

***Phenolic profiling followed by multivariate analysis
discriminates Chardonnay wines from different
geographical origin***

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Introduction - Chardonnay



Chardonnay grapes

- Origin: Burgundy region of eastern France
- Result of a cross between the Pinot noir and Gouais blanc grape varieties (from DNA fingerprinting research)
- Important component of many sparkling wines (Champagne)
- Harvesting time is crucial to winemaking, with the grape rapidly losing acidity as soon as it ripens.

160,000 hectares around the world

- Italy: cultivated in almost all regions, above all in: Sicilia, Trentino-Alto Adige, Piemonte, Lombardia, Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Abruzzo.
- France (spread everywhere) used pureness to produce Bourgogne wines, mixed varieties to produce Champagne.
- Also in Australia, California, Chile and South-Africa.

Wine attributes

Color: golden yellow, fruity fragrance (apple, banana, papaya, other exotic); mixed and complex wine, good structure and high acidity.

Different types: sparkling and still wines, suitable for aging in barrel



Chablis AOC (100% Chardonnay)



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White wines: phenolic compounds

White wines (typically lower in phenolic compounds), as a consequence are also lower in antioxidant activity.

Phenolic compounds influence the perceived body and flavor of the wines. Several techniques in literature were tested in order to increase phenolics, antioxidant activity and sensory characteristics (three maceration techniques: carbonic, cryogenic and extended skin contact).

Higher antioxidant activity can aid in the aging of wines by preventing oxidation from reactive oxygen species.

Additionally, phenolic compounds contribute to the stability of wines as well as the overall mouthfeel.

What about the identification of phenolic compounds in wine?

Olejar et al. 2016 *Food Science and Technology*



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Why High Resolution Mass Spectrometry?

MSⁿ analyses

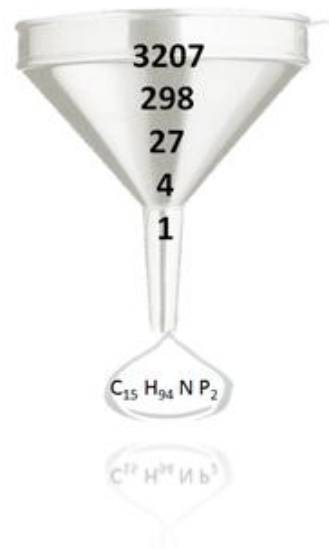
Compound identification increases at increasing mass accuracy and resolution!



UHPLC-ESI-QTOF-MS

Isotopic mass	No. compound	Resolution
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350		
350,6		
350,68		
350,686		
350,6861		



400
3500
7000
11500
44000

QTOF-MS is a form of hybrid, tandem mass-spectrometry that combines a quadrupole and time of flight mass analyzers, used for the identification of compounds in complex matrices, as well as to obtaining structural information about a given compound.



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Metabolomics for wine traceability

The use of a **metabolomic platform** (high resolution mass spectrometry) could be useful to provide fingerprinting or profiling assessments to classify wine samples, according to their terroir, geographic origin, variety and age.

Polyphenols analyses have been considered as a way to differentiate wines based on the presence, intensity or ratios of some of these compounds.

From an industrial point of view, **traceability** is also a very important parameter to control and to monitor wine-making processes.

FOCUS: *Geographic origin*
Ageing/vintage effect

Metabolomics for wine-quality assessment
Metabolomics to detect wine adulteration

Alañón et al. 2015, *Trends in Analytical Chemistry*
Versari et al. 2014, *Food Research International*



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Aim of the work

Discrimination of Chardonnay wines from different geographic origin according to a metabolomic approach based on phenolic profile.



Valle d'Aosta

Piacenza

Sicilia

VS

Israel

France

Australia

Vintage: 2015



Chardonnay Classico Valle d'Aosta D.O.P., 2015

Lat: 45.7° Nord; Alt: 600-850 m asl;

Soil: loose, sandy and moraine

Climate: alpine

Ageing: 6 months in inox, *sur lies* with bâtonnages

% alcohol: 13 vol



La Torretta – Clarente, Colli Piacentini DOC Chardonnay 2015

Lat: 45° Nord; Alt: 250-300 m asl

Soil: clay and limestone

Climate: temperate

Ageing: 6 months in inox

% alcohol: 13 vol



Donnafugata La Fuga 2015, Contessa Entellina DOC

Lat: 37.73° Nord

Alt: 200-600 m asl

Soil: clay

Climate: mediterranean

Ageing: some months in inox and 3 months in bottle.

