



**Simplifying
the Use of Active
Dry Yeast Through
Direct Inoculation or
Simple Rehydration**

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AND WHAT IS AN
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HOW IS YEAST IMPLEMENTED TODAY AND WHAT IS AN EASY-TO-USE YEAST?



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1. YEAST REHYDRATION TODAY

YEAST REHYDRATION TODAY

REHYDRATION
ACCLIMATIZATION

Yeast in non chlorine
water at 35-38°C

Rehydration agents

Wait for 15-20 min
+ homogenization

Mix with must to
decrease the temp
+ homogenize

Wait for 5-10 min

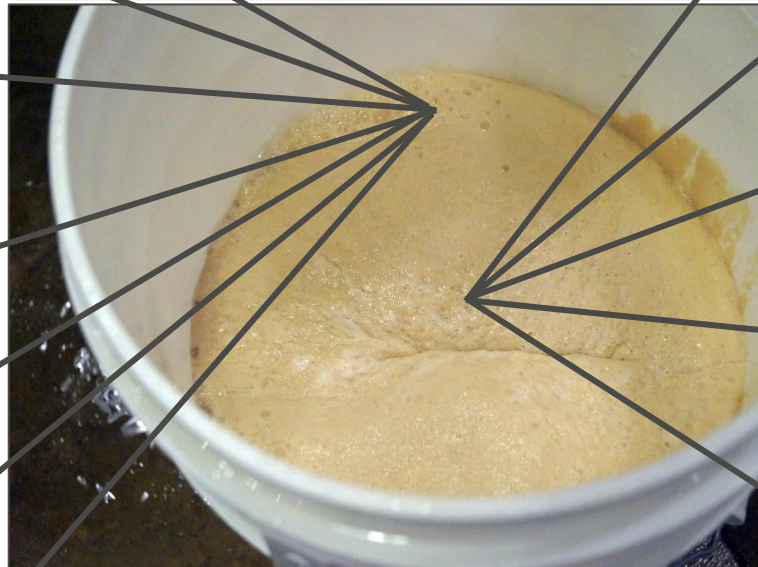
Repeat the operation
if needed

Transfer into the tank



Cellar training

Time consuming:
20-45 minutes



Water + energy
consuming

Water temperature
issues



Mistakes!!!
= Loss viability

WINEMAKERS CONCERNS DURING HARVEST

CLIMATE
CHANGE –
SAVE ON
RESSOURCES

OPTIMIZE
AROMAS,
COLOR,
MOUTHFEEL

SHORTEN
OPERATIONS:
TIME!

SECURE
FERMENTATIONS

AVOID
STUCK
SLUGGISH
FERMENTS

AVOID
OFF-
FLAVORS

MAKE A SAFE
ENVIRONMENT
FOR CELLAR
WORKERS

SIMPLIFY
OPERATIONS &
WORK ORDERS

1.WHAT IS AN EASY-TO-USE YEAST

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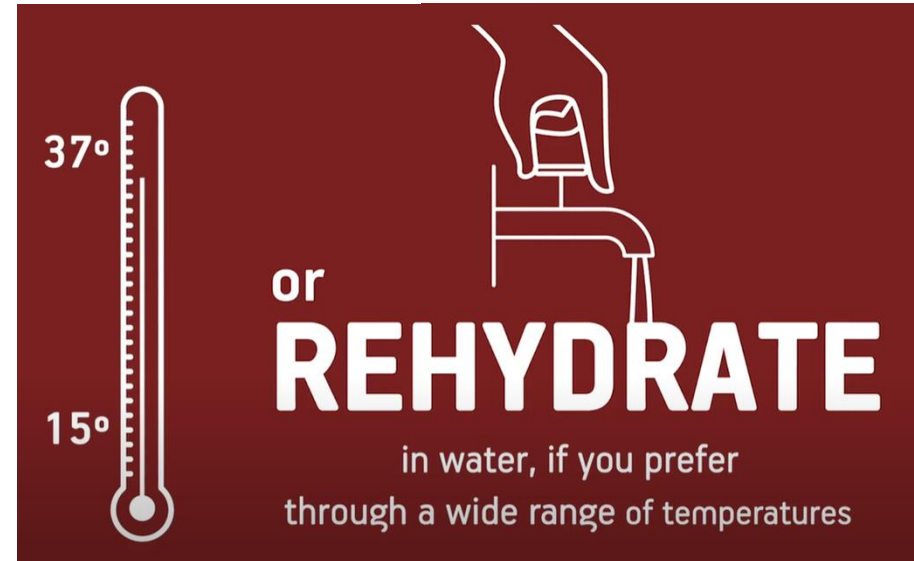
- **Fermentis E2U™ (Easy-to-Use)** is a **certification** on Fermentis' SafOeno™ Active Dry Yeast (ADY) that allows the winemakers to **inoculate the yeast in flexible ways**.
- It is related to an **expert ADY production process** and undergoes a **strict validation process** at Fermentis.
- It **covers most of Fermentis SafOeno™ yeast portfolio** with different aromatic and technical characteristics.
- There are others 'direct pitch' yeasts on the market with different certifications/ recommendations.



1.WHAT IS AN EASY-TO-USE YEAST

INOCULATE IN FLEXIBLE WAYS

CHOOSE
YOUR OWN WAY!



Acclimatization optional



THE TRIALS TASTING TODAY

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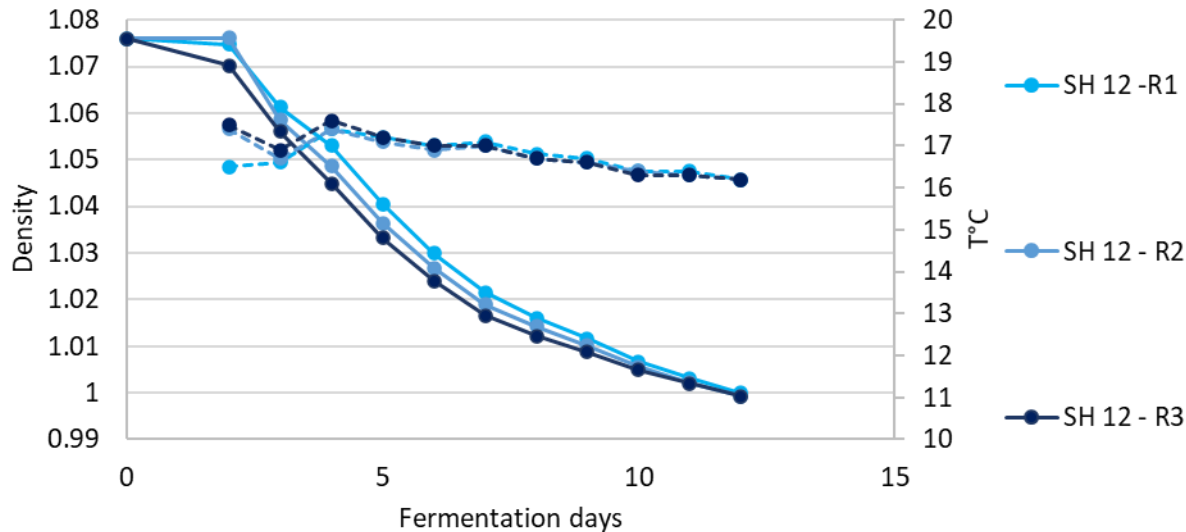
2. TASTING

