

**Creating natural freshness and acidity in the
wine with LAFFORT®**



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l'œnologie par nature

Dichotomy: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* & non-*Saccharomyces* yeasts

Saccharomyces cerevisiae

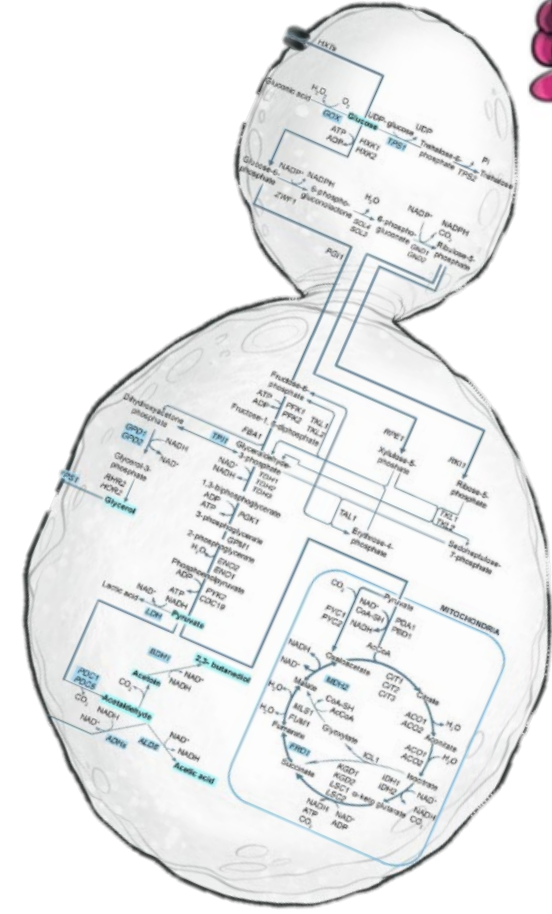
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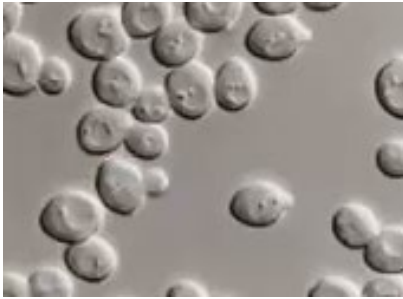
POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE IMPACT



Non-*Saccharomyces* yeasts: “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly”

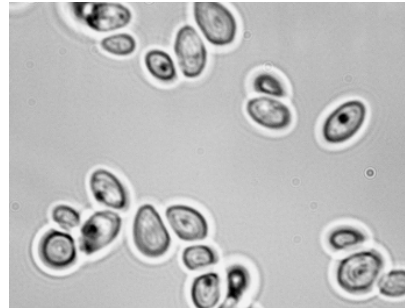
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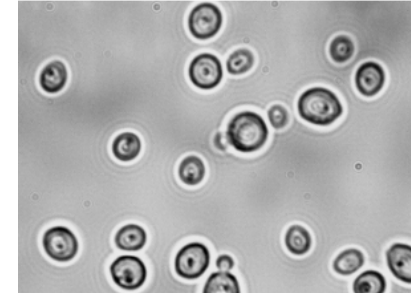
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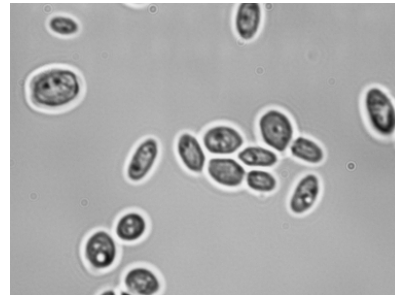
Schizosaccharomyces pombe

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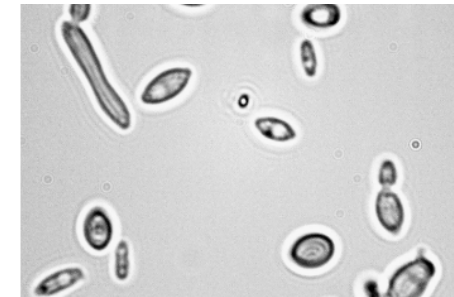
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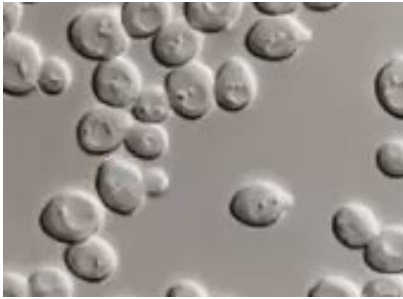
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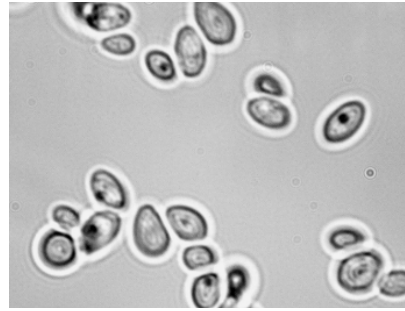
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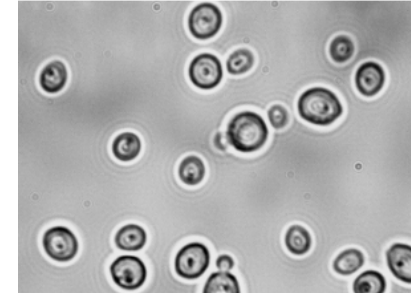
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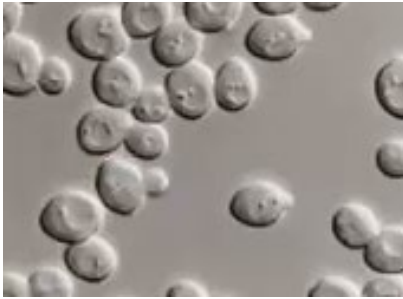
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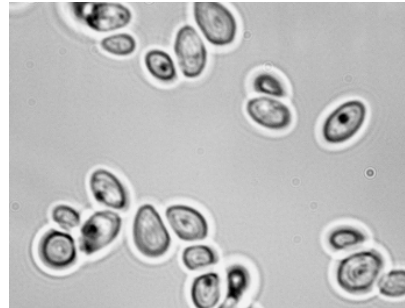
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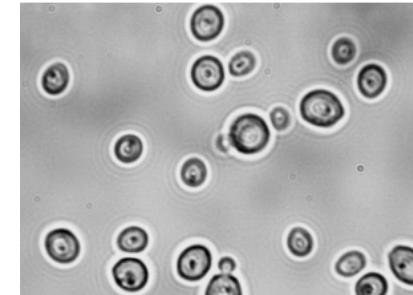
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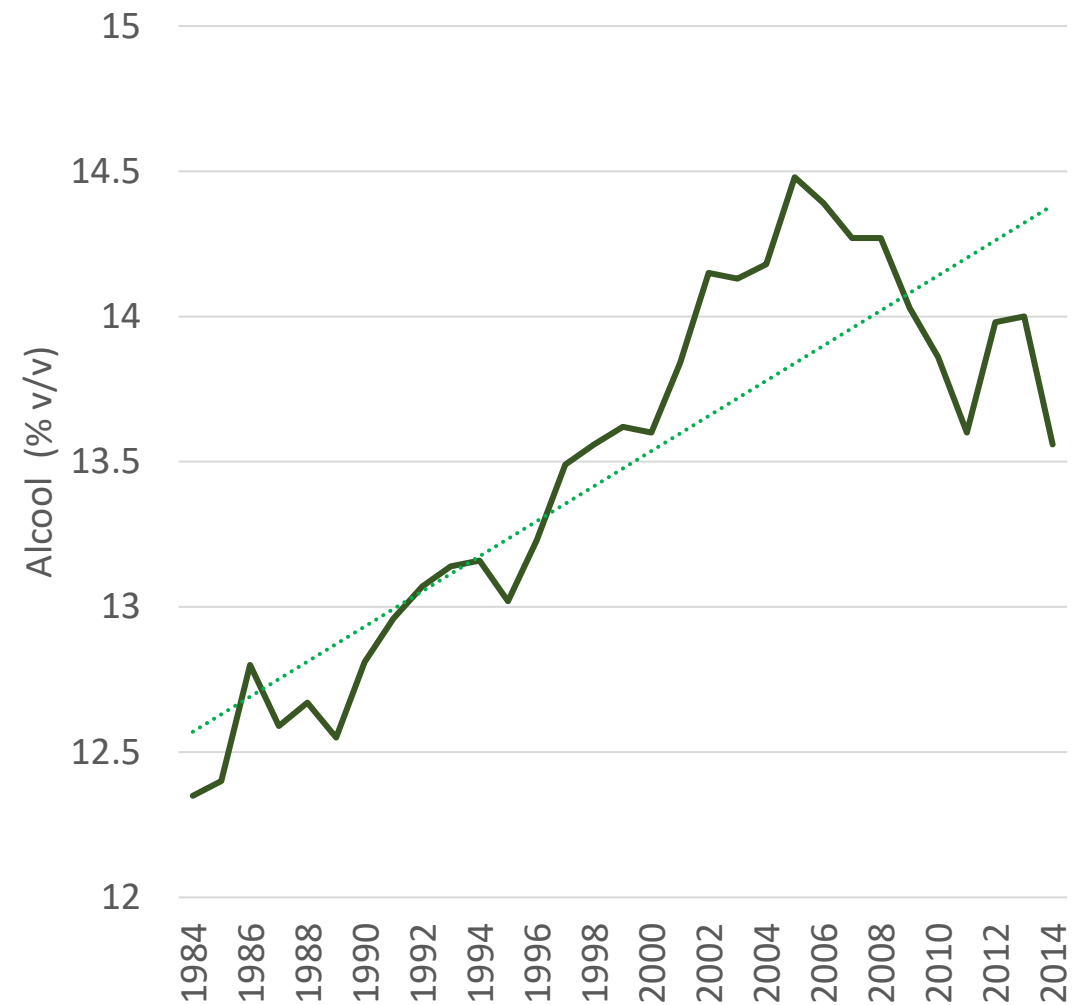
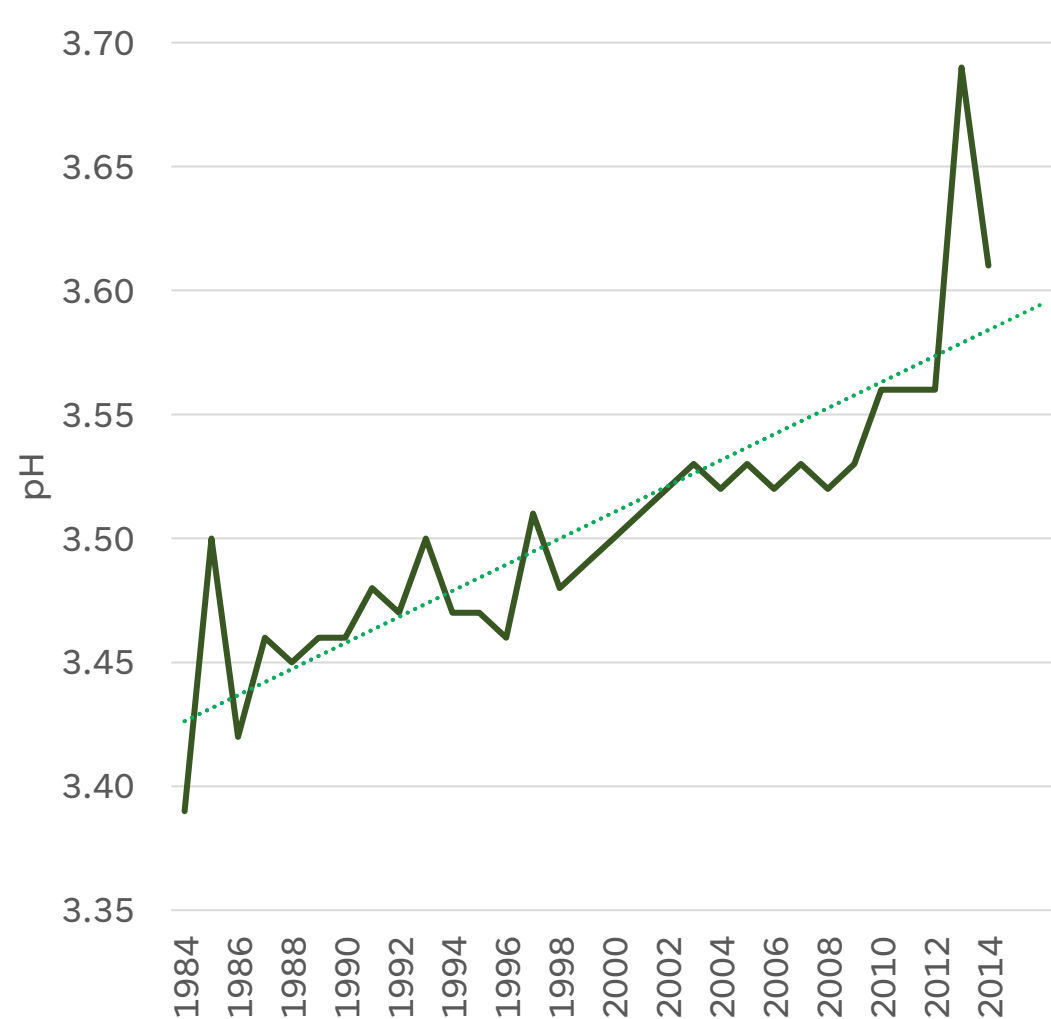
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LAFFORT® BIOACIDIFICATION