% alcohol: 13-13.5 vol





2015 Golan Heights Winery Yarden Chardonnay

Lat: 33° Nord

Alt: 400-1200 m asl

Soil: volcanic basaltic

Climate: mild and dry summers

Ageing: 7 months *sur lies* in French oak barrels

% alcohol: 14 vol



Louis Jadot – Bourgogne 2015

Couvent des Jacobins, France (Burgundy)

Lat: 47° Nord

Alt: 250-300 m asl

Soil: clayey marly limestone

Climate: continental

Ageing: 8 months in oak barrels partially

% alcohol: 12.5 vol



Yellow Tail Chardonnay 2015

South-East Australia

Lat: 33.37° S

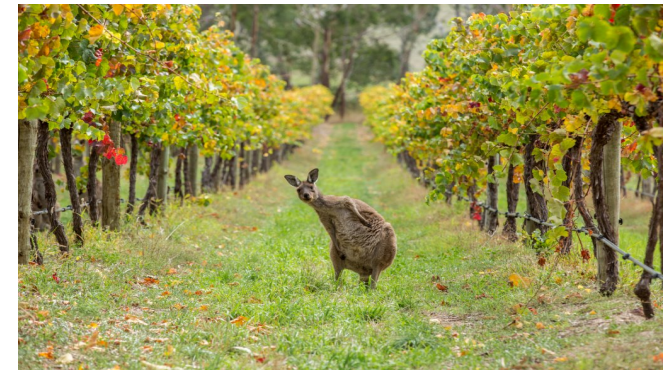
Alt: 50 to 400 m asl

Climate: continental to oceanic

Soil: from loamy sand to clay loam

Ageing: 6-8 months in oak barrels

% alcohol: 13 vol





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Inox vs Barrel Aged wines

Inox

WINE SAMPLES

Oak Barrels

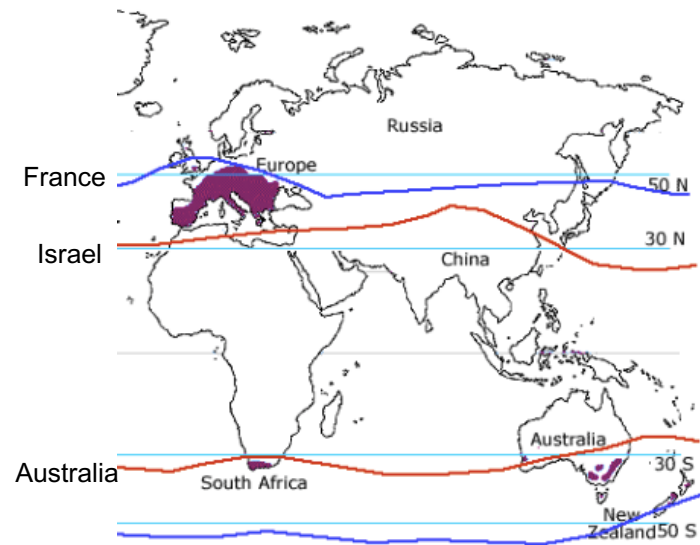


Same variety: 100%
Same price range: 10-20 €
Same vintage: 2015

Different terroirs:
≠ soils
≠ latitudes and altitudes → ≠ climates
(≠ viticultural and oenological practices)

→ ≠ Polyphenols?

What about traceability?