WINE TASTING TODAY – TRIAL 1

**LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE
2020
SAUVIGNON BLANC
YEAST SAFOENO SH 12**

MUST		
Density		1076
Sugars	g/L	177
Turbidity		< 20
pH		3.20
YAN	mg/L	182
Ratio YAN/Sugar		1.03
Titrate acidity	g H ₂ SO ₄ /L	4.71

Inoculation temp: 13°C/ 55°F
 Fermentation temp: 17°C/ 62°F
 Chaptalisation to 12.1% vol.
 Oxygenation at density 1.05



- Inoculation conditions:**
- **R1** : Direct pitching in the must
 - **R2** : Rehydration in cold water (15 min / 15°C) then inoculation
 - **R3** : Rehydration (15 min / 35°C) then addition of must

PCR

At 2/3 ALF

R1	100 % implantation
R2	90 % implantation
R3	100 % implantation

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	ALF (days)	Ethanol (% vol.)	G+F (g/L)	TA (g H ₂ SO ₄ /L)	VA (g H ₂ SO ₄ /L)	pH	Malic acid (g/L)	TSO ₂ (mg/L)
R1	17	12.16	< 0.5	4.83	0.29	3.26	3.3	48
R2	17	12.14	< 0.5	4.76	0.28	3.25	3.2	46
R3	17	12.11	< 0.5	4.82	0.28	3.26	3.3	47

2. TASTING

WINE TASTING TODAY – TRIAL 2

**CLARKSBURG
MERWIN VINEYARD
2022
CHENIN BLANC
YEAST SAFOENO SH 12**



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- Harvested 9/16/22 (4.63 tons) at 22.5 brix
- Direct to bladder press, no destem.
- Yeast inoculated at 57°F with two different modalities R1 and R2
- Fermented in 50% neutral French oak and then 50% stainless steel drums.
- It was a long and slow fermentation between 55-61°F

Inoculation conditions:

- **R1** : Direct pitching in the must
- **R2**: Rehydration (15 min / ~35°C) and acclimatization with must before inoculation

PCR

	Implantation
R1	100 % implantation
R2	100 % implantation



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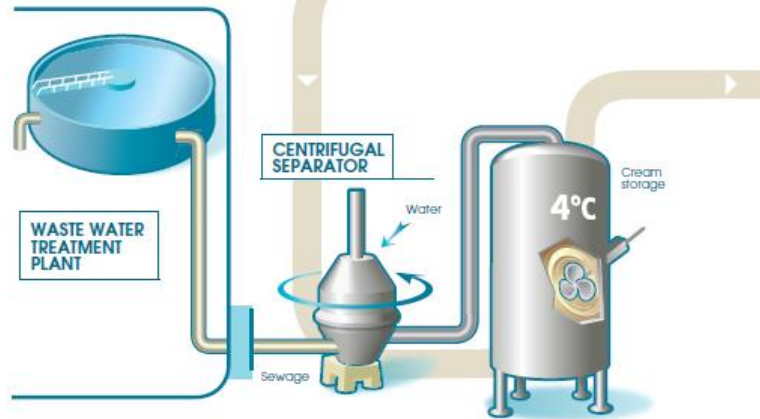
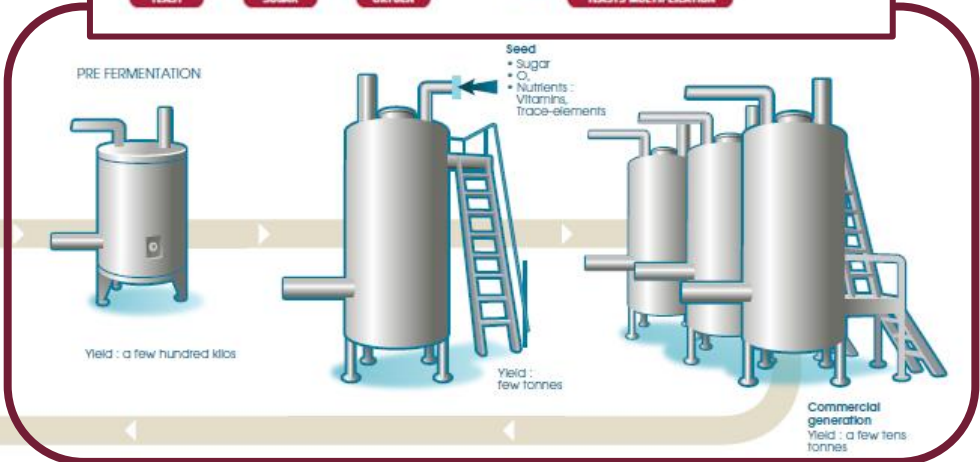
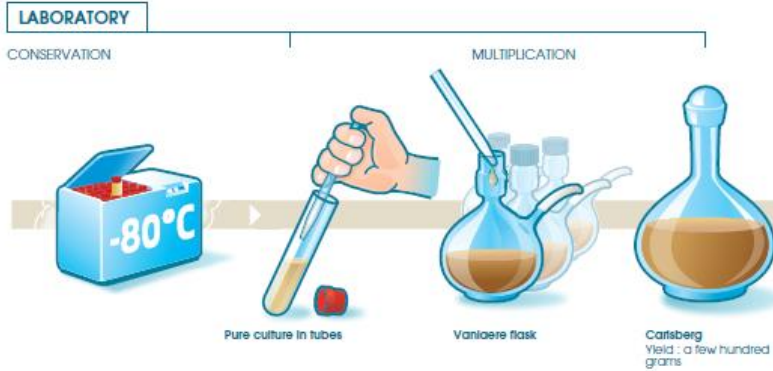
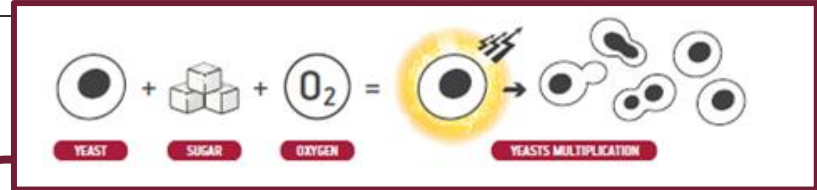
YEAST PRODUCTION EXPERTISE



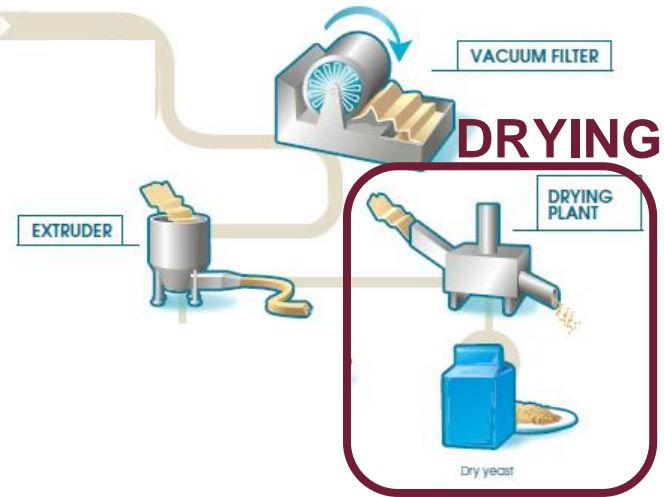
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3. THE PRODUCTION EXPERTISE BEHIND FERMENTIS CERTIFICATION

