

1 **Changes in aroma compounds of Sherry wines during their biological aging**  
2 **carried out by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* races *bayanus* and *capensis***

3 M. B. CORTES<sup>1</sup>, J. MORENO<sup>2</sup>, L. ZEA<sup>3</sup>, L. MOYANO<sup>4</sup> and M. MEDINA.<sup>5\*</sup>

4 <sup>1, 2, 3, 4, 5</sup>Department of Agricultural Chemistry. Faculty of Sciences, University of Córdoba.

5 Alberto Magno s/n, 14004. Córdoba, Spain.

6 \*Corresponding author. Tel: 57-218612. Fax: 57-218606. E-mail: qe1mecam@uco.es

7  
8 **Running title header:** Aroma compounds in Sherry wine aging.

9  
10 **ABSTRACT**

11 Changes in aroma compounds of pale dry Sherry wines (“Fino”) subjected to biological  
12 aging by means of two strains of the “flor” film yeasts *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* races *capensis*  
13 and *bayanus* were studied. The results were subjected to a multifactor analysis of variance. For  
14 the compounds showing a dependence at  $p < 0.01$  level simultaneously with the yeast strain and  
15 aging time, a principal component analysis was performed, accounting for the 92.89 % of the  
16 overall variance the first component. This component was mainly defined by acetaldehyde, 1,1-  
17 diethoxyethane and acetoin, **which in** high concentrations are typical of aged Sherry wines,  
18 contributing strongly to their sensory properties. The strain of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* race  
19 *bayanus* was more suitable for the biological aging, mainly as a result of the faster production of  
20 the three compounds above mentioned. So, the *bayanus* strain could be used for endowing faster  
21 aged Sherry wines.

22 **Keywords:** Wine, Aromas, Biological aging, Film yeasts, Sherry wine

23  
24 **INTRODUCTION**

25 Biological aging is a post-fermentative process to obtain the typical flavor of very pale dry  
26 Sherry wines (“Fino”). This process is carried out using the so-called “solera” system, in  
27 American oak barrels that are filled to 5/6 of their capacity, and essentially involves the  
28 development of yeasts on the wine surface forming a film of few millimeters thickness (named  
29 “flor”) for several years, as well as the periodical mixing of aging wines with younger wines.  
30 Detailed descriptions of the “solera” system can be found in papers by Casas (1985), Domecq  
31 (1989) and Zea *et al.* (1996). *Saccharomyces cerevisiae capensis* and *bayanus* races have both  
32 the ability to ferment grape sugars when these are present and the ability, when sugars are  
33 absent, to convert to a film form using oxygen dissolved from the air and alcohol from the wine  
34 for their metabolic activity. As a result of the different metabolism a distinctive behavior of these

1 races in fermentation and biological aging as been reported by Cabrera *et al.*, 1988; Mauricio *et*  
2 *al.*, 1993; Zea *et al.*, 1994, 1995b,c, and Mauricio *et al.*, 1997.

3  
4 The aroma compounds of wine subjected to biological aging show a lot of changes as a  
5 result of yeast metabolism as well as the extraction of some wood constituents by wine ethanol.  
6 These changes have been the objective of several papers and reviews, particularly in relation to  
7 industrial winemaking (Kung *et al.*, 1980; Criddle *et al.*, 1981, 1983; Casas, 1985; Martínez *et*  
8 *al.*, 1987a,b; García-Maíquez, 1988; Domecq, 1989; Williams, 1989; Pérez *et al.*, 1991; Zea *et*  
9 *al.*, 1995a, 1996). By contrast, the studies on the contribution of the different species and film  
10 yeast races to the aroma of Sherry wines are scarce. Recent works (Bravo, 1995; Martínez *et al.*,  
11 1997) study the changes in film yeast population during the biological aging of Sherry wines,  
12 taking into account the age of the wine and other factors, such as geographical location. Their  
13 results suggest the interest to study the races of film forming yeasts in relation to the differences  
14 observed in the sensorial properties and the time length of the biological aging of wines.

15  
16 In this paper, changes in aroma compounds in Sherry wines aging by means of pure  
17 cultures of two film yeasts (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *bayanus* and *capensis* races) were studied  
18 during a period of 250 days after film formation, in order to elucidate their behavior.

## 19 20 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

### 21 **Yeast strains**

22 Pure cultures of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, race *bayanus* F12 and race *capensis* G1 were  
23 used in separated experiments for this study. The yeast strains were isolated from a “flor” film  
24 formed on the surface of wine with 15.5% (v/v) ethanol contained in oak casks in a wine cellar  
25 of the Montilla-Moriles region (Southern Spain). Isolated colonies were selected on YM agar  
26 plates (0.3% yeast extract, 0.3% malt extract, 0.5% peptone, 1.0 % glucose and 2.5% agar, pH  
27 6.5) and grown to pure culture. Cells were stored in test tubes on YEPD agar (0.3% yeast extract,  
28 0.5% peptone, 1.0% glucose and 2.5% agar, pH 6.5) at 4 °C. These strains were identified and  
29 characterized according to Kreger-van Rij (1984) following the usual criteria for fermentation  
30 and assimilation of different carbon and nitrogen sources. On the basis of maltose fermentation,  
31 *S. cerevisiae* race *bayanus* was positive and *S. cerevisiae* race *capensis* was negative. Criteria and  
32 test for their selection have been reported in previous papers (Guijo *et al.*, 1986; Moreno *et al.*,  
33 1991).