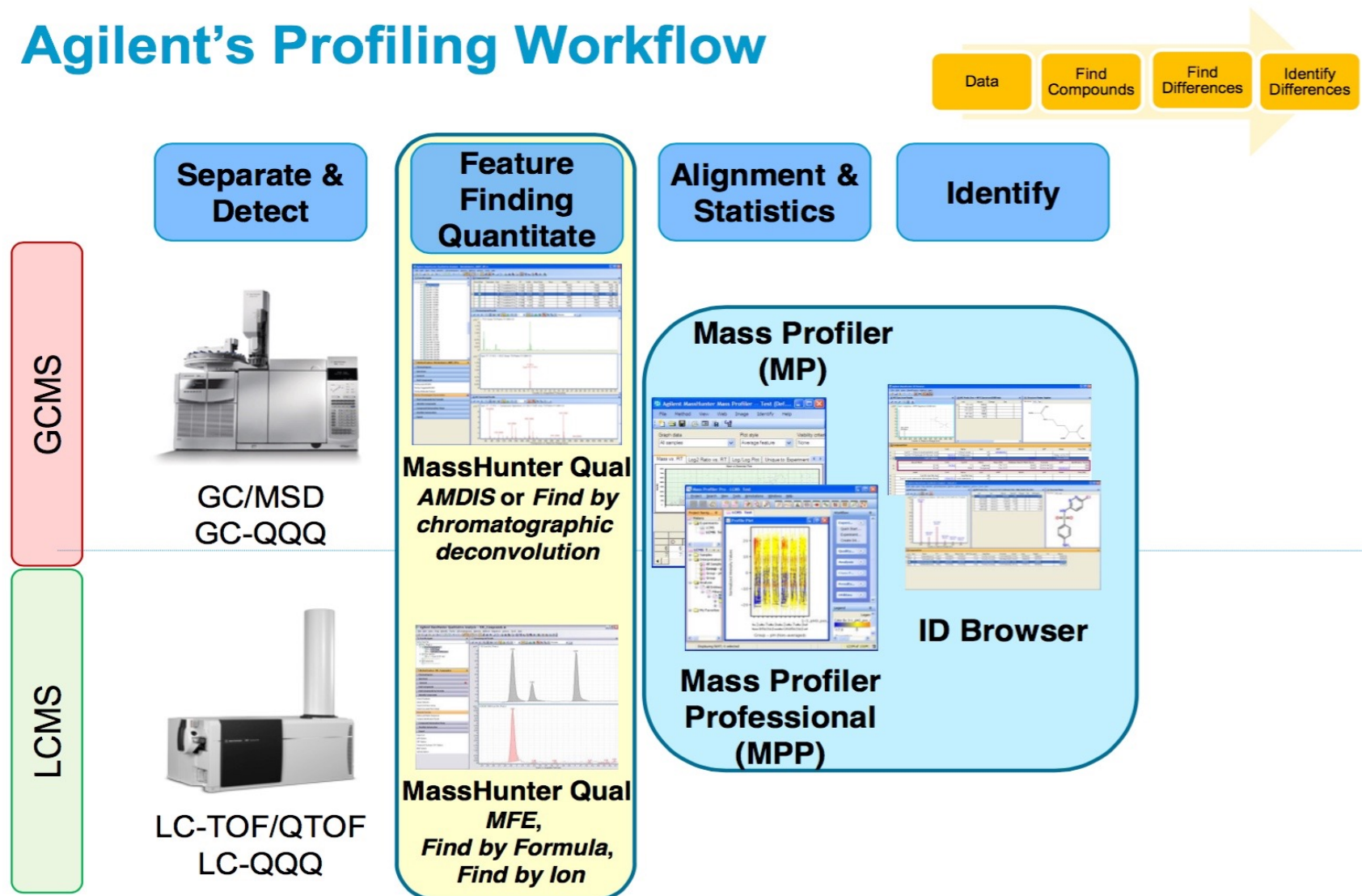




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Profiling Chemometrics Workflow

Agilent's Profiling Workflow



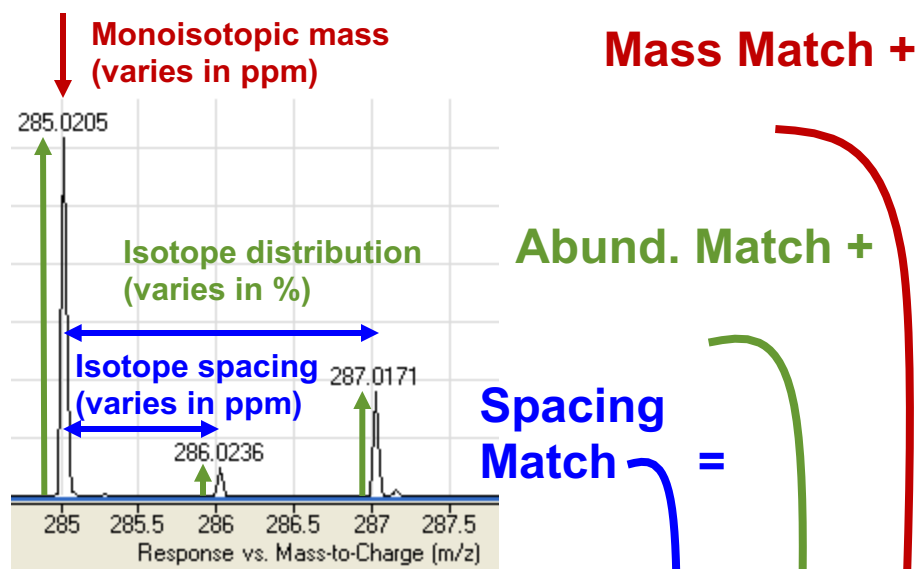


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Identification / Screening

Mass accuracy below 5 ppm

Scoring based on:



Overall Score

MS Formula Results: Cpd 2: C ₁₀ H ₉ CIN ₄ O ₂ S														
m/z		Ion		Formula		Abundance								
285.021		[M+H] ⁺		C ₁₀ H ₁₀ LN ₄ O ₂ S		24506.1								
Best	Formula (M)	Calc m/z	Score	Cross Score	Mass	Calc Mass	Diff (ppm)	Abs Diff (p)	Spacing Matc	Abund Matc	Mass Match	m/z	DBE	
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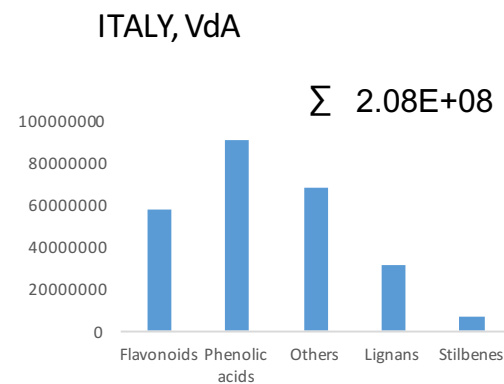
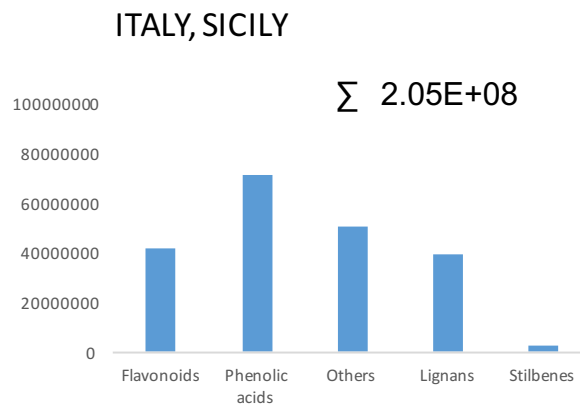
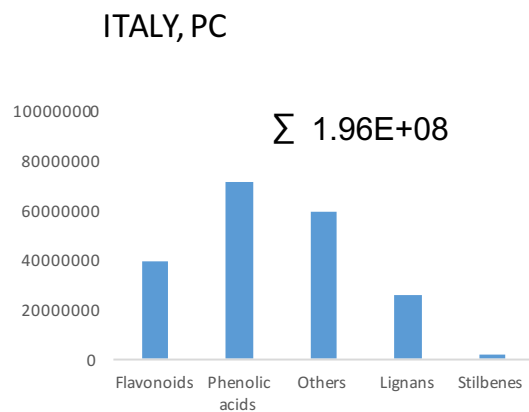
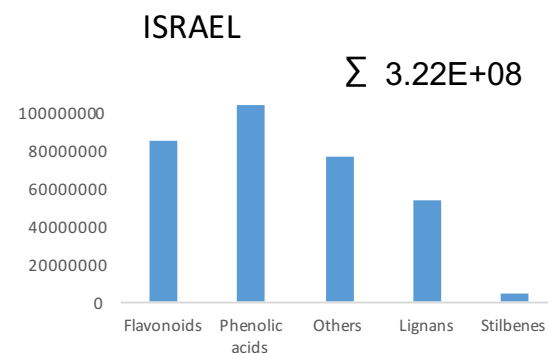
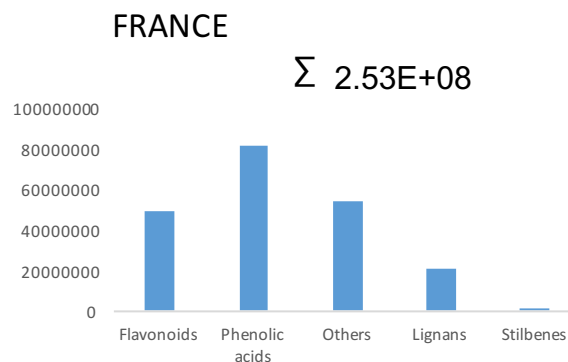
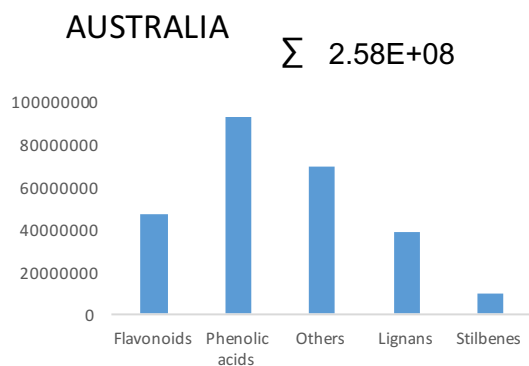