Global tendencies of increasing pH and alcohol levels in wines

Example of evolution of pH and alcohol in Australian wines (1984-2014)



Problematic of wines with high pH and alcohol levels

NEGATIVE IMPACT ON:

Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation

Physicochemical and sensory profiles

Microbiological stability

Ageing potential

Production costs

Consumer demand

- **Various solutions** are implemented at different stages of grapes and wines production cycle
- An **acidifying yeast** with low **ethanol yield** is the **“Holy grail”** of oenology

The unique metabolism of the yeast *Lachancea thermotolerans*

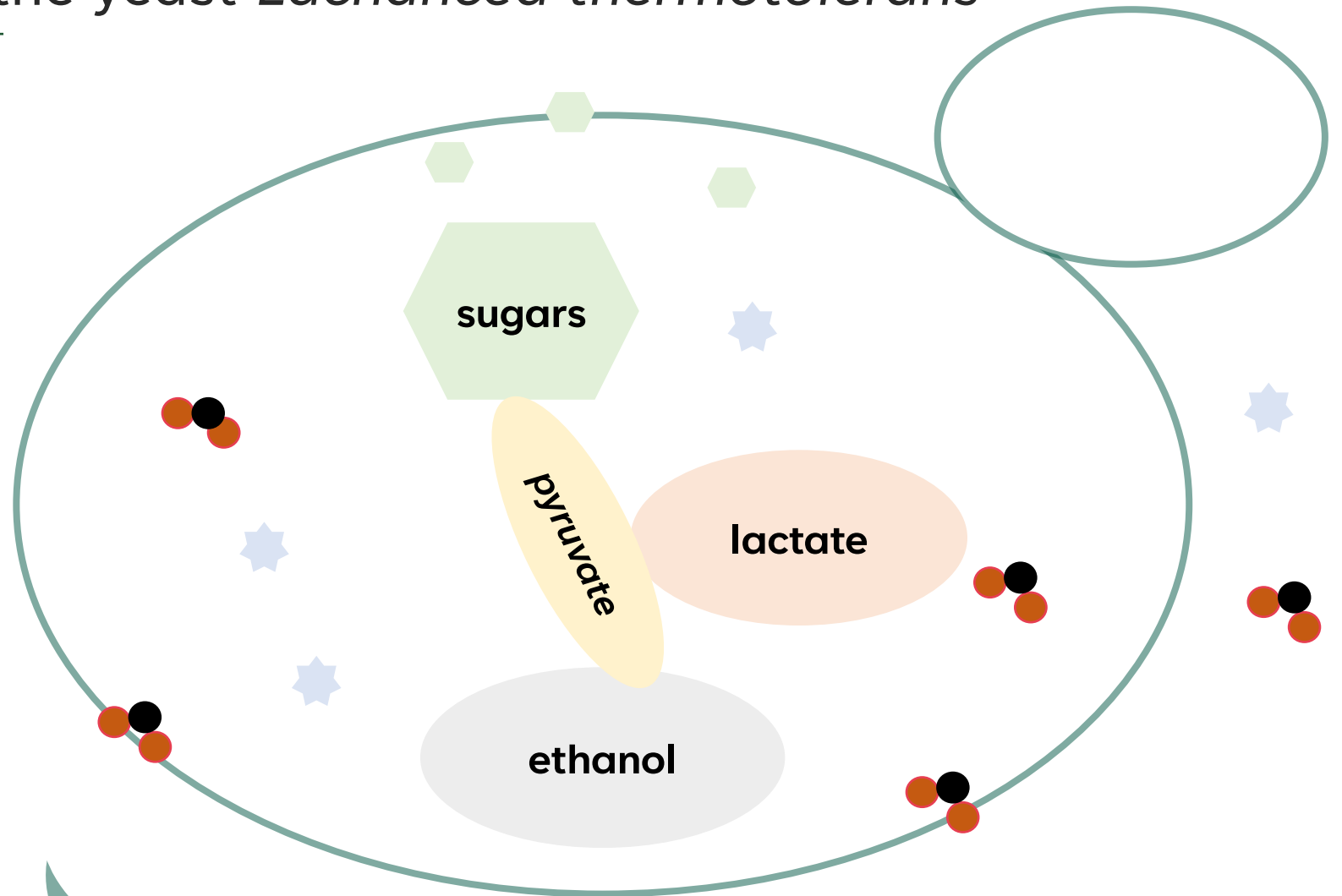
Yeast species indigenous
to grapes and wine

Fermentative species
(< 10 % vol.)

Production of lactic acid



BIOAcidification
accompanied by ethanol
reduction

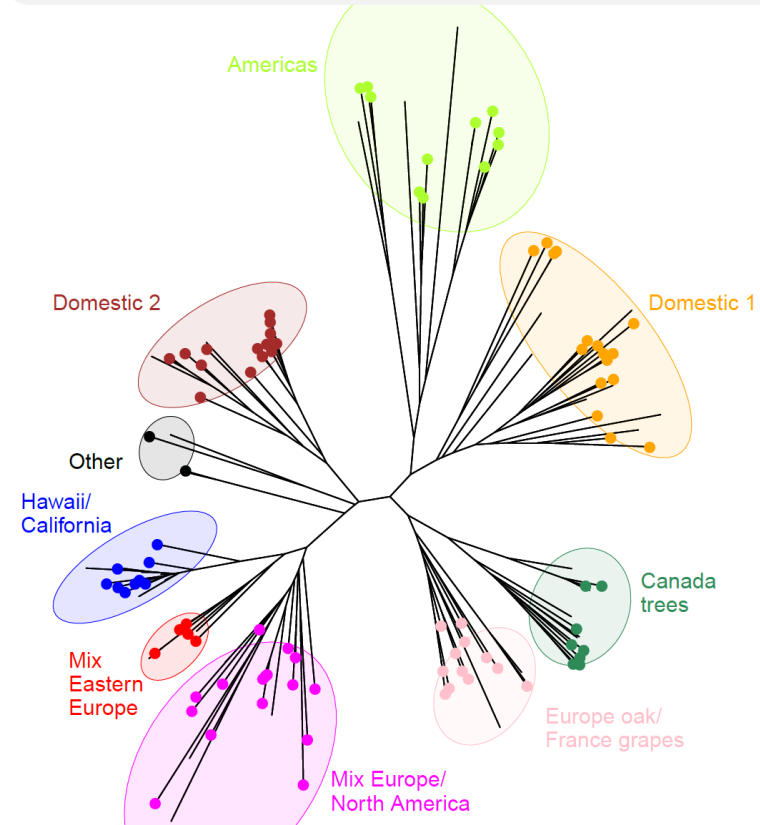


Variation between the strains

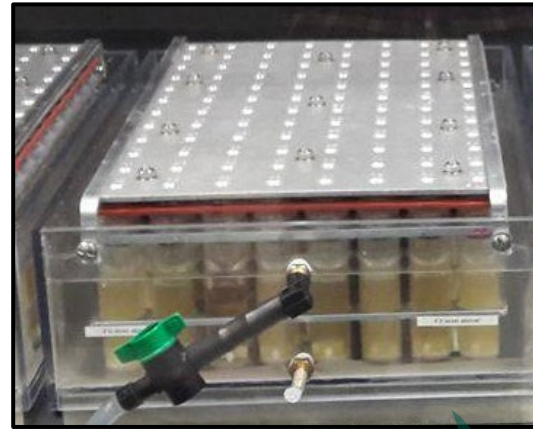
Diversity of *Lachancea thermotolerans*

Genetic characterisation of **~200 strains** from all over the world

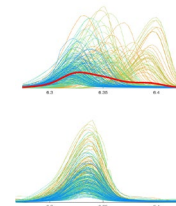
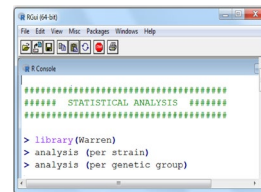
Oenological characterisation of **~100 strains** (in triplicates)



Hranilovic et al. 2017

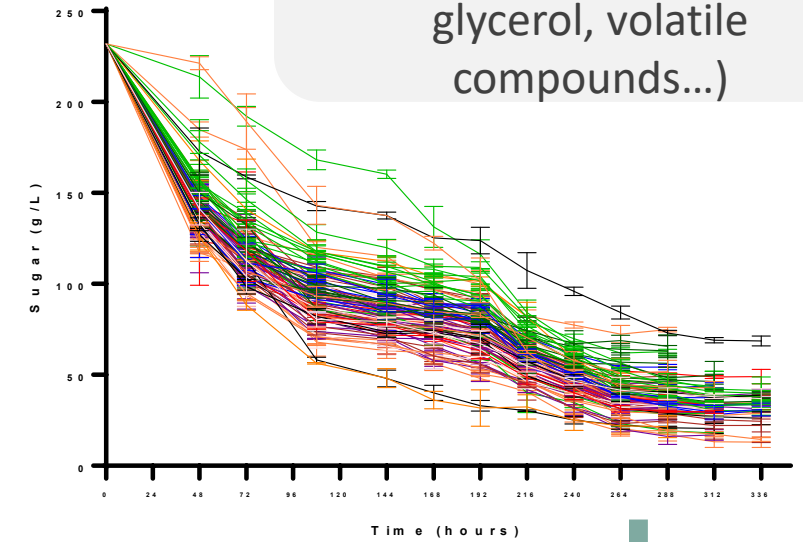


Fermentation trials with individual strains; Chardonnay (sterile) 14 % vol.; pH 3.6



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Analysis of **>110 parameters** of each wine (acidity parameters, ethanol, glycerol, volatile compounds...)



