# LC/QToF study of polyphenols in Raboso Piave withered grapes

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## Grape withering

Oenological process for production of important Italian reinforced and sweet wines:

Amarone di Valpolicella (produced from Corvina, Corvinone and Rondinella grapes)

Passito di Pantelleria (Zibibbo)

VinSanto (Malvasia and Trebbiano)

Sfursat (Nebbiolo)

Raboso Piave Passito

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- -into withering rooms under controlled conditions of temperature (usually 10-20 °C), RH (usually 40-70%), and fixed air flow.
- -over-ripening on-vine, until 30-50% of berry water loss (until three months)

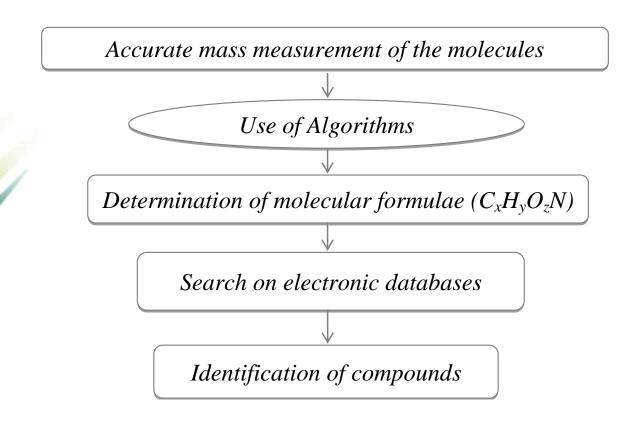


### Main physical-chemical changes occurring in the berry

- -water loss and consequent sugar enrichment
- -decrease of anthocyanins, flavanols and procyanidins, and flavonol glycosides (Mencarelli and Tonutti, 2010)
- -other polyphenols increase, such as *trans*-resveratrol, taxifolin, some methoxylated flavanones, quercetin aglycone (Toffali et al., 2011; Bonghi et al., 2012)
- -changes in aroma and volatile compounds (terpenol and C<sub>13</sub>-norisoprenoid glycosides, ...) (Di Stefano et al., 1995; 2001; 2003; Mencarelli and Tonutti, 2010)



#### Grape metabolomics by High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry





#### HR-MS: GrapeMetabolomics DB

Identification of compounds needs of a database containing specific information on metabolites (molecular formula, structure, retention time, ...).

A database containing the putative grape and wine metabolites (*GrapeMetabolomics*) was constructed by using the information from the literature and introducing the new compounds identified in grapes (over 60 grape varieties studied).

Currently, the DB contains around 1.100 matches.



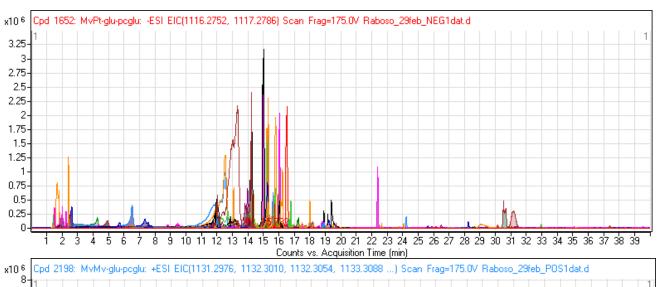
An innovative approach to grape metabolomics: stilbene profiling by suspect screening analysis. *Metabolomics* (Flamini et al. 2013).