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Phenolic profile (cumulative intensity per classes)

483 phenolics identified

DATASET PLOT INTENSITY OF DIFFERENT CHARDONNAY

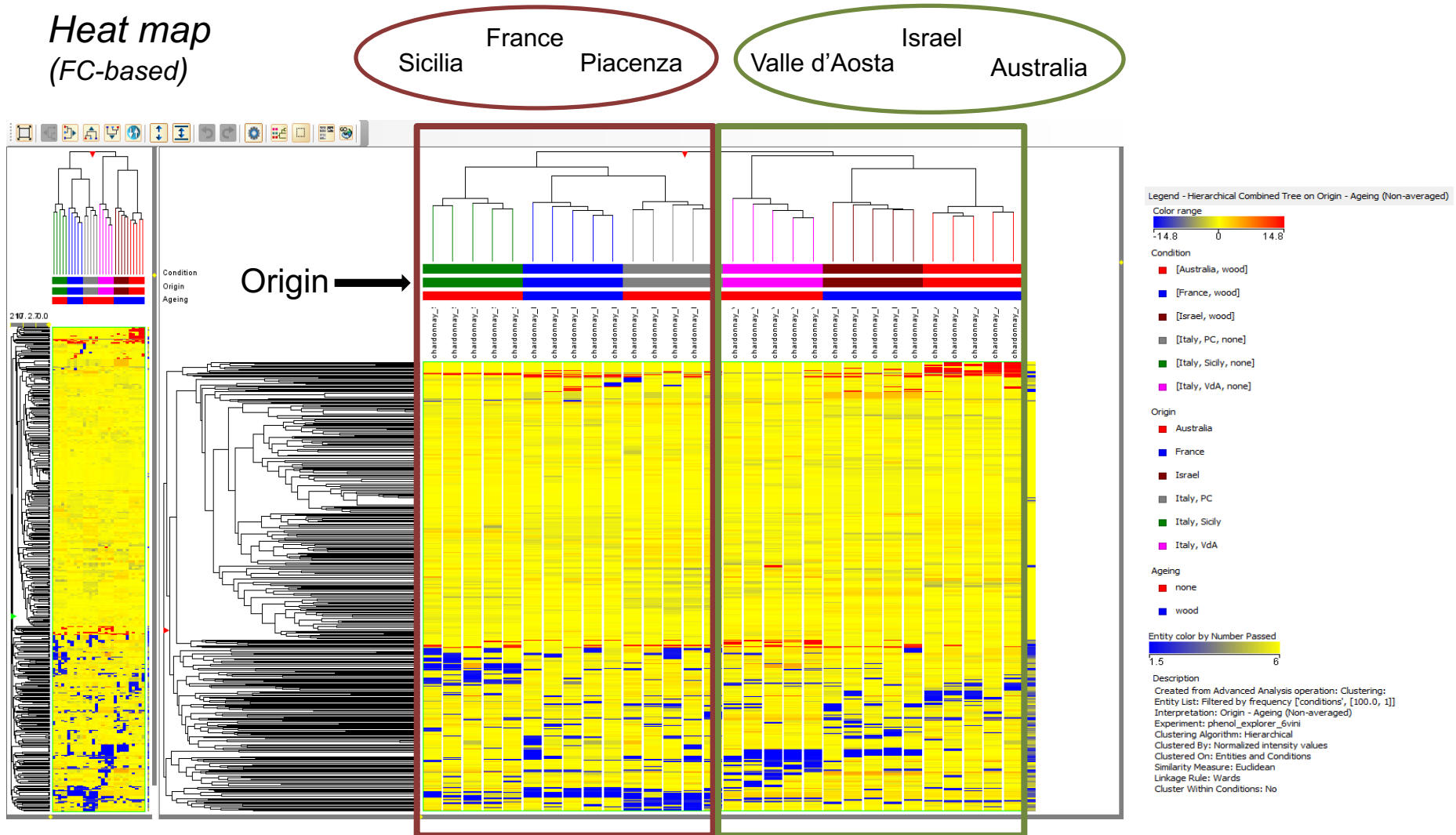




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Un-supervised Cluster Analysis

Heat map
(FC-based)