34

## 1 **Wine**

2           The initial wine used in all experiments was obtained by industrial fermentation of Pedro  
3 Ximenez grape must in a cellar of Montilla-Moriles region and was sterilized by filtration  
4 through a Seitz-Supra EK filter (Seitz, D-6550 Bad Kreuznach, Germany) in the laboratory.  
5

## 6 **Inoculation and wine aging conditions**

7           The wine was divided into 24 batches of 4.5 L each that were placed in 5 L glass flasks  
8 with the same surface/volume ratio as in the cellar barrels (16 cm<sup>2</sup>/L). Twelve of the flasks were  
9 inoculated with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* race *bayanus* F12, and the same number with  
10 *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* race *capensis* G1. Yeast strains and inoculum used in the experiments  
11 were provided by the Department of Microbiology (University of Córdoba, Spain).  
12

13           For the preparation of the inoculum each yeast strain was grown separately in YM broth  
14 (5 % glucose) at 28 °C for 48 hours and then collected by centrifugation at 5000g for 5 minutes  
15 and washed once with distilled water. Finally, each yeast population was suspended in a known  
16 volume of sterile wine and counted in a Thoma chamber. The flasks were inoculated with 1x10<sup>6</sup>  
17 viable cells/mL of wine and plugged with hydrophobic cotton. The aging processes were  
18 conducted during 250 days at 18±2 °C in dark conditions simulating the barrels opacity. Samples  
19 were collected in the initial wine (previously its inoculation), when the whole surface of the wine  
20 was covered by a yeast film, and after 30, 120 and 250 days of this fact. All the experiments  
21 were performed in triplicate.  
22

## 23 **Experimental analyses**

24           Ethanol was quantified by Crowell and Ough method (1979), total and volatile acidity,  
25 pH, free and bound SO<sub>2</sub>, and the reducing residual sugars were by E.E.C. (1990). Acetaldehyde  
26 and glycerol were quantified by enzymatic tests of Boehringer-Mannheim (Germany) and  
27 phenolic compounds by Folin-Ciocalteu method (Ribèreau-Gayon *et al.* 1976). The number of  
28 total and viable cells was obtained by counting under the light microscope in a Thoma chamber  
29 following staining of the cells with methylene blue (E.B.C., 1977). The dissolved oxygen  
30 concentrations in the wines were measured by mean of an oxygen-meter (Crison Instruments,  
31 Barcelona, Spain), and the absorbance values at 520, 420 and 280 nm were in a Beckman DU-  
32 640 UV spectrophotometer.  
33

1 For determination of the aroma compounds, samples of 100 mL of wine were adjusted to  
2 pH 3.5, 2-octanol was added as an internal standard (481  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) and then extracted with 100 mL  
3 of freon-11 in a continuous extractor for 24 hours. The compounds were quantified by GC  
4 (Hewlett-Packard 5890 series II) in a SP-1000 capillary column of 60 m x 0.32 mm ID (Supelco  
5 Inc., Bellefonte, PA, USA) after concentration of the freon extracts to 0.2 mL. Three microliters  
6 were injected into the chromatograph equipped with a split/splitless injector and a FID detector.  
7 The oven temperature program was as follows: 5 min. at 45 °C, 1 °C per minute up to 195 °C and  
8 30 min. at 195 °C. Injector and detector temperatures were 275 °C. The carrier gas was helium at  
9 9 psi and split 1:100.

10  
11 By means of this procedure 44 compounds were quantified: 1,1-diethoxyethane, acetoin,  
12 major higher alcohols (propanol-1, isobutanol, isoamyl and phenethyl alcohols), minor higher  
13 alcohols (isopropanol, butanol-1, butanol-2, 3 and 4-methyl-1-pentanol, 1-hexanol, Z- and E-3-  
14 hexenol and benzyl alcohol), acetates of higher alcohols (propyl, isobutyl, isoamyl and phenethyl  
15 alcohols), ethyl acetate and ethyl lactate, short chain acids (isobutanoic, butanoic and 3-  
16 methylbutanoic acids), medium chain acids (hexanoic, octanoic and decanoic acids), ethyl esters  
17 of the short chain acids (propanoic, pyruvic, butanoic, isobutanoic, 3-hydroxybutanoic, succinic  
18 and malic acids), ethyl esters of the medium chain acids (hexanoic and octanoic acids), lactones  
19 ( $\gamma$ -butyrolactone, pantolactone and E-whiskey lactone), free terpenes (linalool and  $\beta$ -citronellol),  
20 and other compounds such as 3-ethoxy-1-propanol, methionol and eugenol.

## 21 22 **Statistical procedures**

23 A multifactor analysis of variance (MANOVA) was carried out on the replicated samples  
24 for each compound quantified in relation to the two factors: yeast and aging time (two yeast  
25 races and four aging times). The compounds with an high dependence ( $p < 0.01$ ) simultaneously  
26 with the two factors were subjected to principal component analysis (PCA) on the replicated  
27 samples. The computer program used was the Statgraphics® Plus V.2 (STSC Inc. Rockville,  
28 MD, USA).

## 29 30 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

31 The growth pattern differed between two yeast strain, as a result the films produced were  
32 also different. The *capensis* strain formed a thick film (6 mm) on the whole surface of the wine  
33 20 days after inoculation and the *bayanus* strain formed a thin film (1mm) after 35 days. The  
34 maximum viable and no viable cells ( $96.47 \times 10^7$  cells/cm<sup>2</sup>) was reached in the film formed by

1 *capensis* strain 120 days after film formation, and cell density in the *bayanus* strain film peaked  
2 at  $8.15 \times 10^7$  cells/cm<sup>2</sup>, the day that the whole wine surface was covered. This latter film was very  
3 thin consisting largely of viable cells; however, a large number of cells settled in the bottom of  
4 the flasks, so the total number of cells in the film only accounted for a small fraction of total  
5 cells in the wine.

6  
7 Table 1 shows the enological variables quantified in all the samples studied. They are  
8 important for the description and control of the experiments and their variation are according to a  
9 good conduction of the biological aging. As can be seen, some parameters (ethanol, volatile and  
10 total acidity, pH and absorbance at 420 and 520 nm) decreased their values in dependence only  
11 with the aging time at  $p < 0.001$  level. Free and bound SO<sub>2</sub> were dependent only with the yeast  
12 strain ( $p < 0.01$ ) and the phenolic compounds and glycerol were with the two factors ( $p < 0.01$ ).