PRODUCTION PROCESS KNOW-HOW

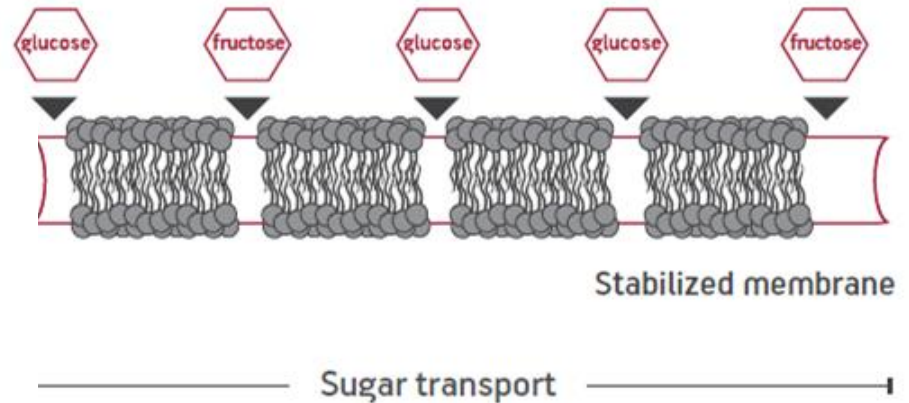
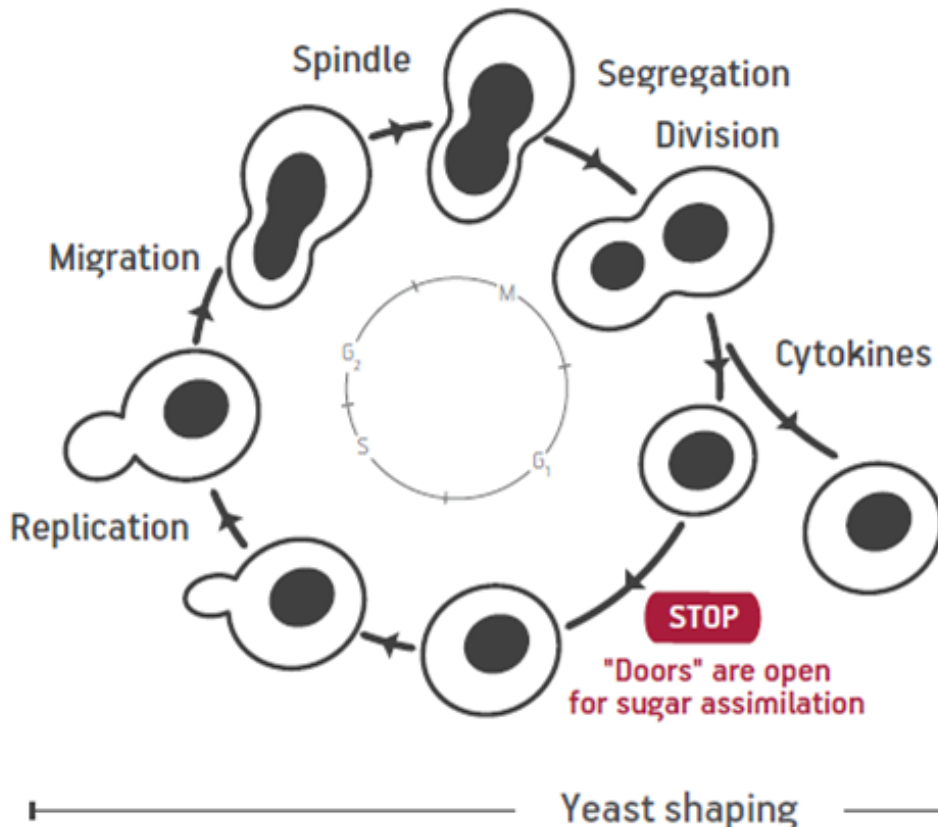


TO EACH STRAIN ITS OWN RECIPE



MULTIPLICATION KNOW-HOW

Asexual reproduction (budding cycle)

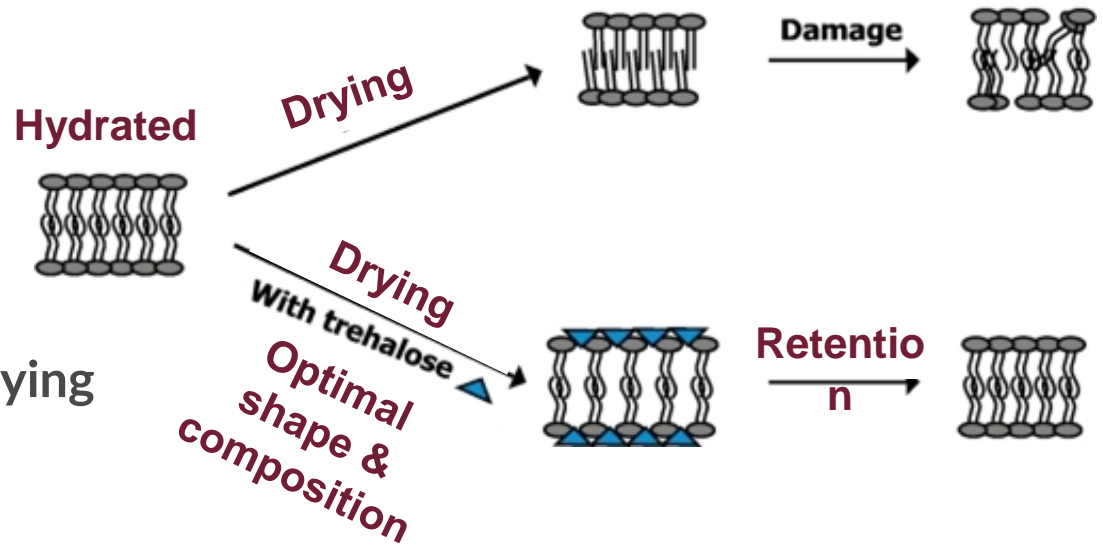


Optimal membrane shape and composition:

- Fix the yeast in its **best physiological state for a direct fermentation** of the present sugars (doors open!)
- **Optimal amount of sterols, glycerol, glycogen and trehalose** for membrane fluidity and protection.
- Addition of vegetable based **emulsifier to cream yeast** to protect

DRYING KNOW-HOW

➤ Optimize the condition for the yeast to resist to drying and future rehydration



➤ Adopt the most gentle drying with fluidilized beds





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FERMENTIS VALIDATION PROCESS



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2 STEPS TO GET AN E2U™-VALIDATION

IF THE STRAIN SHOWS

- a high and preserved viability in all rehydration conditions
- maintained fermentation performances
- and an equivalent organoleptic profile whatever its mode of preparation

IT IS OFFICIALLY DECLARED E2U™.

1

A TEST OF VIABILITY AFTER REHYDRATION

in pure or up to 25% sugared water and at a range of temperatures from 10°C to 43°C (50°F to 109°F).

2

ONE OR SEVERAL MICROVINIFICATIONS

whose conditions are specifically chosen according to the main types of wine targeted by the selected strain. Prior to the fermentation, the yeasts are prepared in three different ways.

• THE USUAL WAY

Rehydration in tap water at 35/37°C (95/98.6°F), then progressive acclimatization to must temperature, with must addition before inoculation.

