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Grapevine Phenology of cv. *Touriga Franca* and *Touriga Nacional* in the Douro Wine Region: Modelling and Climate Change Projections



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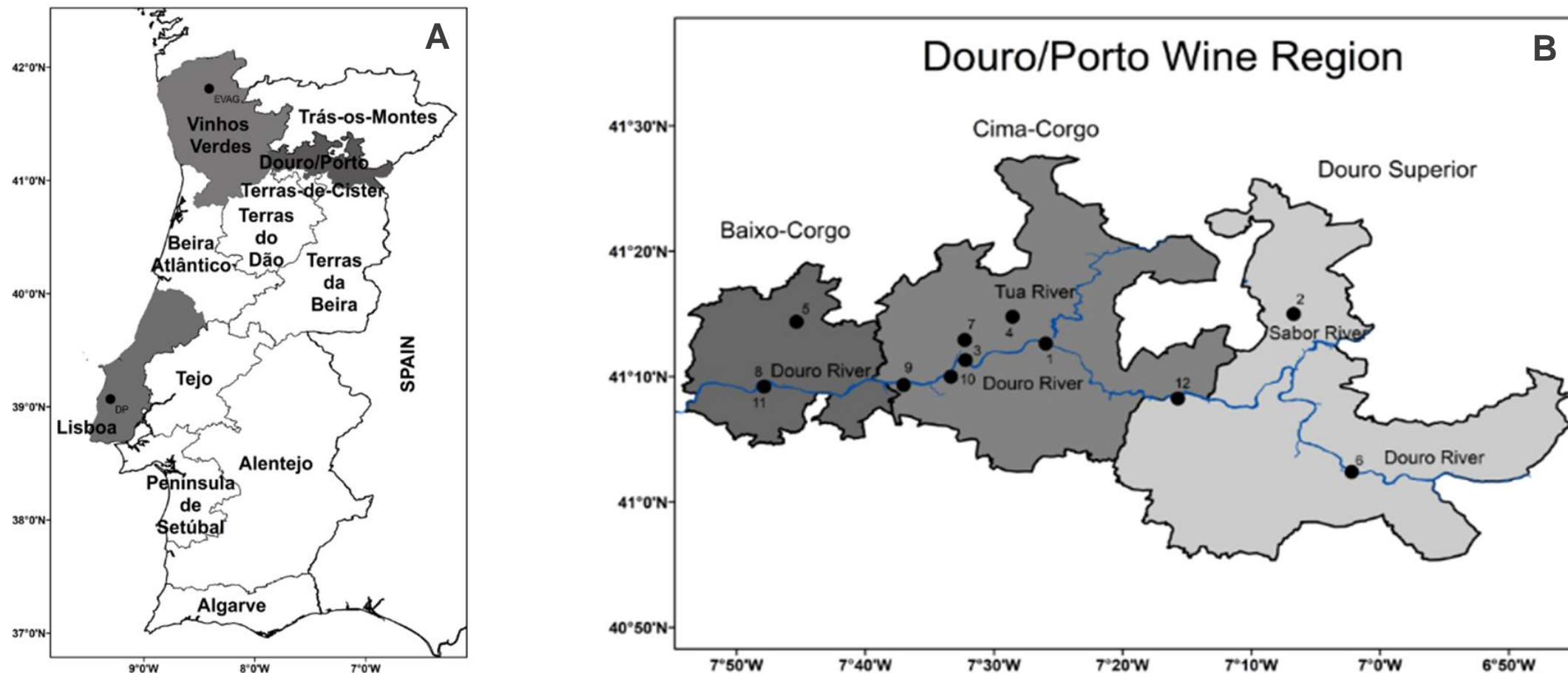


Figure 1: (A) Map of mainland Portugal with wine regions' boundaries; (B) Douro/Porto Wine Region its sub-regions.

Study area and datasets

Wine Region	Grapevine variety (cv)	Available time period		
		Budburst	Flowering	Veraison
Douro/ Porto	Touriga Franca	2014 - 2017	2014 - 2017	2014 - 2017
Douro/ Porto	Touriga Nacional	2014 - 2017	2014 - 2017	2014 - 2017
Lisboa	Touriga Franca	1995 - 2014	1995 - 2014	1995 - 2014
Lisboa	Touriga	1990 - 2000	1990 - 2000	1990 - 2000
	Nacional	2006 - 2014	2006 - 2014	2006 - 2014
Vinhos - Verdes	Touriga Franca	2005 - 2009	2005 - 2009	2005 - 2009
Vinhos - Verdes	Touriga Nacional	2005 - 2009	2005 - 2009	2005 - 2009

