenario (RCP4.5 or RCP8.5) under consideration. Considering the long term, by 2100, the results are very different according to the RCP scenario under consideration. The integration of spatial variability of local climate into regional climate change models has made it possible to set up specific adaptation scenarios for the winegrower.

By 2031-2050, as shown in figure 13, the Huglin index is projected to increase by 100 to 400 GDD depending on the region compared to the reference period (1950-2005) while there is an increase of 100 GDD to 300 GDD within each pilot site. This difference corresponds to 1 climate class. For example, the Huglin index would shift from "*Temperate*" to "*Warm temperate*" classes in Pomerol/Saint Emilion. However, within the pilot site, the northern part would still be in the "*Temperate*" class while the other part of the area would be in the "*Warm Temperate*" class. On the other hand, by 2081-2100, the Huglin index sharp increase i.e. between 300 and 500 GDD and between 600 and 1000 GDD for RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 respectively, would lead to a spectacular shift by 2 or 3 climate classes in all pilot sites. Climate variability within the pilot sites is projected to remain very high. For example, the Coteaux du Layon would fall under the Huglin index classes ranging from the "Cold" to the "Warm" classes according to RCP8.5 (in comparison with the reference period). Within the pilot site, the coldest parts (valley bottom and slopes facing north) would fall under the "warm temperate" class, while the warmest parts (mid-slope facing south) would fall in the "warm climate" class (figure 14).

Simulations of the Winkler bioclimatic index show similar results. The Winkler index combines "climate region types" with general maturation capacity and wine style (table 2). The results also highlight a change in climate classes with high intra-site variability. The best climatic conditions for a quality wine (for the current grape varieties) correspond to Regions II and III. By 2031-2050 (for both scenarios), all pilot sites would correspond to the climate of classes "region II and III" (except in Sussex vineyard). Intra-site climate variability would also be very important. For the northern regions, even if the conditions are more favourable for better grape maturity, the coolest parts of the sites would likely still be in "Region I" climate types (lower parts of vineyard or slopes facing north in the Loire Valley vineyards and the highest parts of the vineyard in Geisenheim) (figure 15). By 2081-2100, the results are very different according to the two scenarios: Under the RCP4.5 conditions, the northernmost vineyards would have favourable conditions with optimal ripening conditions.

This is the case for Loire Valley, Geisenheim, Cotnari but also for Rioja. The conditions are unfavourable for Saint Emilion, which would move to Region IV class (over-maturity not favourable for the production of quality wine for the current grape varieties). However, the strong spatial variability within the site at Saint Emilion would lead to favourable conditions in the coolest parts of the site, i.e. the northern part of the appellation. The very high spatial variability of the climate due to local effects would totally redistribute the sectors that are more or less favourable for quality viticulture. Under the RCP8.5 scenario, climatic conditions would be less favourable for the pilot sites of Saint Emilion, La Rioja, Loire Valley and Cotnari. The Winkler index would be higher for the Geisenheim and Plumpton pilot sites (climate classes II and III). Within the pilot sites, classes II and III of Winkler index were modelled over the entire Geisenheim and Plumpton pilot sites; in the coldest parts of the Coteaux du Layon (lowest part of the vineyard and slopes facing north), Saumur Champigny (lowest part of the vineyard) and Cotnari (lowest part of the vineyard). The entire vineyard of Pomerol/Saint Emilion and Rioja would fall in climatic classes IV and V (table 2; figure 16).

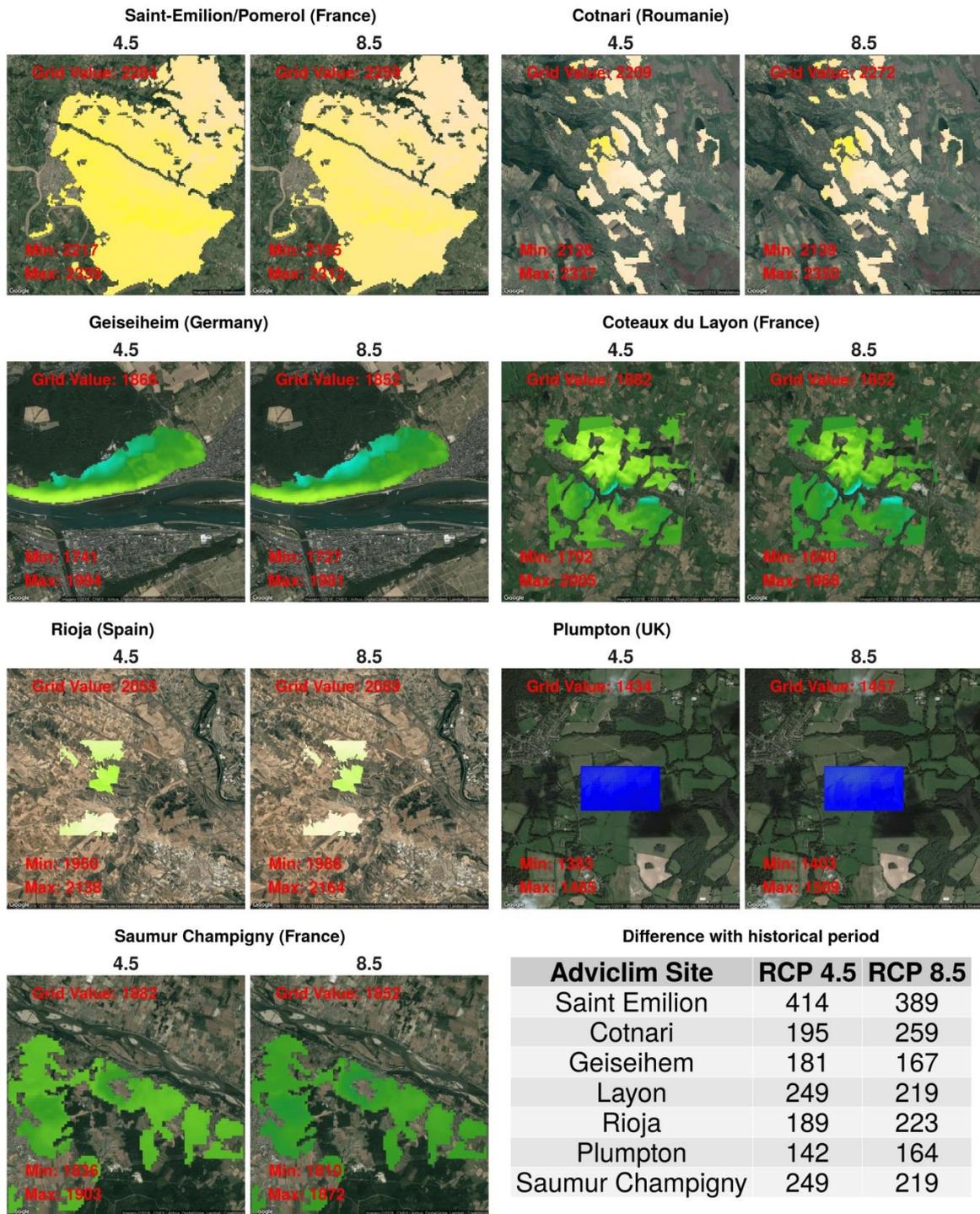
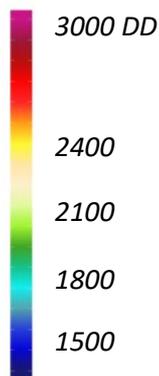