13  
14 On the other hand, the oxygen dissolved in the initial wine was quickly consumed by the  
15 yeasts during film formation, remaining their contents around 0.6 mg/L after this point. As a  
16 result, the oxygen levels were no dependent with the yeast or time factors. Also, no changes were  
17 observed for the residual sugars, revealing a no consumption by the film yeasts.

18  
19 The decrease of ethanol, volatile acidity and glycerol contents during the aging process is  
20 according to their utilization as a source of carbon and energy by film yeasts in their metabolism  
21 (Saavedra and Garrido, 1959; Casas, 1985; García-Maíquez, 1988). On the other hand, the  
22 ethanol consumption by film yeast reveals the need for its periodic restitution in some work  
23 conditions, such as experiments in glass or stainless steel and in cellars maintained with an high  
24 hygrometric degree, where the evaporation of water from oak barrels can not compensate the  
25 metabolic loss of ethanol.

26  
27 Changes in aroma compounds during the period studied and their dependence with yeast  
28 and aging time are shown in Table 2. As it is well known, the acetaldehyde production is typical  
29 during biological aging of pale Sherry wines, this compound is the starting point for some  
30 important chemical and biochemical reactions (Casas, 1985; García-Maíquez, 1988; Bravo,  
31 1995). The higher production of acetaldehyde was measured in wines aged by *bayanus* strain and  
32 it is directly related to the greater activity of alcohol dehydrogenase II observed by Mauricio *et*  
33 *al.* (1997) in this strain. Prominent acetaldehyde derivatives in qualitative and quantitative terms  
34 are 1,1-diethoxyethane and acetoin (Casas, 1985). These three compounds are largely

1 responsible for the sensory properties of this type of wines and their concentrations were  
2 dependents both with the film yeast strain and aging time at a significance level of  $p < 0.01$ .

3  
4 Major and minor higher alcohols account for 80–90 % of aroma compounds, revealing a  
5 important contribution to the flavor of wines, and generally increasing their contents during  
6 aging. The  $p$  values showed an high dependence with time and yeast strain for the most of these  
7 compounds. The higher alcohols are believed to contribute more to the intensity of the odor of  
8 the wine than to its quality (Etiévant, 1991). However, the concentrations of higher alcohol  
9 acetates, with fruity scents, decreased during the study, contributing to the observed low fruity  
10 character of Sherry aged wines. Only isobutyl and isoamyl acetates were significantly dependent  
11 on yeast strain whereas all higher alcohols acetates were dependent on time.

12  
13 Ethyl acetate and ethyl lactate were the most abundant esters in the wines. The former  
14 showed a high dependence with the two factors studied, decreasing its content during the aging.  
15 However, ethyl lactate was not dependent with the yeast and time of biological aging. Similar  
16 results for the evolution of these compounds are reported during Sherry and Porto wines  
17 production by Williams (1989).

18  
19 Short chain acids (particularly butanoic and isobutanoic acid) increased their contents  
20 during wine aging in dependence with the time and yeast ( $p < 0.01$ ). For medium chain acids,  
21 hexanoic acid only was dependent with the yeast strain whereas octanoic and decanoic acid  
22 shown an high relation with the time. On the other hand, only the ethyl esters of the three C<sub>4</sub>  
23 acids were dependents with the two factors studied ( $p < 0.01$ ), and their contents increased more  
24 markedly for wines aging with *capensis* strain. The contribution of some hydroxyacid  
25 derivatives, such as the lactones, to wine aroma has received special attention from some  
26 workers, particularly in relation to Sherry wines (Muller *et al.*, 1973; Fagan *et al.*, 1982;  
27 Williams, 1982; Maarse and Visscher, 1989, Martin *et al.*, 1992; Pham *et al.*, 1995). In this  
28 study, lactone contents were dependents with the aging time and yeast strain at  $p < 0.01$  level.

29  
30 Monoterpenols contribute with pleasant floral odors to wine aroma, and film yeasts are  
31 known to be able to synthesize some monoterpenes (Fagan *et al.*, 1981; Zea *et al.*, 1995b). An  
32 high dependence ( $p < 0.01$ ) with the two factors studied was observed in this work. Finally, other  
33 compounds showed a significant dependence with the yeast strain (methionol) or aging time (3-  
34 ethoxy-1-propanol and eugenol).

1  
2 In order to better examine the behavior of the film yeast strains in relation to changes in the  
3 aroma compounds studied, the results obtained for the 21 compounds simultaneously dependent  
4 with the two factors studied at  $p < 0.01$  in the variance analysis were subjected to a principal  
5 component analysis. The first two components were found to account for 97.80 % of the overall  
6 variance (component 1 accounted for 92.89 % and component 2 for 4.91 %). Taking into account  
7 that component 1 accounted for about 19 times more variance than did component 2, the  
8 behavior of the two film yeast strains along the aging time can be distinguished on the basis of  
9 this component. Component 1 is mainly influenced by acetaldehyde, 1,1-diethoxyethane and  
10 acetoin contents with a statistical weight of 0.91261, 0.344126 and 0.208789 respectively,  
11 showing the remainder aroma compounds weights lower than 0.06.  
12

13 Figure 1 shows the scores on the component 1 for the samples studied versus time. As can  
14 be seen, the two yeast can be distinguished during biological aging, showing the *bayanus* strain  
15 higher scores that did *capensis* strain in all points. The observed values on the component 1 let to  
16 establish a good description of the biological aging process in the time, simultaneously allowing  
17 the differentiation of both yeast strains.  
18

19 The greater activity of alcohol dehydrogenase II (ADH II) is directly related to the higher  
20 acetaldehyde production by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* race *bayanus* F12 in the wine (Mauricio  
21 *et al.*, 1997). These authors suggest that the slower and prolonged growth of this strain in the  
22 “flor” film allows a continued accumulation of acetaldehyde in the wine. Taking into account  
23 that the acetaldehyde has been noted as the best indicator for the measure of biological aging  
24 degree in Sherry wines (Casas, 1985; García-Maíquez, 1988), *bayanus* strain can accelerate this  
25 process, as a result of its faster production of this compound and derivatives.  
26