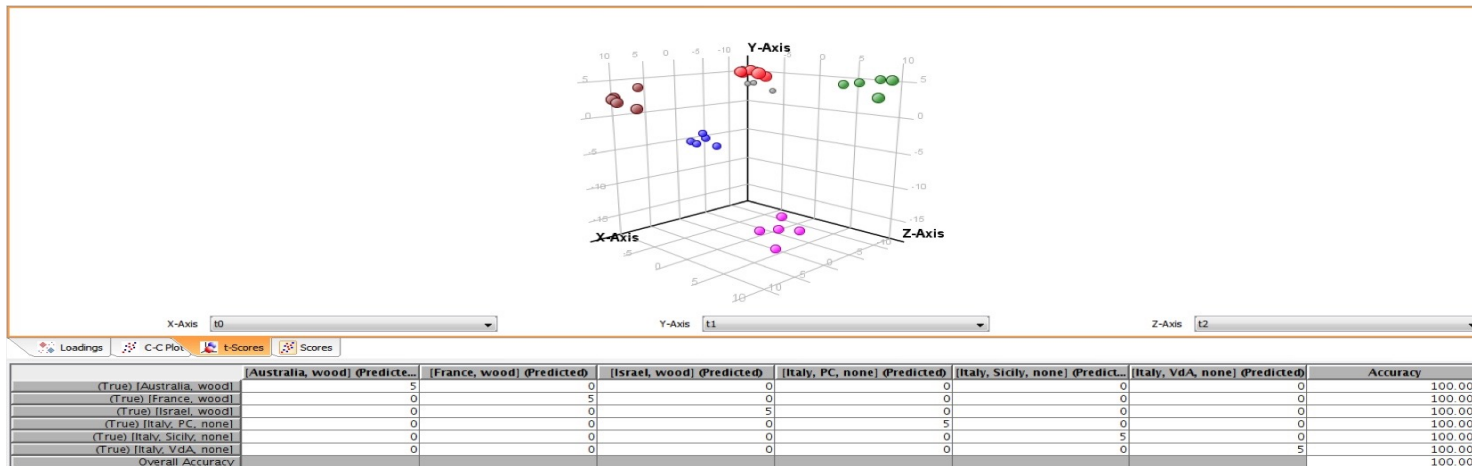
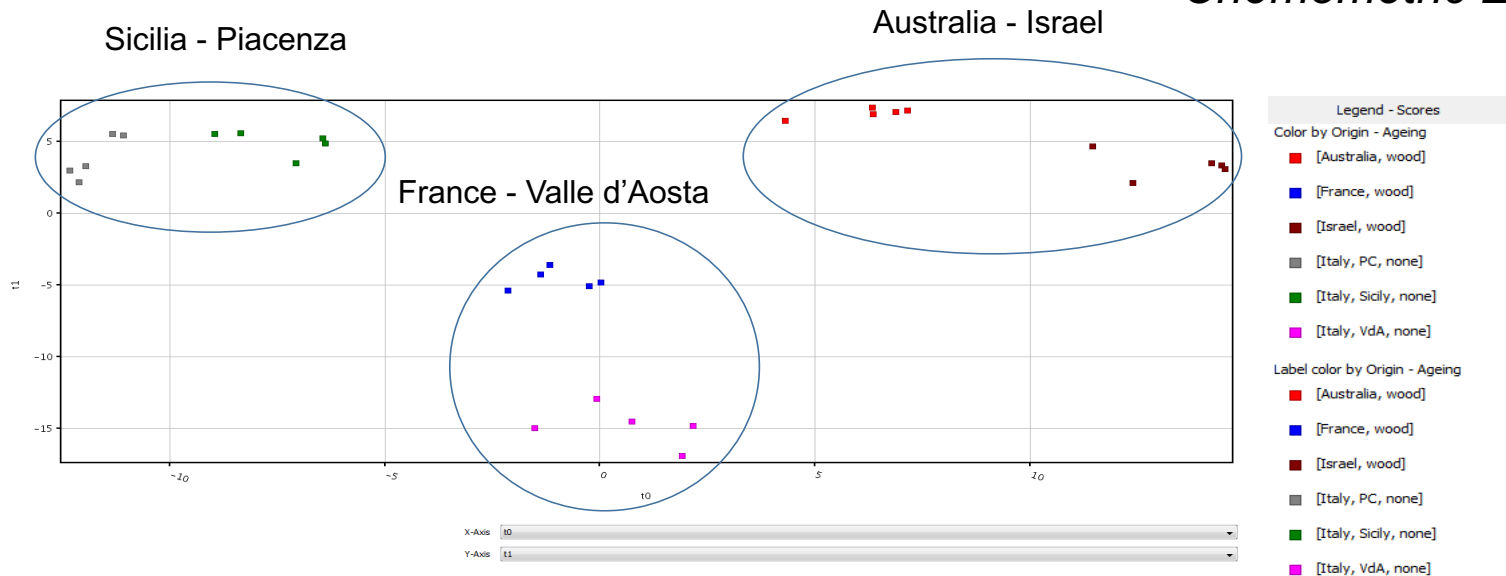