• COLD

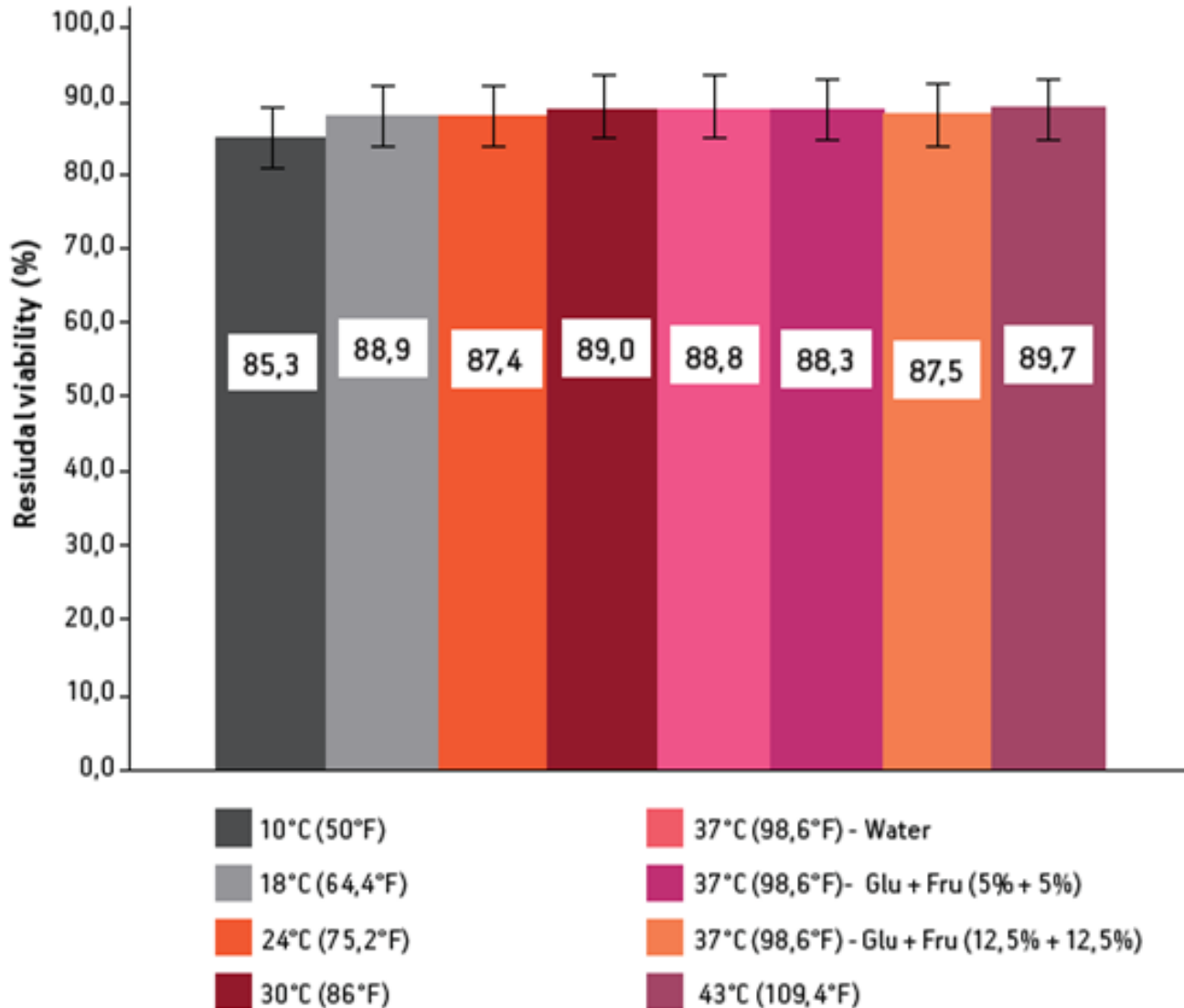
Rehydration in tap water at 15°C for 15 minutes.

• MUST

Direct pitching.

4. FERMENTIS VALIDATION PROCESS

TRIALS FOR E2U™ CERTIFICATION THE EXAMPLE OF SAFOENO™ HD S135

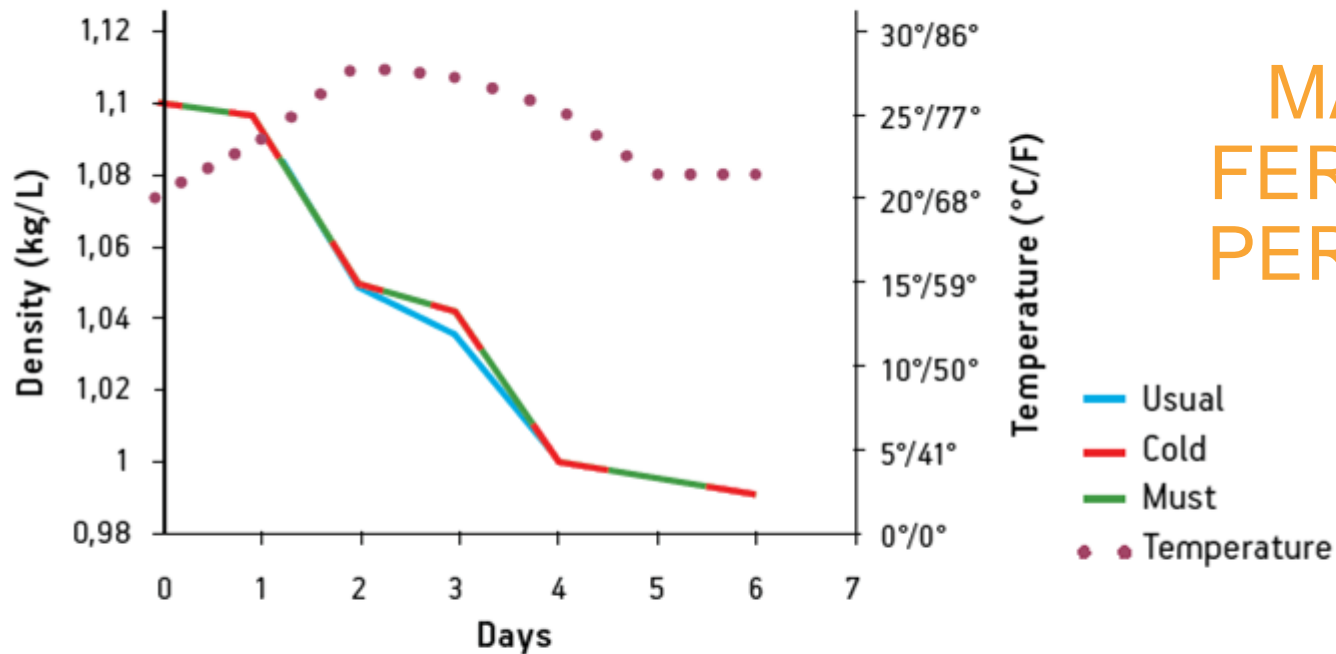


**PRESERVE
D YEAST
VIABILITY**

4. FERMENTIS VALIDATION PROCESS

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Alcoholic fermentation kinetics



MAINTAINED
FERMENTATIVE
PERFORMANCE
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Yeast preparation conditions: Usual: rehydration in tap water at 35/37°C (95-98,6°F) then progressive acclimatization to must temperature with must addition before inoculation, Cold: rehydration in tap water at 15/17°C (59-62,6°F), Must: direct pitching. Dotted line: average fermentation temperature.

