A background image showing a microscopic view of yeast cells. The cells are spherical and pinkish, with some showing internal structures like nuclei and vacuoles. They are scattered across the slide, with a higher concentration at the bottom.

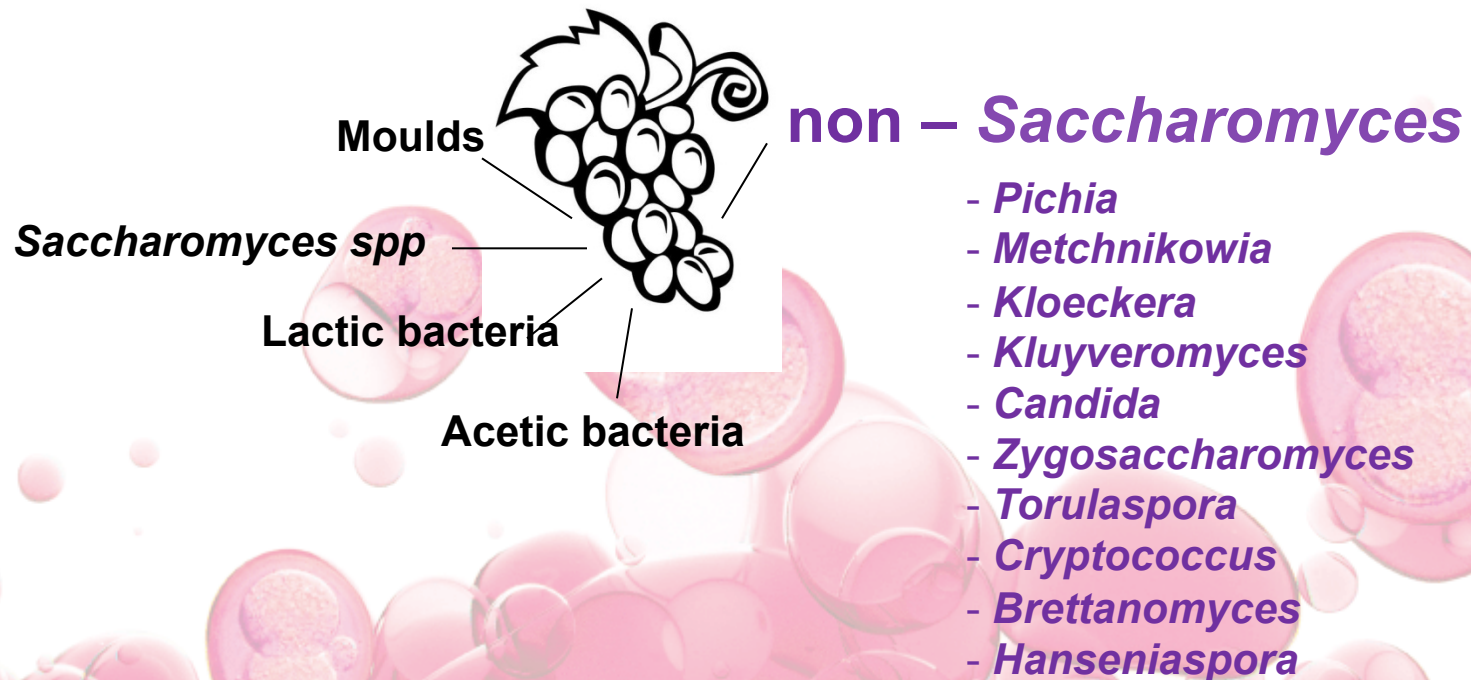
# **Using non-*Saccharomyces* yeasts during alcoholic fermentation: taking Advantage of Yeast Biodiversity**

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# Non-Saccharomyces in Winemaking

## Native Microflora



# Non-*Saccharomyces* on Grapes

Flowering

Nouaison

Harvest

**Dominant species**  
- *Cryptococcus*  
- *Candida*  
- *Pichia*

And others  
- *Torulaspora delbrueckii*

Total yeasts/grape

Beginning of AF

50% non-*Saccharomyces*  
50% *S. cerevisiae*

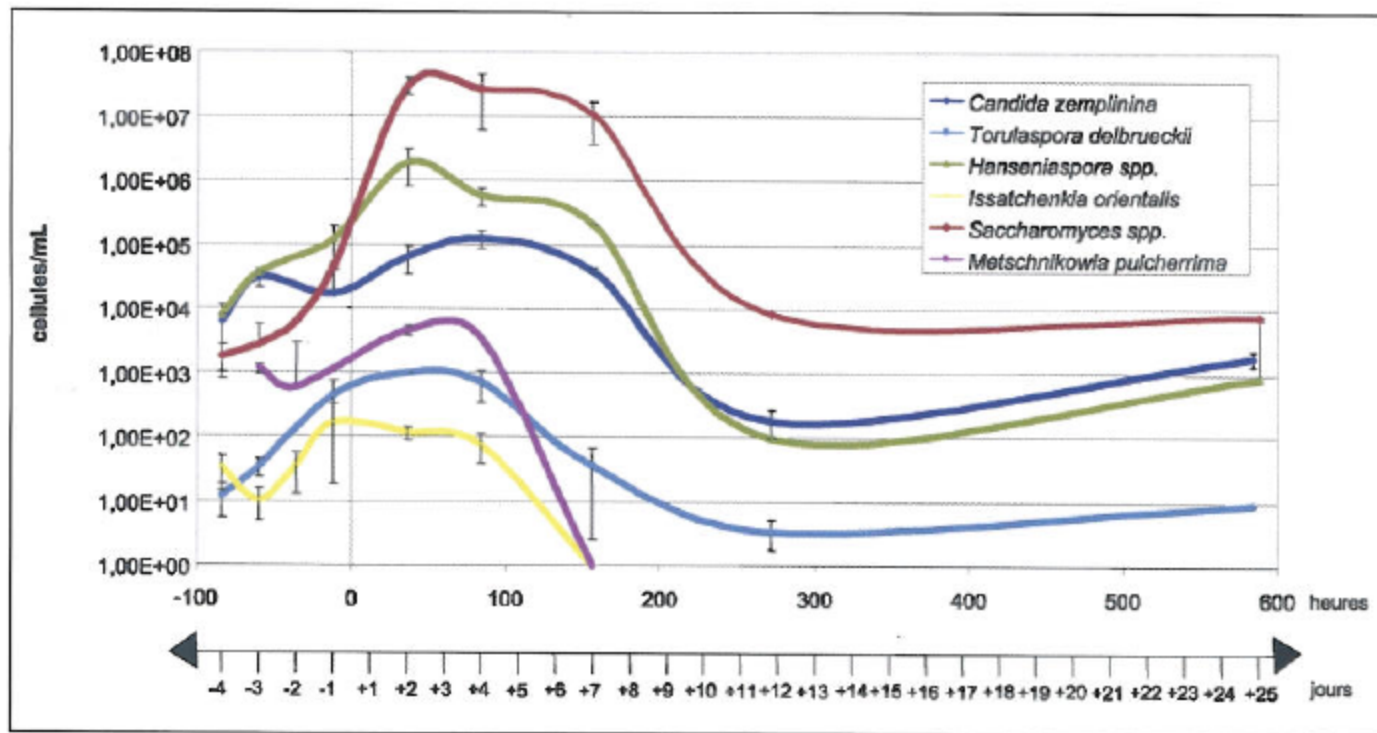
Decrease in the non-*Saccharomyces* population

End of AF

> 99% *S. cerevisiae*

# Dynamics and Diversity

Dynamics of yeast populations established by real time PCR, from cold soaking until barrel settling for FML (Zott, 2009)



0 hours = addition of a commercial yeast.

