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IOT-ENABLED AUTOMATED MONITORING SYSTEMS IN VITICULTURE: CURRENT TRENDS, IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVING GRAPE CROP YIELD

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Abstract: Viticulture, the cultivation of grapes, is undergoing significant transformation through the adoption of Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled automated monitoring systems. This review systematically synthesizes current research and practical applications of IoT in viticulture, focusing on their impact on grape yield, quality, and resource management. The study outlines the theoretical foundations of IoT in agriculture, highlighting the role of interconnected sensors, devices, and digital platforms in real-time data collection, analysis, and decision-making. Applications in viticulture include smart irrigation, disease and pest monitoring, soil and canopy analysis, and supply chain traceability, all contributing to precision agriculture and sustainability. Case studies from major wine-producing regions demonstrate that IoT systems support continuous monitoring of critical parameters-such as soil moisture, nutrient levels, and microclimate-enabling data-driven interventions that optimize resource use and improve grape quality. Automated monitoring platforms have shown to increase grape yields by up to 153%, reduce water consumption by 33%, and decrease fungicide use by 60%, while also lowering production costs by 20-30%. Despite these benefits, implementation faces challenges related to digital infrastructure, interoperability, organizational readiness, and policy frameworks. Overcoming these barriers requires strategic planning, stakeholder collaboration, investment in training, and supportive policies. The review identifies research gaps in big data integration, open innovation, and the development of managerial and organizational capacities for digital transformation in viticulture. Future directions include empirical validation of IoT frameworks, development of standardized performance indicators, and exploration of ethical and regulatory issues. Overall, the integration of IoT technologies in viticulture offers substantial opportunities for enhancing sustainability, efficiency, and competitiveness in the grape sector, provided that technical, organizational, and policy challenges are systematically addressed.

Keywords: *Viticulture, Internet of Things (IoT), Automated monitoring systems, Precision agriculture, Grape yield*

I.INTRODUCTION

Viticulture, the science and practice of grape cultivation, is a sector of significant economic and cultural importance globally. Grapes are not only vital for the production of wine, table grapes, and raisins, but also play a key role in rural economies, employment, and international trade. The industry faces multifaceted challenges, including the need to sustain high-quality production amidst climate variability, resource limitations, and increasing consumer demands for sustainability and traceability. Modern viticulture must also address issues such as water scarcity, disease pressure, and the environmental impact of agricultural practices, all of which directly affect yield, quality, and profitability (Loggenberg, Strever, & Münch, 2024).

In response to these challenges, the agricultural sector has witnessed a rapid adoption of digital technologies, with the Internet of Things (IoT) emerging as a transformative force. IoT refers to interconnected systems of sensors, devices, and platforms that enable real-time monitoring and data-driven management of crops and resources (Abbasi, Martinez, & Ahmad, 2022). In agriculture, and specifically in viticulture, IoT technologies are being deployed for applications such as smart irrigation, disease and pest monitoring, soil and canopy analysis, and supply chain traceability (Ferro & Catania, 2023). These systems collect and analyses vast amounts of data, supporting precision agriculture practices that optimize resource use, enhance crop quality, and reduce environmental impacts (Pang et al., 2023). The integration of IoT with artificial intelligence and other digital tools is also enabling more autonomous and adaptive vineyard management strategies (Adamsville et al., 2022).

The purpose of this review is to systematically synthesize the current state of research and practice regarding IoT-enabled automated monitoring systems in viticulture. The objectives are threefold: (1) to assess the importance of grape yield, quality, and resource management in the context of modern viticulture; (2) to provide an overview of how IoT technologies are being adopted and implemented in grape production; and (3) to identify the key benefits, challenges, and future opportunities for leveraging IoT to improve sustainability, efficiency, and competitiveness in the grape sector (Loggenberg, Strever, & Münch, 2024; Ferro & Catania, 2023; Pang et al., 2023). This review aims to inform researchers, vineyard managers, and agribusiness stakeholders about the potential and practical implications of digital transformation in viticulture.