Mendoza, Argentina, Malbec

4. FERMENTIS VALIDATION PROCESS

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TRIANGULAR TASTING

Usual vs Cold	NS
Usual vs Must	NS
Cold vs Must	NS

NS: non significant differences.

Mendoza, Argentina, Malbec



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HOW TO IMPLEMENT DIRECT PITCHING AT YOUR WINERY

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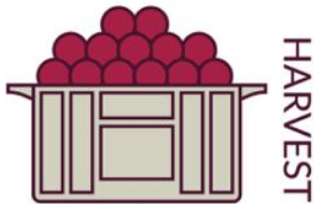
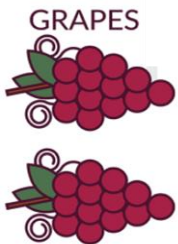
DIRECT PITCHING - RED WINES

INTRODUCE THE ACTIVE DRY YEAST DIRECTLY

Option 1: **Spray ADY** (yeast in water suspension) **directly on the grapes homogeneously** at reception.

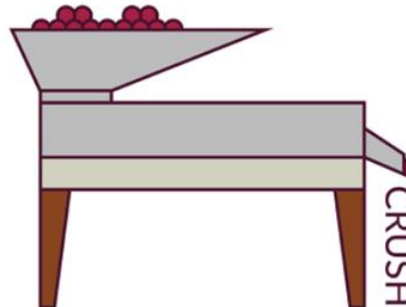
- Maintain $<10^{\circ}\text{C}$ all along pre-fermentation stages.

Bioprotection benefits

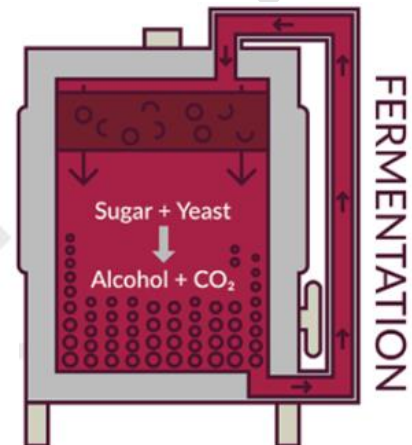


Option 2: **Pour ADY** (or ADY in suspension in 10x its weight of juice) **directly into the juice after the destemmer-crusher** and before pumping to the fermentation tank.

- Maintain $<10^{\circ}\text{C}$ all along pre-fermentation stages.



Option 3: **Pour ADY** (or ADY in suspension in 10x its weight of juice) **directly into the fermentation vessel** with a **good homogeneization**.



DIRECT PITCHING – WHITES & ROSES

INTRODUCE THE ACTIVE DRY YEAST DIRECTLY

Option 1: **Spray ADY (yeast in water suspension) on the grapes homogeneously** at reception.

□ Only with gentle clarification and if the temperature is maintained at <math><10^{\circ}\text{C}</math> all along pre-fermentation stages.

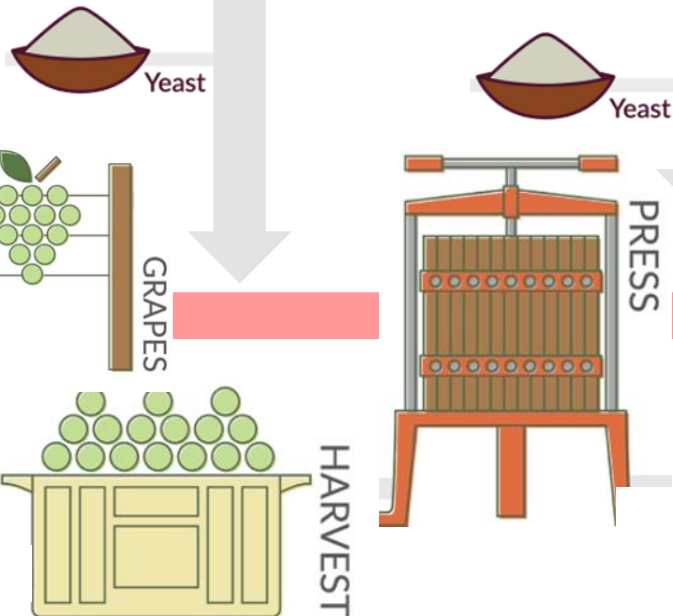
Option 2: **Pour ADY (or ADY in suspension in 10x its weight of juice) directly into the must just after pressing** (alt crushing).

□ Only with gentle clarification and if the temperature is maintained at <math><10^{\circ}\text{C}</math> all along pre-fermentation stages.

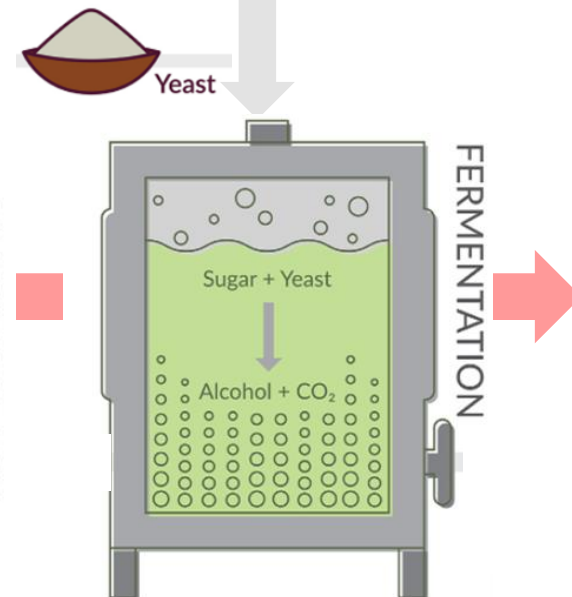
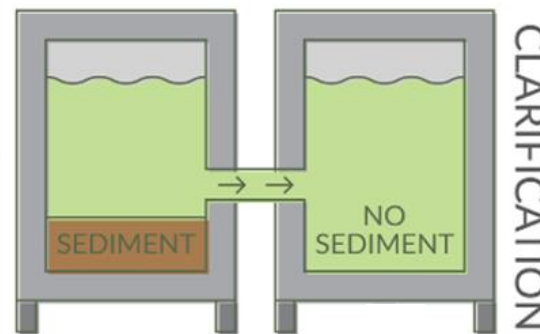
Option 3: **Pour ADY (or ADY in suspension in 10x its weight of juice) directly into the juice during the tank filling** or on the surface of the juice when the tank is full with good homogenization.

Alternative: in barrel.

Bioprotection benefits



Bioprotection benefits



ADDITIONAL TIPS TO THE ENOLOGIST



ADY dosage is not affected by the inoculation method. For still wine: 20g/hl.

Recommended nutrition protocol is not affected by the inoculation method. See our protocols.

Always sprinkle the yeast in a liquid phase, not on the dry fruit.

Do not add the ADY to the fermenter before the juice/must.

Always ensure a good diffusion/homogeneization to the entire volume rapidly.

Do not add the ADY on top of other additions without homogeneization (acids, KMBS, etc.)

Do not realize hybrids methods between direct pitching and rehydration. If you rehydrate in water, wait at least 15 min before pitching the yeast cream.