# Taking Advantage of Biodiversity

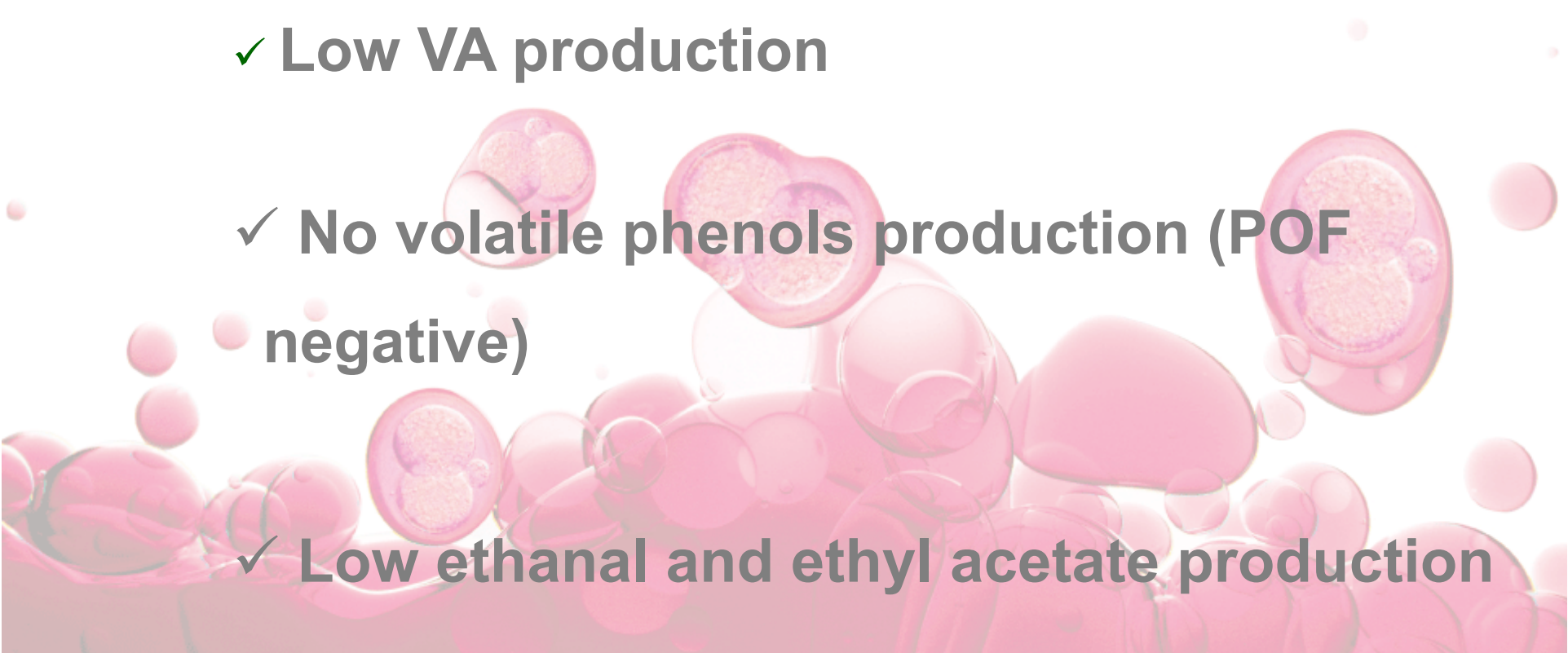
Espèce utilisée en association avec <i>S. cerevisiae</i>	But	Références
<i>Candida cantarellii</i>	Augmentation teneur en glycérol	Toro et Vazquez (2002)
<i>Candida pulcherrima</i>	Modulation aromatique	Jolly <i>et al.</i> (2003); Zohre et Erten (2002)
<i>Candida stellata</i>	Augmentation teneur en glycérol	Ciani et Ferraro (1995, 1998); Ferraro <i>et al.</i> (2000)
	Modulation aromatique	Soden <i>et al.</i> (2000)
<i>Debaryomyces vanriji</i>	Augmentation teneur en géraniole	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2002)
<i>Hanseniaspora guilliermondii</i>	Modulation aromatique	Zironi <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<i>Hanseniaspora uvarum</i> ( <i>Kloeckera apiculata</i> )	Modulation aromatique	Ciani <i>et al.</i> (2006); Herraiz <i>et al.</i> (1990); Mendoza <i>et al.</i> (2007); Moreira (2005); Moreira <i>et al.</i> (2008); Zironi <i>et al.</i> (1993); Zohre et Erten (2002)
<i>Issatchenkia orientalis</i>	Réduction teneur en acide malique	Kim <i>et al.</i> (2008)
<i>Kluyveromyces thermotolerans</i>	Réduction production acide acétique	Ciani <i>et al.</i> (2006); Mora <i>et al.</i> (1990)
	Augmentation acidité totale	Kapsopoulou <i>et al.</i> (2007)
<i>Pichia fermentans</i>	Modulation aromatique	Clemente-Jimenez <i>et al.</i> (2005)
<i>Pichia kluyveri</i>	Augmentation teneur en thiols volatils	Anfang <i>et al.</i> (2009)
<i>Pichia anomala</i>	Modulation aromatique	Kurita <i>et al.</i> (2008)
<i>Schizosaccharomyces pombe</i>	Dégradation acide malique	Ciani (1995); Magyar et Panic (1989); Snow et Gallender (1979); Yokotsuka <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<i>Torulaspora delbrueckii</i>	Réduction production acide acétique	Bely <i>et al.</i> (2008); Ciani <i>et al.</i> (2008); Lafon-Lafourcade (1981); Salmon <i>et al.</i> (2007)
	Modulation aromatique	Herraiz <i>et al.</i> (1990)

Many ecological studies bring light to the role of non-*Saccharomyces* yeasts

Specific metabolisms: different technological interests

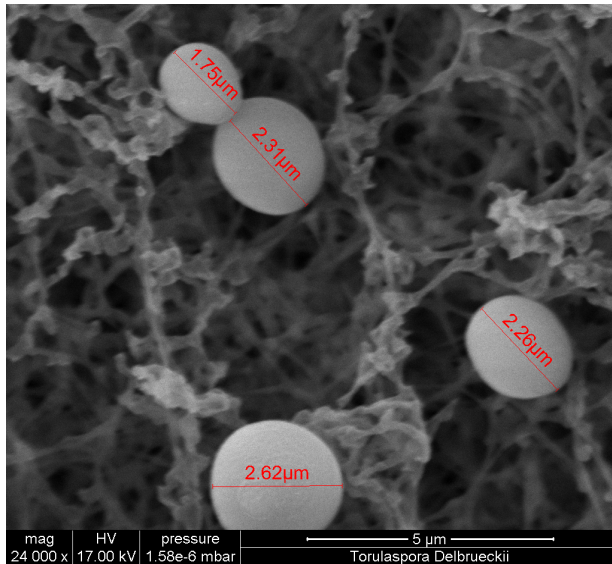
*Torulaspora delbrueckii*: A non-*Saccharomyces* with no organoleptic defects and compatible with *S. cerevisiae* species

# *Torulaspora delbrueckii*: Natural Positive Traits

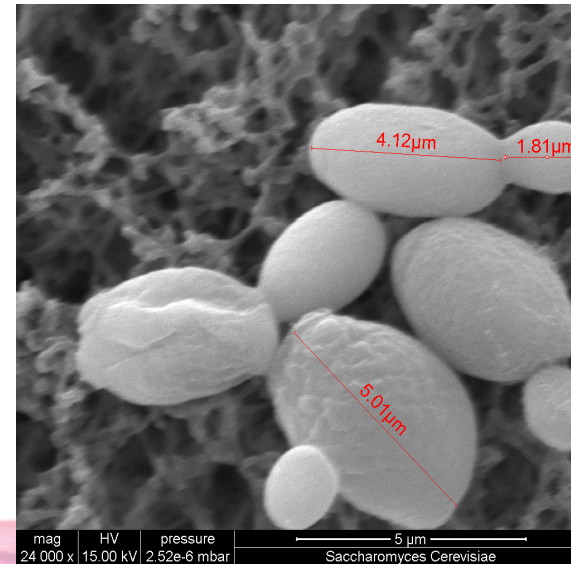
- ✓ Low VA production
  - ✓ No volatile phenols production (POF negative)
  - ✓ Low ethanal and ethyl acetate production
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- A decorative background image showing a cluster of pinkish, spherical yeast cells. Some cells are in cross-section, revealing internal structures like nuclei and vacuoles. The cells are arranged in a dense, overlapping pattern, with some larger cells in the foreground and smaller ones in the background.

# Biodiversity

*Torulasporea delbrueckii*



*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*



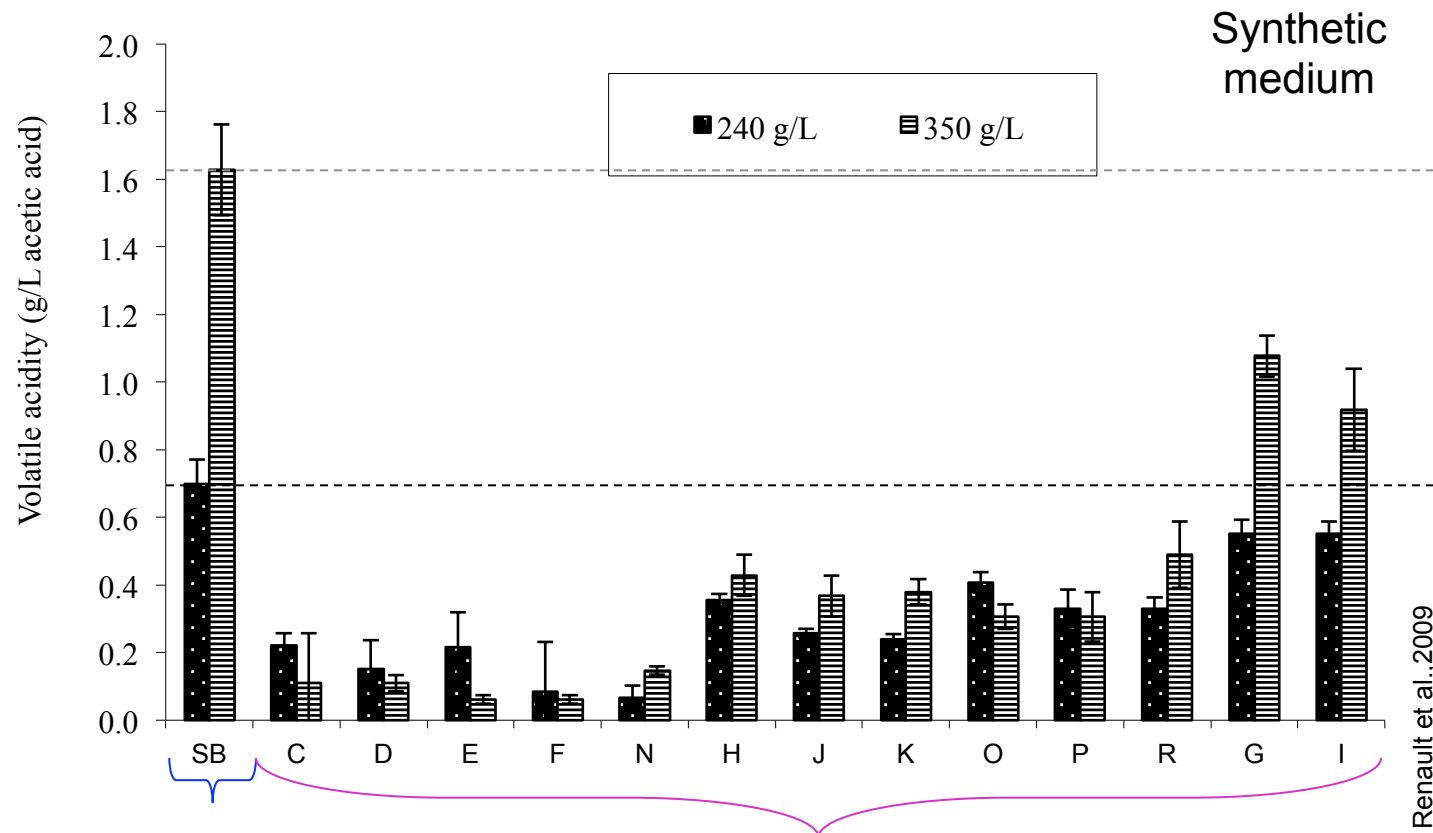
Microscopie électronique à Balayage, grossissement X 24000  
Bordeaux Imaging Center - Pôle d'Imagerie Electronique - Université  
Bordeaux 2.