II.THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS OF IOT IN AGRICULTURE

The Internet of Things (IoT) in agriculture is built upon a foundation of interconnected devices, sensors, and platforms that enable real-time data collection, communication, and analysis to optimize resource use and decision-making (Dadkhah et al., 2020). At its core, IoT is defined as a network of cooperative devices that exchange data using standardized communication protocols over the Internet, ranging from simple sensors to sophisticated industrial tools (Bortolini et al., 2017; Mosterman & Zander, 2016; Wang et al., 2016a, 2016b). This paradigm enables the seamless integration of the physical and digital worlds, allowing for the visualization and control of agricultural processes in real time (Alshawi et al., 2018). The IoT architecture typically consists of multiple layers-including perception (sensors, actuators, RFID tags), transmission (wired/wireless networks such as ZigBee, Wi-Fi, LoRaWAN, and cellular), computation (cloud and edge computing, big data analytics, AI/ML), and application (user interfaces and decision support systems)-that work together to collect, transmit, process, and utilize data for actionable insights (Li et al., 2015; Symeonaki et al., 2020).

Key enabling technologies in agricultural IoT systems include wireless sensor networks (WSN), embedded systems (e.g., Arduino, Raspberry Pi), RFID, cloud computing, big data analytics, and artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) algorithms for advanced data processing and predictive modeling (Li et al., 2015). These technologies empower real-time monitoring of critical parameters such as soil moisture, temperature, humidity, plant health, and pest/disease presence, supporting precision interventions and efficient resource management (Symeonaki et al., 2020). The flexibility and scalability of IoT architectures are often enhanced through service-oriented architectures (SOA), microservices, and open-source platforms, enabling interoperability and integration across diverse agricultural applications (Al-Fuqaha et al., 2015; Domínguez-Bolaño et al., 2022).

The role of IoT in supporting management decisions, efficiency, and sustainability in agriculture is substantial. IoT systems provide granular, real-time data that inform operational, tactical, and strategic decision-making, enabling more precise and timely interventions for irrigation, fertilization, pest control, and harvest planning (Ferretti & Schiavone, 2016). By digitizing agricultural processes, IoT simplifies activity management, enhances workflow optimization, and enables predictive and autonomous control, which collectively improve efficiency and reduce costs. The integration of IoT with big data analytics and AI further supports advanced decision support systems, allowing for the prediction and control of future scenarios, and facilitating adaptive responses to changing environmental or market conditions (Symeonaki et al., 2020).

Sustainability and resource management are central objectives addressed through IoT adoption in agriculture. IoT-enabled systems optimize the use of water, fertilizers, and pesticides, reducing environmental impact and supporting sustainable practices aligned with the triple bottom line-economic, environmental, and social goals (Malek & Desai, 2020). These technologies contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), such as efficient resource use (SDG 12.2) and reduced food waste (SDG 12.3), by enabling data-driven management and circular economy practices (Ma et al., 2023). In summary, the theoretical foundations of IoT in agriculture encompass a layered architecture of sensing, communication, computation, and application, underpinned by a diverse set of enabling technologies, all directed toward enhancing management decisions, operational efficiency, and sustainability in modern farming systems (Li et al., 2015; Symeonaki et al., 2020; Malek & Desai, 2020).

III.APPLICATIONS OF IOT IN VITICULTURE

IoT technologies in viticulture enable continuous monitoring of critical parameters that directly influence grape quality, yield, and resource efficiency. Soil moisture is extensively monitored as a crucial indicator affecting nutrient uptake efficiency, with wireless soil moisture detection systems widely deployed in vineyards to support irrigation scheduling and water management decisions (Pang et al., 2023). Soil nutrients, particularly nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K), are monitored using specialized sensors that gather real-time data on soil fertility, enabling precision fertilization that prevents over-application while optimizing yield potential (Kour & Arora, 2020; Sinha & Dhanalakshmi, 2022). Other critical soil parameters include acidity (pH), temperature, and salinity, which collectively influence vine growth and grape development (Sivagami, Kandavalli, & Yakkala, 2025).

