

Additional file 2. Constructs and plasmids used in this study

Construct	Description
pGEMt-VvCCD1	<i>CCD1</i> PCR-amplified from <i>V. vinifera</i> cv. Pinotage cDNA using primer pair VvCCD1_5'/VvCCD1_3' and cloned into pGEM®-T Easy cloning vector.
pGEMt-VvCCD4a	<i>CCD4a</i> PCR-amplified from <i>V. vinifera</i> cv. Pinotage cDNA using primer pair VvCCD4a_5'/VvCCD4a_3' and cloned into pGEM®-T Easy cloning vector.
pGEMt-VvCCD4b	<i>CCD4b</i> PCR-amplified from <i>V. vinifera</i> cv. Pinotage cDNA using primer pair VvCCD4b_5'/VvCCD4b_3' and cloned into pGEM®-T Easy cloning vector.
pGEMt-CCD1(RNAi)	A 148 bp fragment of the 3'-untranslated region of VvCCD1 was PCR-amplified from <i>V. vinifera</i> cv. Pinotage genomic DNA using primer pair VvCCD1_RNAi_5'/ VvCCD1_RNAi_3' and cloned into pGEM®-T Easy cloning vector.
pTWIN1-VvCCD1	VvCCD1 was isolated from pGEMt-VvCCD1 as an <i>NdeI/PstI</i> fragment and cloned into the corresponding <i>NdeI/PstI</i> sites of pTWIN1.
pTWIN1-VvCCD4a	VvCCD4a was isolated from pGEMt-VvCCD4a as an <i>NdeI/BglII</i> fragment and cloned into the compatible <i>NdeI/BamHI</i> sites of pTWIN1.
pTWIN1-VvCCD4b	VvCCD4b was isolated from pGEMt-VvCCD4b as an <i>NdeI/BamHI</i> fragment and cloned into the corresponding <i>NdeI/BamHI</i> sites of pTWIN1.
pART7-VvCCD1	VvCCD1 was isolated from pGEMt-VvCCD1 as a <i>Sall/SpeI</i> fragment and cloned into the compatible <i>XhoI/XbaI</i> sites of pART7.
pART27-VvCCD1	The VvCCD1 expression cassette was excised from pART7 as a <i>NotI</i> fragment and cloned into the corresponding <i>NotI</i> sites of pART27.
pHANNIBAL-CCD1(RNAi)	A two-step cloning strategy was used: (1) A 136 bp <i>XhoI/EcoRI</i> fragment was excised from pGEMt-CCD1(RNAi) and cloned into the corresponding <i>XhoI/EcoRI</i> sites of pHANNIBAL; (2) a 148 bp <i>BamHI/XbaI</i> fragment was excised from pGEMt-CCD1(RNAi) was cloned into the corresponding <i>BamHI/XbaI</i> sites of the resultant recombinant plasmid generated in (1).
pART27-CCD1(RNAi)	The expression cassette containing the VvCCD1_RNAi inverted repeat was excised from pHANNIBAL-CCD1(RNAi) with <i>NotI</i> and cloned into the corresponding <i>NotI</i> site of pART27.