27 In order to complete the analytical results obtained, the replicated samples aged 250 days  
28 under yeast films were tested by a panel of expert judges in the taste of “Fino” type wines. As a  
29 result of the taste, the judges grouped correctly the wines according to the strain used for their  
30 aging. The wines obtained by *bayanus* strain were judged more aged than those produced by  
31 *capensis* strain. In addition, a more pungent flavor of the former was detected, consistent with  
32 their higher amounts in acetaldehyde and derivatives, nevertheless both aged wines were judged  
33 as typical “Fino” wines.  
34

1           In the industrial aging of Sherry in Montilla-Moriles region *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* race  
 2 *capensis* is the most abundant yeast (> 70%) growing in the films and its ratio with *S. cerevisiae*  
 3 race *bayanus* is around 15:1 (Sancho *et al.*, 1986). Our results show that *bayanus* strain used in  
 4 this study is more suitable than *capensis* strain for endowing faster aged Sherry wines with their  
 5 typical sensory properties, such as those related to the contents in acetaldehyde, 1,1-  
 6 diethoxyethane and acetoin. Further research is needed regarding the conditions affecting the  
 7 yeast film formation, and/or the use of supplementary cultures of yeast in order to favor a better  
 8 development of *bayanus* strain film, allowing a faster aging of “Fino” pale dry Sherry wine.

9  
 10  
 11 **Acknowledgments:** This work was supported by a grant from the CICYT (ALI-95-0427) of the  
 12 Spanish Government.

13  
 14  
 15 **LITERATURE CITED**

16 Bravo, F. *Del vino y otros temas*. Ed. EYPASA. Madrid. Spain. **1995**.

17 Cabrera, J.; Moreno, J.; Ortega, J.M.; Medina, M. Formation of ethanol, higher alcohols, esters,  
 18 and terpenes by five yeasts strains in musts from Pedro Ximénez grapes in various degrees of  
 19 ripeness. *Am. J. Enol. Vitic.* **1988**, *39*, 283-287.

20 Casas, J.F. Descripción resumida de la técnica enológica de los vinos de Jerez. In *Proc. III*  
 21 *Jornadas Universitarias sobre el Jerez*. Servicio de Publicaciones de la Universidad de Cádiz  
 22 (Ed.). pp 333-361. Cádiz, Spain. **1985**.

23 Criddle, W.J.; Goswell, R.W.; Williams, M.A. The chemistry of sherry maturation. I. The  
 24 establishment and operation of a laboratory-scale sherry solera. *Am. J. Enol. Vitic.* **1981**, *32*,  
 25 262-267.

26 Criddle, W.J.; Goswell, R.W.; Williams, M.A. The chemistry of sherry maturation. II. An  
 27 investigation of the volatile components present in “standard” sherry base wine. *Am. J. Enol.*  
 28 *Vitic.* **1983**, *34*, 61-71.

29 Crowell E.A.; Ough, C.S. A modified procedure for alcohol determination by dichromate  
 30 oxidation. *Am. J. Enol. Vitic.* **1979**, *30*, 61-63.

31 Domecq, B. Sherry: State of art on a very special fermentation product. In *Proc. XIII Intern.*  
 32 *Symp. Yeasts*. pp 15-35. Leuven, Belgium. **1989**.

33 E.B.C. European Brewery Convention. *Analytica Microbiologica. J. Inst. Brew.* **1977**, *34*, 115-  
 34 117.



- 1 E.E.C. *Diario Oficial de las Comunidades Europeas*, L-272. Mundi-Prensa (Ed.). Madrid, Spain.  
2 **1990.**
- 3 Etiévant, P. Wine. In *Volatile compounds in foods and beverages*. Maarse, H. TNO-CIVO Food  
4 Analysis Institute (Ed.). pp 486-546. Zeist, The Netherland. **1991.**
- 5 Fagan, G.L.; Kepner, R.E.; Webb, A.D. Production of linalool, cis and trans nerolidol, and trans-  
6 trans farnesol by *Saccharomyces fermentati* growing as a film simulated wine. *Vitis*. **1981**, *20*,  
7 36-42.
- 8 Fagan, G.L.; Kepner, R.E.; Webb, A.D. Additional volatile components of Palomino film sherry.  
9 *Am. J. Enol. Vitic.* **1982**, *33*, 47-50.
- 10 García-Mañquez, E. Les levures de voile dans l'élaboration des vins de Xérès. In *Application à*  
11 *l'oenologie des progrès récents en microbiologie et en fermentation*. O.I.V. (Ed.). pp 341-  
12 351. Paris, France. **1988.**
- 13 Guijo, S.; Millán, C.; Ortega, J.M. Fermentative features of vinification and maturation yeasts  
14 isolated in the Montilla-Moriles region of southern Spain. *Food Microbiol.* **1986**, *3*, 133-142.
- 15 Kreger-van Rij, N.J.W. *The yeasts. A taxonomic study*. Elsevier. Amsterdam, The Netherland.  
16 **1984.**
- 17 Kung, M.; Russell, G.; Stackler, B.; Dinsmoor; W. Concentration changes in some volatiles  
18 through six stages of a spanish-style solera. *Am. J. Enol. Vitic.* **1980**, *2*, 187-191.
- 19 Maarse, H.; Visscher, C.A. *Volatile compounds in alcoholic beverages-qualitative and*  
20 *quantitative data-*. TNO-CIVO Food Analysis Institute (Ed.). Zeist, The Netherlands. **1989.**
- 21 Martin , B.; Etiévant, P.X.; Le Quéré , J.L.; Schlich, P. More clues about sensory impact of  
22 sotolon in some flor-sherry wines. *J. Agric. Food Chem.* **1992**, *40*, 475-478.
- 23 Martínez, E.; Pérez, L.; Caro, I. Variations of the major volatiles through aging of sherry. *Am. J.*  
24 *Enol. Vitic.* **1987 a**, *38*, 293-297.
- 25 Martínez, E.; Caro, I.; Bonat, M.; Pérez, L.; Domecq, B. Dry extract in sherry and its evolution  
26 in the aging process. *Am. J. Enol. Vitic.* **1987 b**, *38*, 321-325.
- 27 Martínez, E.; Pérez, L.; Benítez, T. Evolution of flor yeast population during the biological aging  
28 of fino Sherry wine. *Am. J. Enol. Vitic.* **1997**, *48*, 160-168.
- 29 Mauricio, J.C.; Moreno, J.; Valero, E.M.; Zea, L.; Medina, M.; Ortega, J.M. Ester formation and  
30 specific activities of *in vitro* alcohol acetyltransferase and esterase by *Saccharomyces*  
31 *cerevisiae* during grape must fermentation. *J. Agric. Food Chem.* **1993**, *41*, 2086-2091.
- 32 Mauricio, J.C.; Moreno, J.; Ortega, J.M. *In vitro* specific activities of alcohol and aldehyde  
33 dehydrogenases from two flor yeasts during controlled wine aging. *J. Agric. Food Chem.*  
34 **1997**, *45*, 1967-1971.