6 chromosomes

16 chromosomes

- ✓ Complex aromatic profile
- ✓ Positive and significant impact on mouthfeel

# Natural Advantages: Low VA Production



*S. cerevisiae*

*T. delbrueckii*

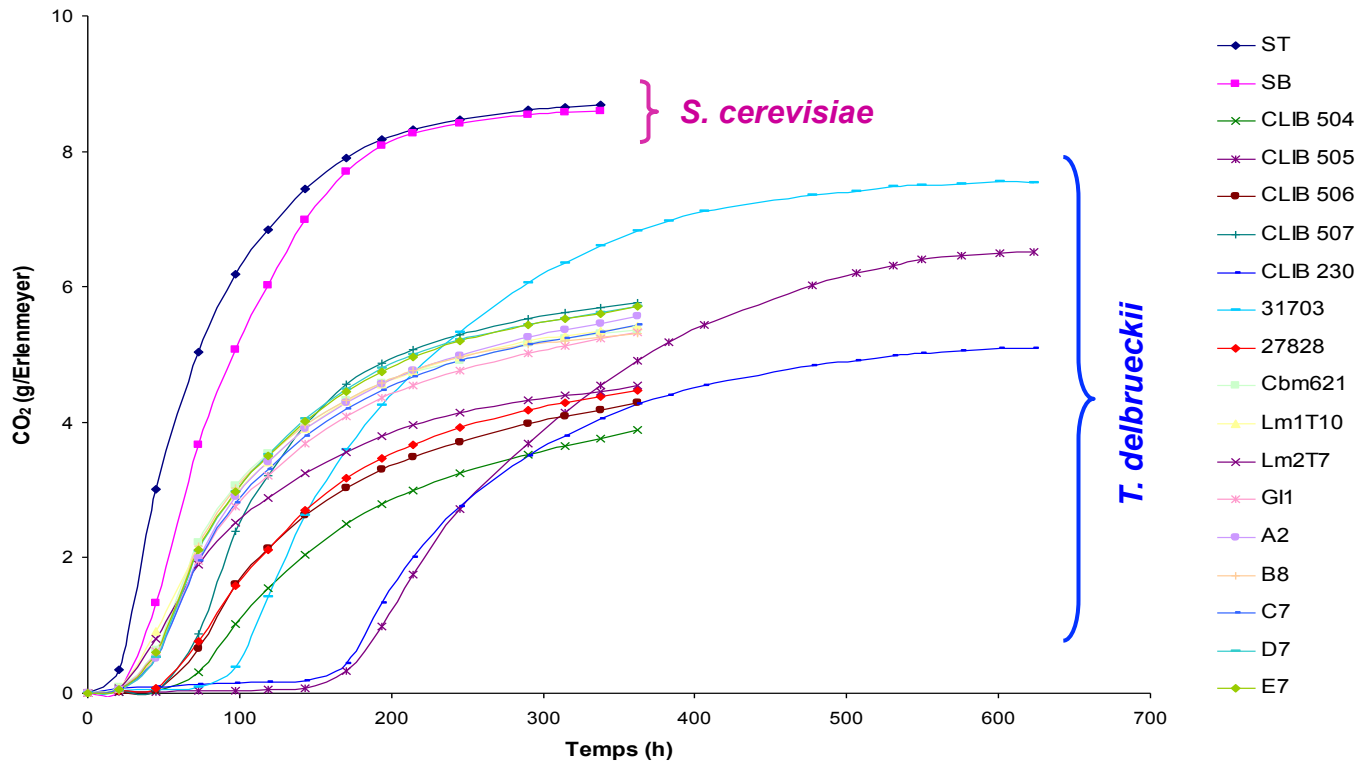
→ Important phenotypic variability: Essential for the selection of a top performing strain



# Fermentative Properties

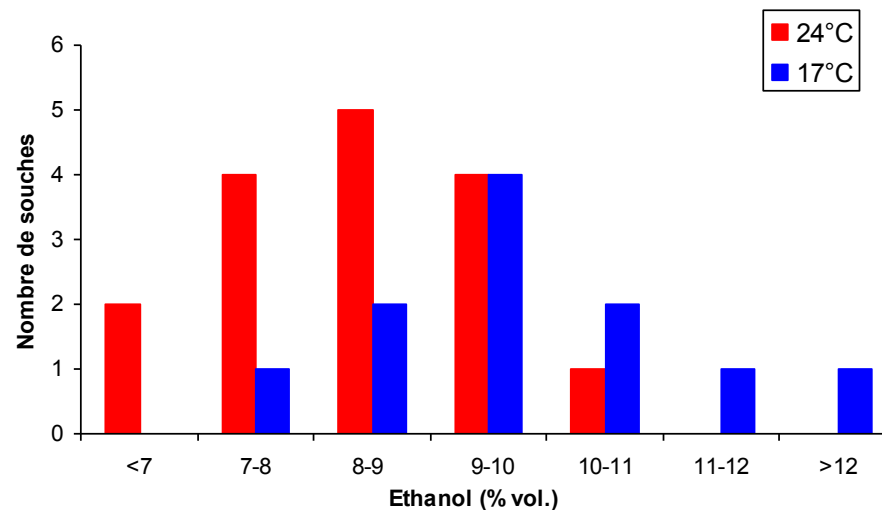
Collection of 30 strains of Td.

Only few with excellent fermentative capacity for a non-*Saccharomyces* but a slower growth rate and fermentation kinetics than *S. cerevisiae*



# Fermentative Properties

Td collection of strains: low ethanol production (7- 9 % v/v)  
hence not a complete fermentation solution



→ Mixed yeasting necessary:

- Ensures complete fermentation
- Increases wine complexity and uniqueness

# Mixed Yeasting

## *Torulaspora delbrueckii* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

→ Sequential inoculation: *S. cerevisiae* 24 – 72 hrs after *Torulaspora* introduction:

Rehydration temperature:  
25-30 °C / 77-86 °F

I. 300 ppm TD n.sacch.

Important: rehydration in 77-86F water, without nutrient.

II. 24 - 72hrs\* after TD n.sacch. addition:

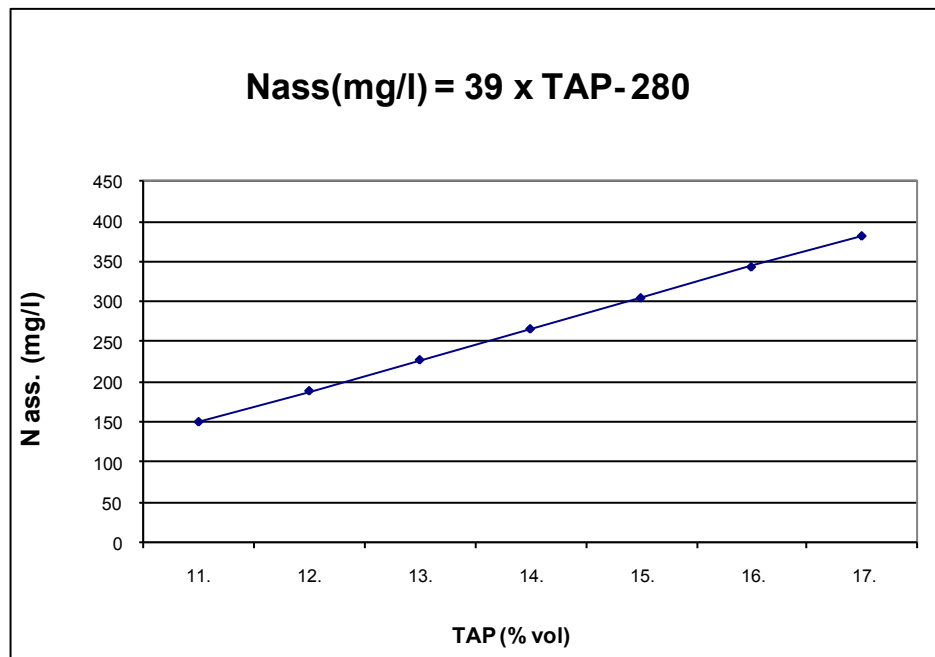
*S. cerevisiae* addition at 200ppm; rehydration nutrient recommended.

Complex nutrient additions recommended

\* In the case of sweet wines, our trials show that the best results are achieved when *S. cerevisiae* is inoculated 5-10 hrs after TD (at 400 ppm).

