

**Fig. S1** Frequency distribution of PT index in the DH population. Scores are averaged across testing environments for DH population.

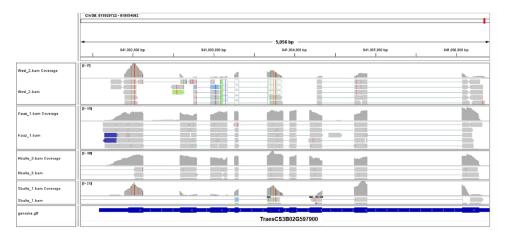


Fig.S2 Visualization of the mRNA sequence of candidate gene using IGV.

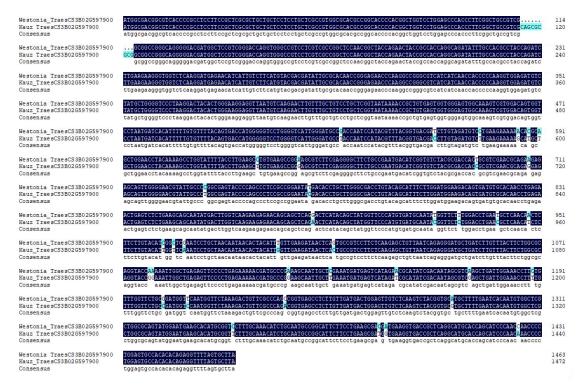


Fig.S3 Sequence alignment for CDS of TraesCS3B02G597900 in 'Westonia' and 'Kauz'.

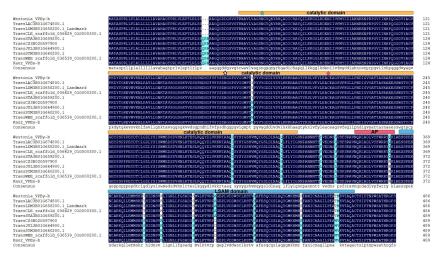


Fig.S4 Alignment of amino acid sequences of VPE gene (*TraesCS3B02G597900*) in ten common wheat varieties ('Westonia', 'Lancer', 'CDC Landmark', 'Claire', 'Janz', 'Chinese Spring', 'Julius', 'SyMattis', 'Weebill', 'Kauz'). The catalytic residues cysteine (red star), histidine (unfilled star), and asparagine (blue star) from the catalytic domain are shown.

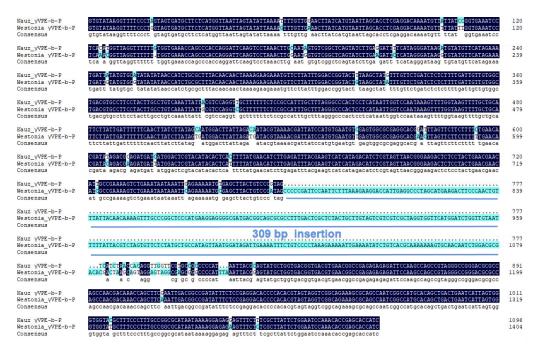


Fig.S5 Sequence alignment for promoters of *TraesCS3B02G597900* in Westonia and Kauz. Sequences on blue lines represent a 309 bp insertion.

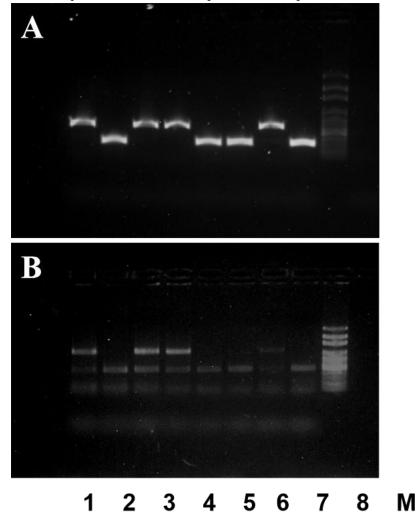


Fig.S6 Genotyping of TaVPE3cB in different wheat cultivars.

- (A) PCR with Qpt3B-F2/R2;
- (B) PCR with *Qpt3B-F1/R1*. Lanes: M, molecular weight markers (Axygen® DNA LADDER 100BP), the bands are 3,000, 2,000, 1,000, 800, 700, 600, 500, 400, 300, 200 and 100bp, respectively; 1, 'Westonia' (*TaVPE3cB.b*), 2, 'Kauz' (*TaVPE3cB.a*), 3, 'Lancer' (*TaVPE3cB.b*), 4, 'Janz' (*TaVPE3cB.b*), 5, 'Chinese spring' (*TaVPE3cB.a*), 6, 'Stanley' (*TaVPE3cB.a*), 7, 'Landmark' (*TaVPE3cB.b*), 8, 'Filder' (*TaVPE3cB.a*).