Figure 13: Huglin Index modeling at local scale with RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 (2031-2050)



Climate class	Huglin index Values (°C)
Very cool	≤ 1500
Cool	> 1500 ≤ 1800
Temperate	> 1800 ≤ 2100
Temperate-warm	> 2100 ≤ 2400
Warm	> 2400 ≤ 3000
Very warm	> 3000

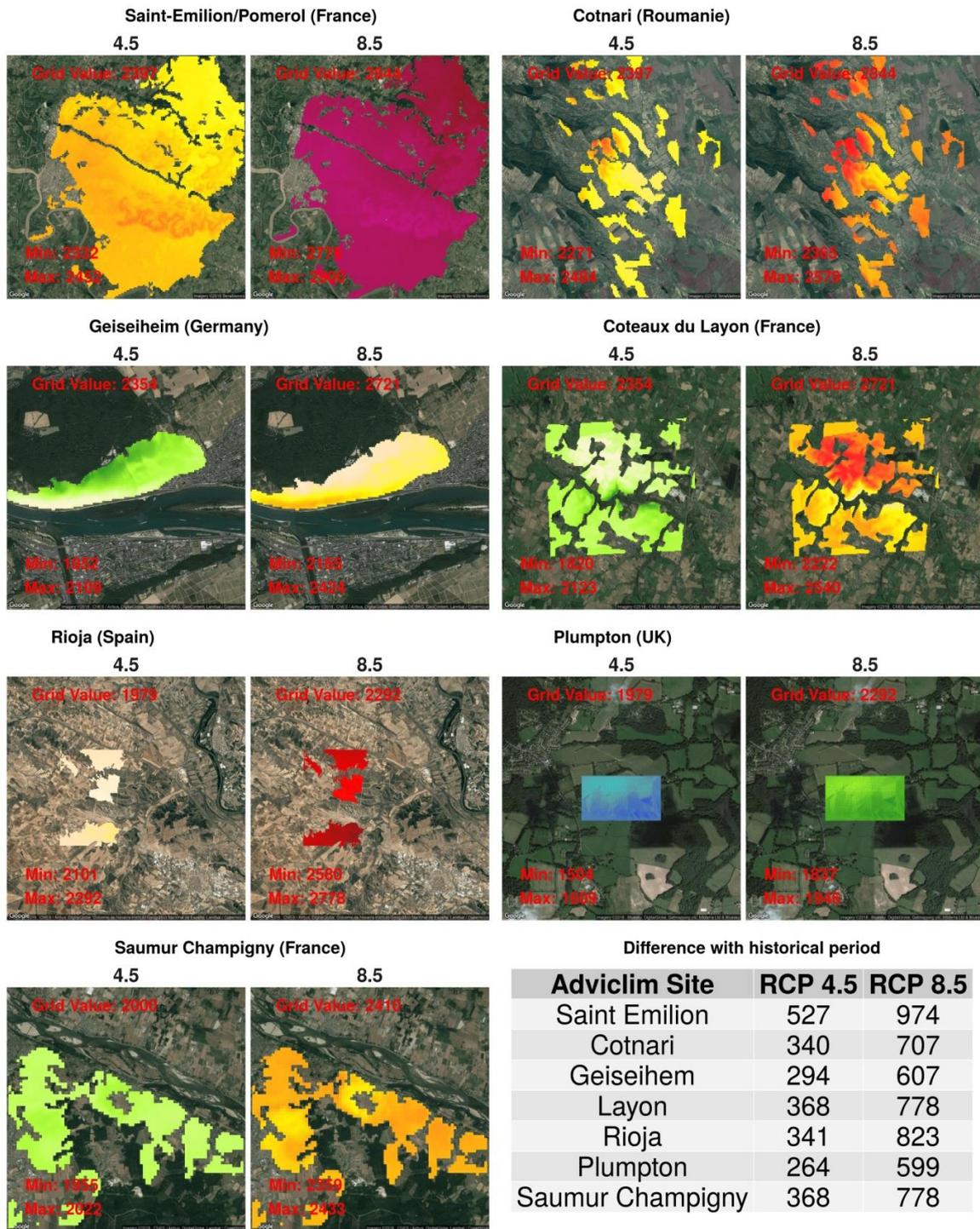
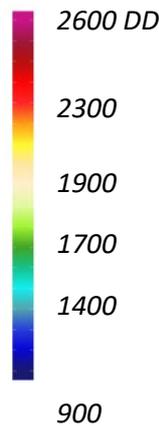
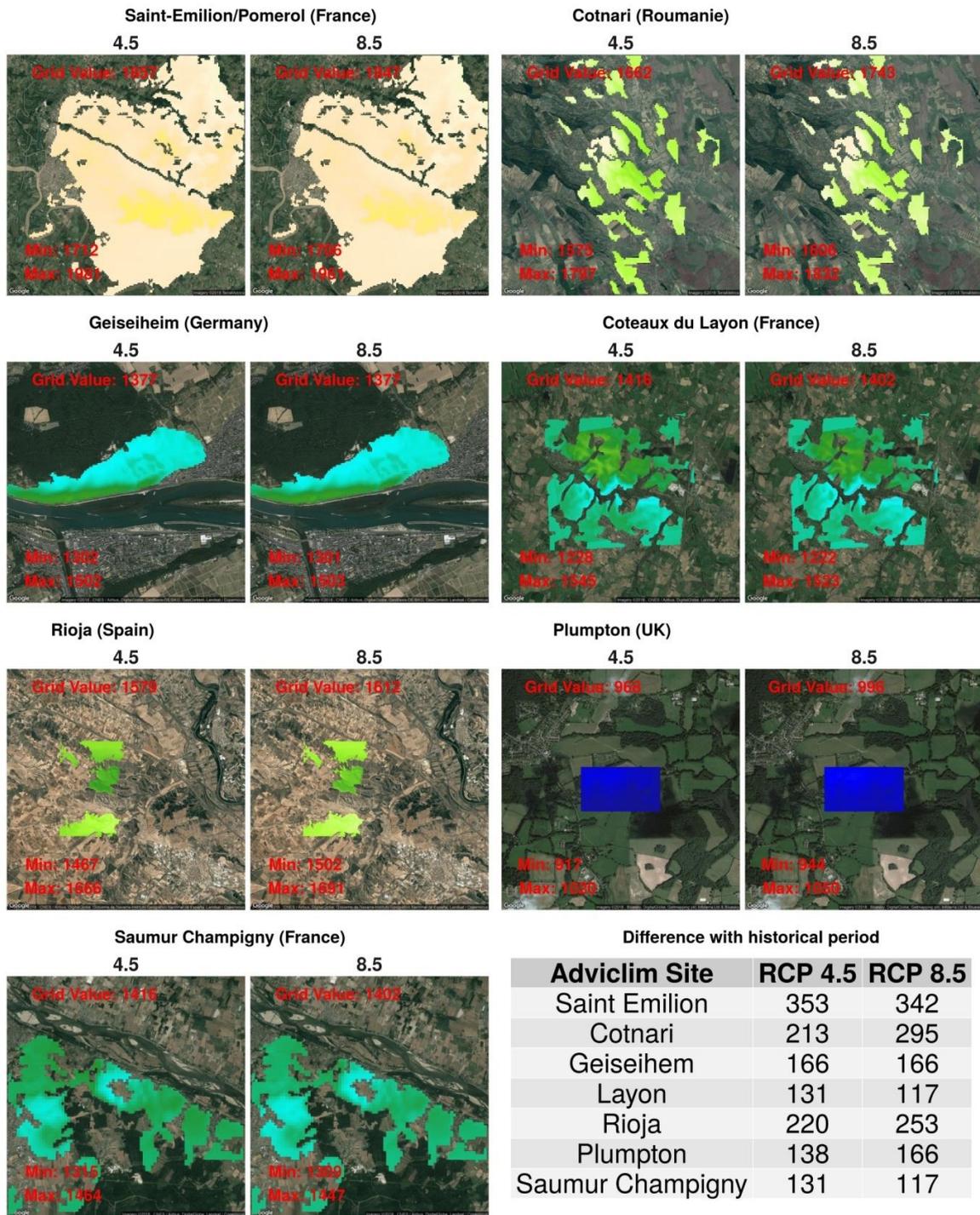