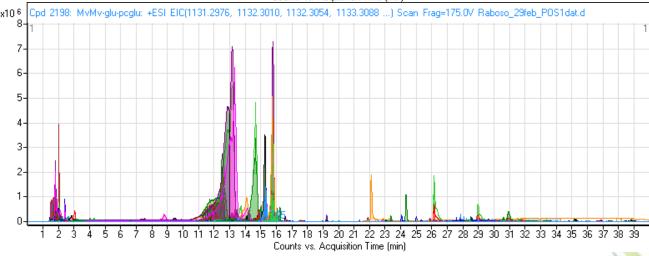


#### UPLC/QTOF: EIC of Raboso Piave grape extract



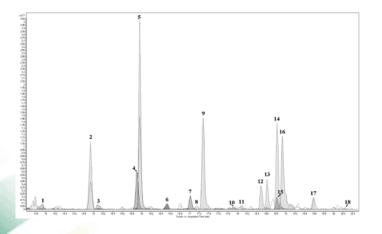




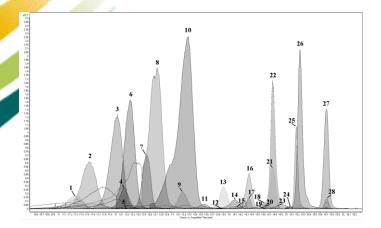


~450 metabolites are putatively identified

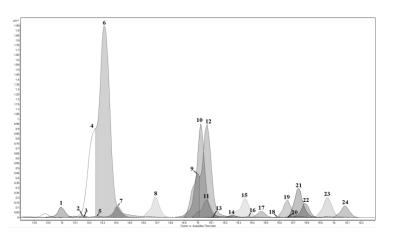




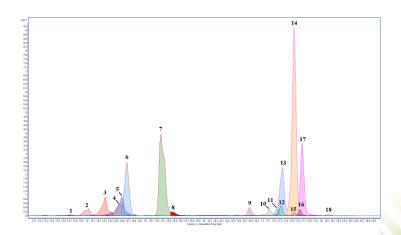
Stilbenes (biological activity)



Anthocyanins (natural colorants)



flavonols (antioxidant compounds)



Glycoside monoterpenes (aroma precursors)



#### Withering on-vine vs warehouse: Raboso Piave grapes

Harvest 2015.

On-vine, by using the technique "cutting the shoot" (cut of the fruity head when the grapes are ripe).

Warehouse: ripe grape stored in 5 Kg-box at 21 °C, RH 60-70%, air flow ~0.3 m/s.

sampling	date	sample	% H <sub>2</sub> O loss
start	20/10/2015	Raboso Plant t <sub>0</sub>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	04/11/2015	Raboso Plant 10%	9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	25/11/2015	Raboso Plant 20%	18
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10/12/2015	Raboso Plant 30%	30
start	20/10/2015	Raboso warehouse t <sub>0</sub>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	04/11/2015	Raboso warehouse 10%	10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	25/11/2015	Raboso warehouse 20%	20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10/12/2015	Raboso warehouse 30%	30

Analysis: 3 samples studied for each thesis, 2 analytical repetitions of each sample



# At the end of *on-vine* withering:

- -higher level of B-ring trisubstituted anthocyanins
- -lower di-substituted derivatives

Two withering methods induce a different metabolism of anthocyanins.



#### Study of Resveratrol derivatives

trans-resveratrol piceatannol

cis-piceid

trans-piceid

E-astringin

**Z**-astringin

resveratrol dimer 1 (pallidol)

resveratrol dimer 2

resveratrol dimer 3 (Z-ε-viniferin)

resveratrol dimer 4 (Z-ω-viniferin)

resveratrol dimer 5 (E-ε-viniferin)

resveratrol dimer 6 ( $\delta$ -viniferin)

caraphenol

pallidol-3-O-glucoside

 $\alpha$ -viniferin

resveratrol trimer 1 (Z-miyabenol C)

resveratrol trimer 2 (E-miyabenol C)

resveratrol tetramer 1

resveratrol tetramer 2



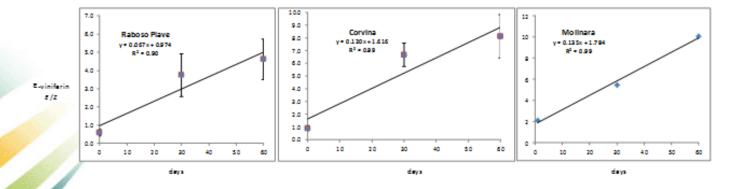
#### Stilbene synthesis

Warehouse withering (cell **abiotic stress**) increases resveratrol, piceatannol, and viniferins (until the second stage which corresponds at -20% of water loss), according to the previous literature.