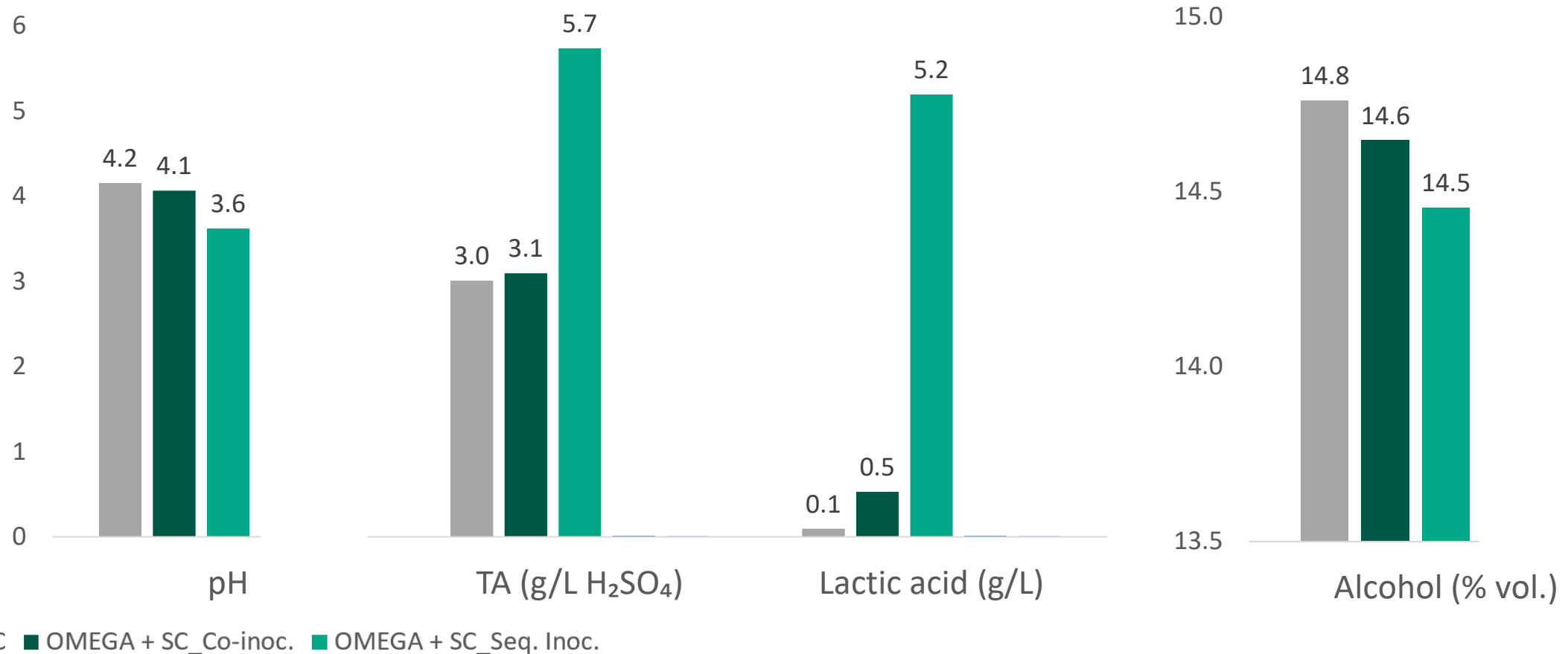
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Selection of ZYMAFLORE® OMEGA^{LT}

Modulation of acidity and ethanol content of wines:

→ Higher lactic acid production in sequential inoculations than in co-inoculations

- The presence of *S. cerevisiae* inhibits *L. thermotolerans*



Parameters that affect the development of ZYMAFLORE® OMEGA^{LT}

Favorable parameters

- **Sequential inoculation**
- **High temperature (> 20 °C)**
- **Absence of SO₂**
- **Higher dose**
- Low pressure of native flora
- High pH
- Rehydration with SUPERSTART®
- Other parameters (e.g. nitrogen nutrition, trace elements, oxygen...)

- **Co-inoculation**
- **Low temperature (< 18°C)**
- **Presence of SO₂**
- **Lower dose**
- Strong pressure of native flora
- Low pH
- Rehydration without SUPERSTART®
- Other parameters (e.g. nitrogen nutrition, trace elements, oxygen...)

Limiting parameters

The advantages of **BIOAcidification** are numerous:

BIOAcidification allows:

Decrease of pH / increase of TA

Slight ethanol reduction

Accentuation of aromatic freshness

Microbial stabilization

Increased aging potential

Correction of acidity without labeling

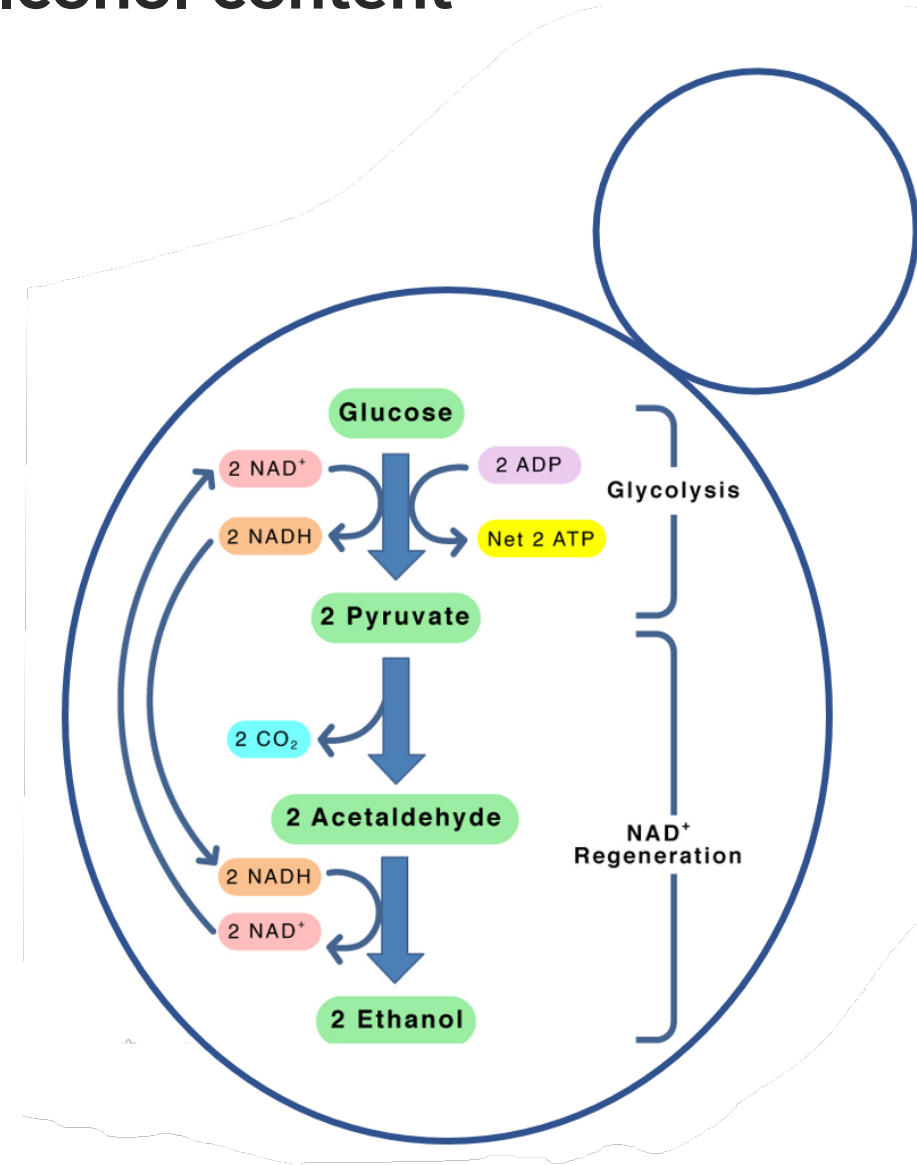
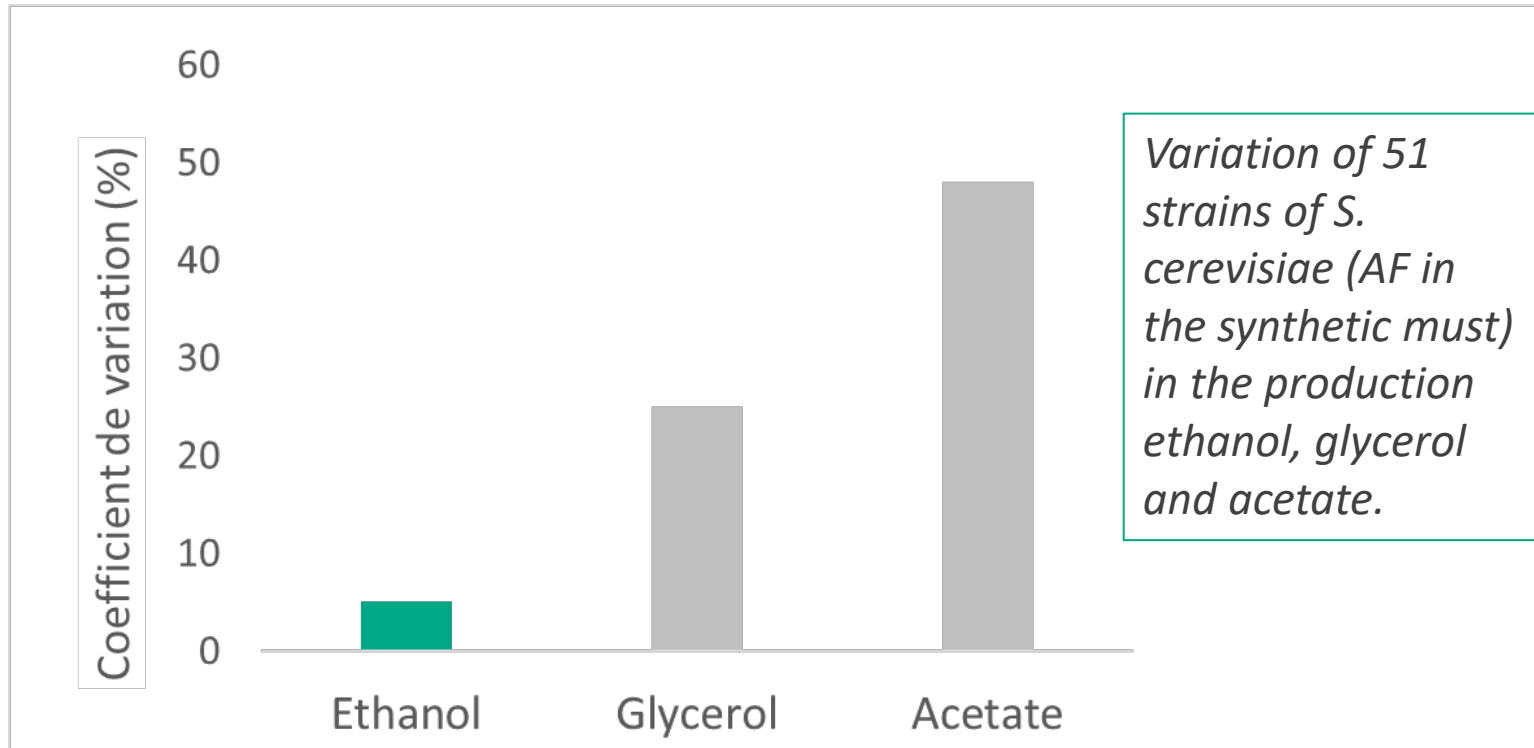


No labelling

Can *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strains affect the acidity and ethanol levels in wines?