Figure 14: Huglin Index modeling at local scale with RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 (2081-2100)

Climate class	Huglin index Values (°C)
Very cool	≤ 1500
Cool	> 1500 ≤ 1800
Temperate	> 1800 ≤ 2100
Temperate-warm	> 2100 ≤ 2400
Warm	> 2400 ≤ 3000
Very warm	> 3000



Class	Values (°C)
Region Ia	850–1111
Region Ib	1111–1389
Region II	1389–1667
Region III	1668–1944
Region IV	1945–2222
Region V	2223–2700

Figure 15: Winkler Index modeling at local scale with RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 (2031-2050)

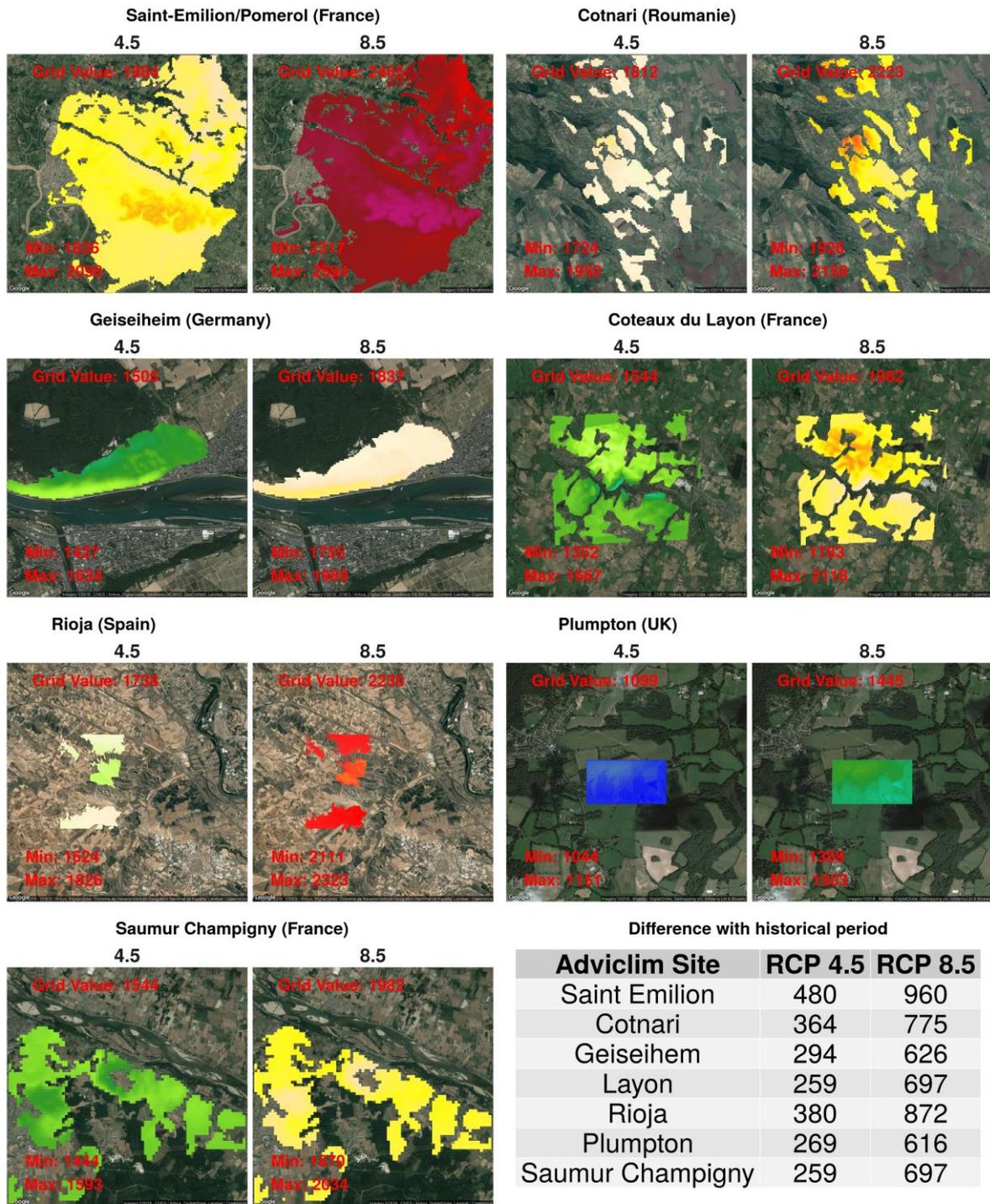
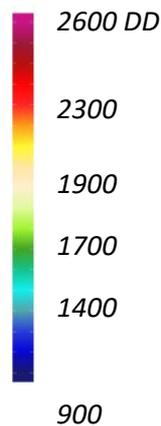