Weather and environmental monitoring form another essential category of parameters in IoT-enabled viticulture. Temperature sensors track air, soil, and canopy temperatures, which are critical for calculating the Crop Water Stress Index (CWSI) and managing frost risk. Humidity, rainfall, wind speed, and solar radiation are monitored through integrated weather stations, providing data that informs disease risk models and irrigation scheduling. Water stress is a particularly significant parameter, with the CWSI serving as a quantitative estimation of a plant's need for water and its ability to exploit available soil moisture. Plant-specific parameters monitored include crop vigor, which correlates with water consumption, nutrient uptake, and yield potential. Leaf area index, chlorophyll content, and plant stress conditions are assessed through various sensing technologies to provide insights into vine health and physiological status.

A diverse array of IoT devices and sensors are employed in precision viticulture. Multispectral sensors are the most widely used in vineyard monitoring, capturing reflectance data that correlates with vigor, structural parameters, and water status. Thermal sensors are particularly valuable for detecting water stress by measuring the temperature difference between air and leaf surfaces (Anastasiou et al., 2023). Soil sensors include moisture probes, NPK sensors, pH sensors, and temperature sensors that collectively provide a comprehensive assessment of soil conditions (Sivagami, Kandavalli, & Yakkala, 2025). Weather stations equipped with temperature, humidity, rainfall, and wind sensors enable continuous monitoring of environmental conditions. These sensors are typically integrated into wireless sensor networks (WSNs) that transmit data to central processing systems (Friedl & Pernul, 2024; Katoch, 2022).

The collected data is processed and visualized through various digital platforms. Mobile applications allow vineyard managers to access real-time data and make informed decisions in the field (Bacenetti et al., 2020). Web-based platforms provide more comprehensive analytics and visualization tools, often incorporating decision support systems (DSS) that integrate weather information and sensor data to predict disease outbreaks or optimize resource applications (Anastasiou et al., 2023). Cloud-based architectures enable data storage and processing, with some systems incorporating artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms for predictive analytics (Palmieri et al., 2016; Foughali et al., 2018).

Case examples of IoT implementation in viticulture span multiple regions globally. In European countries, particularly Italy, Spain, and France, precision viticulture has seen widespread adoption, with studies demonstrating the effectiveness of remote sensing and proximal sensing technologies for vineyard management (Ferro & Catania, 2023). In Australia, where some of the first experiences in precision viticulture were developed, integrated systems combine multiple sensing technologies with decision support tools to optimize irrigation and fertilization (Basso et al., 2023). North American vineyards, particularly in the USA, have implemented advanced IoT systems for disease detection and prevention, with a focus on reducing pesticide use through targeted applications. In Mediterranean regions, including Portugal and Spain, IoT systems have been deployed to address specific challenges related to water scarcity and high temperatures, with thermal sensing playing a crucial role in irrigation management (Guerra et al., 2016). These diverse implementations demonstrate the adaptability of IoT technologies to different viticultural contexts and challenges, providing tailored solutions that enhance grape production while optimizing resource use (Montero et al., 2013).

Self-Evaluation

- Completeness: The section comprehensively covers the three required elements: critical parameters monitored in grape cultivation, types of IoT devices/sensors/platforms, and case examples from different regions.
- Clarity: The writing is clear and well-structured in paragraph format as requested.
- Citation: Inline citations are provided in APA format as required.
- Alignment: The content directly addresses the outline points and draws exclusively from the attached file.
- Improvement: The section could potentially benefit from more specific details about implementation outcomes in the case examples, if such information is available in the source material.

IV FUNCTIONALITY AND EFFICACY OF AUTOMATED MONITORING SYSTEMS

Functionality and Efficacy of Automated Monitoring Systems

Automated monitoring systems powered by IoT have transformed grape crop management by enabling real-time, remote, and data-driven oversight of vineyard conditions. These systems combine networks of wireless sensors with digital platforms to collect, process, and visualize critical data on microclimate, soil, and plant health, offering winegrowers actionable insights for timely interventions (Ferro & Catania, 2023). IoT-based platforms can monitor temperature, humidity, soil moisture, rainfall, wind speed, and vine health status, which are essential for optimizing irrigation, predicting disease risk, and determining the ideal time for harvesting and pruning (Softweb Solutions, 2019) .The integration of predictive analytics and decision-support tools within these platforms further enhances their utility, allowing managers to anticipate adverse weather events or pest outbreaks and to automate responses such as activating irrigation or applying treatments (VineSens, 2017).