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# Yeast Nutrition Management

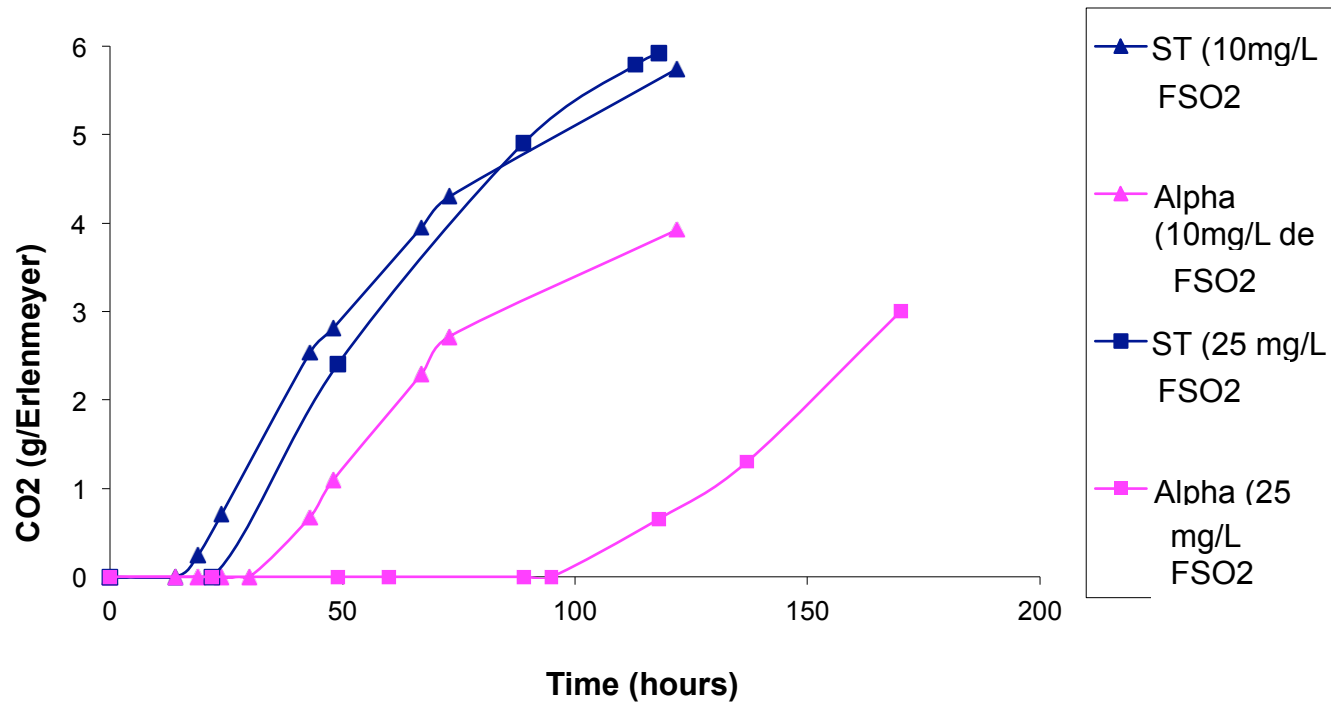


Bisson et Butzke, 2000

## Yeast Nutrition Recommendations

1. *Torulaspota*  
(+ ½ dose of ammonium source of low YAN)
2. **24hrs** (in red wines) – **72hrs** (in white and rose wines) **after:**  
*S. cerevisiae*. **Rehydration nutrient** recommended
3. **24hrs after:** ½ dose or entire dose of **complex nutrient**  
(A thiamine addition is important to ensure the implantation and the activity of *S. cerevisiae*)

# SO2 Effect



SO2 effect at 10 and 25 ppm SO2 in a synthetic medium at 75F

→ The higher the SO2 concentration the longer the lag phase.

→ Alpha is resistant (good viability) and can start fermenting in musts with high [SO2]. There is a variability in *Torulasporea* strains!

# Sauvignon Blanc

## Pessac Leognan 2010

### Must Analyses:

**Sugar (g/l): 216**

**Pot. Alcohol (% v/v): 12.77**

**TA (g/l): 6,04**

**MA (g/l): 3,5**

**pH: 3,25**

**Free SO<sub>2</sub> (mg/l): 12**

**Active SO<sub>2</sub> (mg/l): 0,62**

**Total SO<sub>2</sub> (mg/l): 51**

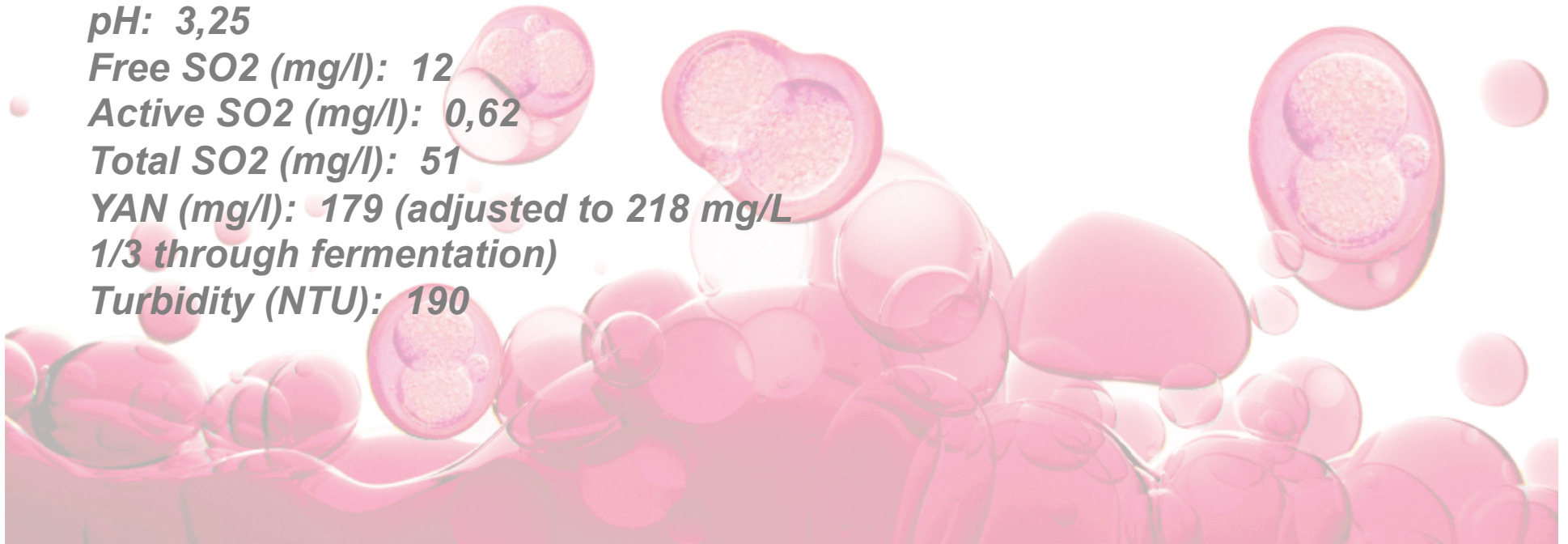
**YAN (mg/l): 179 (adjusted to 218 mg/L  
1/3 through fermentation)**