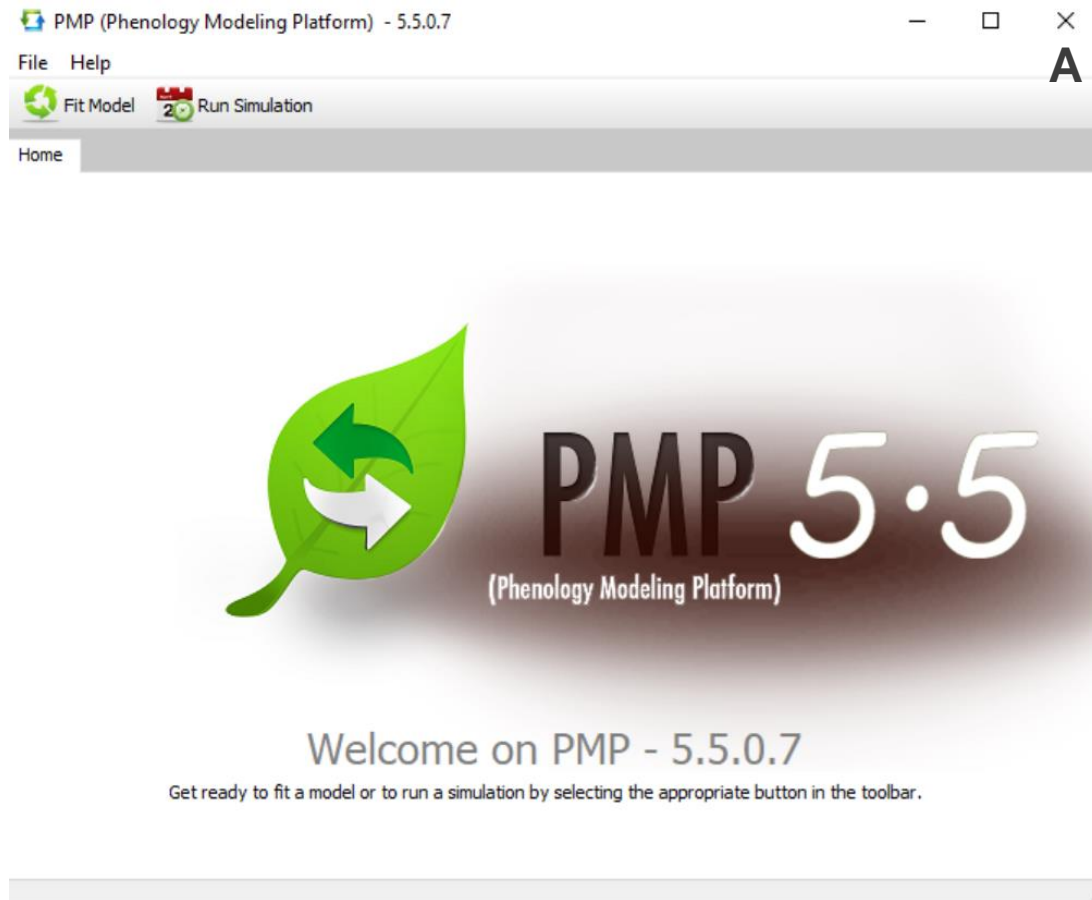
Figure 2: Phenological states data used (budburst, flowering and veraison dates) by wine region (Douro, Lisboa and Vinhos-Verdes).

Phenological models

Model name	Reference	Starting date
Bidabe	Bidabe (1967)	1 st August year before
Chuine	Chuine (2000)	1 st August year before
Growing Degree Days (GDD)	de Reaumur (1753)	1 st January
Richardson	Richardson (1974)	1 st January
Sigmoid	Hänninen (1990)	1 st January
Smoothed Utah (SU)	Bonhomme et al. (2010)	1 st August year before
Wang	Wang and Engel (1998)	1 st January

Figure 3: Phenological models selected and based on previous studies. Two main groups of phenological models used: chilling models (Bidabe, Chuine, and Smoothed Utah), used to simulate the dormancy phase; and the forcing models (GDD, Richardson, Sigmoid, and Wang) applied to simulate thermal accumulation during the three phenophases: budburst, flowering, and veraison.