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FIELD TRIALS EXAMPLES

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SAFOENO™ GV S107 TRIAL PROTOCOL

SafOEno™ GV S107 trial was carried out by a **North Coast Winery, California**, with **Chardonnay** from a Central Coast AVA in 2017.

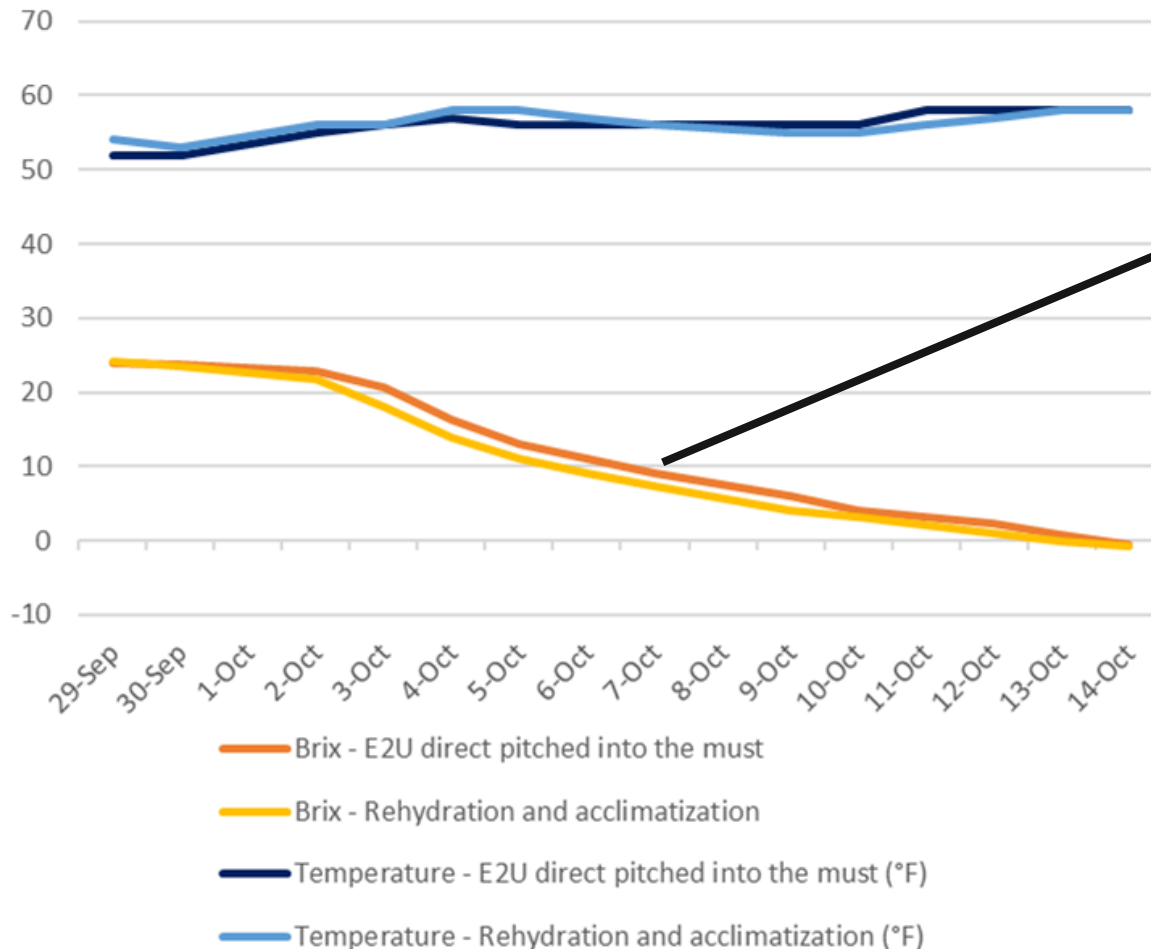
Two Inoculation Conditions:

- **Rehydration:** Rehydration for 20 minutes in tap water at 37°C and acclimatization of 10 min with chardonnay must before inoculation.
 - **E2U: Direct inoculation/pitch** of the ADY in the fermentation tank at 55°F
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- Fermentations in **25,000 gallons tanks**
 - **Juice homogeneized** as well as possible between the two fermenters
 - **Additions to the must were also similar between the two tanks** (acidification with tartaric acid and yeast nutrient DAP and yeast autolysate in the first 1/3 of the fermentations).
 - **Fermentation temperature target was 55°F/13°C.**
 - No malolactic fermentation.

6. CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY LARGE SCALE TRIAL

FERMENTATION KINETICS, TEMPERATURE & YEAST IMPLANTATION

Fermentation kinetics and temperature (°F)



PCR analysis at 2/3 AF
at ETS laboratory:
Both 100% dominated
by Safoeno GV S107.

Very good yeast
implantation in both
cases and
fermentation of similar
qualities

MUST AND WINE ANALYTICAL PARAMETERS

With Rehydration

E2U direct pitch



Pre-fermentation & post-additions

titratable acidity	6.3 g/L
pH	3.53
L-malic acid	3.45 g/L
tartaric acid	4.5 g/L
brix	23.4 degrees
glucose + fructose	237 g/L
ammonia	152 mg/L
alpha-amino compounds (as N)	147 mg/L
yeast assimilable nitrogen	272 mg/L (as N)
potassium	1680 mg/L

titratable acidity	6.3 g/L
pH	3.53
L-malic acid	3.49 g/L
tartaric acid	4.6 g/L
brix	23.4 degrees
glucose + fructose	238 g/L
ammonia	139 mg/L
alpha-amino compounds (as N)	150 mg/L (as N)
yeast assimilable nitrogen	264 mg/L (as N)
potassium	1800 mg/L

Post fermentation

free sulfur dioxide	<2 mg/L
molecular sulfur dioxide	<0.10 mg/L
total sulfur dioxide	41 mg/L
titratable acidity	6.6 g/L
pH	3.49
volatile acidity(acetic)	0.28 g/L
L-malic acid	3.07 g/L
L-lactic acid	<0.05 g/L
glucose + fructose	<0.1 g/L
ethanol at 20C	14.53 % vol
ethanol at 60F	14.48 % vol