The business and managerial benefits of IoT-enabled vineyard monitoring systems are substantial. These solutions have been shown to improve grape yield and quality by supporting precise and timely interventions, minimizing risks associated with climate variability and disease, and enabling optimized resource allocation (Biz4Intellia, 2023). Cost savings are achieved through reductions in water, fertilizer, and pesticide use; for example, studies report that IoT-guided fungicide applications can reduce usage by 15–30%, while water savings of up to 50% have been documented through automated irrigation management. These efficiencies translate into lower production costs-often 20–30% less than conventional practices-while also supporting sustainability by reducing environmental impact (Softweb Solutions, 2019). Automated monitoring also streamlines operations, enabling remote management, predictive analysis, and inventory control, which collectively increase productivity and profitability (Biz4Intellia, 2023).

Comparative studies and practical deployments indicate that IoT-based systems outperform conventional vineyard management methods in several key areas. Unlike traditional practices that rely on manual observation and reactive interventions, IoT solutions provide continuous, objective, and granular data, enabling proactive management and rapid response to emerging issues (Ferro & Catania, 2023). For instance, automated disease detection systems such as VineSens have demonstrated the ability to reduce the use of phytosanitary products, lower environmental pollution, and improve grape quality by delivering targeted alerts and recommendations based on real-time epidemiological models (VineSens, 2017). In winery operations, automation of fermentation monitoring using sensors ensures consistent wine quality and allows for immediate corrective actions, which is difficult to achieve with manual methods. Overall, IoT-enabled monitoring systems provide a significant competitive advantage by enhancing decision support, operational efficiency, and sustainability compared to conventional vineyard management approaches.

Evaluation:

- Completeness: This section covers device/platform effectiveness, business/managerial benefits (yield, quality, cost, efficiency), and comparative performance versus conventional methods, as required.
- Clarity: The paragraph structure is clear and logically organized.
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V IMPLEMENTATION PROCESSES AND CHALLENGES

The implementation of IoT and digital technologies in agriculture, including viticulture, involves a combination of strategic planning, organizational readiness, and policy support. Practical implementation steps often begin with the establishment of clear organizational guidelines and frameworks for technology adoption, such as transparent protocols for IoT readiness and digital forensics (Kyaw et al., 2020; Ghosh et al., 2021; Mudau et al., 2021). These guidelines should be aligned with available technological and human resources and require top management commitment for successful integration. Ensuring compliance with legal frameworks is also essential, particularly regarding data acquisition and privacy (Pasquale, 2018; Hou, 2020). Implementation decisions are typically made at the leadership level, often necessitating a rethinking of organizational structures and processes to accommodate new technologies (Karie & Karume, 2017). Collaboration among stakeholders-including entrepreneurs, support institutions, technology developers, and researchers-can further reduce adoption barriers and facilitate the development of effective strategies (Katoch, 2022). Policymakers play a crucial role by preparing suitable policies, plans, and programs, and by providing financial support and incentives that lower the barriers to entry for technology adoption (Alka et al., xxx).

Despite these strategies, several technical, organizational, financial, and policy barriers persist. Technical barriers include inadequate digital infrastructure in rural regions, such as limited high-speed internet and mobile network coverage, which restrict the deployment and real-time operation of IoT systems. The complexity of integrating new technologies with existing agricultural systems, interoperability issues between heterogeneous devices, and scalability challenges are also significant obstacles. Organizational barriers stem from a lack of digital literacy, resistance to change, and insufficient internal expertise in digital technologies (Alka et al., xxx). Cultural resistance and the absence of a clear digital strategy can further hinder adoption. Financial constraints are among the most cited barriers, particularly the high initial investment and ongoing maintenance costs of IoT devices, which are especially prohibitive for small and medium-sized enterprises. Policy and legal barriers include complex regulatory environments, lack of standardization, and concerns over data privacy and security, all of which can delay or prevent technology integration (Orjuela-Garzon et al., 2024).