Modelling tools and performance verification



$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - P_i)^2}{n}}, \quad \text{B}$$

$$EF = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - P_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - \bar{O}_i)^2},$$

$$AIC = n \times \ln\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - P_i)^2}{n}\right) + 2k + \left(\frac{2k(k+1)}{n-k-1}\right)$$

Figure 4: (A) The Phenological Modelling Platform, was used to test and calibrate different phenological models applied to grapevines; **(B)** The model performance is assessed by four metrics: RMSE, EF, AIC and R^2

Future climate projections

GCM	RCM	Abbreviation
CNRM-CERFACS-CNRM-CM5	SMHI- RCA4	CNRMSMHI
MPI-M-MPI-ESM-LR	CLMcom-CCLM4-8-17	MPICLM

Figure 5: For the simulations under future climates, were used daily time series generated by a two-member ensemble of climate model chains, produced within the framework of the EURO-CORDEX (Coordinated Downscaling Experiment—European Domain) project and to apply the previously calibrated phenology models.

Results

✓ Model performance verification (Cv. *Touriga Franca*)

Phenophase	Model	Description	Model performance			
Dormancy - Budburst	With dormancy		RMSEP	EF	R ²	AIC
	Bidabe + Wang	Q ₁₀ =0.9 T _m =5.5, T _M =34.3, T _{opt} =14.7	6.4	0.36	0.62	185.1
	Bidabe + Sigmoid	Q ₁₀ =1.0 d= -22.4, e=7.4	6.5	0.35	0.58	186.5
	SU + Sigmoid	T _{m1} = -13.4, T _{opt} = 29.2, T _{n2} = 44.6, min= -0.5 d= -39.9, e=7.5	6.2	0.41	0.64	187.4
	SU + GDD	T _{m1} = -2.8, T _{opt} = 29.2, T _{n2} = 36.6, min= -0.3 T _b =0	6.5	0.35	0.59	190.1
	SU + Wang	T _{m1} = -32.2, T _{opt} = 29.3, T _{n2} = 35.7, min= -0.3 T _m = 5.3, T _M = 34.8, T _{opt} = 15.1	6.4	0.37	0.63	190.4
	Chaine + Sigmoid	a= 0.3, b= -21.1, c= -2.5 d= -40, e= 7.5	6.4	0.38	0.57	192.3
	Bidabe + Richardson	Q ₁₀ = 0.9 T _{low} = 0.2, T _{high} = 43.2	6.5	0.35	0.54	201.4
	Without dormancy					
	Sigmoid	d= -40, e= 7.5	6.4	0.38	0.61	181.6

Figure 6: The results show that for Dormancy-Budburst, the RMSEP is of 6–7 days for *Touriga Franca*. The EF varies from 0.35 to 0.41. The corresponding coefficient of determination (R²) show values ranging from 0.54 to 0.64.

Phenophase	Model	Description	Model performance			
			RMSEP	EF	R ²	AIC
Budburst - Flowering	GDD	$T_b = 6.6$	5.1	0.69	0.85	159.1
	Sigmoid	$d = -0.2, e = 16.9$	5.1	0.70	0.86	159.4
	Richardson	$T_{low} = 6.5, T_{high} = 36.9$	5.1	0.69	0.85	161.1
	Wang	$T_m = 0, T_M = 40$	5.1	0.69	0.86	161.9
	Richardson	$T_{low} = 5, T_{high} = 25$	5.2	0.68	0.84	162.6
	Richardson	$T_{low} = 5, T_{high} = 20$	5.3	0.67	0.83	164.1
	GDD	$T_b = 0$	5.9	0.60	0.78	171.1
	Wang	$T_m = 0, T_M = 31.6, T_{opt} = 25.5$	5.6	0.62	0.87	172.3
Flowering - Veraison	Sigmoid	$d = -0.5, e = 13.0$	4.3	0.83	0.92	141.1
	Richardson	$T_{low} = 0.0, T_{high} = 21.5$	4.2	0.83	0.91	142.1
	Wang	$T_m = 0, T_M = 40$	4.2	0.84	0.92	142.6
	Wang	$T_m = 0, T_M = 40, T_{opt} = 25$	4.2	0.84	0.92	143.1
	Wang	$T_m = 0, T_M = 40, T_{opt} = 26$	4.2	0.83	0.91	144.2
	Richardson	$T_{low} = 5, T_{high} = 20$	4.3	0.82	0.91	144.9
	Wang	$T_m = 0, T_M = 36.6, T_{opt} = 25.6$	4.4	0.82	0.91	148.9
	GDD	$T_b = 0$	5.1	0.76	0.90	157.6

Figure 7: In the case of Budburst-Flowering, the RMSEP is of 5–6 days (*Touriga Franca*) less one day than for the Dormency-Budburst phase. The EF also presents much higher values than in the previous phenophase, between 0.60 to 0.70. Among the three phenophases, the best results are achieved for Flowering-Veraison, with RMSEP of 4–5 days. The EF varies from 0.76 to 0.84.