- 1 Moreno, J., Millán, C.; Ortega, J.M.; Medina, M. Analytical differentiation of wine  
2 fermentations using pure and mixed yeast cultures. *J. Ind. Microbiol.* **1991**, 7, 181-190.
- 3 Müller, C.J.; Kepner, R.E.; Webb, A.D. Lactones in wines: a review. *Am. J. Enol. Vitic.* **1973**,  
4 24, 5-9.
- 5 Pham T.T.; Guichard, E.; Schlich, P.; Charpentier, C. Optimal conditions for the formation of  
6 sotolon from  $\alpha$ -ketobutyric acid in the french "Vin Jaune". *J. Agric. Food Chem.* **1995**, 43,  
7 2616-2619.
- 8 Pérez, L.; Valcárcel, M.J.; González, P.; Domecq, B. Influence of *Botrytis* infection of the grapes  
9 on the biological aging process of fino sherry. *Am. J. Enol. Vitic.* **1991**, 42, 58-63.
- 10 Ribèreau-Gayon, J.; Peynaud, E.; Sudraud, P.; Ribèreau-Gayon, P. Sciences et techniques du vin.  
11 Tome 1. Analyse et contrôle des vins. Ed. Dunod. Paris. France. **1976**.
- 12 Saavedra, I.J.; Garrido, J.M. La levadura de flor en la crianza de vinos. *Rev. Cienc. Aplic.* **1959**,  
13 69, 312-321.
- 14 Sancho, E.D.; Hernández, E.; Rodríguez-Navarro, A. Presumed sexual isolation in yeast  
15 populations during production of Serrylike wine. *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.* **1986**, 51, 395-  
16 397.
- 17 Williams, A.A. Recent developments in the field of wine flavour research. *J. Inst. Brew.* **1982**,  
18 88, 43-48.
- 19 Williams, A.A. Post fermentative changes in wines with particular reference to the volatile  
20 flavour components of sherry and port. In *Proc. Int. Symp. on The Aroma Substances in*  
21 *Grapes and Wines*. Scienza, A. & Versini, G. (Ed.). pp 201-222. S. Michele all'Adige, Italy.  
22 **1989**.
- 23 Zea, L., Cortés, M.B.; Moreno, J.; Medina, M. Vinos finos. Crianza. *Investigación y Ciencia*.  
24 **1996**, 236, 78-81.
- 25 Zea, L.; Moreno, J.; Medina, M.; Ortega, J.M. Evolution of C<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>8</sub> and C<sub>10</sub> acids and their ethyl  
26 esters in cells and musts during fermentation with three *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* races. *J.*  
27 *Ind. Microbiol.* **1994**, 13, 269-272.
- 28 Zea, L.; Moreno, J.; Medina, M. Characterization of aroma fractions in biological aging of "fino"  
29 white wine produced in Montilla-Moriles appellation d'origine. *Acta Horticulturae*. **1995 a**,  
30 388, 233-238.
- 31 Zea, L.; Moreno, J.; Ortega, J.M.; Medina, M. Content of free terpenic compounds in cells and  
32 musts during vinification with three *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* races. *J. Agric. Food Chem.*  
33 **1995 b**, 43, 1110-1114.

1 Zea, L.; Moreno, J.; Ortega, J.M.; Mauricio, J.C.; Medina, M. Comparative study of the  $\gamma$ -  
2 butyrolactone and pantolactone contents in cells and musts during vinification by three  
3 *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* races. *Biotechnol. Letters*. **1995** *c*, *17*, 1351-1356.

4

**Table 1: Enological variables of interest in the wines during biological aging with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* race *bayanus* F12 and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* race *capensis* G1. Multifactor analysis of variance for yeast and aging time factors.**