Impact of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strains on alcohol content

- **Efficient transformation of sugars to ethanol:**
 - 1 g of sugars generally yields 0.47 g of ethanol (>90 % of the theoretical yield of AF; the rest goes to glycerol, biomass etc.)
- **Little variation between the strains**



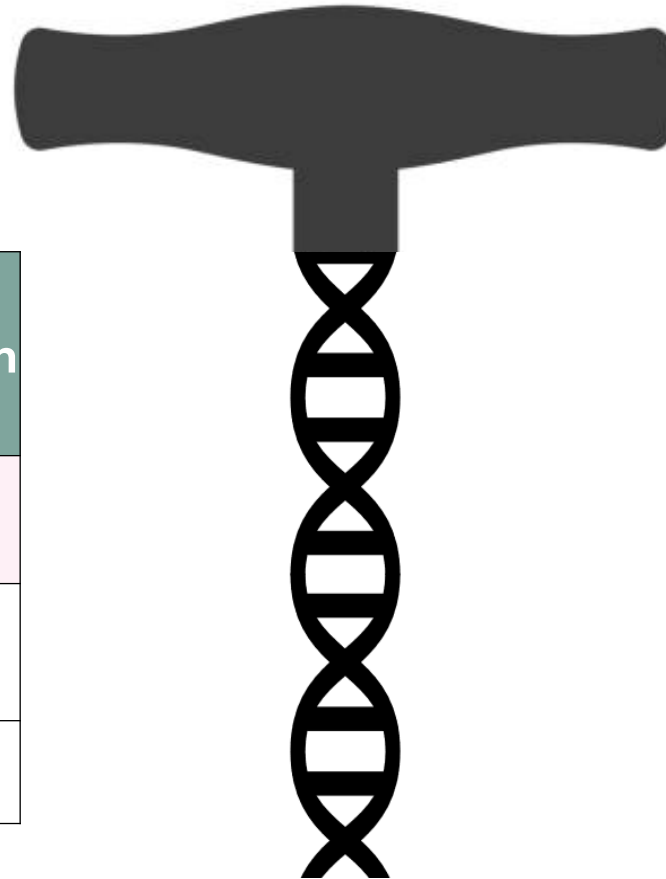
Impact of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strains on wine acidity

- Lactic acid is not produced by *S. cerevisiae*
- Malic acid is generally partially consumed during AF

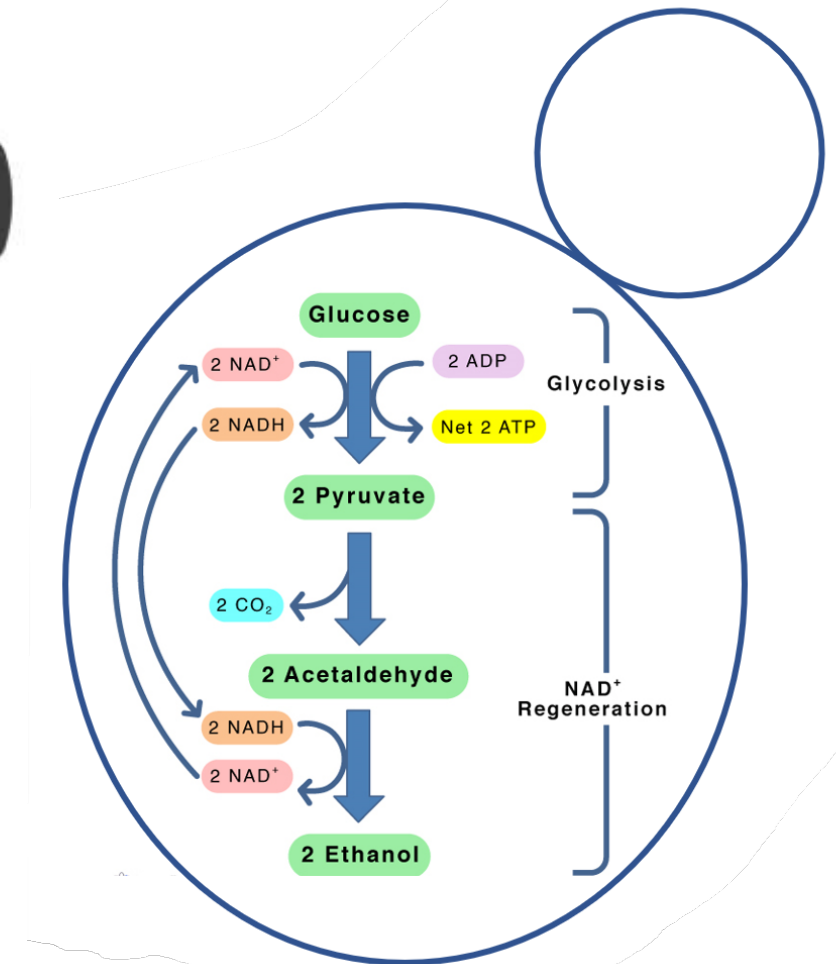
	Alcohol (% vol.)	Acetic acid (g/L)	TA (g/L H ₂ T)	pH	Lactic acid (g/L)	Malic acid (g/L)	Malic acid consumption (MAC %)
Rosé juice	/	/	4.8	3.58	/	3.57	
BO213	12.79	0.27	5.5	3.63	0	2.52	+30 %
X16	12.74	0.20	6.0	3.57	0	3.03	+15 %

Most *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strains ferment efficiently and partially degrade malic acid

→ Expertise LAFFORT®



	Malic acid (g/L)	Malic acid consumption (MAC %)
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ZYMAFLORE® KLIMA: Experimental results in whites

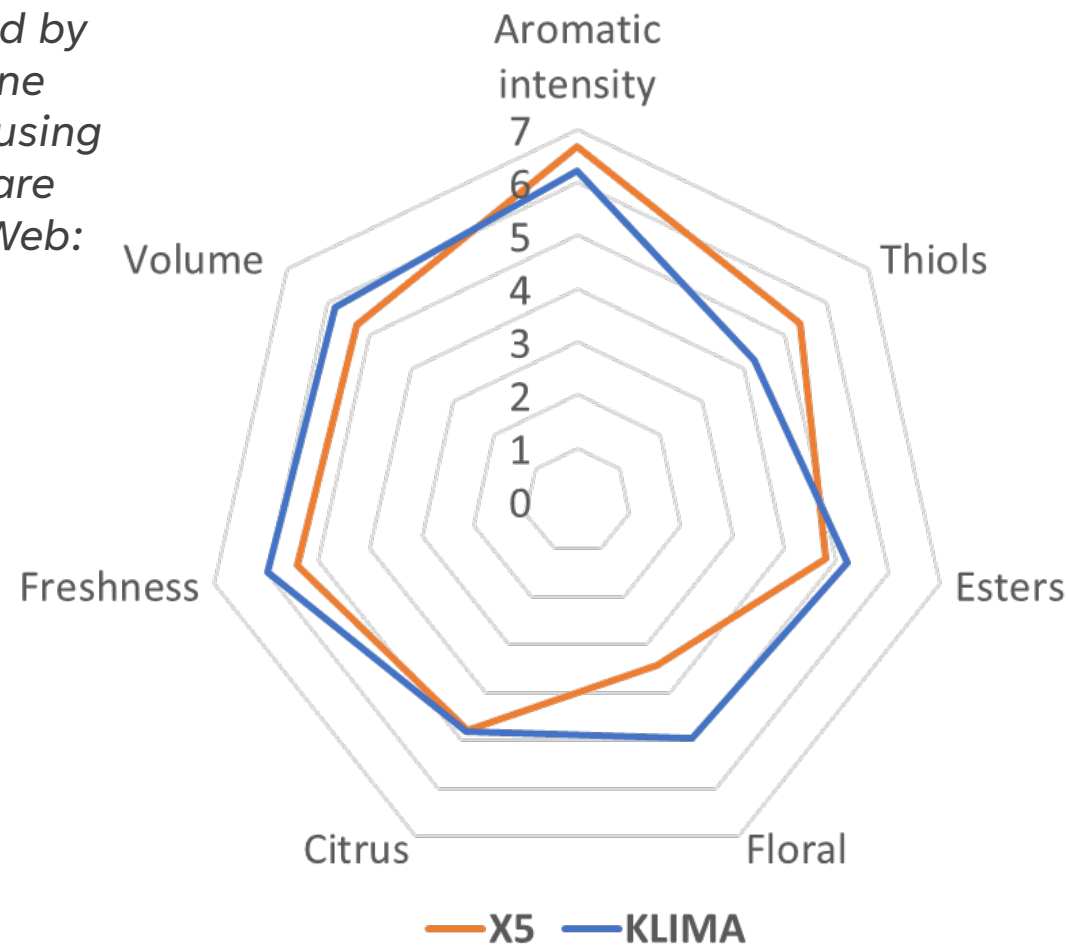
Sauvignon blanc, Bordeaux, 2022

- pH 3.4; malic acid 1.7 g/L
- 150 NTU; YAN 158 mg/L; THIAZOTE® PH
- Inoculation at 14°C, AF 16 - 18°C
- **X5 & KLIMA** 20 g/hL + **SUPERSTART® BLANC**

Analytical profiles of wines:

Parameters	X5	KLIMA
Alcohol (% vol)	12.74	12.44
pH	3.31	3.26
TA (g/L H ₂ T)	5.94	6.64
Acetic acid (g/L)	0.36	0.17
Malic acid (g/L)	1.46	1.86
Glycerol (g/L)	5.84	7.69
SO ₂ T (mg/L)	17	<LQ
TL35 (mg/L)	102	92

Sensory profile obtained by 12 wine experts using software Tastel Web:



ZYMAFLORE® KLIMA: Experimental results in reds

Merlot, WEC, 2022

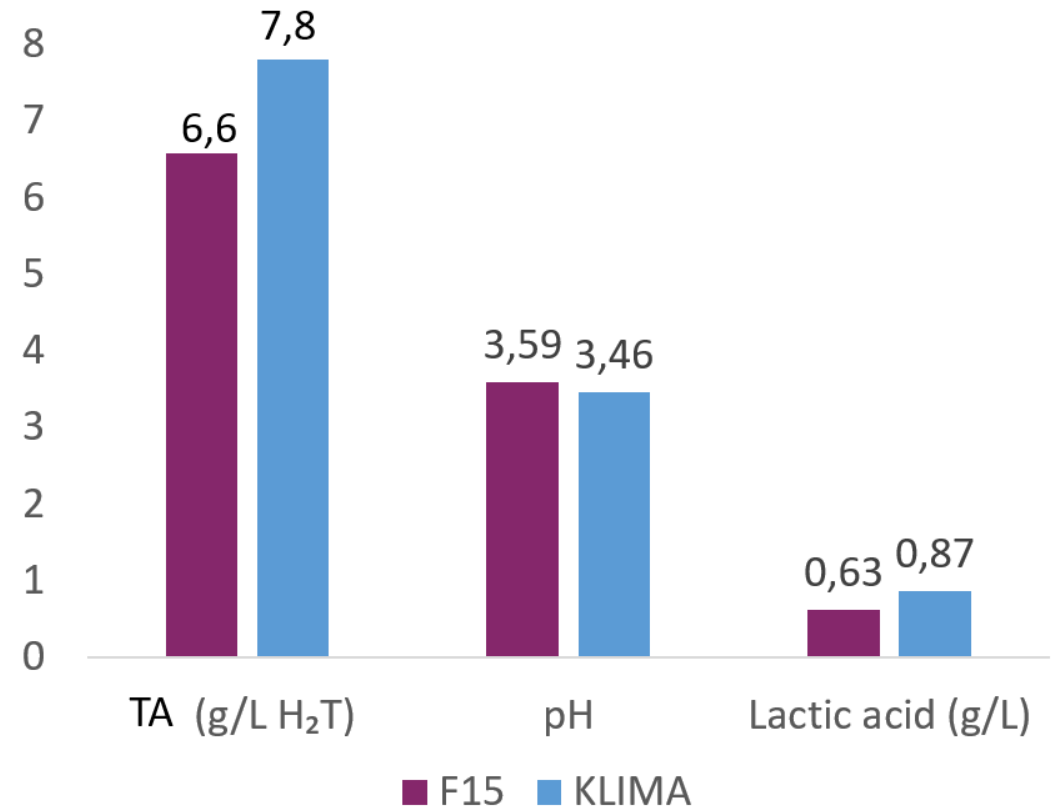
- pH 3.5; malic acid 1.1 g/L
- YAN 122 mg/L, **THIAZOTE® PH**
- Inoculation at 20 °C; AF 24-26 °C
- F15 & KLIMA 20 g/hL + **SUPERSTART® ROUGE**

Analytical profiles post-FA:

Paramètres	F15	KLIMA
Alcohol (% vol)	13.62	13.14
pH	3.48	3.41
TA (g/L H ₂ SO ₄)	7.2	8.9
Acetic acid (g/L)	0.27	0.16
Malic acid (g/L)	1.19	1.59
Glycerol (g/L)	9.7	9.7
SO ₂ T (mg/L)	<LQ	<LQ
TL35 (mg/L)	79	61

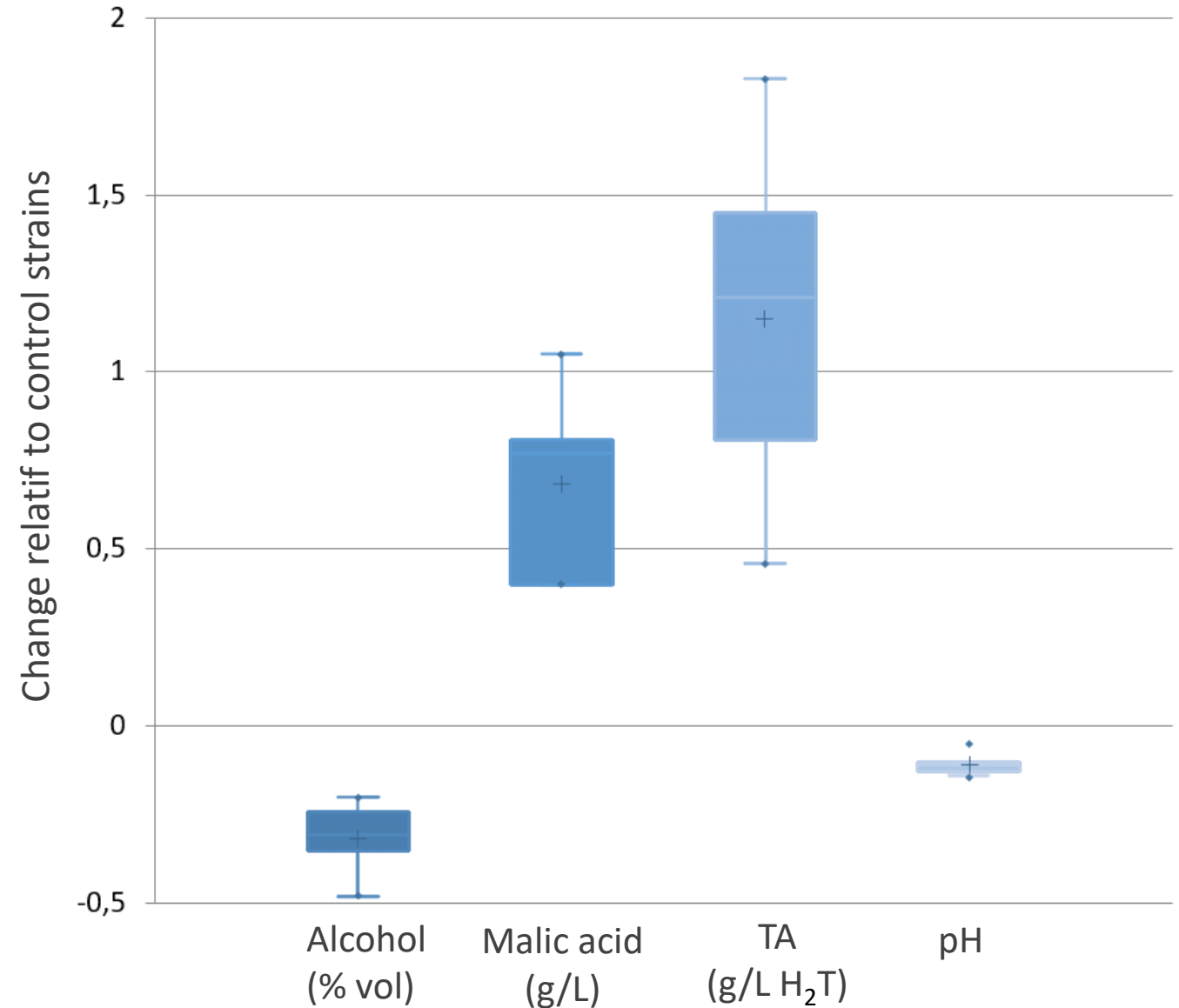
Acidity parameters post-MLF

→ higher lactic acid content using KLIMA



ZYMAFLORE® KLIMA: Cumulative results of winemaking trials

- Relative to the control *S. cerevisiae* strains, ZYMAFLORE® KLIMA allows:
 - **Decreases of alcohol** content ranging between **0.3–0.5 % vol.**
→ maximum of the species
 - **Increases of malic acid** post AF and/or lactic acid post-MLF
 - **Increases of TA** (~1 g/L H₂T) and **decreases of pH** (~ 0.1 units)



Oenococcus oeni

Saccharomyces cerevisiae

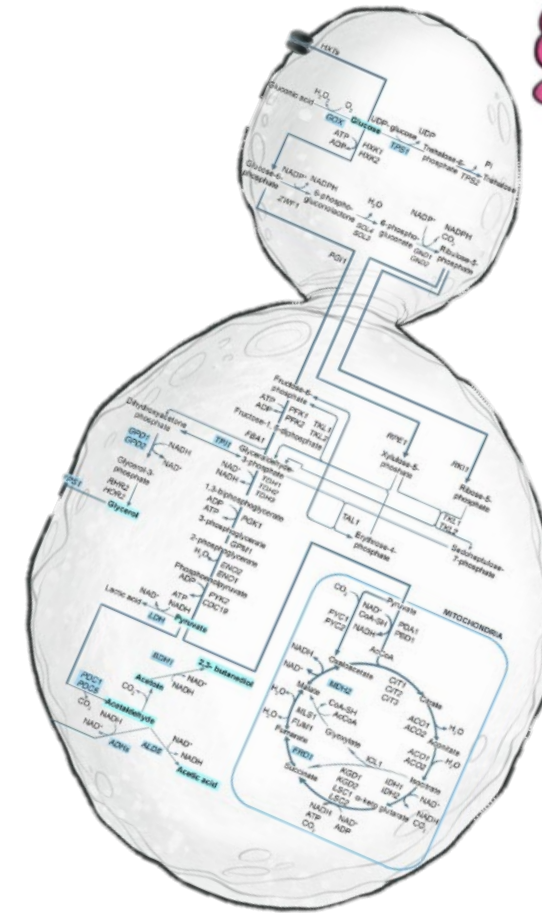
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Oenococcus oeni

Heterogenous species of lactic acid bacteria most frequently associated with malolactic fermentation (MLF) in wine.



Oenococcus oeni: main species responsible for MLF

- **The role of MLF :**

- 1. Diminution of acidity**

→ conversion of a strong diacide to a weak monoacide

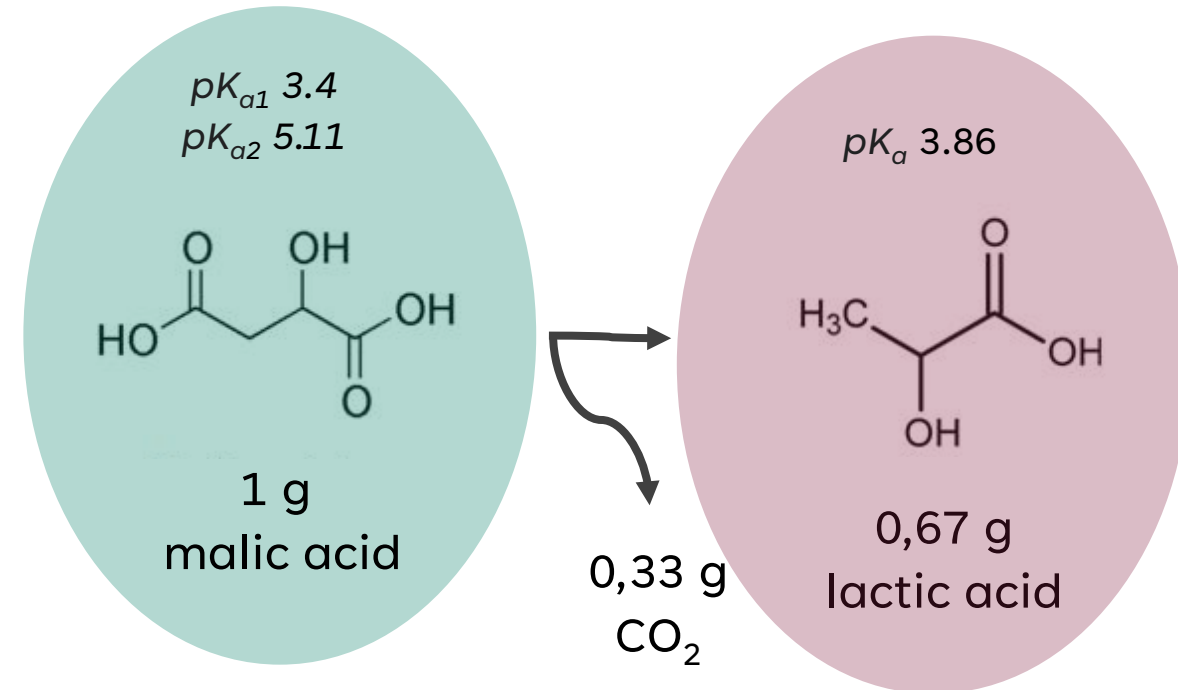
- 2. Microbiological stabilization**

→ malic acid is microbially unstable; lactic acid is stable

→ depletion of nutrients

- 3. Sensory modulation**

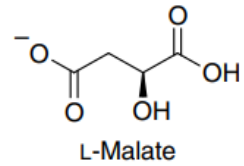
→ besides acidity modulation, impact on the aromatic profile of wines (e.g., production of diacetyl, esterase and glycosidase activities etc.)