**Turbidity (NTU): 190**

### Trial tanks:

**T : Control Zymaflore X5**

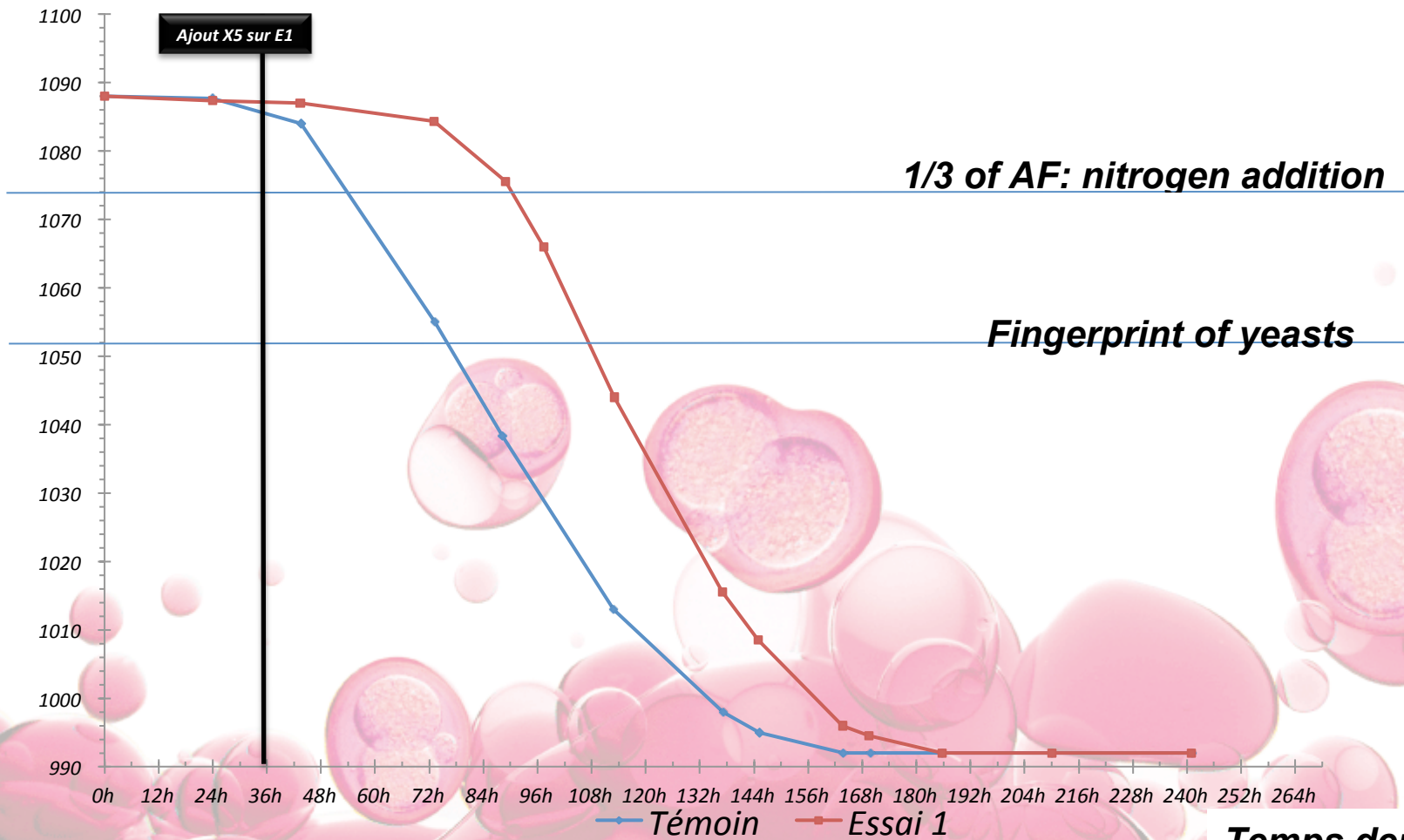
**E1 : Zymaflore Alpha + X5**



# Sauvignon Blanc

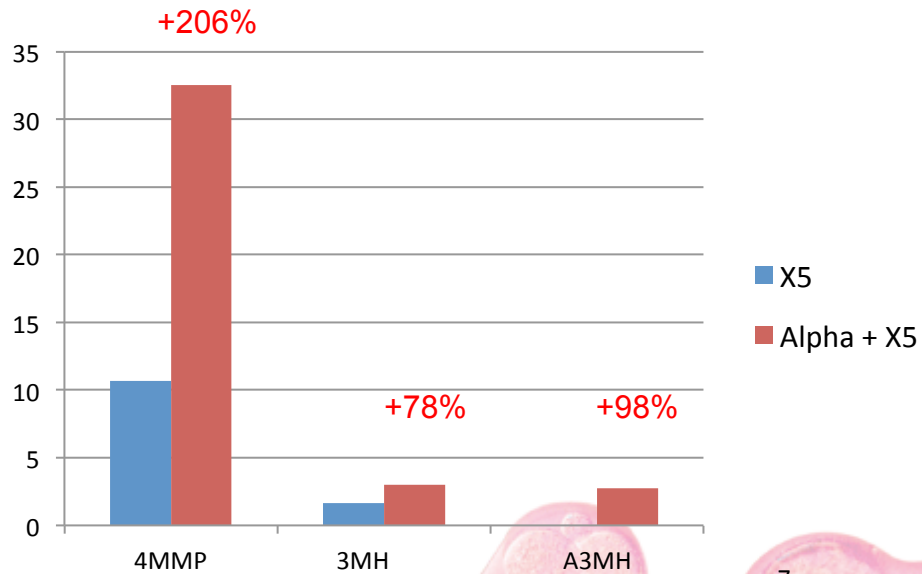
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Density

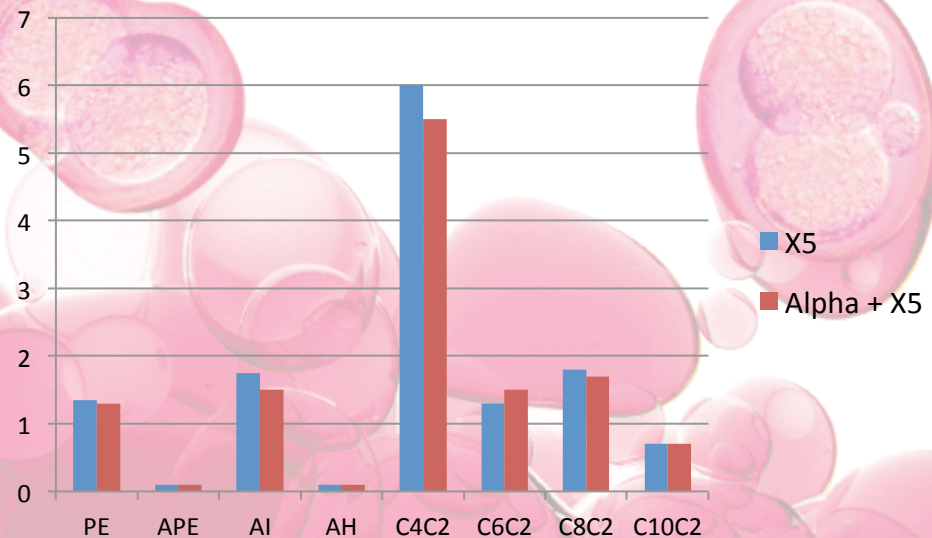


# Sauvignon Blanc

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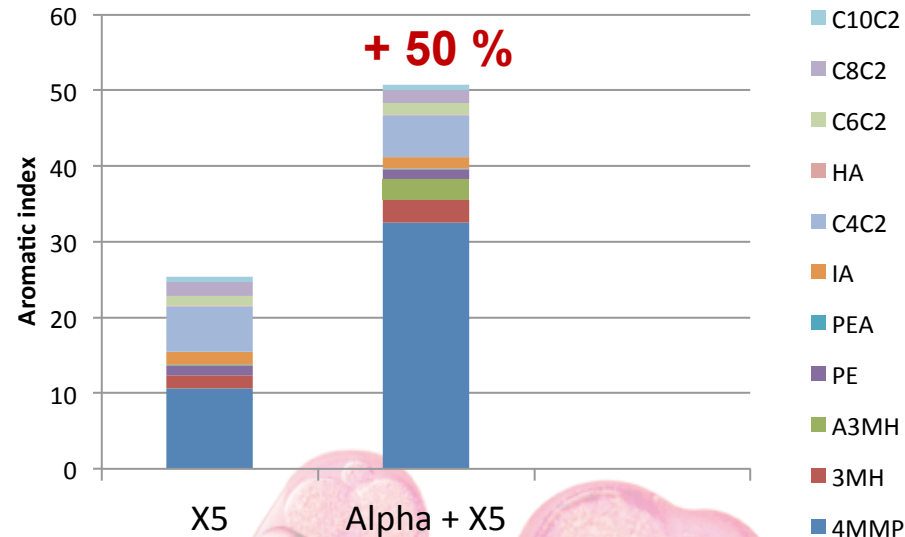
More *complex aromatic perception* (synergistic effects between flavors) and more *aromatic volume*.





# Sauvignon Blanc

## Pessac Leognan 2010



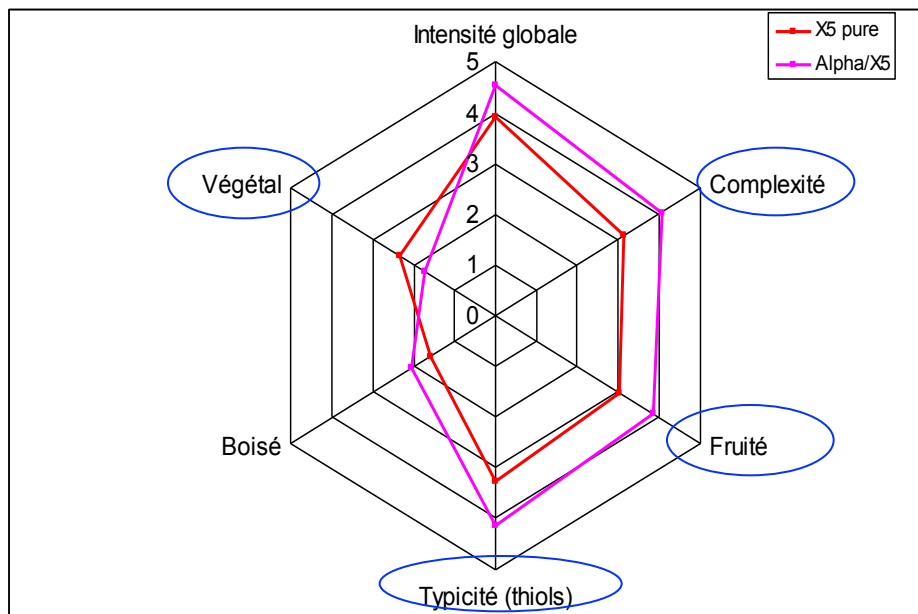
Increased aromatic intensity due to higher expression of thiols

	X5	Alpha + X5
<b>RS (g/l)</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Alc (% v/v)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13.05</b>
<b>TA (g/l H2SO4)</b>	<b>4.45</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Malic acid (g/l)</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>pH</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>3.22</b>
<b>Free SO2 (mg/l)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Active SO2 (mg/l)</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>VA (g/L H2SO4)</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.16</b>

# Sauvignon Blanc

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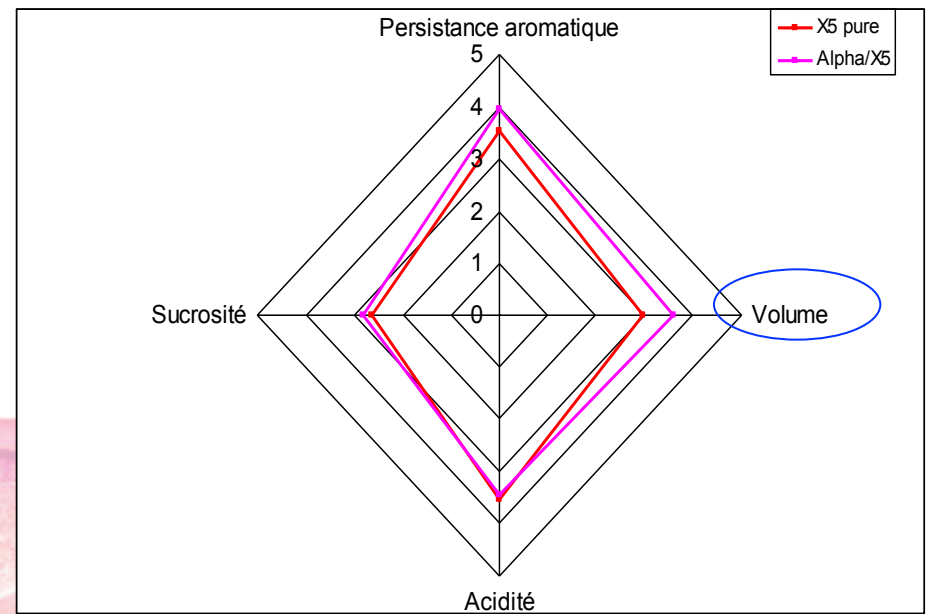
- Descriptive analysis (22 member tasting panel) (ISVV, Bordeaux)