✓ **Model performance verification (Cv. *Touriga Nacional*)**

Phenophase	Model	Description	Model performance			
Dormancy - Budburst	With dormancy		RMSEP	EF	R ²	AIC
	Bidabe + GDD	Q ₁₀ = 0.9 T _b = 0	7.8	0.18	0.43	190.5
	Bidabe + Wang	Q ₁₀ = 0.7 T _m = -36.7, T _M = 34, T _{opt} = 18	7.7	0.20	0.44	193.7
	Bidabe + Richardson	Q ₁₀ = 0.9 T _{low} = 0, T _{high} = 37.3	7.8	0.18	0.42	193.9
	SU + Sigmoid	T _{m1} = -34.1, T _{opt} = 29.9, T _{n2} = 43, min= -0.2 d= -39.7, e=7.5	7.6	0.23	0.48	196.0
	SU + GDD	T _{m1} = -31.1, T _{opt} = 29.5, T _{n2} = 32.1, min= -0.1 T _b = 0	8.0	0.15	0.41	197.8
	Bidabe + Sigmoid	Q ₁₀ = 1 d= -38.3, e= 7.5	7.8	0.19	0.41	197.9
	SU + Wang	T _{m1} = -31.1, T _{opt} = 30, T _{n2} = 32.2, min= -0.4 T _m = -16.1, T _M = 25.1, T _{opt} = 16.4	7.9	0.17	0.42	201.0
	Without dormancy					
	Sigmoid	d= -40, e= 7.5	7.2	0.20	0.42	190.9

Figure 8: The results show that for Dormancy-Budburst, the RMSEP is of almost 8 days for *Touriga Nacional*. The EF varies from 0.15 to 0.23. The corresponding coefficient of determination (R²) show values ranging from 0.41 to 0.48.

Phenophase	Model	Description	Model performance			
			RMSEP	EF	R ²	AIC
Budburst - Flowering	GDD	$T_b=7.0$	5.4	0.68	0.83	169.6
	Sigmoid	$d= -0.3, e=14.4$	5.4	0.69	0.84	170.5
	Richardson	$T_{low}=7.0, T_{high}=20.8$	5.4	0.69	0.83	171.1
	Wang	$T_m=0, T_M=40$	5.3	0.69	0.83	172.5
	Richardson	$T_{low}=5, T_{high}=25$	5.7	0.67	0.82	173.6
	Richardson	$T_{low}=5, T_{high}=20$	5.8	0.67	0.82	173.7
	Wang	$T_m=0, T_M=26.5, T_{opt}=21.8$	5.3	0.66	0.84	177.3
	GDD	$T_b=0$	6.8	0.61	0.78	180.1
Flowering - Veraison	Sigmoid	$d= -0.4, e=14.4$	6.0	0.85	0.93	151.3
	Richardson	$T_{low}=0.1, T_{high}=23.7$	5.6	0.86	0.93	151.6
	GDD	$T_b=0$	5.6	0.85	0.92	154.8
	Wang	$T_m=0, T_M=40$	5.7	0.86	0.93	155.7
	Wang	$T_m=0, T_M=40, T_{opt}=25$	6.2	0.85	0.91	161.0
	Richardson	$T_{low}=5, T_{high}=20$	6.1	0.83	0.92	161.7
	Richardson	$T_{low}=5, T_{high}=25$	5.9	0.83	0.91	161.8
	Wang	$T_m=0, T_M=43.2, T_{opt}=29.9$	5.9	0.83	0.91	164.9

Figure 9: In the case of Budburst-Flowering, the RMSEP is of 5–6 days (*Touriga Nacional*). The EF also presents much higher values than in the previous phenophase, between 0.61 to 0.69. Among the three phenophases, the best results are achieved for Flowering-Veraison, with RMSEP of 5-6 days. The EF varies from 0.83 to 0.86.