On-vine withering not induces significant increase of these phytoalexins (lower abiotic stress ...).

In grape berries infected by *Plasmopara viticola* or *Aspergillus C*. (**biotic attack**) resveratrol is produced and rapidly oxidized into viniferins (Pezet et al. 2004; Flamini et al. 2016).





E/Z e-viniferin in a) Raboso Piave, b) Corvina, c) Molinara at 0%, 25% and 40% water loss (withering in warehouse at 18 °C, RH 40%).

(De Rosso et al., JMS 2016)



#### Flavonols & Procyanidins

(-)-epicatechin
(-)-epicatechin gallate
(-)-epigallocatechin
(+)-catechin
procyanidin (B3,B4,B5)
procyanidin B1
procyanidin B2
proCyanidin T2,T3(T4),C1
proDelphinidin T2,T3
tot. Procyanidins

chrysoeriol p-coumaroylhexoside dihydrokaempferide-p-coumaroylhexoside isorhamnetin p-coumaroylglucoside tot. p-coumaroyl glucoside flavonoids

dihydrokaempferol-3-O-rhamnoside

isorhamnetin-3-O-glucoside isorhamnetin-glucuronide tot. Isorhamnetin

kaempferol kaempferol-3-O-galactoside kaempferol-3-O-glucoside **tot. Kaempferol**  myricetin-3-O-glucoside myricetin-3-O-glucuronide myricetin-diglucoside tot. Myricetin

quercetin
quercetin-3-O-galactoside
quercetin-3-O-glucoside
quercetin-3-O-glucuronide
quercetin-pentoside
rutin (quercetin-3-O-rutinoside)
tot. Quercetin

syringetin
syringetin-3-O-glucoside
tot. Syringetin

tamarixetin taxifolin-pentoside isom tetrahydroxy-dimethoxyflavanone- hexoside pentahydroxy flavone A laricitrin-3-O-glucoside



#### **Conclusions**

As expected, withering *on-vine* induces a different cell metabolism. In particular, the two withering processes had:

- significant differences in the metabolism of anthocyanins,
- warehouse withering promotes higher accumulation of resveratrol phytoalexins due to higher abiotic stress; alternatively, some activities by microorganisms may occur,
- not significant differences in flavonols and procyanidins observed.

Increase of tamarixetin can be used as a marker for monitoring the two processes, E/Z e-viniferin ratio for monitoring of warehouse withering.



#### Grape metabolomics by HR-MS & "Suspect Screening Analysis"

1st step - targeted identification of the compounds "expected" in the sample by using GrapeMetabolomics



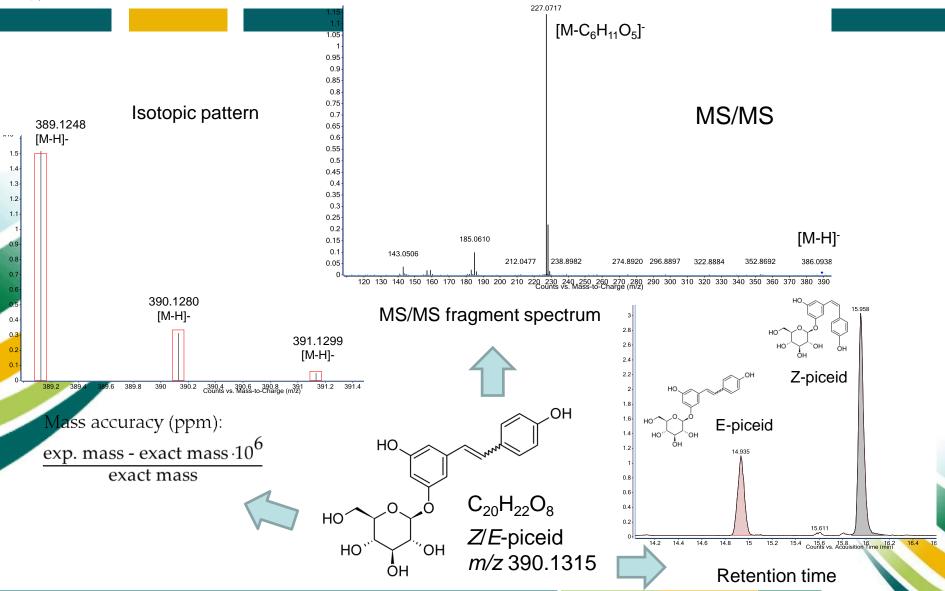
**2<sup>nd</sup> step -** identification of **compounds isomeric** with those present in the DB which fall in the chromatogram at different retention times