Lower pK_a values indicate stronger acids

Citric acid metabolism: variability between the strains of *O. oeni*

- Malic acid metabolism

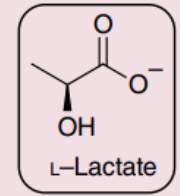


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L-Malate + H⁺

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NAD⁺, Mn²⁺



+ CO₂

Acetate

- Citric acid metabolism

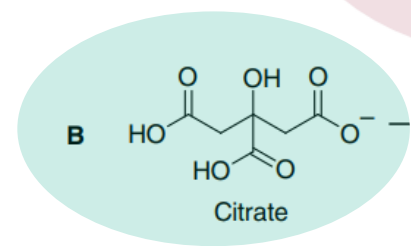
- Citrate negative strains (CIT-)

→ Absence of genes involved in consumption of citric acid

- Citrate positive strains (CIT+)

→ Differences in citric acid consumption kinetics (fast vs slow)

→ Slow citric acid metabolism: more citric acid, higher TA and lower diacetyl post-MLF

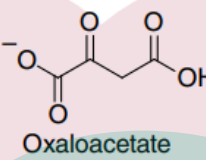


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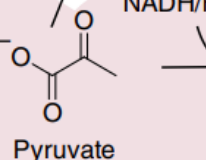
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Acetate



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CO₂



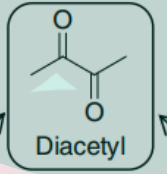
NADH/H⁺

NAD⁺

Lactate

NADH/H⁺

NAD⁺



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CO₂

α-Acetolactate

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CO₂

TPP

Acetaldehyde-TPP

NADH/H⁺

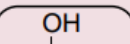
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Ethanol

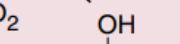
2,3-Butanediol

NAD⁺

NADH/H⁺



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CO₂

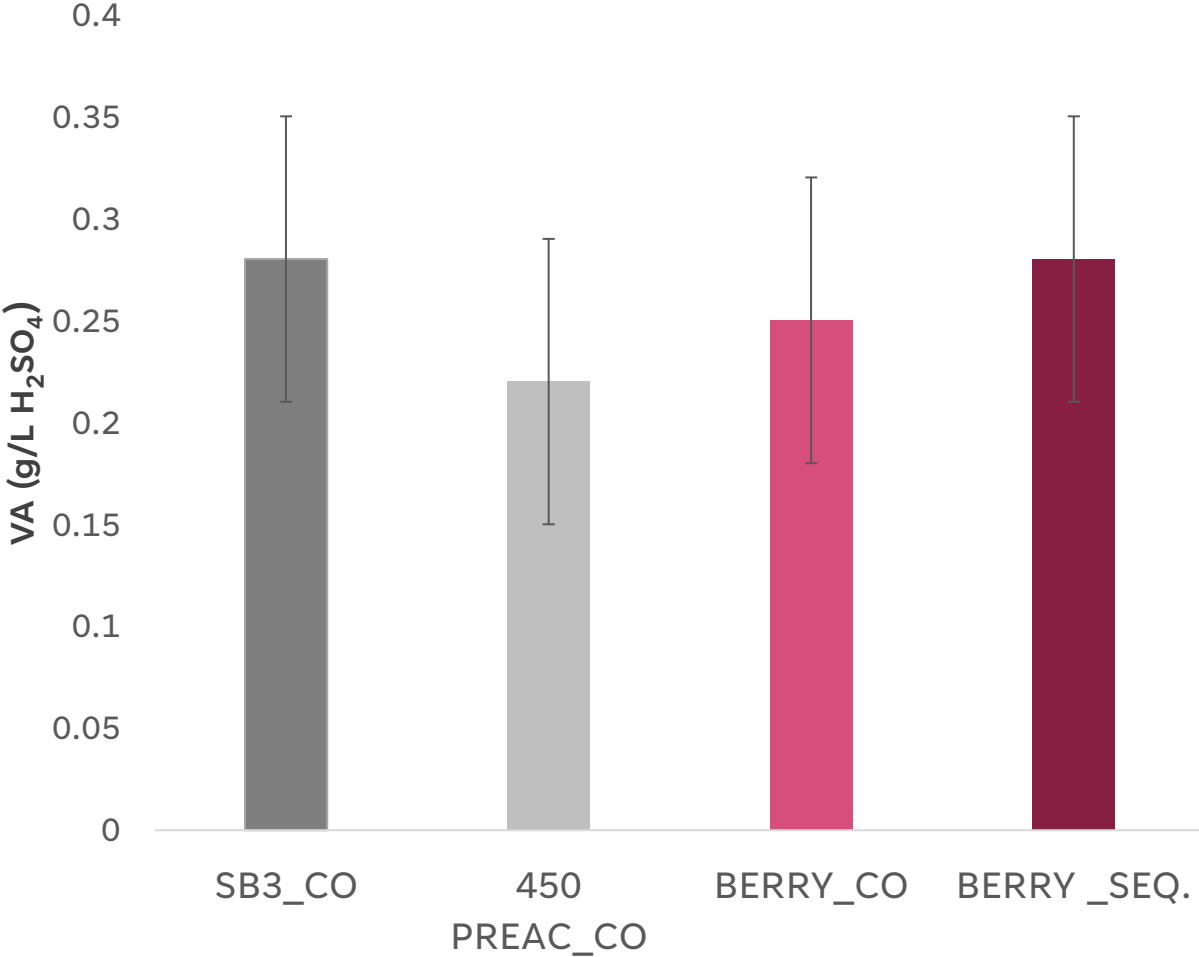
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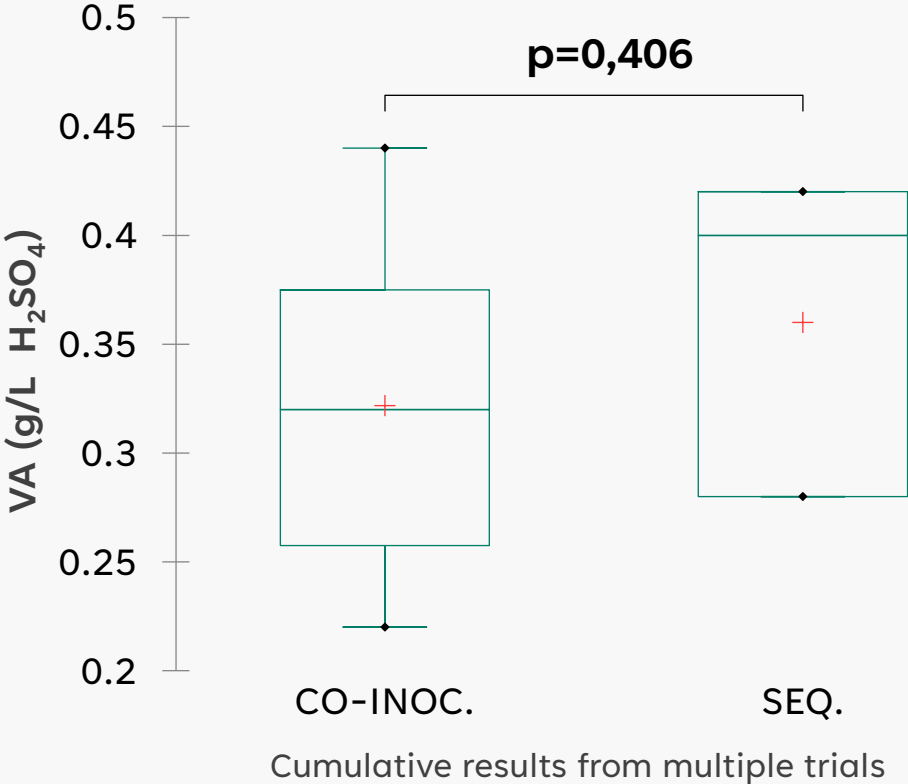
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Co-inoculation of *O. oeni* does not induce increases in VA



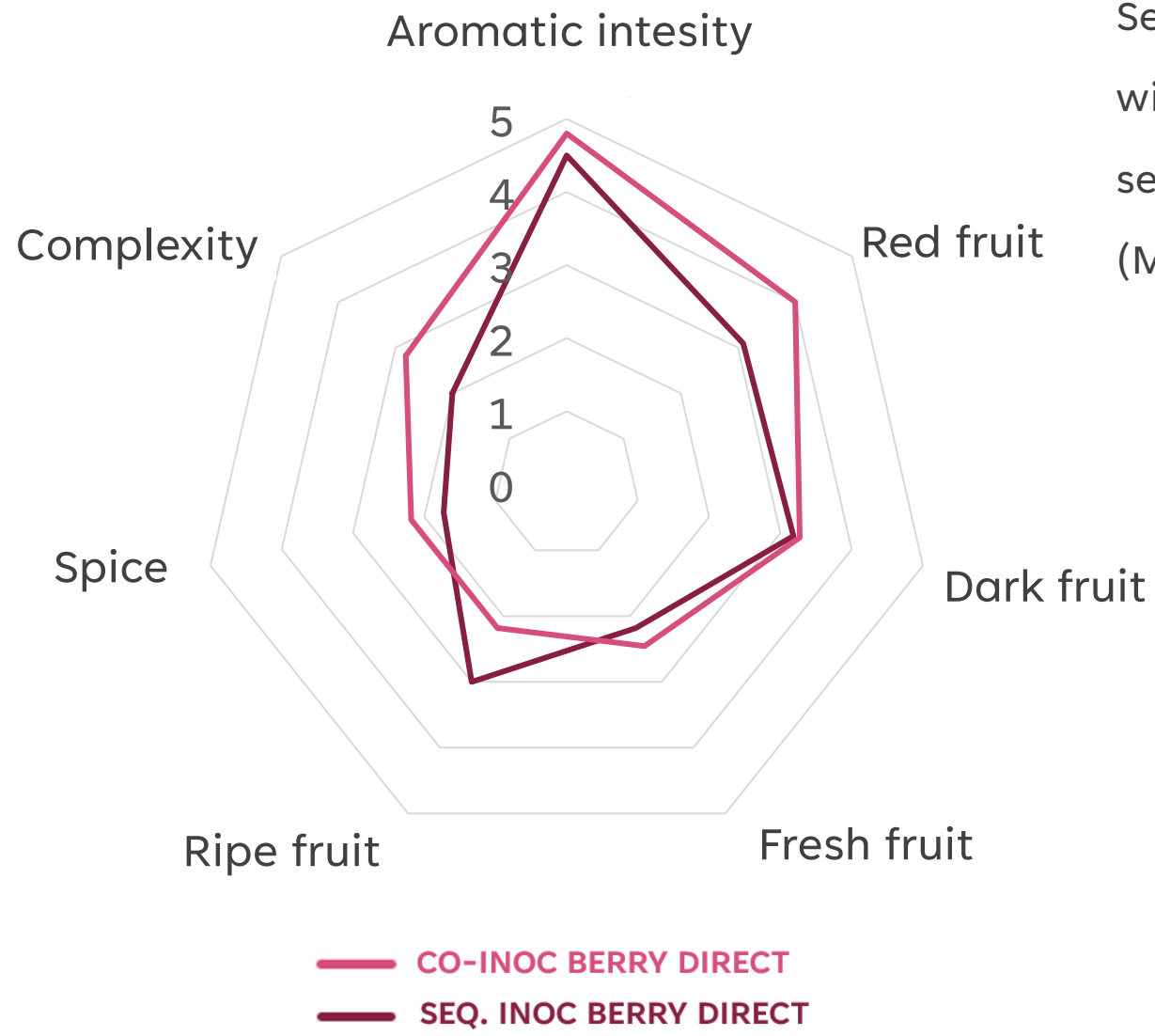
VA of finished wines (Merlot, Bordeaux, 2022)