✓ Average of two climate models (CNRMSMHI e MPICLM) on the cv. *Touriga Franca*

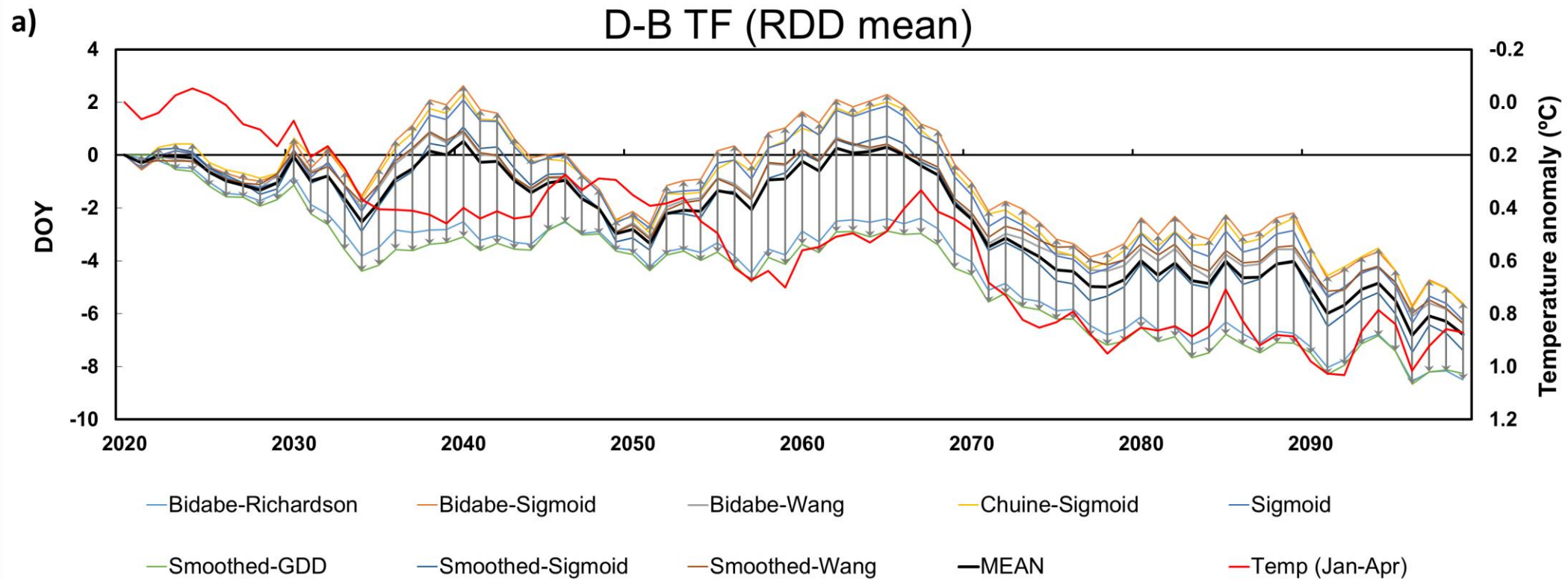


Figure 10: In the case of Dormency-Budburst for *Touriga Franca*, a mean anticipation of 6 days is expected from 2020 to 2100, with important inter-decadal variability, without a clear trend until 2070, followed by a more pronounced long-term decrease from 2070 to 2100.

