The cost and benefit of transitioning to Regenerative Viticulture

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Sheep grazing



1. Protect the soil surface

Regenerative

Agriculture

6. Integrate livestock

2. Minimize soil disturbance

No till



Compost use



5. Use of carbonbased amendments

living plants/roots in the soil

4. Maximize biodiversity 3. Maintain

Cover cropping



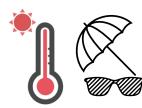
Potential benefits























Objective

 Quantify long-term economic impacts of Regenerative vs. Conventional management in Chardonnay and Pinot Noir vineyards in Sonoma.



Methodology

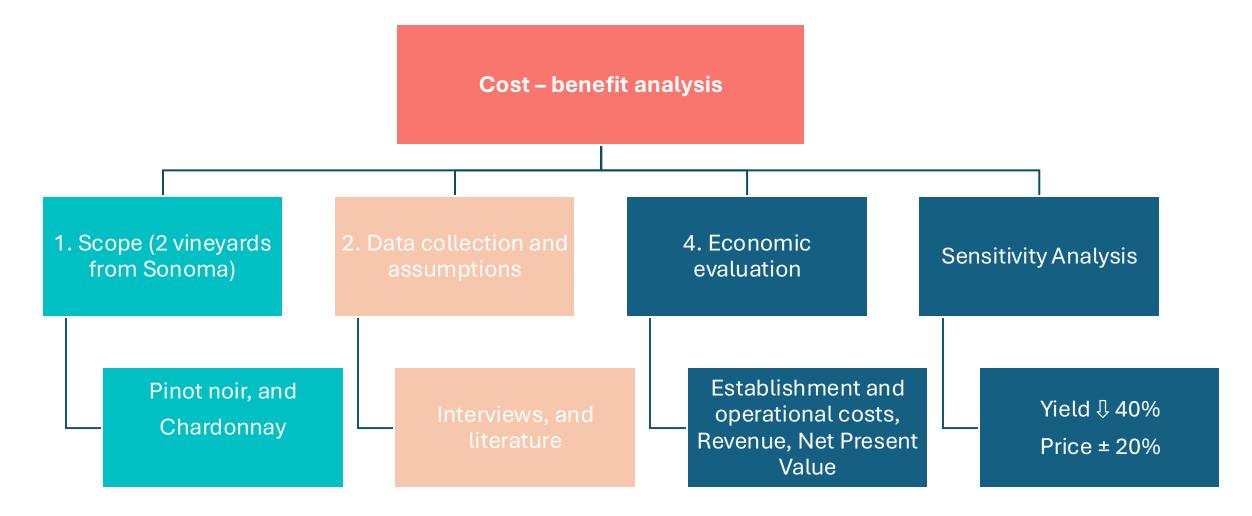


Figure 2. General steps follow in the research methodology

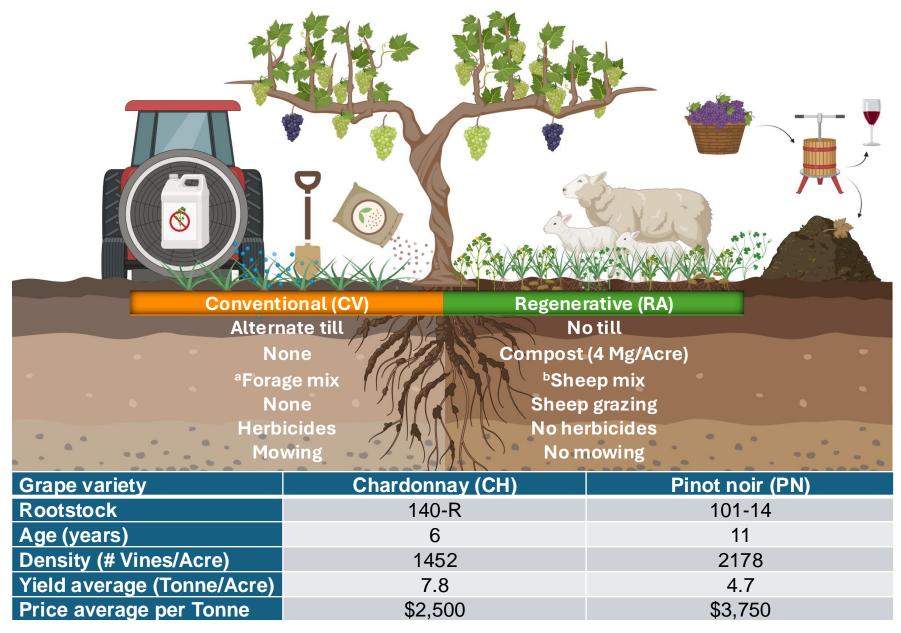


Figure 1. Difference in management practices between the conventional (CV) and regenerative (RA) scenarios, and main characteristics of the 2 vineyards studied in the Sonoma area. ^aForage Mix: white clover, annual barley, and rye.

^bSheep mix seed: 1% Campeda Subclover, 2% Hykon Rose Clover, 2% Dwarf Essex Rape, 23% Austrian Winter Peas, 35% Winter Ryegrain, and 35% Triticale.

Economic analysis

Conventional

Regenerative

↑ Increased cost

↑ Herbicides: \$68

↑ Mowing: \$120

↑ Tillage:\$90

↑Cover crop: \$48

↑\$326

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↑ Compost purchase and use: \$340

↑ Sheep grazing event: \$100

↑Cover crop mix: \$96

↑\$536

↑\$210

↑\$86

↓ Decreased cost

→ Fertilizer nutrient value compost: \$92

✓ Fertilizer nutrientvalue manure: \$ 3.7

↓Erosion control: \$28

↓\$124

All monetized values (\$) are per acre/year.

Conclusions







Regenerative (RA)





























Site, goals and planning



Regenerative practices in-house







Thank you for your attention.

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