### Wine Alpha/X5:

Significant difference:

- + More Complexity
- + More Fruitness
- + More Thiols
- Less Vegetal



### Wine Alpha/X5:

Significant difference:

- + More Volume

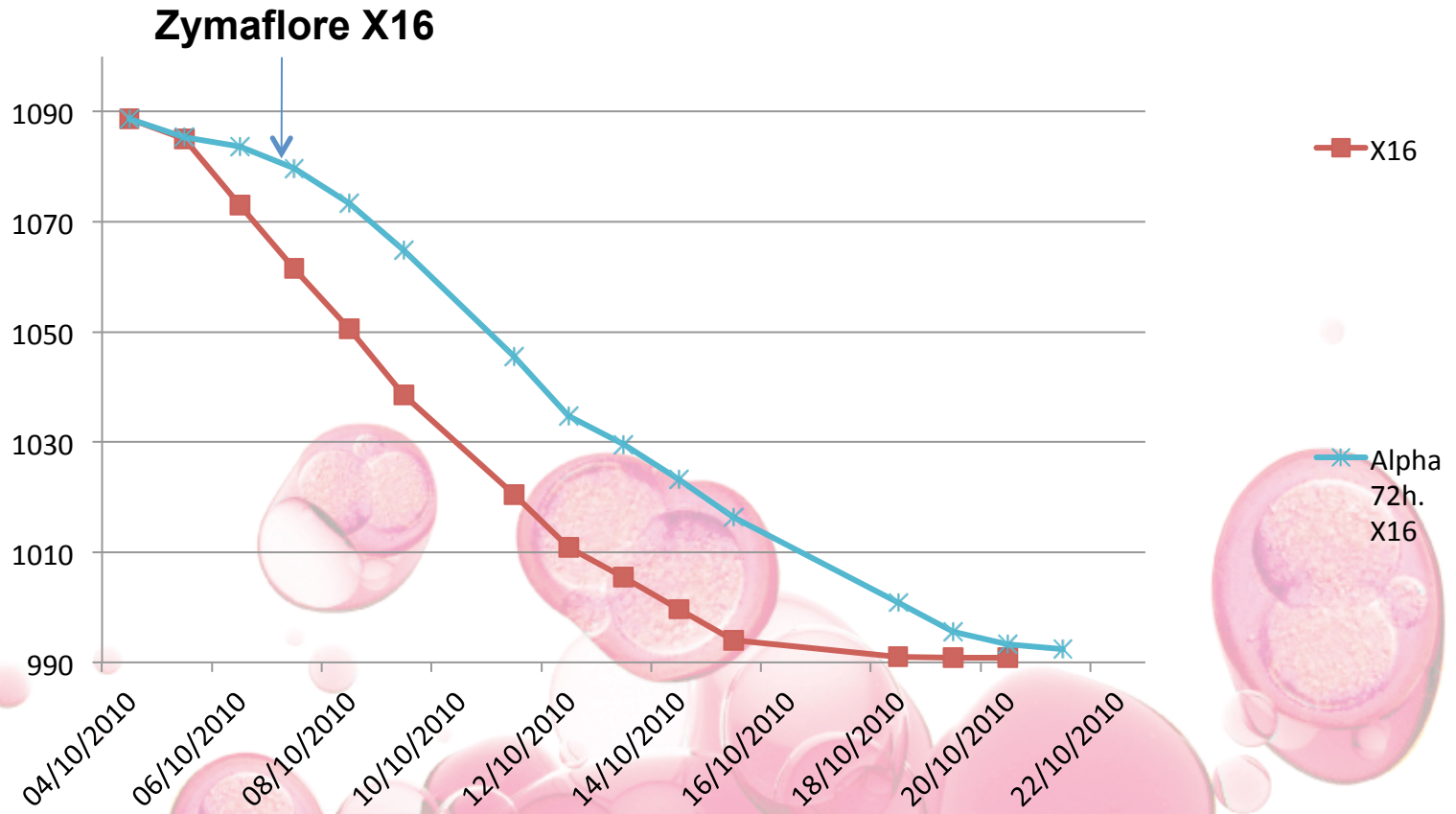
# Rosé Merlot 2010

- Lafazym CL 30 ppm
- Turbidity: 80 NTU
- AF Temperature: 61-68 °F
- Initial YAN: 112 ppm
- Nitrogen correction: 200 ppm Thiazote after X16 addition + 200 ppm Nutristart after 1/3 Fermentation

	<b>X16 (200 ppm)</b>	<b>Alpha (300 ppm) + X16 (200ppm) (72hrs after Alpha)</b>
<b>Alcohol % vol.</b>	<b>12,5</b>	<b>12,5</b>
<b>TA g/L</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>5,1</b>
<b>VA g/L H2SO4</b>	<b>0,13</b>	<b>0,17</b>
<b>AF duration (days)</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>