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Partial Least Square Discriminant-Analysis

PLS-DA plot (origin+wood)

Chemometric Evaluation





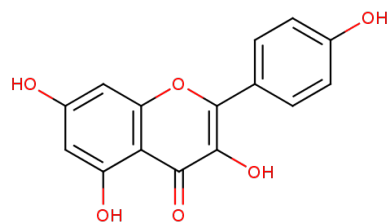
82 differential metabolites outlined by PLS-DA analysis
(importance in the class prediction model).

41 Flavonoids (Dihydrochalcones, Flavones, Flavonols, Flavanols, Flavanones, Chalcones, Isoflavonoids)

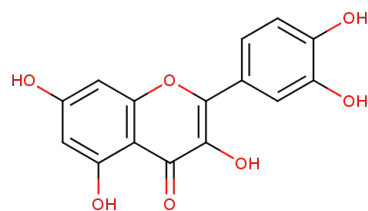
18 Phenolic acids (Hydroxycinnamic/Hydroxybenzoic/Hydroxyphenylacetic acids)

7 Lignans (Matairesinol derivatives)

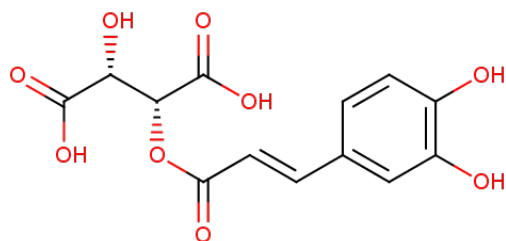
16 Other phenolics (among which 2 Stilbenes)



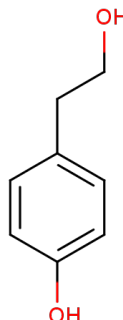
Kaempferol derivatives



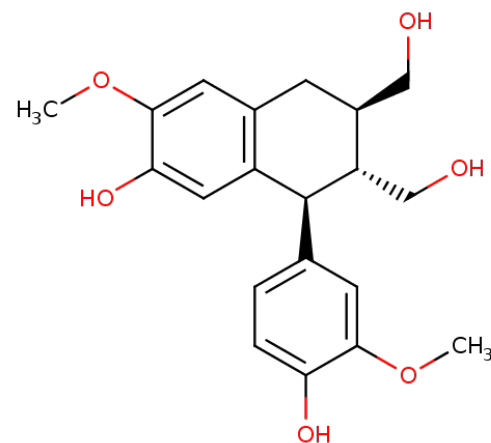
Quercetin derivatives



Caffeoyl tartaric acid



Tyrosol derivatives



Isolariciresinol



Pearson coefficients (structural correlations or possible elicitors?)

CLASSES	Luteolin EQ.	Cyanidin EQ.	Catechin EQ.	Tyrosol EQ.	Resorcinol EQ.	Ferulate EQ.	Matairesinol EQ.	Sesamin EQ.	Resveratrol EQ.
Luteolin EQ.	1	,610**	,923**	,690**	,083	,969**	,572**	,505**	,763**
Cyanidin EQ.	,610**	1	,623**	,421*	n.s.	,599**	,830**	,560**	,674**
Catechin EQ.	,923**	,623**	1	,636**	n.s.	,786**	,593**	,410*	,687**
Tyrosol EQ.	,690**	,421*	,636**	1	,214	,816**	,649**	,762**	,884**
Resorcinol EQ.	,083	n.s.	n.s.	,214	1	,078	n.s.	,125	,142
Ferulate EQ.	,869**	,599**	,786**	,816**	,078	1	,578**	,640**	,841**
Matairesinol EQ.	,572**	,830**	,593**	,649**	n.s.	,578**	1	,707**	,834**
Sesamin EQ.	,505**	,560**	,410*	,762**	,125	,640	,707**	1	,804**
Resveratrol EQ.	,763**	,674**	,687**	,884*	,142	,841**	,834**	,804**	1

** statistical significance at level 0.05 (two-tailed)

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Some hypotheses (inox vs oak barrels ageing)

Both volatile and non-volatile compounds are released from oak to wine, which becomes more refined and more complex.