Figure 16: Winkler Index modeling at local scale with RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 (2081-2100)



Class	Values (°C)
Region Ia	850–1111
Region Ib	1111–1389
Region II	1389–1667
Region III	1668–1944
Region IV	1945–2222
Region V	2223–2700

MODELLING OF GRAPEVINE PHENOLOGY (GFV) AT VINEYARDS SCALE UNDER FUTURE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

The GFV model was applied for several grape varieties representative of each pilot site: *Merlot* (Pomerol/Saint Emilion), *Cabernet Franc* (Saumur Champigny), *Chenin* (Coteau du Layon), *Riesling* (Geisenheim), *Tempranino* (Rioja), *Pinot Meunier* (Plumpton) and *Fetească* (Cotnari).

The results highlight earlier phenological stages whether by 2050 or 2100, particularly flowering and veraison than during the current period. This earliness is projected to reach a few days to several weeks depending on the phenological stage (greater for veraison than for flowering), the RCP scenario and the period under consideration. Spatial variability within the pilot site is also significant. A difference of 10-15 days in the phenological timing is projected to occur between the later and earlier ripening plots.

As for the modelling of bioclimatic indices, the simulations of flowering and veraison dates are similar for the two scenarios (RCP4.5 and 8.5) for the period 2031-2050. For 2081-2100 under the RCP8.5 scenario, the simulated phenological stages are 5 to 8 days earlier for flowering and 10 to 15 days earlier for veraison than those of the reference period. Within the pilote site, the flowering period is from 2 to 6 days and from 3 to 10 days for veraison. For example, in the Coteaux du Layon, flowering would occur from 11/06 to 17/06 according to RCP4.5 and from 04/06 to 09/06 according to RCP8.5. The veraison would occur from 18/08 to 28/08 (RCP4.5) and from 04/08 to 13/08 (RCP8.5). Pilot sites with high spatial variability of temperatures and bioclimatic indices are also the sites where the differences in vine growth level are the most important.

In conclusion, phenology modelling at the vineyard scale according to the grape varieties currently cultivated at each pilot site highlighted: (1) for flowering, one week earlier in 2031-2050 (compared to the reference period) according to scenarios RCP4.5 and RCP8.5 and more than 2 weeks in 2081-2100 for RCP8.5 ; (2) for veraison, up to 1.5 months earlier in 2081-2100 for RCP8.5 (compared to the reference period) i.e. a veraison which would occur around July 15 instead of late August in Pomerol/Saint Emilion leading to a ripening period under the highest temperature conditions. In 2100 according to RCP8.5, the very earliness of phenological stages (especially veraison) will certainly require changes in the grape varieties.