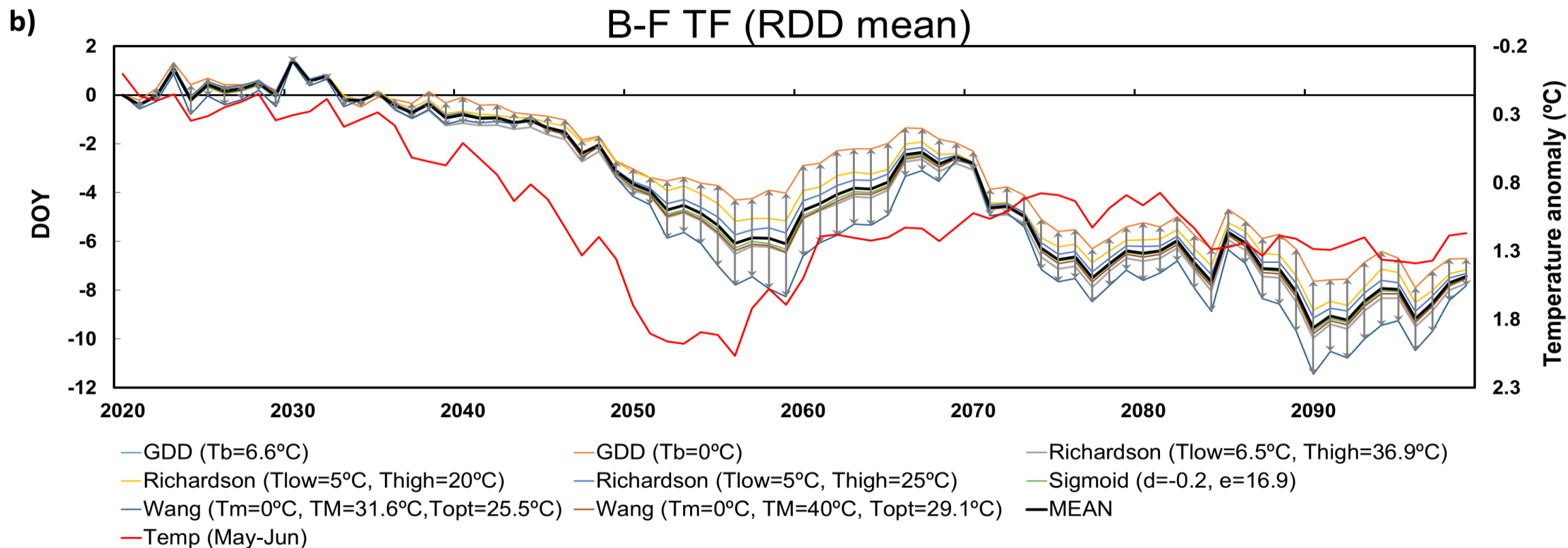


Figure 11: For Budburst-Flowering in *Touriga Franca*, a clear anticipation is expected after 2040, despite the delay in the period of 2060–2070, which can be attributed to a cooler period in the future climate.

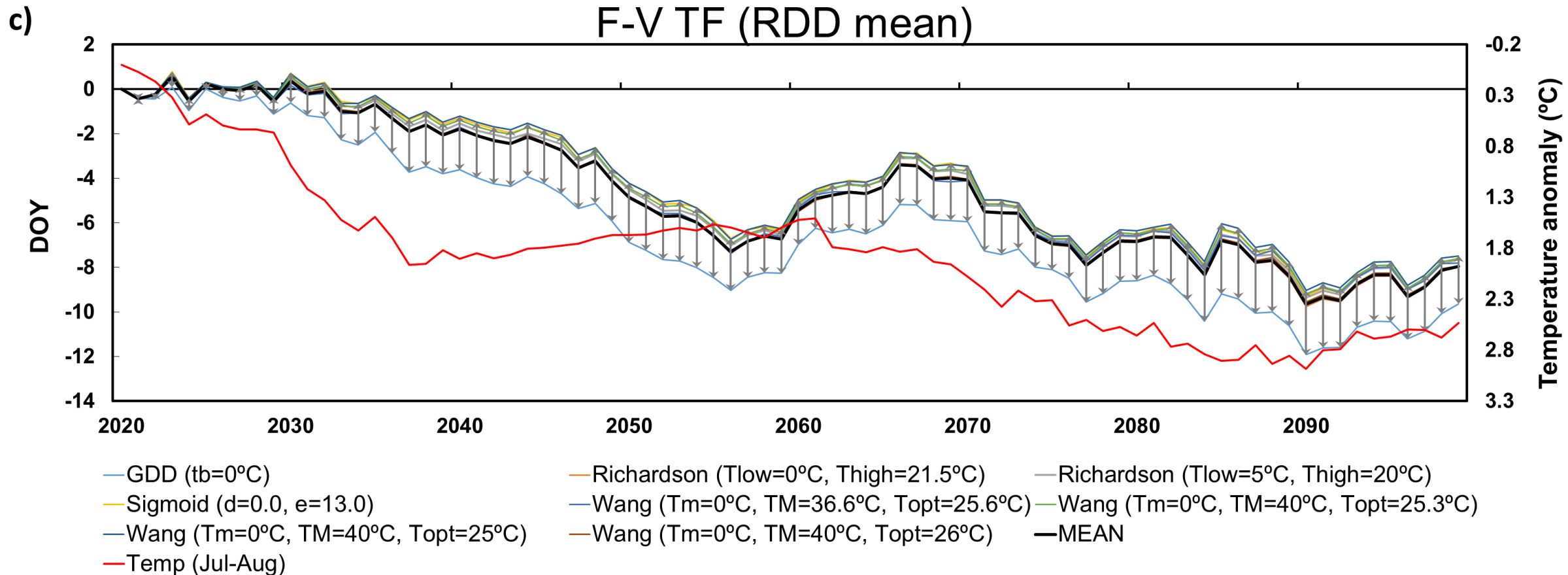


Figure 12: For Flowering-Veraison, an anticipation of 8–10 days over the full period is projected, with analogous temporal variability to Budburst-Flowering.