COMPOUNDS	YEAST FACTOR	TIME FACTOR	INITIAL WINE	YEAST STRAINS	WHOLE FILM	30 DAYS AFTER	120 DAYS AFTER	250 DAYS AFTER
Ethanol (% v/v)		***	15.5±0.06	<i>bayanus</i>	15.4±0.15	15.0±0.06	13.8±0.10	12.6±1.07
				<i>capensis</i>	15.2±0.12	15.1±0.00	13.9±0.06	13.1±0.11
Volatile acidity (meq/L)		***	6.0±0.04	<i>bayanus</i>	5.2±0.04	5.0±0.21	2.5±0.31	1.5±0.17
				<i>capensis</i>	5.5±0.23	5.7±0.15	3.1±0.03	0.7±0.03
Total acidity (meq/L)		***	75.1±0.29	<i>bayanus</i>	72.5±0.52	71.0±0.66	67.9±0.75	64.3±0.98
				<i>capensis</i>	75.2±0.62	74.5±0.00	67.0±0.29	59.8±0.50
pH		***	3.16±0.00	<i>bayanus</i>	3.16±0.00	3.18±0.00	3.13±0.01	3.11±0.01
				<i>capensis</i>	3.18±0.00	3.18±0.00	3.02±0.00	3.13±0.00
SO <sub>2</sub> free (mg/L)	**	*	6.1±0.12	<i>bayanus</i>	8.7±1.56	6.1±0.58	7.0±0.06	7.0±0.71
				<i>capensis</i>	6.5±0.23	7.1±0.40	11.9±0.03	11.9±0.69
SO <sub>2</sub> bound (mg/L)	***		97.5±5.48	<i>bayanus</i>	70.5±6.74	73.4±3.57	72.8±1.76	74.7±3.72
				<i>capensis</i>	95.4±4.15	95.4±4.70	82.8±3.11	96.2±1.03
Phenolics (mg galic acid/L)	**	***	276±6.0	<i>bayanus</i>	218±1.0	215±1.0	205±5.8	196±4.9
				<i>capensis</i>	237±11.5	231±12.1	196±0.6	212±3.6
Absorbance at 520 nm	*	***	0.058±0.001	<i>bayanus</i>	0.038±0.002	0.027±0.005	0.017±0.001	0.024±0.005
				<i>capensis</i>	0.045±0.002	0.048±0.008	0.020±0.001	0.018±0.001
Absorbance at 420 nm		***	0.165±0.001	<i>bayanus</i>	0.148±0.004	0.136±0.002	0.131±0.002	0.138±0.015
				<i>capensis</i>	0.163±0.005	0.164±0.010	0.128±0.001	0.127±0.000
Absorbance at 280 nm			7.71±0.07	<i>bayanus</i>	7.68±0.15	7.74±0.21	7.80±0.31	7.94±0.15
				<i>capensis</i>	7.79±0.09	7.80±0.05	7.85±0.42	8.03±0.19
Glycerol (g/L)	***	***	8.3±0.09	<i>bayanus</i>	8.3±0.12	7.9±0.29	7.9±0.16	6.5±0.35
				<i>capensis</i>	7.7±0.17	8.0±0.58	4.1±0.09	1.6±0.21
Dissolved oxygen (mg/L)			7.5±0.17	<i>bayanus</i>	0.6±0.10	0.7±0.12	0.5±0.06	0.9±0.40
				<i>capensis</i>	0.6±0.06	0.5±0.06	0.6±0.00	0.5±0.06
Residual sugar (g/L)			1.6±0.10	<i>bayanus</i>	1.7±0.15	1.5±0.06	1.7±0.21	1.6±0.05
				<i>capensis</i>	1.7±0.00	1.7±0.10	1.8±0.06	1.7±0.10

Significance level: \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ .

1 **Table 2: Aroma compound contents in the wines during biological aging with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* race *bayanus***  
 2 **F12 and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* race *capensis* G1. Multifactor analysis of variance for yeast and aging**  
 3 **time factors.**  
 4

COMPOUNDS	YEAST FACTOR	TIME FACTOR	INITIAL WINE	YEAST STRAINS	WHOLE FILM	30 DAYS AFTER	120 DAYS AFTER	250 DAYS AFTER
Acetaldehyde (mg/L)	***	**	84.8±3.1	<i>bayanus</i>	259±8.7	365±12.5	569±24.2	683±9.5
				<i>capensis</i>	133±2.1	181±3.5	164±4.2	146±6.6
1,1-Diethoxyethane (mg/L)	***	***	22.1±3.6	<i>bayanus</i>	173±6.1	202±10.1	287±10.7	235±19.1
				<i>capensis</i>	75.4±4.3	124±28.1	125±14.0	69.7±6.9
Acetoin (mg/L)	***	***	1.7±0.2	<i>bayanus</i>	27.7±1.8	48.5±1.93	77.9±4.9	189±9.7
				<i>capensis</i>	5.7±0.6	35.8±4.8	50.9±2.9	48.6±1.5
Propanol-1 (mg/L)	*	**	13.6±1.56	<i>bayanus</i>	13.3±0.9	16.0±1.7	15.0±0.3	24.2±0.3
				<i>capensis</i>	12.3±0.4	16.3±2.1	14.9±0.8	14.8±0.6
Isobutanol (mg/L)	***	***	67.1±7.3	<i>bayanus</i>	58.3±3.5	63.4±6.3	43.1±2.0	77.9±2.7
				<i>capensis</i>	58.3±6.4	75.7±14.9	59.6±4.1	102±4.4
Isoamyl alcohols (mg/L)	***	***	381±26.2	<i>bayanus</i>	342±16.3	342±11.2	286±13.4	389±6.0
				<i>capensis</i>	361±17.5	399±17.1	344±21.0	387±23.2
Phenethyl alcohol (mg/L)	***	**	82.1±4.9	<i>bayanus</i>	77.6±6.4	78.3±3.1	72.9±7.3	94.8±7.3
				<i>capensis</i>	87.5±6.4	93.5±2.4	101±7.4	102±2.0
Isopropanol (mg/L)	***	***	2.4±0.21	<i>bayanus</i>	1.5±0.06	1.3±0.15	1.2±0.06	-
				<i>capensis</i>	2.7±0.21	2.3±0.44	1.4±0.06	-
Butanol-1 (mg/L)	*	***	5.3±0.07	<i>bayanus</i>	4.5±0.15	4.9±0.26	4.6±0.25	9.9±0.38
				<i>capensis</i>	4.5±0.46	5.4±0.84	4.1±0.31	5.8±0.03
Butanol-2 (mg/L)	*		1.1±0.07	<i>bayanus</i>	1.8±0.15	2.1±0.25	2.1±0.15	2.1±0.09
				<i>capensis</i>	1.9±0.25	2.1±0.38	1.5±0.06	1.2±0.12
Methyl-3-pentanol (µg/L)	***	**	117±5.0	<i>bayanus</i>	103±13.5	101±3.3	96.6±11.5	123±10.3
				<i>capensis</i>	114±6.8	124±0.6	141±5.5	144±5.4
Methyl-4-pentanol (µg/L)	**		58.3±2.6	<i>bayanus</i>	51.8±4.8	51.8±1.7	47.7±3.1	53.0±0.7
				<i>capensis</i>	57.5±3.6	64.8±6.5	54.8±2.2	51.0±4.9
Hexanol-1 (mg/L)	*	***	2.3±0.07	<i>bayanus</i>	2.2±0.17	2.5±0.06	2.6±0.12	2.1±0.13
				<i>capensis</i>	2.3±0.15	2.5±0.06	2.3±0.10	1.7±0.07
E-3-hexenol (µg/L)	**		80.8±6.2	<i>bayanus</i>	71.5±5.3	71.1±5.5	64.8±4.9	78.5±5.0
				<i>capensis</i>	79.8±7.1	84.4±3.1	76.4±2.3	74.0±1.7
Z-3-hexenol (µg/L)	***		70.8±2.5	<i>bayanus</i>	60.4±7.6	69.5±1.7	59.4±4.4	62.2±2.7
				<i>capensis</i>	70.6±2.5	73.4±1.4	84.3±2.0	78.9±8.5