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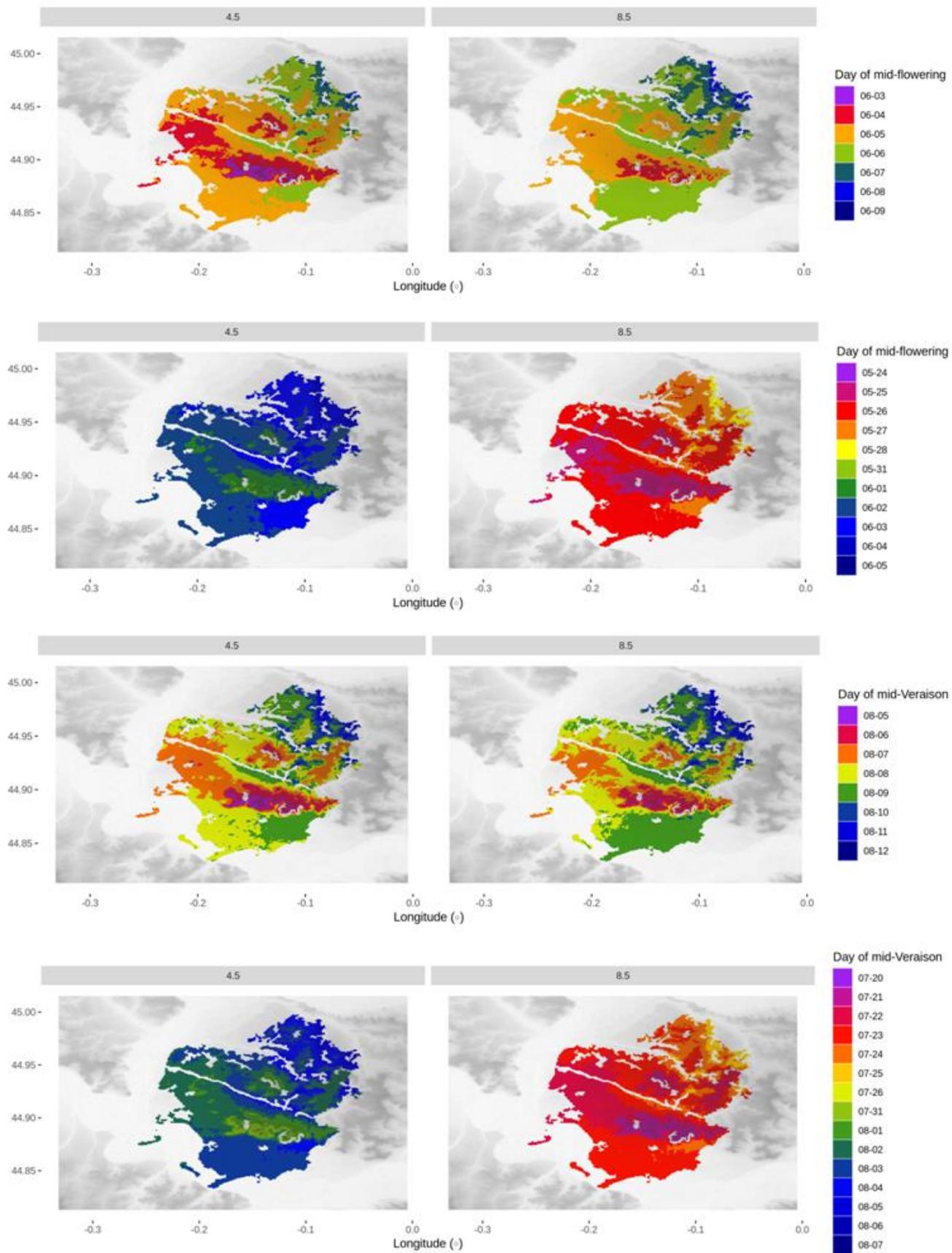


Figure 17: GFV modeling in Pomerol/Saint Emilion at local scale (res. 25m) for mid-flowering and mid-veraison in 2031-2050 and 2081-2100 with RCP4.5 and RCP8.5

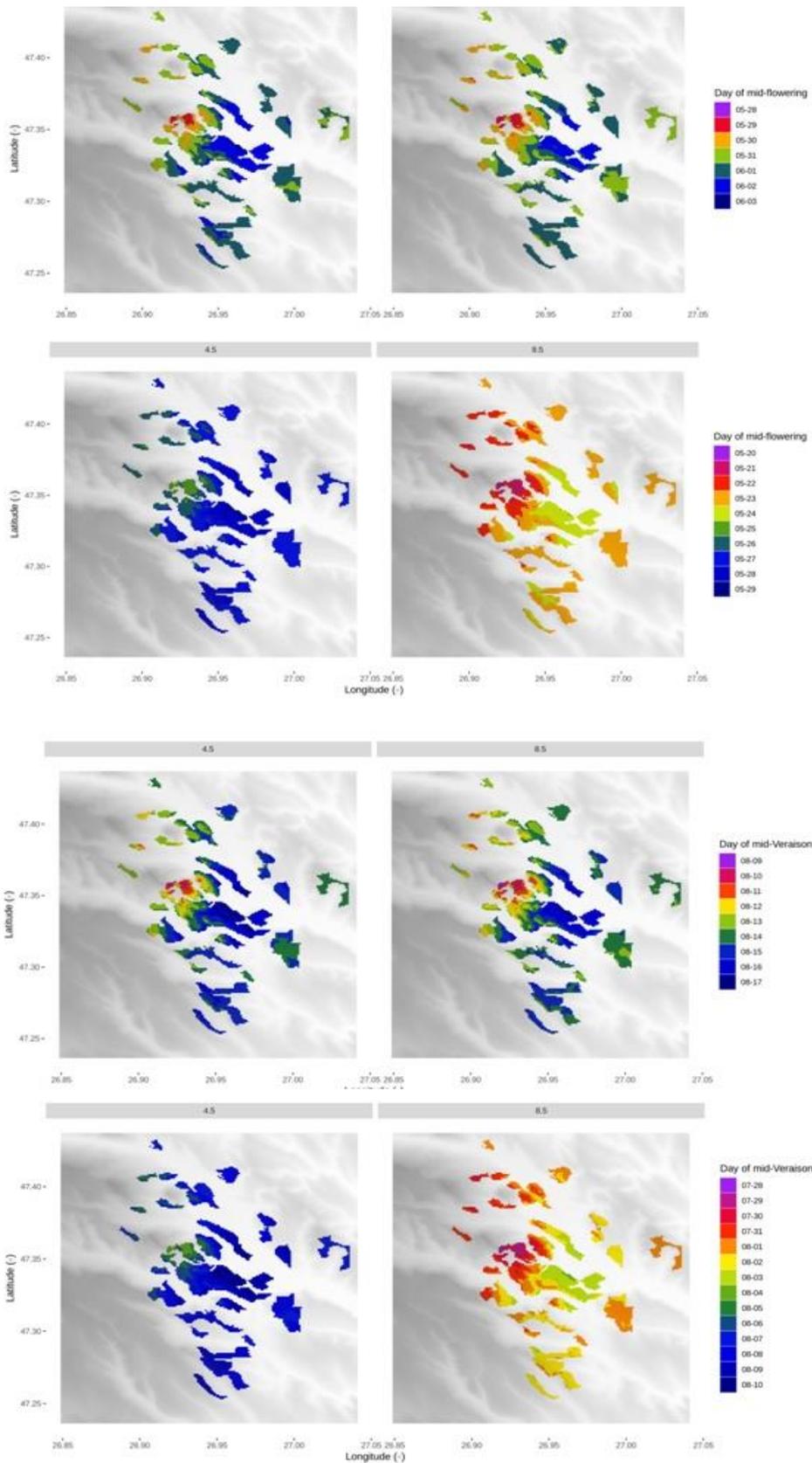


Figure 18: GFV modeling in Cotnari at local scale (res. 25m) for mid-flowering and mid-veraison in 2031-2050 and 2081-2100 with RCP4.5 and RCP8.5