Change management, training, and organizational capacity are critical to overcoming these challenges. Successful adoption of IoT requires organizations to adapt their processes and structures, often involving a cultural shift and the development of new managerial profiles to absorb and apply digital knowledge (Alenezi et al., 2019). Training and capacity-building initiatives are essential to bridge the digital skills gap, with digital literacy and continuous education programs recommended for both managers and field workers (Inakefe et al., 2024). E-learning and institutional support have been shown to significantly influence adoption intentions, particularly in small farms where resources are limited. Organizational readiness also depends on the availability of economic resources, infrastructure, and a supportive leadership environment (Alka et al., xxx). Addressing issues such as data security, interoperability, and standardization is also necessary for building trust and ensuring the long-term sustainability of digital transformation in agriculture (Orjuela-Garzon et al., 2024)1.

In summary, the implementation of IoT in agriculture is a multifaceted process that requires coordinated action across technical, organizational, financial, and policy domains. Success depends on strategic planning, stakeholder collaboration, investment in training and infrastructure, and the development of supportive policies and standards to address persistent barriers (Orjuela-Garzon et al., 2024; Karie & Karume, 2017).

Evaluation:

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VI OUTCOME ASSESSMENT: YIELD, QUALITY, AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

IoT-enabled and AI-driven technologies have demonstrated significant positive impacts on grape yield, quality, and resource efficiency in viticulture. In a notable proof-of-concept project in China, the deployment of an integrated IoT management solution for small-scale grape growers resulted in a remarkable 153% increase in grape yield compared to traditional production methods, with yields rising from 15 t/hm² to 38 t/hm². The same project reported substantial improvements in grape quality, including fruits weighing up to 39% more, higher levels of accumulated sugars, soluble solids, and vitamin C, all of which are critical indicators for table grape and wine production. These outcomes were achieved while simultaneously reducing input use: water consumption decreased by 33%, and the volume and cost of fungicide applications were reduced by 60% due to the system's ability to monitor and respond to real-time humidity and soil moisture data (GSMA, 2020).

Similar benefits have been observed in other regions and studies. The use of IoT sensors and platforms in vineyards allows for high-precision monitoring of environmental and plant conditions, enabling winegrowers to make informed decisions about irrigation, fertilization, and pest management. This not only improves the quality and quantity of harvested grapes but also minimizes risk and waste, supporting more sustainable and profitable operation. Cost savings are a major benefit, with IoT adoption leading to reductions in production costs by 20–30%, primarily through more efficient use of water, fertilizers, fungicides, and labor. Precision irrigation alone has been shown to save up to 50% of water, while optimized spraying can reduce pesticide use by around 30% (eVineyard, 2018). These resource efficiencies contribute directly to both environmental sustainability and business profitability.

From an economic perspective, the increased yields and improved quality associated with IoT and AI adoption translate into higher financial returns for grape producers. The ability to produce higher-quality fruit earlier in the season can command premium market prices, while savings on input costs further enhance profitability. The reduction in labor requirements and automation of routine vineyard operations also contribute to lower operational costs and increased efficiency (eVineyard, 2018). Although explicit terms such as "ROI" or "payback period" are not always detailed, the documented cost-benefit analyses and financial performance improvements indicate strong economic viability for IoT-enabled viticulture (GSMA, 2020).

Beyond immediate economic gains, these technologies support long-term business sustainability and environmental stewardship. IoT and AI facilitate more sustainable viticulture by optimizing the use of natural resources, reducing chemical inputs, and minimizing environmental impacts such as water pollution and soil degradation(Libelium, 2023). They also enable compliance with sustainability standards and contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by promoting efficient resource use and reducing waste (GSMA, 2020). In summary, the integration of IoT and AI in grape production not only boosts yield and quality but also enhances resource efficiency, delivers clear economic benefits, and advances the sector's sustainability objectives.

Evaluation:

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VII BEST PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES FOR IOT ADOPTION

The successful adoption of IoT in viticulture and broader agricultural sectors relies on a combination of strategic, managerial, and policy-driven best practices. The literature emphasizes that companies and managers aiming for sustainability through Industry 4.0 (I4.0) technologies, including IoT, should rethink their business models and processes to address growing concerns about sustainability and competitiveness (Engert et al., 2016). This involves integrating corporate sustainability into strategic management, adopting the triple bottom line approach (economic, social, environmental), and aligning strategic objectives with value generation to drive competitive advantage (Nunhes et al., 2020). Utilizing drivers such as strategy, product and process design, resource efficiency, people, smart production, and supply chain management is recommended to guide organizations toward greener, fairer, and more profitable operations (García-Muiña et al., 2020).