Regardless of the strain, co-inoculation with bacteria from the **LACTOENOS[®]** range does not result in an increase in VA :

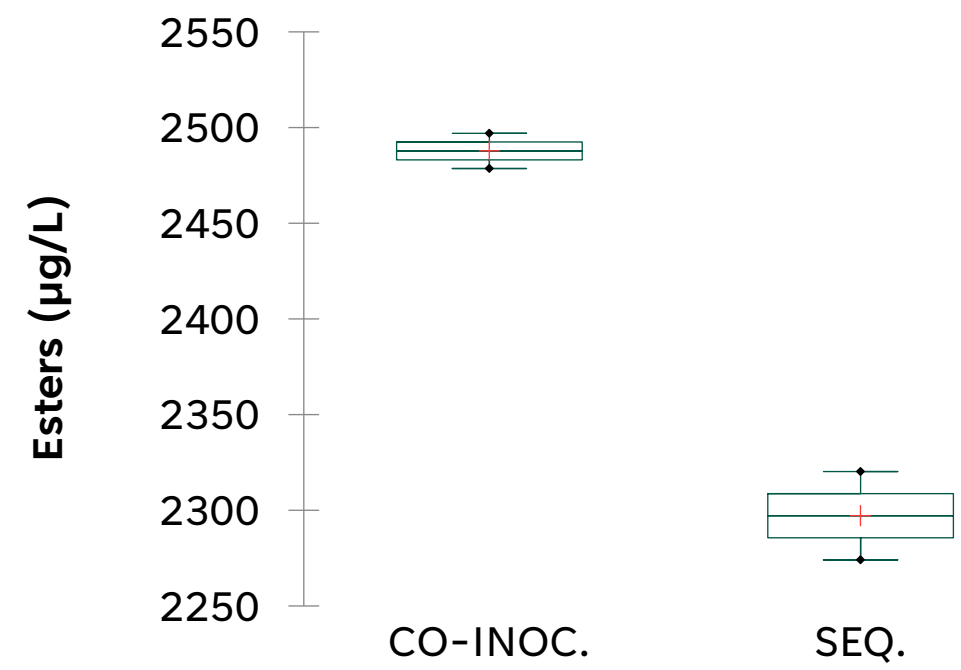


Cumulative results from multiple trials

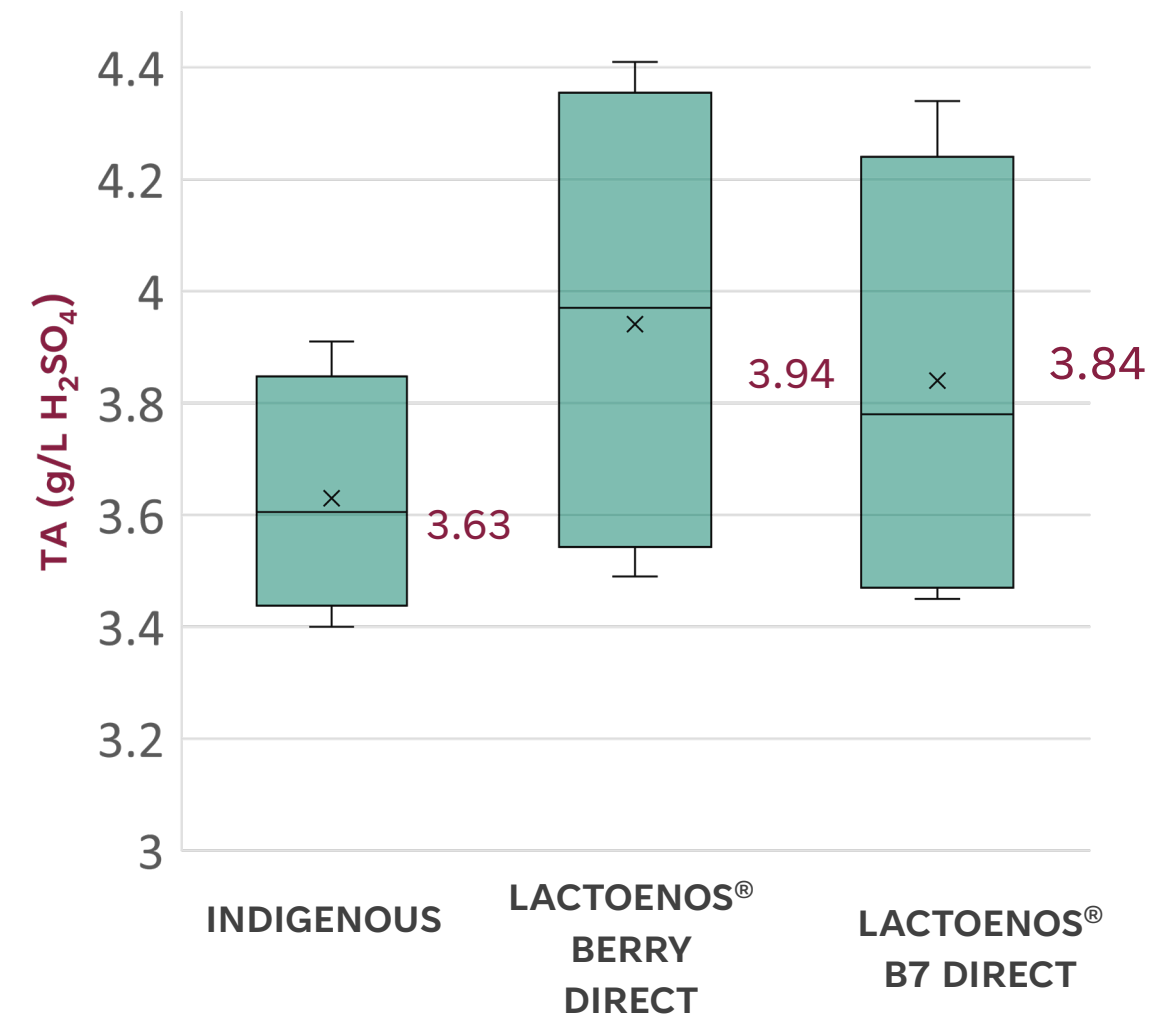
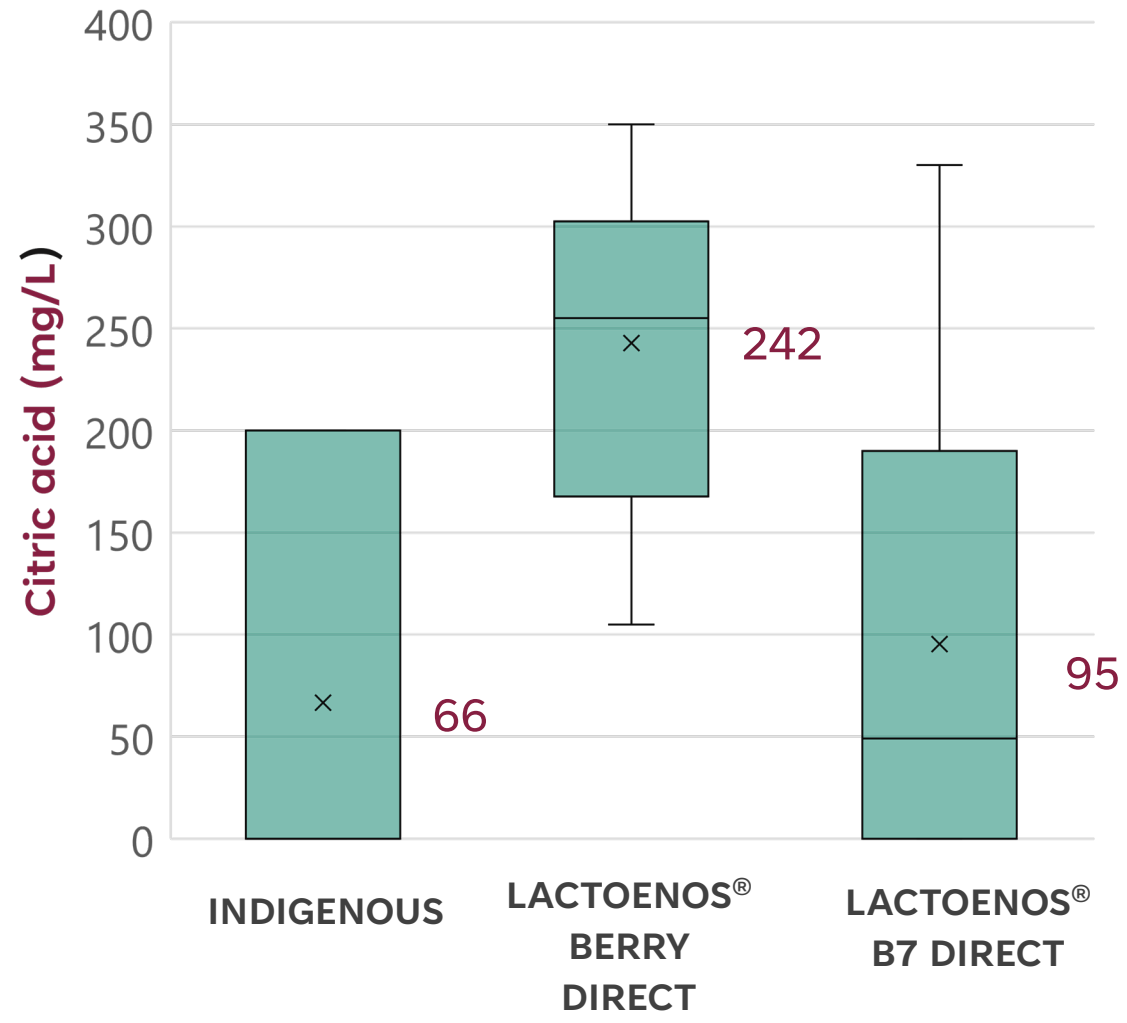
Co-inoculation is suitable for elaboration of fresh and flavorful wines



Sensory profiles and concentrations of esters in wines made with **ZYMAFLORE FX10[®]** and either co-inoculated or sequentially inoculated **LACTOENOS[®] BERRY DIRECT** (Merlot, Bordeaux, 2022).