1 **Table 2: Continued.**  
2

COMPOUNDS	YEAST FACTOR	TIME FACTOR	INITIAL WINE	YEAST STRAINS	WHOLE FILM	30 DAYS AFTER	120 DAYS AFTER	250 DAYS AFTER
Benzyl alcohol		*	45.2±4.7	<i>bayanus</i>	43.6±5.6	51.7±4.7	38.4±4.9	51.5±7.4
( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )				<i>capensis</i>	47.7±5.4	60.2±6.0	52.0±7.0	46.0±1.9
Propyl acetate		***	41.7±2.0	<i>bayanus</i>	54.3±2.1	51.9±3.8	58.4±12.4	112.6±14.9
( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )				<i>capensis</i>	47.1±2.6	59.4±4.5	60.0±4.7	74.5±4.4
Isobutyl acetate	***	***	24.9±0.6	<i>bayanus</i>	11.4±0.4	12.6±1.6	11.0±1.6	-
( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )				<i>capensis</i>	21.1±2.5	15.9±0.6	14.5±3.7	-
Isoamyl acetate	***	***	855±47.4	<i>bayanus</i>	568±41.7	461±48.4	201±26.5	142±13.7
( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )				<i>capensis</i>	673±45.3	676±67.6	452±78.6	191±18.5
Phenethyl acetate		***	228±17.0	<i>bayanus</i>	202±13.7	196±9.9	161±17.8	155±3.9
( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )				<i>capensis</i>	223±22.0	229±22.4	183±12.2	103±5.6
Ethyl acetate	***	***	36.8±1.0	<i>bayanus</i>	38.3±1.8	37.1±4.1	14.7±0.6	11.9±1.1
(mg/L)				<i>capensis</i>	41.3±3.4	48.1±4.2	24.6±2.6	15.8±1.0
Ethyl lactate			16.4±1.4	<i>bayanus</i>	20.1±1.5	21.8±0.7	20.8±2.1	23.8±2.3
(mg/L)				<i>capensis</i>	20.6±1.0	24.1±0.4	20.4±1.0	12.2±0.7
Butanoic acid	***	***	2.4±0.14	<i>bayanus</i>	2.4±0.23	2.4±0.17	2.2±0.35	3.1±0.25
(mg/L)				<i>capensis</i>	2.1±0.06	2.7±0.25	6.5±0.56	7.5±0.98
Isobutanoic acid	***	**	2.2±0.35	<i>bayanus</i>	2.4±0.21	2.5±0.00	4.1±0.35	2.3±0.14
(mg/L)				<i>capensis</i>	2.2±0.17	6.0±0.53	16.4±1.33	22.1±2.36
3-methyl butanoic acid		***	1.5±0.14	<i>bayanus</i>	1.0±0.09	1.1±0.17	0.7±0.06	14.9±1.58
(mg/L)				<i>capensis</i>	1.7±0.15	2.0±0.11	2.1±0.15	5.5±0.42
Hexanoic acid	**		1.6±0.00	<i>bayanus</i>	1.6±0.17	1.6±0.06	1.5±0.26	1.5±0.09
(mg/L)				<i>capensis</i>	1.8±0.15	2.0±0.36	2.5±0.15	1.5±0.09
Octanoic acid		***	1.6±0.07	<i>bayanus</i>	1.3±0.15	1.4±0.06	1.3±0.15	1.1±0.10
(mg/L)				<i>capensis</i>	1.6±0.15	1.6±0.06	1.2±0.12	0.05±0.01
Decanoic acid		***	0.35±0.04	<i>bayanus</i>	0.29±0.05	0.28±0.02	0.24±0.03	0.23±0.01
(mg/L)				<i>capensis</i>	0.37±0.05	0.36±0.05	0.17±0.02	0.07±0.01
Ethyl propanoate		**	109±0.0	<i>bayanus</i>	193±3.6	255±19.7	422±20.3	109±9.4
( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )				<i>capensis</i>	154±11.7	258±33.3	380±25.1	433±16.5
Ethyl pyruvate			201±18.4	<i>bayanus</i>	81.3±7.6	76.6±2.5	74.4±2.2	153±20.6
( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )				<i>capensis</i>	138±2.1	164±29.2	83.7±7.3	81.3±1.3
Ethyl isobutanoate	***	**	41.6±1.3	<i>bayanus</i>	45.0±1.4	42.4±3.0	40.6±5.4	63.1±4.8
( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )				<i>capensis</i>	28.9±3.6	84.3±6.9	283±11.4	351±28.4