For technology adoption, it is advised to implement risk-based policies, integrate management systems, and focus on good management practices that correlate with performance improvement (Bloom et al., 2011). In supply chain management, combining IoT with Big Data Analytics (BDA) enhances resilience and enables predictive responses to deviations, while extending the IoT perception layer with context-aware devices supports autonomous decision-making (Faizul et al., 2017). Validation of monitoring systems and adoption of green logistics are also highlighted as key strategies (Yusianto & Hardjomidjojo, 2019).

Policy, incentives, and extension services play a pivotal role in supporting IoT adoption. Public policies that subsidize the acquisition of I4.0 technologies, reduce environmental impacts, and promote eco-friendly products are recommended (Bag et al., 2018). Government support can also include reducing tariffs for technology imports and reviewing legislation to ensure cybersecurity and supply chain sustainability (Fatimah et al., 2020; Lin et al., 2017). Extension services and agricultural advisory programs are essential for raising awareness, providing training, and supporting farmers throughout the technology adoption process (Anderson, 2007). The relationship with extension agents is critical, as continuous support and motivation are necessary for sustained use of new technologies (Kutter et al., 2011).

Leadership and stakeholder engagement are repeatedly identified as success factors. Senior management commitment and a clear digital strategy are vital for effective implementation, while stakeholder engagement-including employees, partners, and the community-facilitates collaboration, transparency, and value creation (Machado, 2021).Building strong networks and fostering communication between actors in the value chain enhance resource integration and support innovation (Satyro et al., 2021).

To guide and evaluate IoT implementation, the literature points to the use of layered IoT architectures, established standards (such as ISO and IEC), and frameworks like RAMI 4.0 for structuring digital transformation (Li et al., 2015). Analytical models, key performance indicators (KPIs), and structured methodologies such as PRISMA for systematic reviews are also recommended for monitoring effectiveness and ensuring continuous improvement (Moher et al., 2009).

In summary, best practices for IoT adoption in viticulture involve strategic alignment with sustainability goals, robust management and risk policies, active leadership and stakeholder engagement, supportive policy environments, and ongoing training and extension support.

The combination of these factors creates an enabling ecosystem for the effective and sustainable integration of IoT technologies in grape production and beyond.

Evaluation:

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VIII RESEARCH GAPS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Despite significant advances in IoT applications for viticulture, several important research gaps and unaddressed challenges remain. A primary gap exists in fully realizing the potential of vast amounts of agricultural data to create actionable insights and practical benefits for farmers, agribusinesses, and policymakers (Anidu & Dara, 2021). While IoT systems generate enormous volumes of data, there is still insufficient research on effectively planning and designing integrated big data and IoT technologies specifically for viticulture environments (Hajjaji, Boulila, Farah, et al., 2021). The junction between IoT and open innovation in agriculture remains particularly understudied, with few publications exploring how collaborative innovation ecosystems could accelerate technological adoption in grape production (El Hammouchi et al., 2023). Additionally, there are critical gaps in harmonizing data generation, treatment, and processing across different links of the agri-food chain that would permit more effective use of data analytics techniques to facilitate vineyard decision-making.

From a management and organizational perspective, several significant research areas require further attention. Companies still face difficulties in developing and operationalizing sustainability through Industry 4.0 technologies, with a lack of studies presenting propositions that should be adopted during the transition process to a sustainable business model via IoT and related technologies (Torres da Rocha et al., 2022). Research indicates inadequate consideration of social and organizational factors, such as organizational culture, change management, and stakeholder engagement, that may influence the adoption and implementation of IoT in agricultural contexts (Orjuela-Garzon et al., 2024). Little is known about rural areas' capacities to participate in technological transformations, which is particularly relevant for viticulture operations often located in remote regions (Münch et al., 2022; Asiimwe and de Kock, 2019). A critical barrier to the adoption of digital technologies in the agricultural sector is associated with organizational innocence from leadership regarding the benefits and use of the technology, highlighting the need for research on effective knowledge transfer and capacity building approaches (Brunetti et al., 2022).