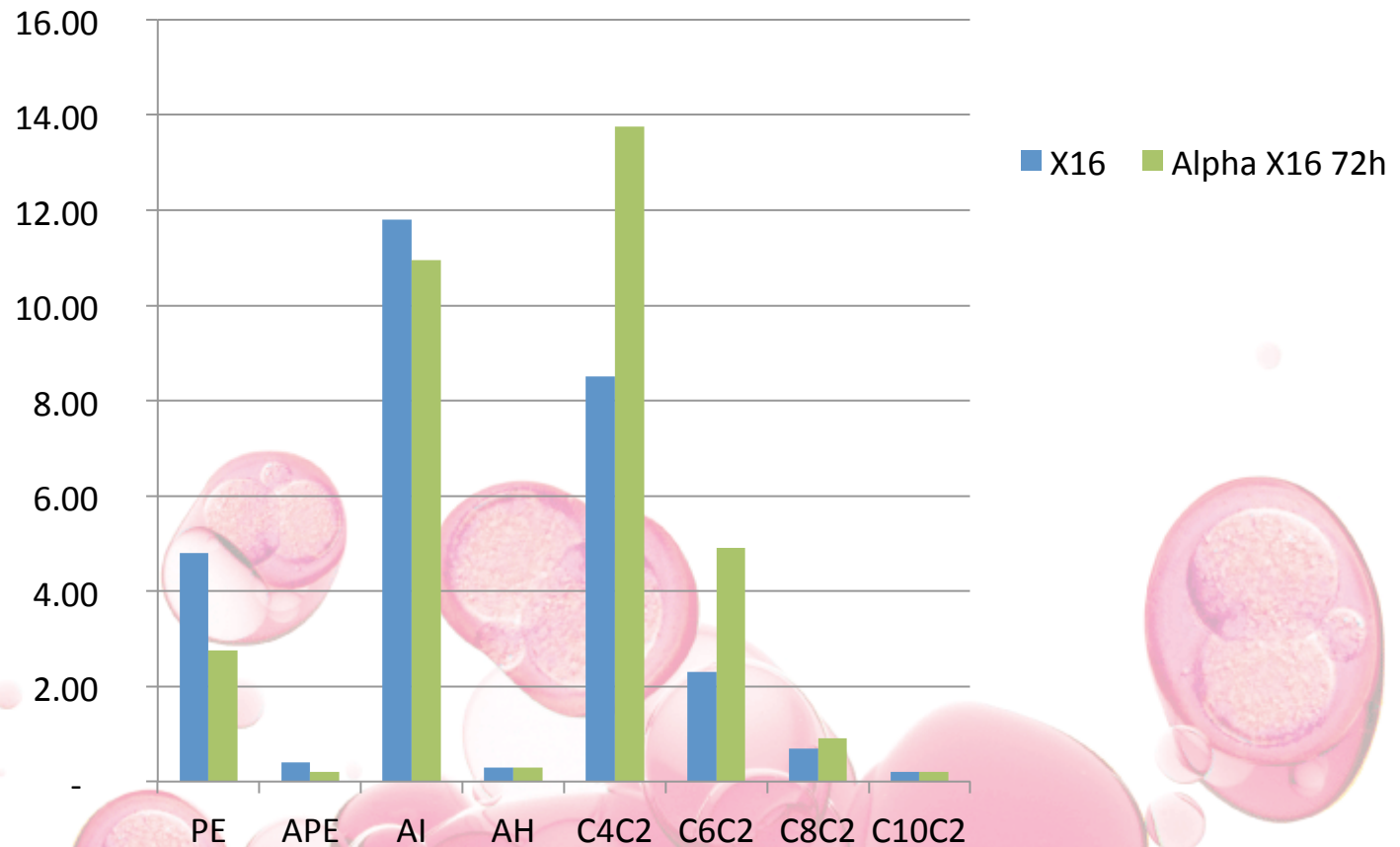
# Rosé Merlot 2010

Entre deux mers



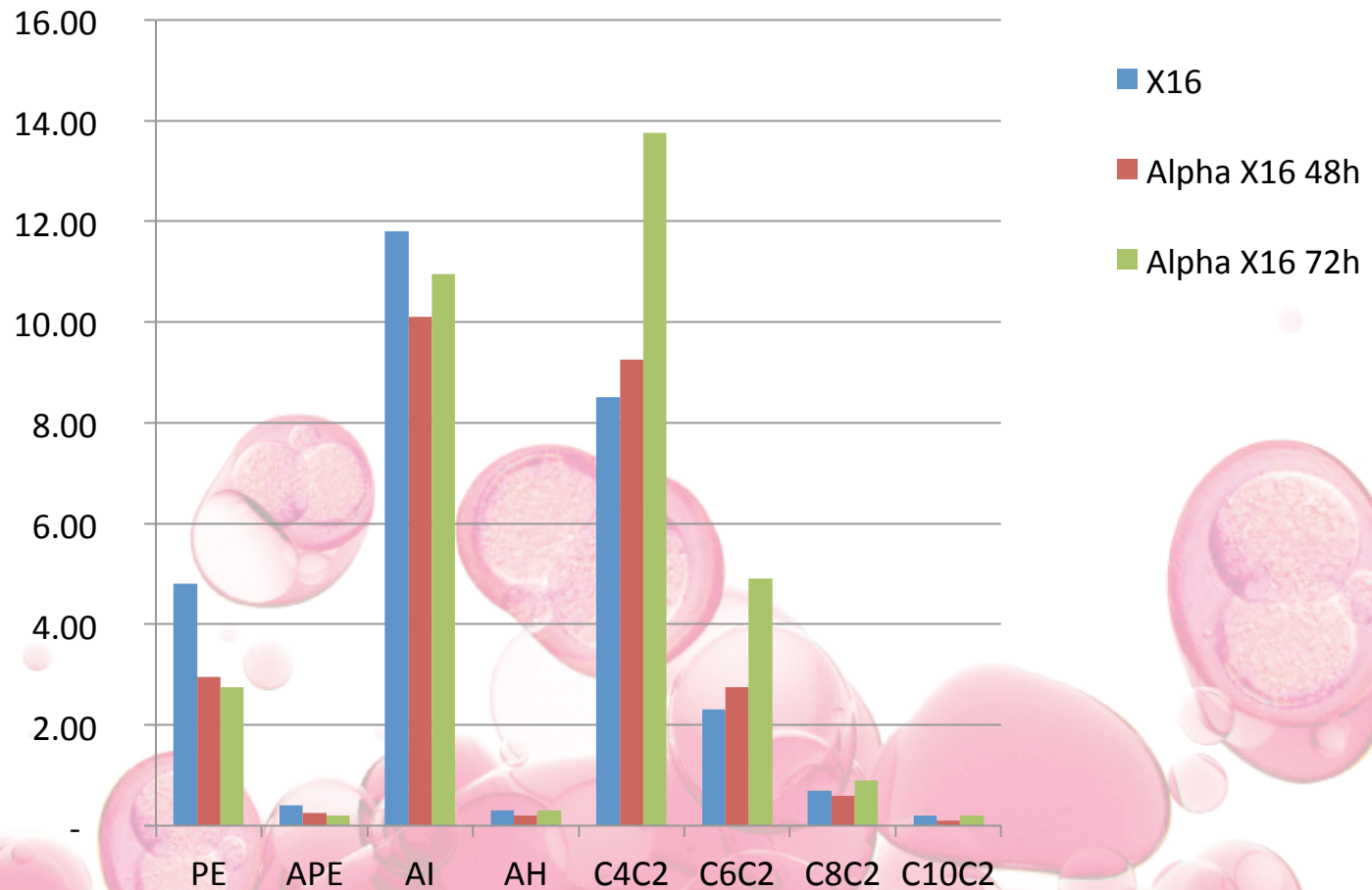
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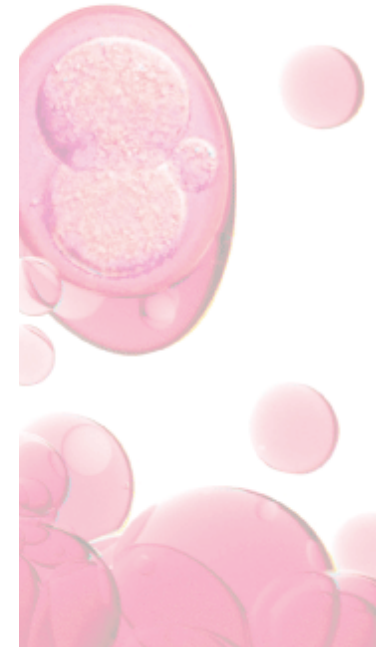
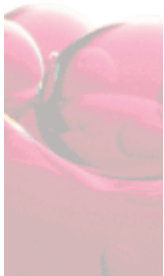
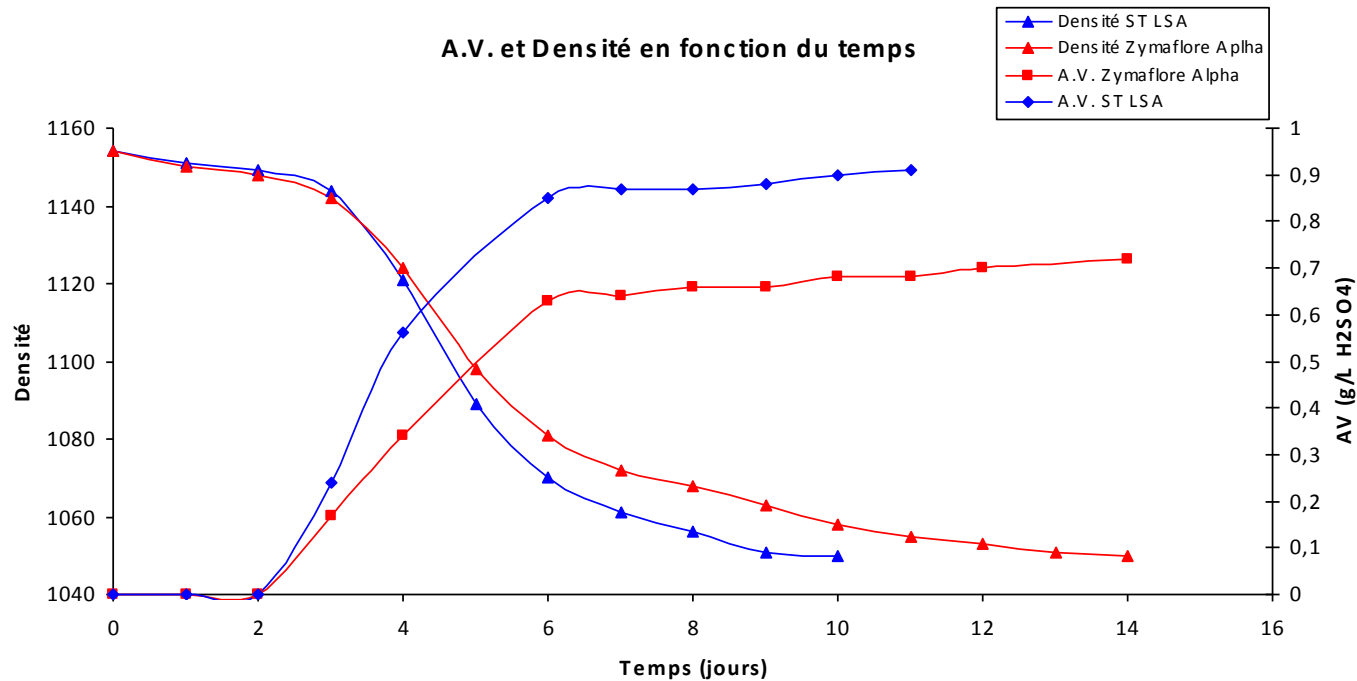
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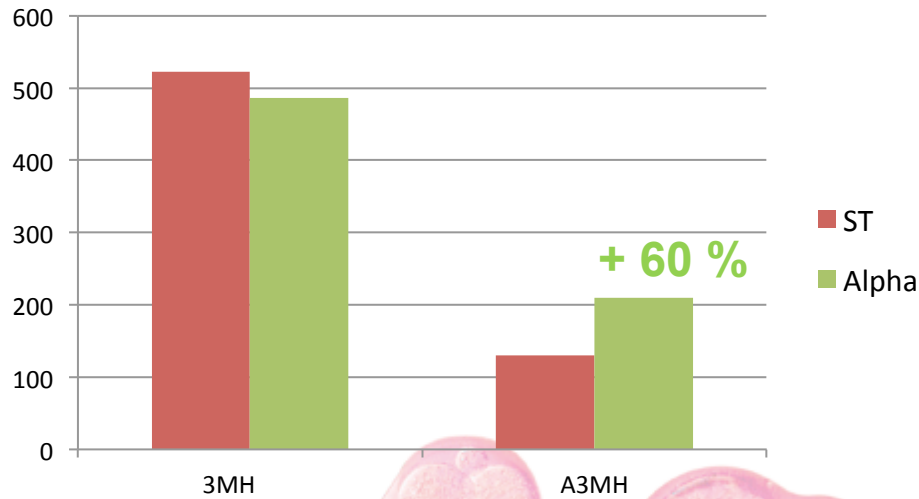
# Sauternes 2010

		Zymaflore ST	Zymaflore Alpha
Alcohol	% Vol.	14,2	13,93
Sugars	g/L	145	148
TA	g/L H2SO4	3,88	3,81
<b>VA</b>	<b>g/L H2SO4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0,73</b>
pH		3,85	3,83
Free SO2	mg/L	33	35
Total SO2	mg/L	183	179

