



Oak aging influence on wine quality

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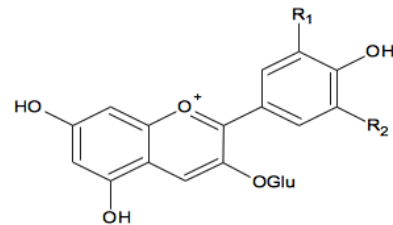
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Introduction

Phenolic Compounds → Wine Quality Parameters

Anthocyanins → Color (Glories, 1984)



Tannins → **Condensed Tannins** (procyanidins, prodelphinidins)
Hydrosoluble Tannins (ellagitannins and gallotannins)

→ Color Stabilization

Sensory Properties
 Astringency And Bitterness

Astringency: Mouthfeel, Tactile Sensation
 (Bate-Smith, 1954, Breslin et al., 1993)

Bitterness: Taste (Noble, 1990)

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Oak Wood Extractable Composition



Volatile compounds + Phenolic compounds

Phenolic compounds → **Hydrosoluble tannins** (gallotannins and ellagitannins)

↓ after acid hydrolysis

Ellagic acid

Volatile compounds

→ cis/trans-Whisky lactone
 Vanillin, Eugenol, Guaiacol, 4-methyl Guaiacol, o-cresol, Syringol, Furfural, 5-Methylfurfural, Syringaldehyde and Ethyl-Vanillin



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Volatile compounds

Oak lactone (cis/trans-Whisky lactone), coconut woody note

Phenolic aldehydes (vanillin...), vanilla aroma

Furanic compounds (furfural...), grilled flavor

Phenols (Eugenol, Guaiacol...), spicy, smoky flavor

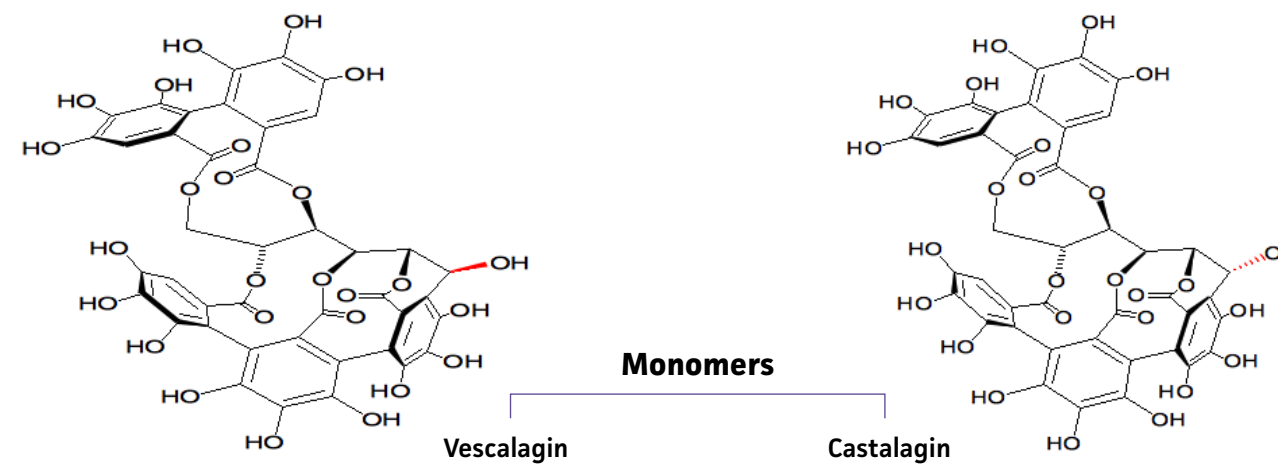


Threshold perception for aromatic compounds in red wine

| | Almond/Grilled Almond | | Smokey/Toasted bread | | Coconut/ whisky | | Spicy | Vanilla |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|----------|
| | Furfural | Methyl-Furfural | Guaiacol | Methyl-Guaiacol | trans-Whisky lactone | Cis-Whisky | Eugenol + Isoeugenol | Vanillin |
| Perception threshold in wine (µg/L) | 20000 | 45000 | 75 | 65 | 460 | 46 | 500 | 320 |

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Ellagitannins



Roburin A ; R1 = β-OH
 Roburin D ; R1 = α-OH] **Dimers**

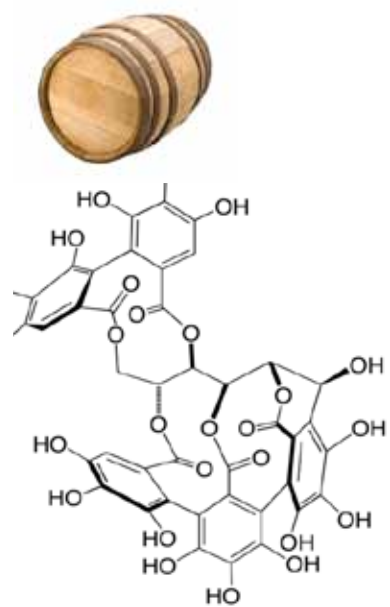
60 -70% of oak wood ellagitannins

Grandinin ; Lyxose
 Roburin E ; Xylose] **Glucosidic Monomers**

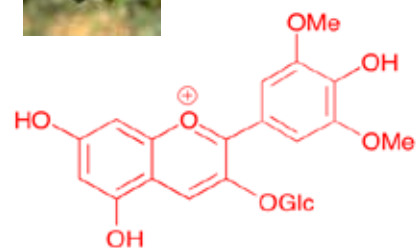
Roburin B ; R1 = Lyxose
 Roburin C ; R1 = Xylose] **Glucosidic Dimers**