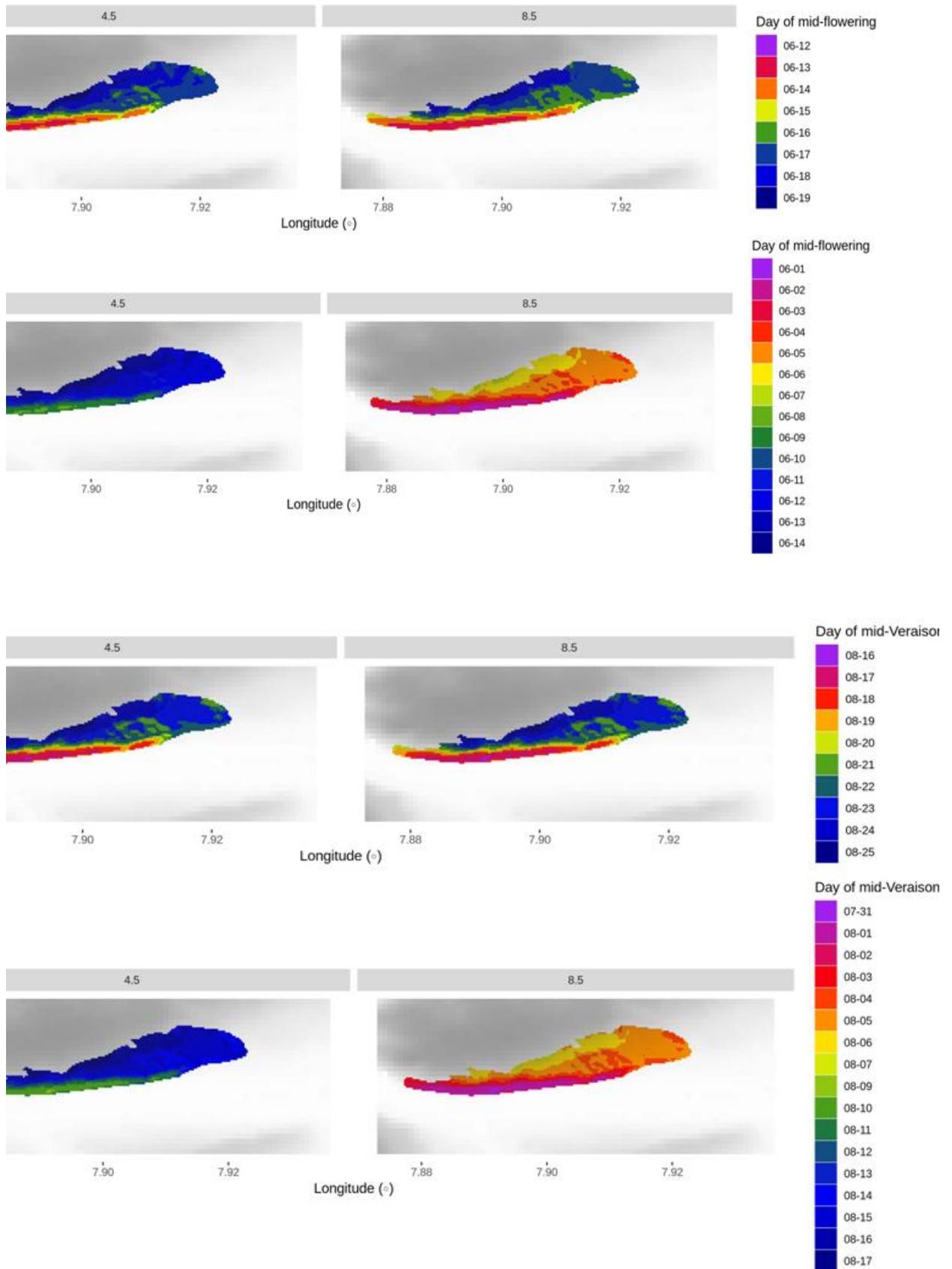


Figure 19: GFV modeling in Geisenheim at local scale (res. 25m) for mid-flowering and mid-veraison in 2031-2050 and 2081-2100 with RCP4.5 and RCP8.5