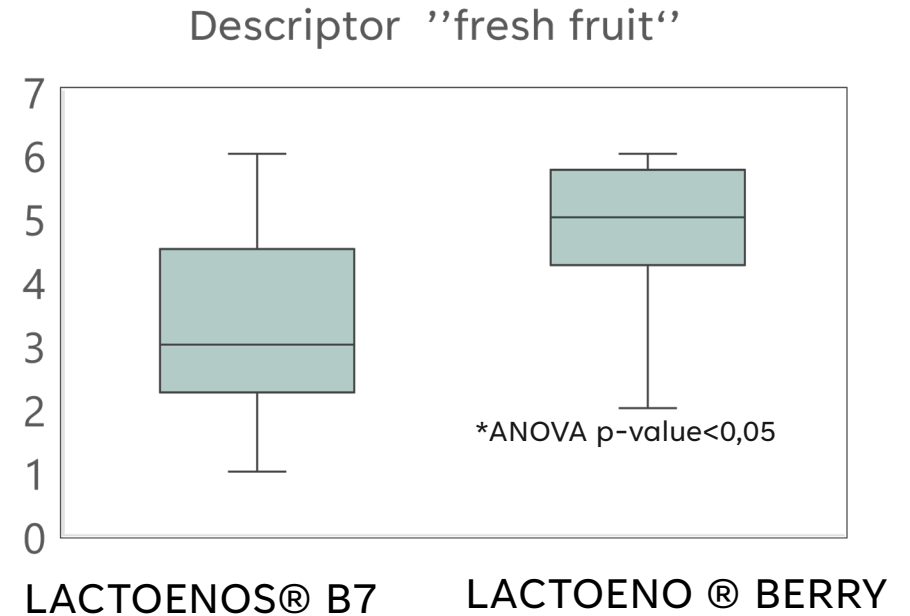
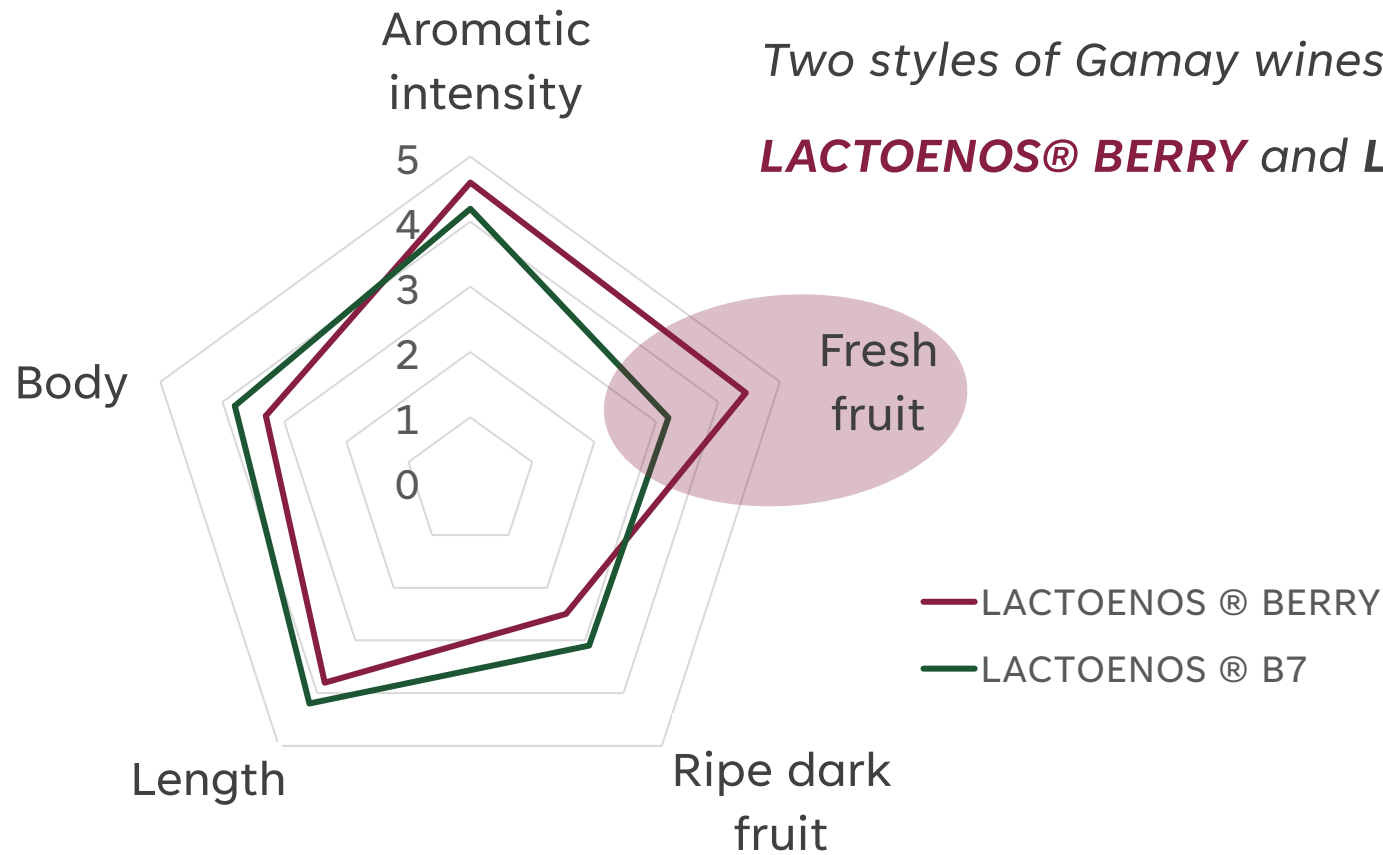


Regardless of the inoculate type, **LACTOENOS[®] BERRY DIRECT** preserves >80% of citric acid



Citric acid and TA post-MLF: Cumulative results of 8 field trials

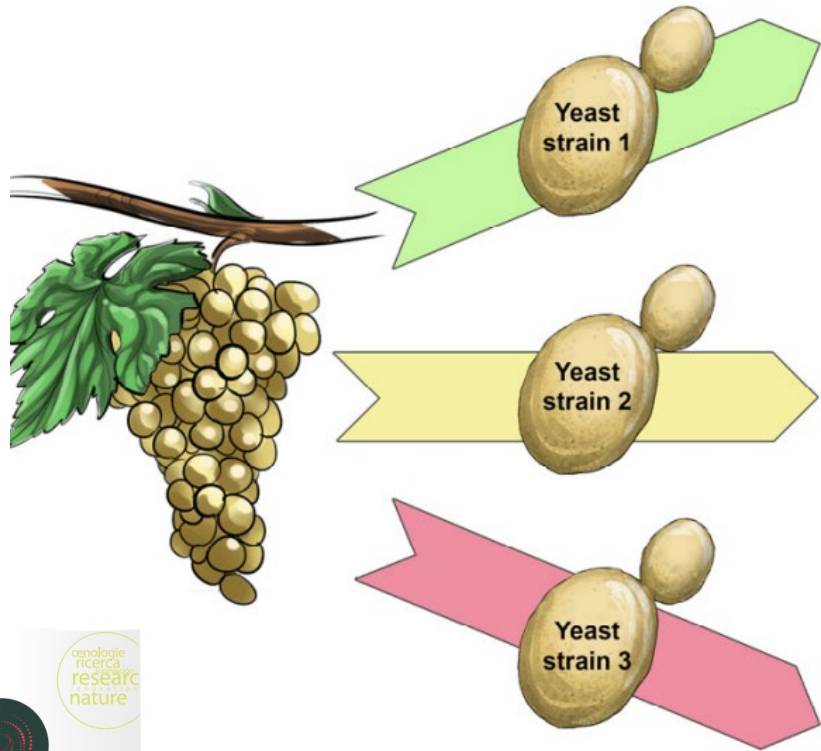
LACTOENOS® BERRY DIRECT Accentuates freshness and aromatic intensity



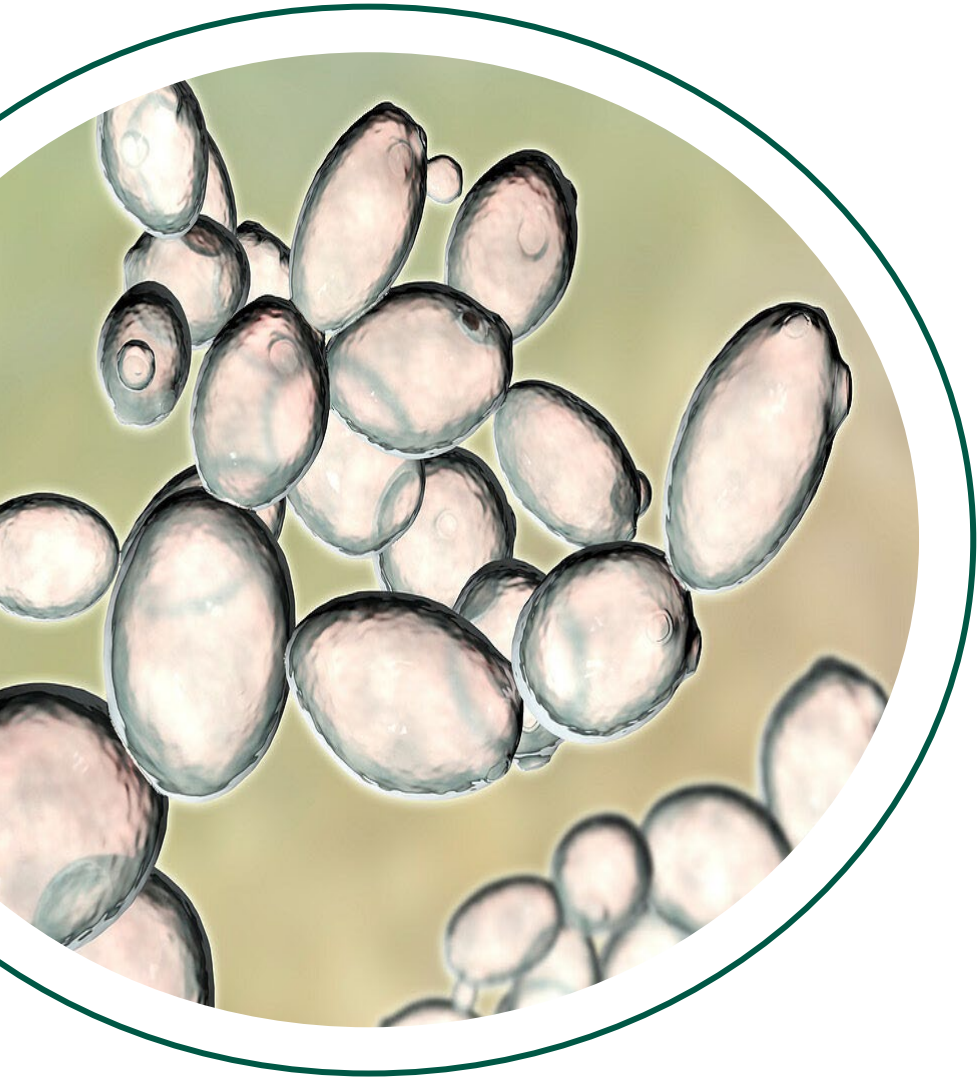
LACTOENOS® BERRY enhances "fresh fruit" character: FRESHNESS AND AROMATIC INTENSITY

LACTOENOS® B7 favors "ripe dark fruit" : COMPLEXITY

Innovative solutions for wine microbiology



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