The aromatic modifications consecutive to oak ageing have been well described and explained. The main volatiles migrating from oak wood to wine are vanillin, whisky lactone, eugenol and 2-furanmethanethiol, which are responsible, respectively, for vanilla, coconut, spicy and roasted coffee.

Oak non-volatile compounds are mainly non-flavonoid polyphenols.

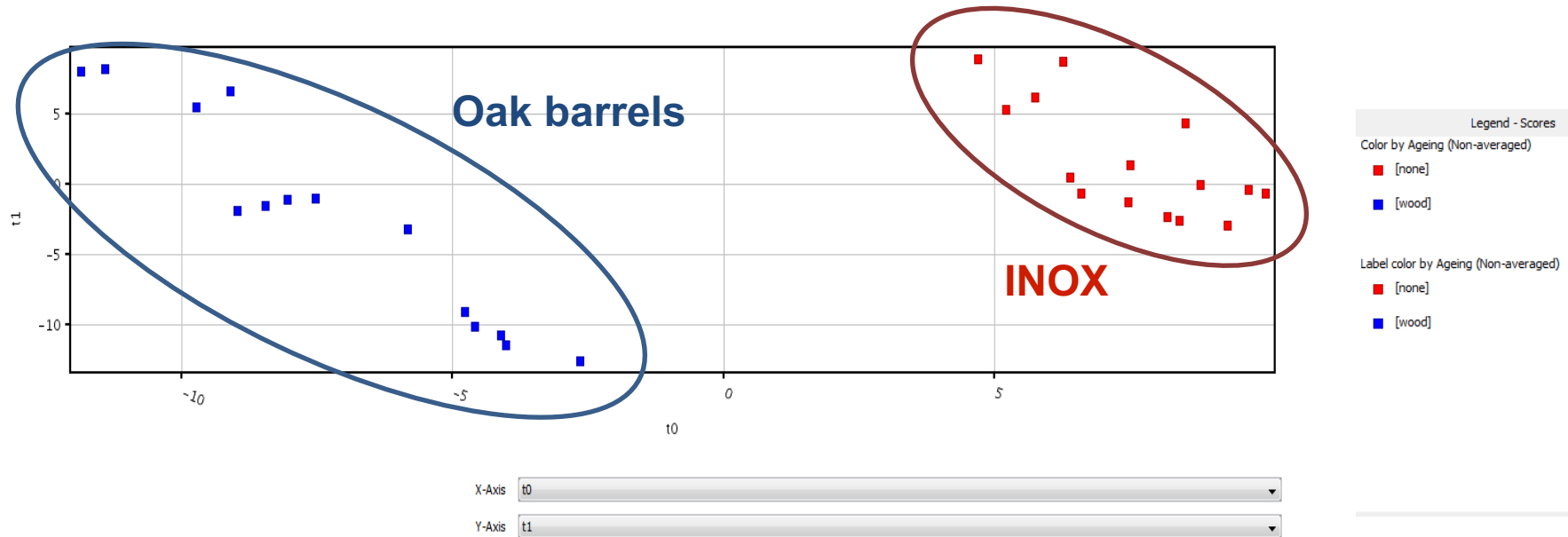
They include ellagitannins such as castalagin, vescalagin and roburin, phenolic acids such as ferulic and gallic acids, coumarins such as scopoletin and umbelliferone, and other compounds (lignan derivatives).

Moreover, between lignans, **isolariciresinol** and **secoisolariciresinol** derivatives, have been reported from oak wood, contributing to wine taste.



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PLS-DA inox vs oak barrels ageing



11 phenolic compounds explaining differences

Flavonoids: Pelargonidin 3-O-galactoside, Rhoifolin/Isorhoifolin, 3-methoxynobiletin, Spinacetin 3-O-glucosyl-(1-6)-glucoside, Luteolin.

Phenolic acids: 24-Methylcholesterol ferulate, Feruloyl tartaric acid, 1,2,2'-Trisinapoylgentiobiose

Lignans: Isolariciresinol, Lariciresinol-sequilignan

Hydroxycoumarins: Scopoletin



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Take home message and conclusions

Preliminary study:

- Great potential of analytical technique
(metabolomic approach based on phenolic profile)
- Possibile further studies with traceability purposes
(considering both terroir and ageing)
- Possibile discrimination potential based on lignan markers from oak barrels

Not evaluable:

Oenological and vineyard management

Model validation on different vintages!

Thanks for attention!