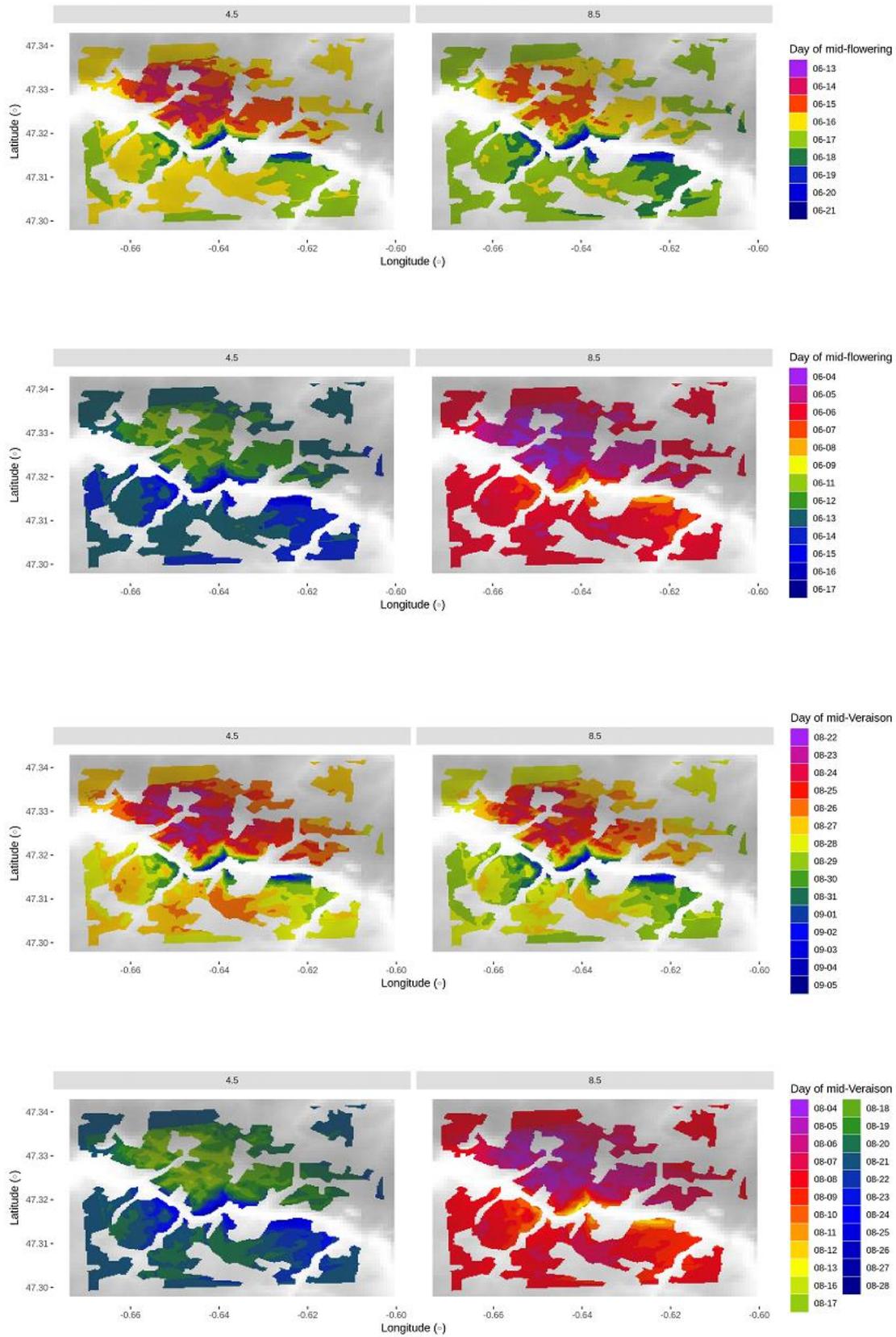


Figure 19: GFV modeling in Coteau du Layon at local scale (res. 25m) for mid-flowering and mid-veraison in 2031-2050 and 2081-2100 with RCP4.5 and RCP8.5

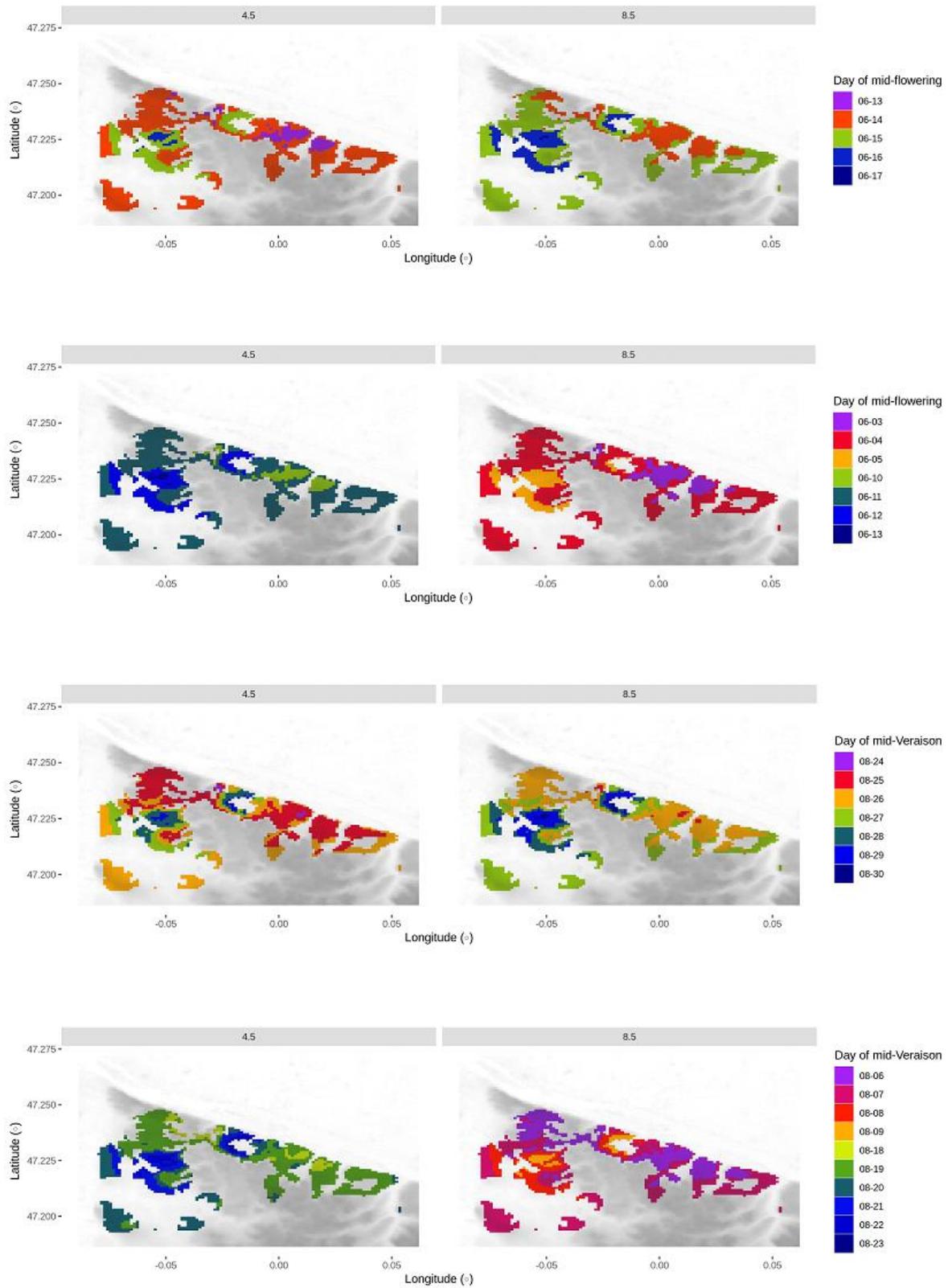


Figure 20: GFV modeling in Saumur Champigny at local scale (res. 25m) for mid-flowering and mid-veraison in 2031-2050 and 2081-2100 with RCP4.5 and RCP8.5