1 **Table 2: Continued.**  
2

COMPOUNDS	YEAST FACTOR	TIME FACTOR	INITIAL WINE	YEAST STRAINS	WHOLE FILM	30 DAYS AFTER	120 DAYS AFTER	250 DAYS AFTER
Ethyl butanoate ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	***	**	172 $\pm$ 4.2	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	156 $\pm$ 9.3 193 $\pm$ 50.5	187 $\pm$ 16.6 228 $\pm$ 5.1	148 $\pm$ 26.7 330 $\pm$ 13.0	210 $\pm$ 22.1 392 $\pm$ 26.2
Ethyl-3-hydroxy- butanoate ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	***	***	466 $\pm$ 46.0	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	438 $\pm$ 41.0 473 $\pm$ 45.1	449 $\pm$ 11.6 551 $\pm$ 28.0	491 $\pm$ 48.1 704 $\pm$ 34.3	682 $\pm$ 31.6 747 $\pm$ 42.2
Diethyl succinate (mg/L)		***	0.8 $\pm$ 0.07	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	1.2 $\pm$ 0.17 1.2 $\pm$ 0.06	1.9 $\pm$ 0.06 1.8 $\pm$ 0.10	3.3 $\pm$ 0.38 3.6 $\pm$ 0.26	7.3 $\pm$ 0.14 6.1 $\pm$ 0.35
Diethyl malate (mg/L)		***	0.8 $\pm$ 0.07	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	1.1 $\pm$ 0.25 1.1 $\pm$ 0.25	1.5 $\pm$ 0.06 1.6 $\pm$ 0.15	2.6 $\pm$ 0.31 3.0 $\pm$ 0.23	5.7 $\pm$ 0.23 4.1 $\pm$ 0.19
Ethyl hexanoate ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	***		123 $\pm$ 9.9	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	110 $\pm$ 7.8 104 $\pm$ 7.6	102 $\pm$ 6.3 142 $\pm$ 16.6	78.4 $\pm$ 14.2 242 $\pm$ 10.8	70.5 $\pm$ 6.8 160 $\pm$ 13.7
Ethyl octanoate ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	*		39.1 $\pm$ 6.2	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	78.0 $\pm$ 16.1 47.1 $\pm$ 7.9	88.0 $\pm$ 17.7 82.7 $\pm$ 14.1	52.6 $\pm$ 10.7 95.8 $\pm$ 4.8	55.1 $\pm$ 3.3 162 $\pm$ 14.9
$\gamma$ -butyrolactone (mg/L)	***	***	10.3 $\pm$ 1.3	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	12.0 $\pm$ 0.7 12.8 $\pm$ 1.0	12.6 $\pm$ 0.8 15.5 $\pm$ 0.5	13.9 $\pm$ 1.3 24.7 $\pm$ 2.6	20.5 $\pm$ 1.2 29.4 $\pm$ 2.4
Pantolactone (mg/L)	***	**	0.47 $\pm$ 0.02	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	0.58 $\pm$ 0.03 0.69 $\pm$ 0.13	0.68 $\pm$ 0.07 1.17 $\pm$ 0.03	0.72 $\pm$ 0.09 3.04 $\pm$ 0.37	0.89 $\pm$ 0.27 3.22 $\pm$ 0.45
E-whiskey lactone (mg/L)	**	***	0.22 $\pm$ 0.02	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	0.20 $\pm$ 0.03 0.22 $\pm$ 0.03	0.16 $\pm$ 0.02 0.19 $\pm$ 0.01	0.10 $\pm$ 0.02 0.11 $\pm$ 0.01	0.03 $\pm$ 0.00 0.04 $\pm$ 0.003
Linalool ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	***	***	9.4 $\pm$ 1.3	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	27.0 $\pm$ 1.8 11.6 $\pm$ 1.8	41.3 $\pm$ 3.0 18.0 $\pm$ 1.8	137 $\pm$ 10.0 30.7 $\pm$ 0.3	84.6 $\pm$ 5.6 32.2 $\pm$ 3.8
$\beta$ -citronellol (mg/L)	***	***	1.2 $\pm$ 0.0	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	1.5 $\pm$ 0.17 0.5 $\pm$ 0.10	2.0 $\pm$ 0.17 1.1 $\pm$ 0.32	4.1 $\pm$ 0.42 1.0 $\pm$ 0.15	2.0 $\pm$ 0.13 0.28 $\pm$ 0.01
3-ethoxy-1-propanol (mg/L)		***	0.25 $\pm$ 0.04	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	0.29 $\pm$ 0.03 0.28 $\pm$ 0.02	0.34 $\pm$ 0.02 0.35 $\pm$ 0.02	0.42 $\pm$ 0.05 0.49 $\pm$ 0.03	0.68 $\pm$ 0.03 0.49 $\pm$ 0.03
Methionol (mg/L)	**		3.2 $\pm$ 0.35	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	3.0 $\pm$ 0.21 3.3 $\pm$ 0.25	3.0 $\pm$ 0.10 3.4 $\pm$ 0.06	2.8 $\pm$ 0.23 3.4 $\pm$ 0.20	3.2 $\pm$ 0.31 3.0 $\pm$ 0.23
Eugenol ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )	*	***	129 $\pm$ 8.5	<i>bayanus</i> <i>capensis</i>	243 $\pm$ 26.6 230 $\pm$ 14.0	312 $\pm$ 16.2 341 $\pm$ 27.9	451 $\pm$ 58.7 407 $\pm$ 25.4	781 $\pm$ 6.5 347 $\pm$ 6.0

3  
4  
5 **Significance level: \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ .**  
6  
7  
8

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21

## FIGURE LEGEND

**Figure 1.** Mean and standard deviation of sample scores on principal component 1 in the wines. (I) initial wine, (V) whole film formation, (30, 120 and 250) days after whole film formation. (○) *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* race *capensis* G1 and (□) *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* race *bayanus* F12.