3<sup>rd</sup> step - untargeted data analysis: tentative of identification of new MFs by data processing of the remaining signals



## Compound identification



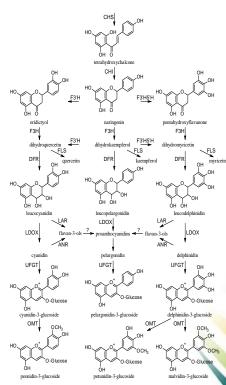


#### Grape drying: Conclusive remarks MS-Food Day 2015

HRMS-metabolomics allowed identification of nutraceuticals not reported in grape before, some still under confirmation.

In particular, several new dihydroflavonols were identified and their biosynthetic pathways in grape are currently under study ...

Five new putative polyphenols were identified in grape, and five compounds previously proposed in supplemental materials in withered Corvina grape were confirmed. (Toffali et al. 2011); Zamboni et al. 2010).

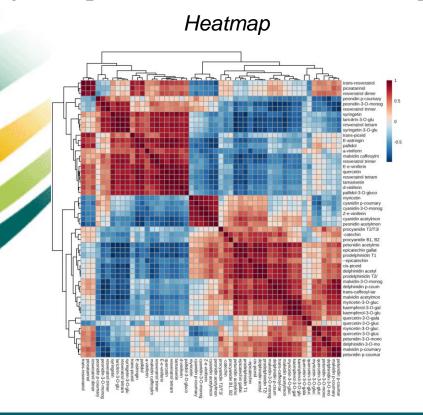




#### Work in progress

Study of glycoside aroma precursor evolution. Study of correlation among the metabolites.

Organoleptic evaluation of the wines produced by these grapes.



#### Aroma glycoside precursors

trans/cis 2/3-hexen-1-ol glucoside **Benzenoids** 

hydroxybenzoic acid glucoside
methylsalicylate/vanillin glucoside
vanillic acid glucoside
acetovanillone glucoside
methylvanillate /syringaldehyde glucoside
homovanillic alcohol glucoside
coniferyl alcohol /propiovanillone glucoside
dihydroconiferyl alcohol glucoside
dihydroxybenzoic acid isomer

#### Norisoprenoids

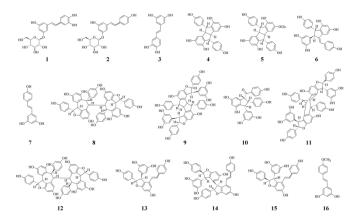
vomifoliol glucoside

#### terpenols

7-hydroxy-α-terpineol-pentosyl-hexoside furan/pyran linalool oxides pentosyl-hexoside diendiol I-pentosyl-hexoside geraniol-pentosyl-hexoside hydroxy geraniol-pentosyl-hexoside cis/trans 8-hydroxylinalool



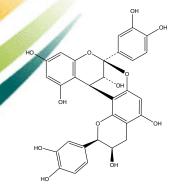






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