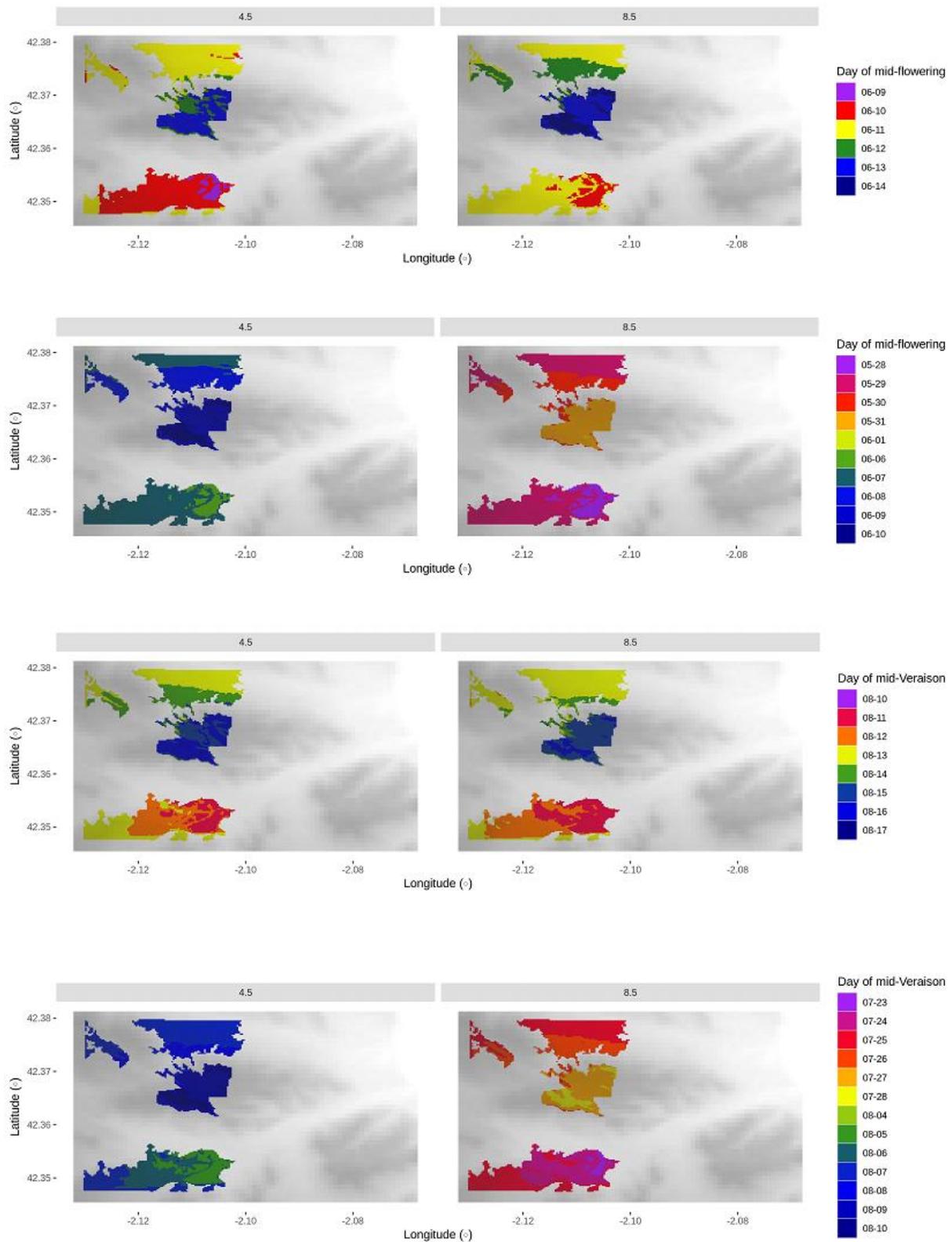


Figure 20: GFV modeling in Rioja at local scale (res. 25m) for mid-flowering and mid-veraison in 2031-2050 and 2081-2100 with RCP4.5 and RCP8.5

CONCLUSION

According to the latest climate projections published by the IPCC in 2013, current climate change will continue and intensify in the future. Continued warming in the 21st century is expected to lead to significant advances in phenological stages, as has been observed in recent decades. This very probable advance of the phenology of the grapevine raises many questions: in the short term, it is likely to have important consequences on grape composition; the latter being linked to higher temperatures and an earlier maturity period, where the grapes ripen in warmer conditions. The future change of grape quality inevitably means changes in the quality and style of produced wines. Although the adaptation of annual practices is already underway, wine growers must rethink their practices and strategies in the medium and long term in order to respond to the expected effects of climate changes (please see "***Adapting viticulture to climate change: guidance manual to support winegrowers' decision-making***"¹).

The integration of local climate variability (bioclimatic indices and phenological modelling) into regionalized climate change simulations provides an assessment of the impacts of climate change for European viticulture at the vineyard scale.

The knowledge gained using this methodology is the increasing horizontal resolution that better suits the winegrowers concerns. Overall conclusion highlights the fact that thermal differences within each site are similar to the thermal differences simulated by the climate model between 1986-2005 and 2031-2050 (increase of 200-500 GDD). Hence, these results give the local winegrowers/stakeholders information necessary to understand the current functioning as well as historical and future viticulture trends at the scale of their site that may facilitate decisions about future strategies. These results will allow suggesting adaptation methods (Action B1) and mitigation methods (Action B2) based on the use of plant material and viticultural management strategies. By 2081-2100 under the RCP8.5 scenario, the thermal increase is greater (500-1000 GDD) and will certainly involve other adaptation methods such as changing grape varieties. However, knowledge of local climate variability will make it possible to optimise adaptation scenarios according to the specific characteristics of the vineyard.

¹ <http://www.adviclim.eu/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/B1-deliverable.pdf>



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