✓ Average of two climate models (CNRMSMHI e MPICLM) on the *cv. Touriga Nacional*

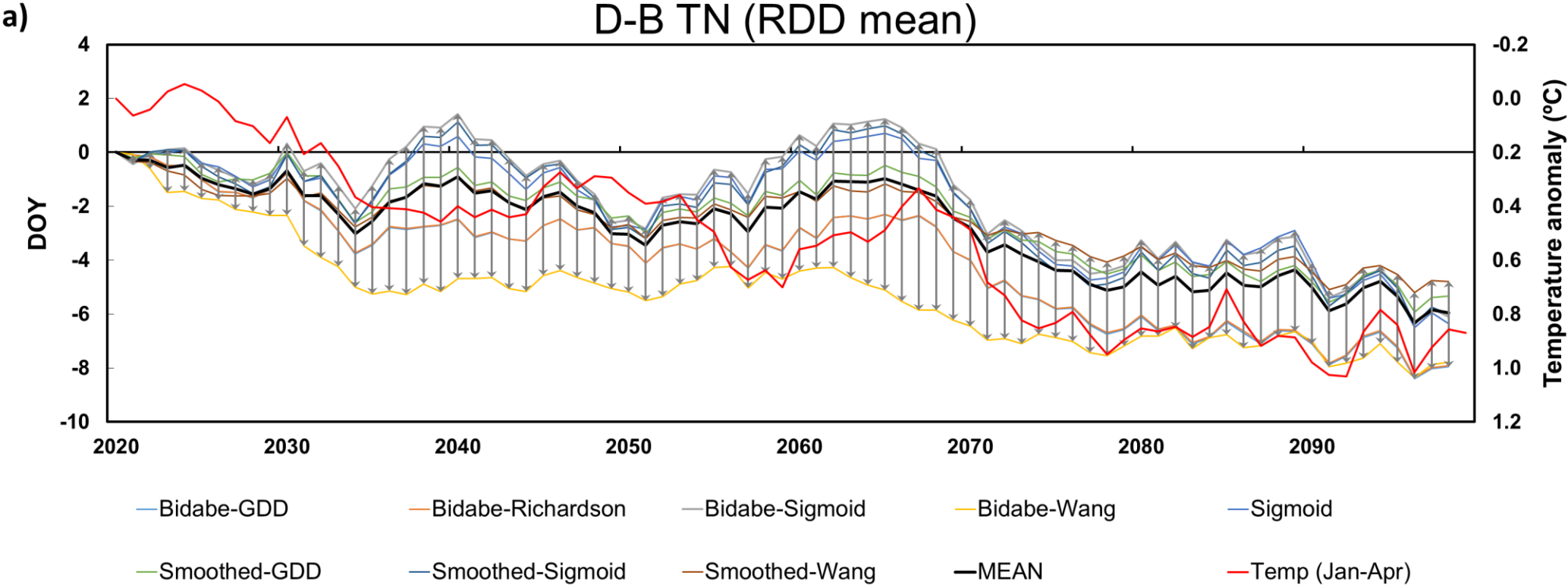


Figure 13: Similar considerations can be made for *Touriga Nacional*. The models Smoothed-GDD and Smoothed-Wang are the closest to the mean.