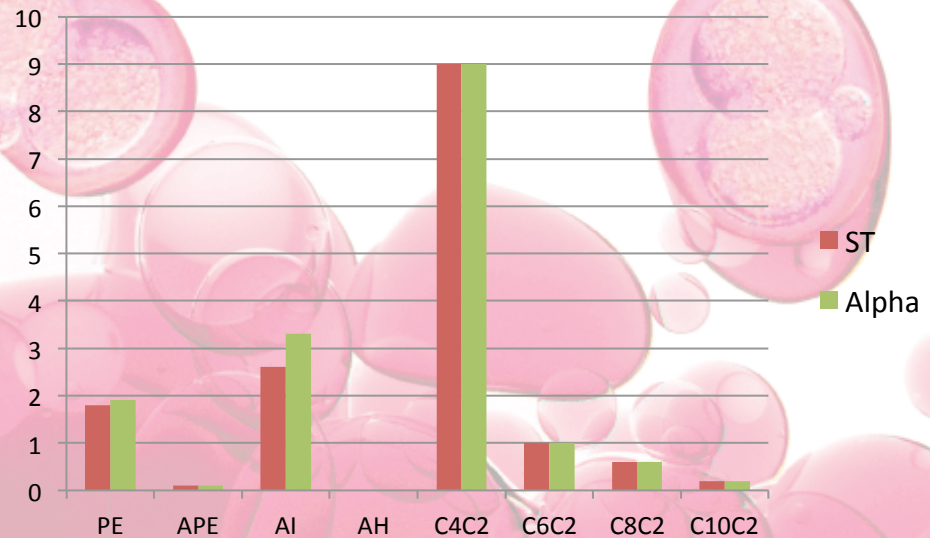
27 % VA reduction



# Sauternes 2010



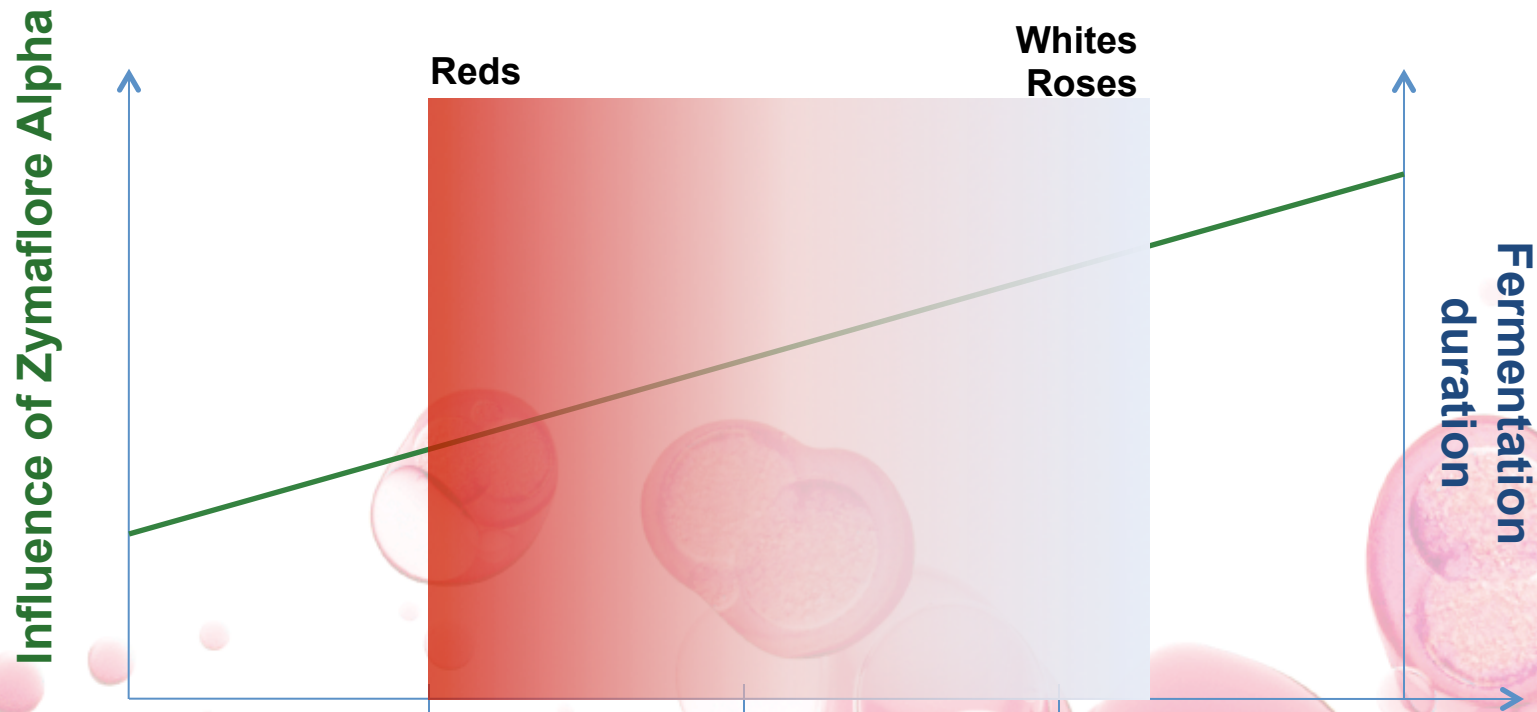
Zymaflore Alpha wine perceived as more complex, fresher and fruitier compared to control wine





# Sequential Inoculation

## Schematic Representation



24h

48h

72h

*S.cerevisiae* addition  
timing after Zymaflore  
Alpha

Microbial load

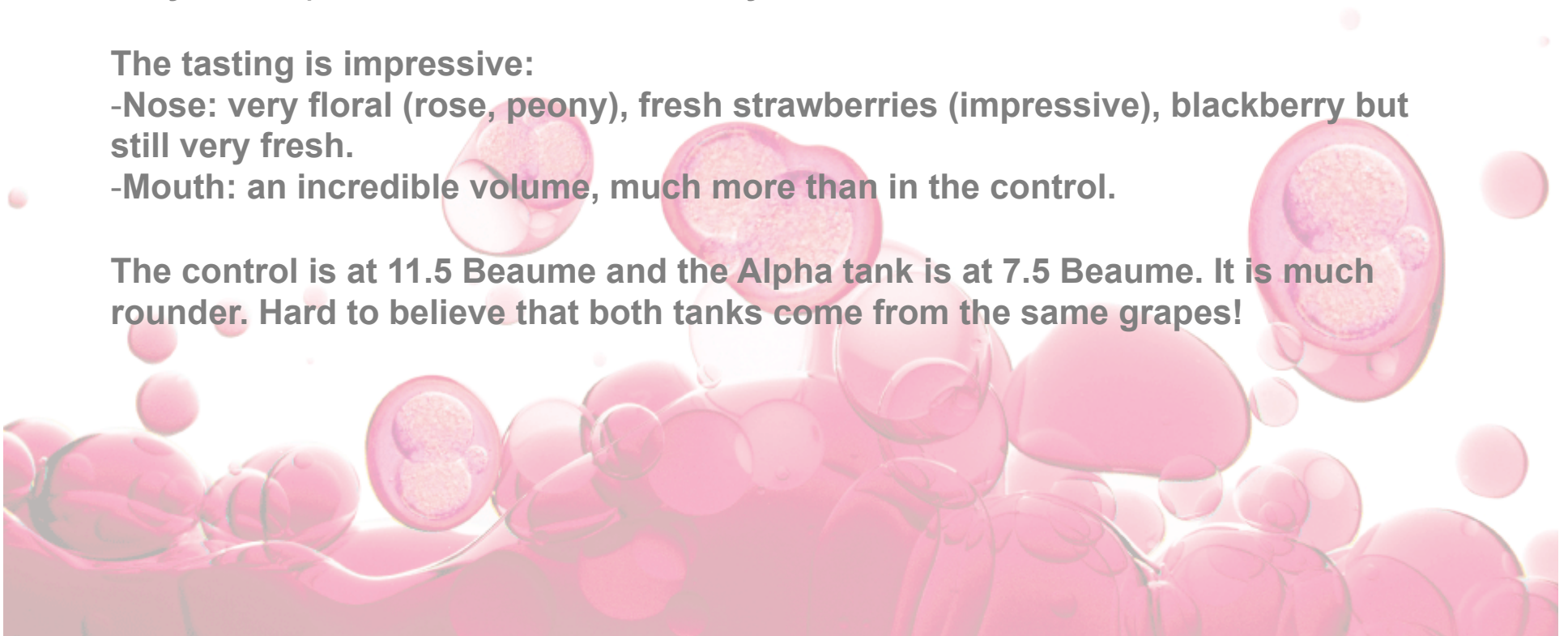
# Winemaker Testimonial

We are making the best Bonarda in all Argentina! We have added 300ppm Alpha to our high end Bonarda on the Thursday. After 3 days of cold soak at theoretically 46F, we have added RX60 after having raised the temperature. We have a control with the exact same grapes and same protocol (same Optizym enzyme,etc.), inoculated with RX60 only.

The tasting is impressive:

- Nose: very floral (rose, peony), fresh strawberries (impressive), blackberry but still very fresh.
- Mouth: an incredible volume, much more than in the control.

The control is at 11.5 Beaume and the Alpha tank is at 7.5 Beaume. It is much rounder. Hard to believe that both tanks come from the same grapes!



## *Torulaspora delbrueckii*: summary

- **Mouthfeel and volume** increase.
- Higher aromatic **complexity** on all varieties – differentiated organoleptic profile.
- **VA decrease**, especially in high Brix grapes and sweet wines.
- Recreates conditions of a **native/ecological fermentation**, in a more controlled way and without negative aromatic impact by indigenous microflora.



**Thank You for your  
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