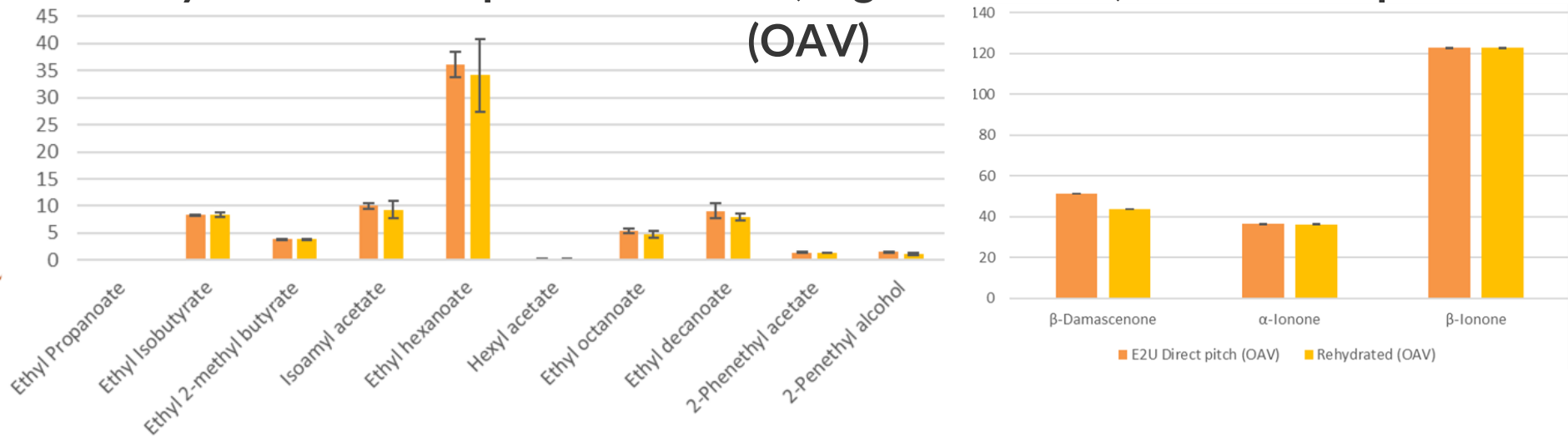
free sulfur dioxide	<2 mg/L
molecular sulfur dioxide	<0.10 mg/L
total sulfur dioxide	33 mg/L
titratable acidity	6.7 g/L
pH	3.51
volatile acidity(acetic)	0.28 g/L
L-malic acid	3.06 g/L
L-lactic acid	<0.05 g/L
glucose + fructose	<0.1 g/L
ethanol at 20C	14.57 % vol
ethanol at 60F	14.52 % vol

Wines of similar analytical profiles

6. CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY LARGE SCALE TRIAL

WINE AROMATICS ANALYSIS

13 key aromatic compounds – esters, higher alcohols, C-13 Norisoprenoids



- Trend of the E2U direct pitch scenario with higher concentration of aromatic compounds but not significant for most compounds.
- Only 2/13 molecules are significantly different + toward the direct-pitch wine.
- With considering the threshold perceptions, only the β -Damascenone could significantly affect the wine aromatic perception as aroma enhancer.

Aromatic compounds analysis shows little differences between the wines

TRIANGULAR TASTING & MAIN CONCLUSIONS

Triangular tasting

- 8 people professional panel evaluated 3 sets of triangle tests for a total of 24.
- At the 0.1% level of significance, the wines were perceived to be the same or there was no perceived sensory difference between the two wines.



CONCLUSION

This large scale trial on Chardonnay showed that direct pitching of E2U™ SafOeno™ GV S107 did not affect :

- ✓ The yeast ability to implant well in the must,
- ✓ Its fermentation kinetics,
- ✓ The wine analysis ,
- ✓ The wine aromatic molecules concentration to a significant amount,
- ✓ The wine quality as confirmed by a panel of taster.

SAFOENO™ HD A54 CASE STUDIES

Grape

Variety: Maccabeo

Location: Languedoc Roussillon, France

Vintage: 2020

Yeast & Parameters

ADY: SafOEno™ HD A54 at 20g/hl

Long lag phase + overexpressing acetate esters

Pre-fermentation temperature <10°C/50°F

AF temperature: 16-18°C/61-64°F



EXPERIMENTATION A

4 direct pitch inoculation times in pre-fermentative stages

EXPERIMENTATION B

4 inoculation methods in the fermentation tank

B: IMPACT OF THE MODE OF INOCULATION IN THE FERMENTER

PROTOCOL

4 inoculation modes in the fermenter (after settling)	Code
Without rehydration, direct pitch , T° of must: 10°C	(v) DP10
Without rehydration, direct pitch and after T° rise to 16°C	(vi) DP16
With rehydration in cold water (18°C) and after T° rise to 16°C	(vii) Reh16
With rehydration in warm water (35°C), acclimatization and after T° rise to 16°C	(viii) Acc16

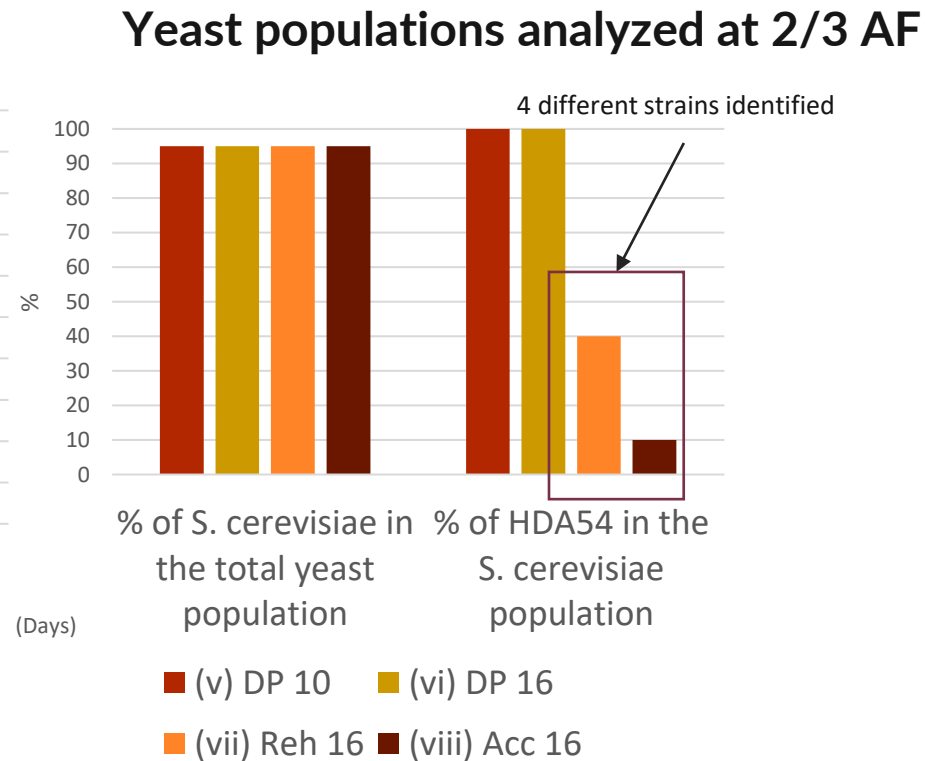
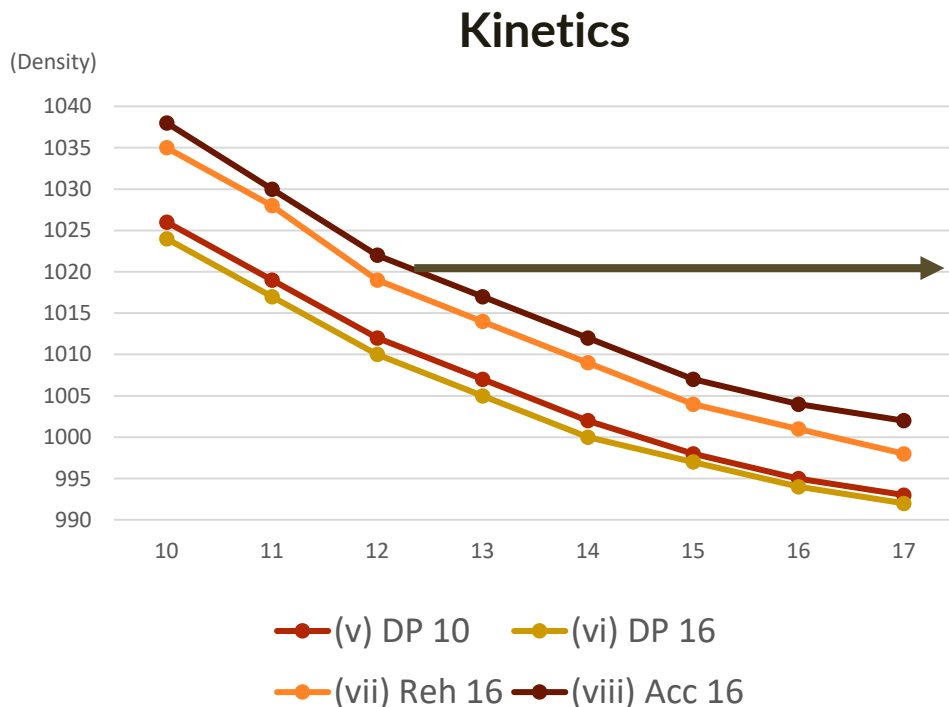


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B: IMPACT OF THE MODE OF INOCULATION IN THE FERMENTER

RESULTS

Kinetics and microbial population in the fermentative phase



Significant differences in kinetics that can be explained by a better implantation for the direct pitch scenario.