Future research directions should address several key areas. There is a need to develop new managerial profiles that can enhance knowledge absorption capacity by setting a common 'frame of reference' at the inter-firms' level, between technology providers and technology receivers in the viticulture sector (Filippini et al., 2012). Studies addressing an integrated approach towards IoT, Big Data Analytics, and Supply Chain Management in the context of grape and wine production are needed to optimize the entire value chain (Koot et al., 2021). Future research should also focus on defining the theoretical underpinnings of AI in viticulture, considering theories related to ethics, consumer experience, quality, and sustainability (Brunetti et al., 2022). Ethical concerns surrounding AI and IoT require additional research, particularly regarding business models that ensure privacy settings, data control, and confidentiality in grape production contexts (Camarena, 2020; Maulana et al., 2022; Spanaki et al., 2022).

More practical implementation studies are also needed. Future research endeavors should concentrate on conducting case studies or empirical studies to validate proposed IoT frameworks in real-world vineyard settings to demonstrate practical application and effectiveness (De Stefano et al., 2024). There is also a need for a more general set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to measure the efficiency and effectiveness of IoT implementations consistently in viticulture supply chains (Zhong et al., 2016). Researchers need to critically evaluate when IoT measuring systems become truly beneficial for vineyard practitioners, as validation should not depend solely on the system's descriptive or predictive output measures (Koot et al., 2021). Finally, future research should explore the regulatory landscape surrounding the adoption of IoT technologies in the wine industry, considering data privacy, security, and compliance with industry standards and regulations (De Stefano et al., 2024).

Evaluation:

- **Completeness**: The section comprehensively addresses unaddressed challenges, open questions, and areas requiring further research with a management/organizational focus.
- **Clarity**: The writing is clear, well-structured in paragraph format, and presents a logical flow of ideas.
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- **Depth**: The section balances technical research gaps with management and organizational research needs, as specified in the outline.

IX CONCLUSION

The integration of IoT-enabled automated monitoring systems in viticulture represents a transformative opportunity for grape producers and agribusiness managers seeking to enhance productivity, quality, and sustainability. The main findings of this review highlight that IoT technologies, when effectively implemented, can significantly improve grape yield by up to 153% while simultaneously reducing water consumption by 33% and fungicide use by 60% (GSMA, 2020). These technologies enable real-time monitoring of critical parameters such as soil moisture, temperature, and plant health, supporting data-driven decision-making that optimizes resource use and minimizes environmental impact (Ferro & Catania, 2023). For grape producers and agribusiness managers, the implications are substantial: IoT adoption can lead to production cost reductions of 20-30%, primarily through more efficient use of water, fertilizers, and pesticides (eVineyard, 2018). The drivers proposed for developing corporate sustainability via Industry 4.0-strategy, product and process design, energy and material resources, people, smart production, and supply chain-provide organizations with a framework to effectively move towards sustainability, helping to make their businesses greener, fairer, and more profitable (Torres da Rocha et al., 2022). Managers should recognize that successful implementation requires not only technological investment but also organizational readiness, with senior management sponsorship being crucial for quality improvement processes that yield returns in the medium and long term. The integration of digitality into business strategy enables the development and intensification of services and solutions that create value for customers. For agribusiness managers specifically, defining clear targets for value creation is essential to ensure that data drives actionable outcomes and significant improvements in organizational performance, business processes, and product innovation (Grover et al., 2018). The combination of IoT and Big Data Analytics enhances supply chain resilience by detecting or predicting deviations from operational planning, allowing timely responses to disruptions (Hazra et al., 2021). Real-time monitoring capabilities improve transparency, traceability, and reliability of logistics operations, enabling higher efficiency levels throughout the grape production and distribution chain (Speranza, 2018; Ben-Daya et al., 2019). In conclusion, while challenges remain in terms of technical integration, organizational change, and initial investment costs, the evidence strongly suggests that IoT-enabled monitoring systems offer grape producers and agribusiness managers powerful tools to address the complex challenges of modern viticulture, supporting more sustainable, efficient, and profitable operations in an increasingly competitive and resource-constrained environment.

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