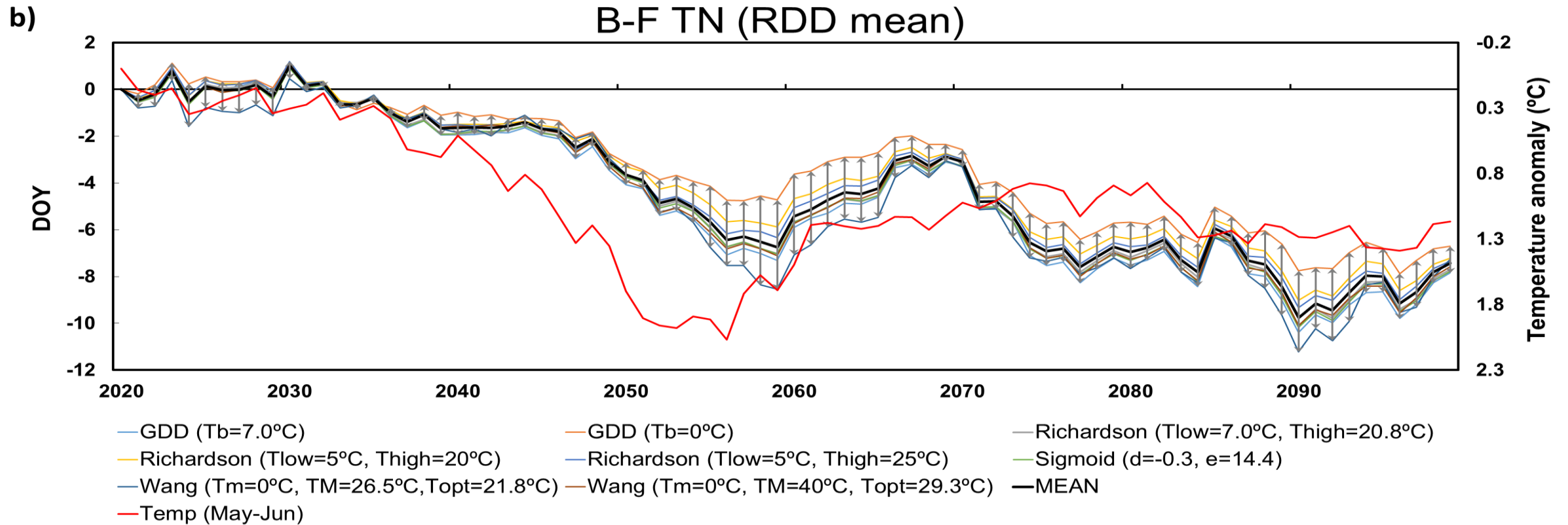


Figure 14: For Budburst-Flowering, the Richardson and the Sigmoid are models show the most central behaviour.

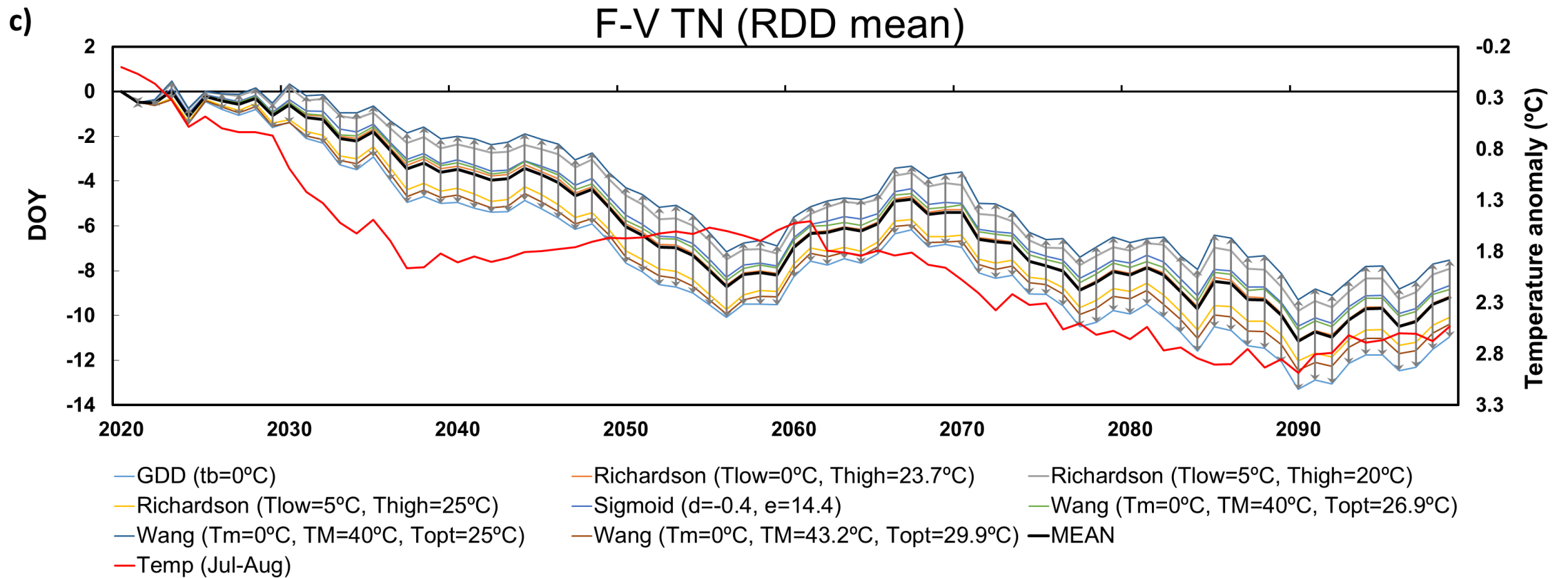


Figure 15: The anticipation of veraison for *Touriga Nacional* is more pronounced than for *Touriga Franca* (8 to 12 days).

Conclusions

- ✓ **The accurate prediction phenological timings promotes best practices and the timely implementation of suitable measures.**
- ✓ **The identification of the best phenological models (a set of eight models per phenophase), thus warranting their application both in an operational mode (real-time monitoring and short-term prediction) and in future climate change projections (long-term prediction).**

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