? Advantage of DP to save time in must with high microbial load?

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B: IMPACT OF THE MODE OF INOCULATION IN THE FERMENTER

RESULTS

Wines' analytical parameters

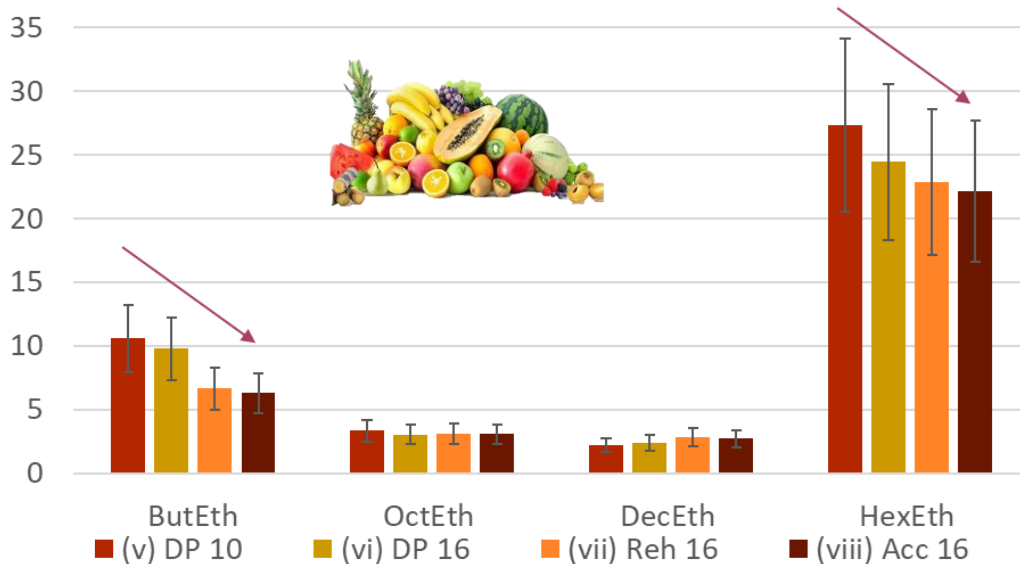
	(v) DP 10	(vi) DP 16	(vii) Reh 16	(viii) Acc 16
ABV (%)	15.29	15.27	15.27	15.19
Glu+Fru (g/L)	1	0.7	1.5	2
Total Acidity (g/L tartaric acid)	5.95	6.04	5.99	6.18
Volatile Acidity (g/L acetic acid)	0.28	0.32	0.45	0.55
Total SO ₂ (mg/L)	60	64	67	66
Free SO ₂ (mg/L)	15	16	12	12
pH	3.23	3.23	3.25	3.24
Malic acid (g/L)	1	1	1	1
Total ethanal (g/L)	21	19	27	29
Lactic acid (g/L)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1

Significative differences especially in volatile acidity due to lower implantation rate/more strains identified in Reh16 and Acc16.

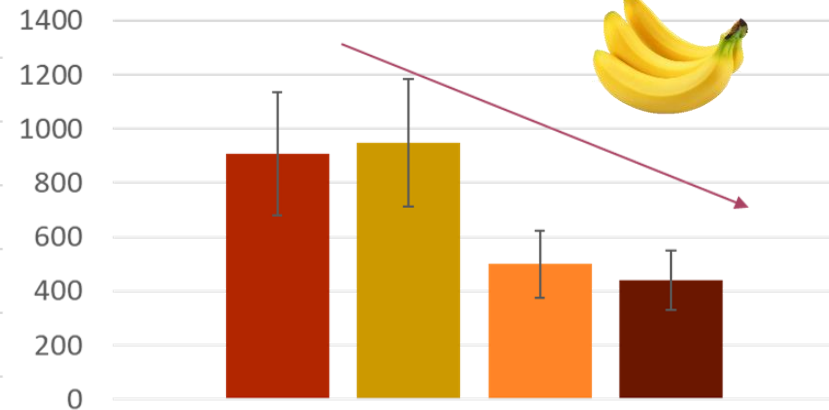
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Dosage of ethyl esters (OAV)



Dosage of Acetate esters (OAV)



Tasting with

- ✓ 18 different variables
- ✓ 6 professional tasters
- ✓ ANOVA statistic analyses
- ☐ **SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE** especially for amylic perception.

Significant differences for the isoamyl acetate concentration between the wines and a trend for some ethyl esters... resulting in significant differences in the tastings.

SAFOENO™ HD A54 STUDIES - MAIN CONCLUSIONS

EXPERIMENTATION A

4 direct pitch inoculation times in pre-fermentative stages

- ✓ Some E2U™ certified strains can be direct pitched at different pre-fermentative stages with similar performances.
- ✓ **With precaution:** maintain temperature < 10°C in pre-fermentation phases and appropriate yeast selection.

EXPERIMENTATION B

4 inoculation methods in the fermentation tank

- ✓ In most cases no impact of direct pitching vs rehydration...
- ✓ But in some cases positive impact of direct pitching allowing to occupy ecological niche sooner especially in must coming with high microbial load and/or bad sanitary state.



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PANEL DISCUSSION



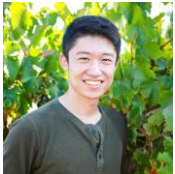
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7. PANEL DISCUSSION

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What were your apprehensions/questions before direct pitching ? What did you expect could happen when changing your inoculation method?

What is your overall experience with direct pitching? What type of wine(s)fermentation(s)/yeast(s) did you use? How did you proceed with direct pitching practically at your winery? What is your global experience?

What are the benefits you think it gives you when compared to a more traditional way of using yeasts?

Are you/would consider continuing direct pitching?



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CONCLUSIONS AND Q&A



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MANY
POTENTIAL
BENEFITS

YOU

SAVE
TIME

&

GAIN
COMFORT

YOU
INCREASE
WORKERS'
SAFETY

YOU
REDUCE
HUMAN'S
MISTAKE

YOU
MAKE SAVING
ON LABOR,
REHYDRATION
EQUIPEMENT AND
PRODUCTS

WITHOUT
COMPROMISE
ON THE
QUALITY:

- FERMENTATION
- YEAST CHOICE
- FINAL PRODUCT

YOU ACT
GREEN BY
REDUCING
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