05 Formation of Anthocyano-Ellagitannins in wine after oak barrels aging

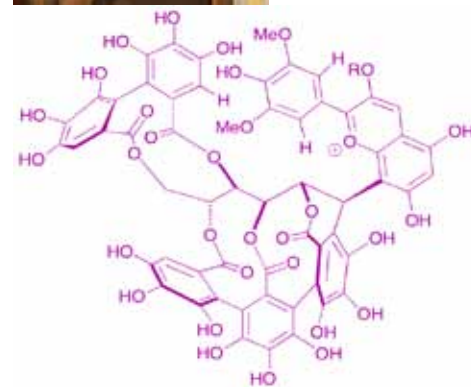
Vescalagin



Oenin most abundant anthocyanin pigment in red grapes



Oenin-8-c-vescalagin



Purple-colored anthocyano-ellagitannins, derived from the oak ellagitannins vescalagin and the red-colored grape pigments oenin and malvidin, are likely actors in wine color modulation during aging in oak barrels.

S. Chassaing, D. Lefeuvre, R. Jacquet, M. Jourdes, L. Ducasse, S. Galland, A. Grelard, C. Saucier, P. L. Teissedre, O. Dangles, S. Quideau. Physicochemical studies of new anthocyano-ellagitannin hybrid pigments: About the origin of the influence of oak C-glycosidic ellagitannins on wine color, Eur. Jour. of Organic Chemistry, Issue 1, 2010, Pages 55-63.

06 Organoleptic impact of Ellagitannins

Half-mouth test in aqueous solution pH 4.5

Aqueous Solution pH 4.5

| compound | threshold concentration for | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | astringency ^a | | bitterness ^b | |
| | $\mu\text{mol/L}$ | mg/L | $\mu\text{mol/L}$ | mg/L |
| grandinin | 0.2 | 0.21 | 615 | 655.6 |
| roburin E | 0.2 | 0.21 | 615 | 437.1 |
| vescalagin | 1.1 | 1.03 | 1690 | 1578.5 |
| castalagin | 1.1 | 1.03 | 1690 | 1578.5 |
| 33-deoxy-33-carboxyvescalagin | 2.6 | 2.50 | 666 | 640.1 |
| roburin A | 2.9 | 5.37 | 742 | 1535.5 |
| roburin D | 3.0 | 5.55 | 768 | 1372.7 |
| roburin B | 6.1 | 12.09 | 585 | 1159.5 |
| roburin C | 6.3 | 12.49 | 605 | 1199.1 |
| 1,2,3,4,6-pentagalloyl- β -D-glucose | 1.8 | 1.69 | ND ^c | ND ^c |
| ellagic acid | 6.6 | 1.99 | ND ^d | ND ^d |
| gallic acid | 292.0 | 44.97 | ND ^e | ND ^e |
| epigallocatechin 3-gallate | 190.0 | 87.00 | 190.0 | 87.00 |
| caffeine | ND ^f | ND ^f | 500 | 81.00 |

Glycosylated monomers are 5 times more astringent than monomers and 3 times more bitter.

Monomers are astringent but very low bitterness.

Dimers are less astringent than monomers but 2 times more bitter.

Glabasnia A. & Hofmann T., 2006, Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry 54 (9), pp. 3380-3390

07 Objectives

Extraction kinetic of aromas and tannins of oak chips, staves in wine/model solution and extraction kinetic of aromas and tannins of wines aging in barrels. Impact of toasting level on aromas and tannins.



Oak chips



Staves



Barrels

Chemical analysis:
Aromatic compounds and hydrolysable tannins

Sensory analysis:
Aromatic descriptors and tannin perception

Extraction Kinetic of aromas, tannins in wine/model solution



Impact of toasting level

08 Experimental design



Oak chips



Staves



Barrels



Total Ellagitannins



Aromatic compounds



cis/trans - Whisky lactone
Vanillin, Eugenol,
Guaiacol, 4-methyl
Guaiacol, o-crésol, Syringol,
Furfural, 5-Methylfurfural...

Chemical analysis

Aroma
(vanilla, grilled/smokey, spicy)
Perception
(sweet, astringency, bitterness)

20 judges
(16 training sessions, according to ISO 8586-2:2008)

Evaluation of descriptors in a point scale of 0 to 7

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Absent

Intensive

Astringency

0 amorphous
1 hollow
2 soft
3 mellow
4 slight astringency
5 tannic
6 hard
7 rough

Bitterness

0 nil
1 very weak
2 weak
3 mean
4 barely strong
5 strong
6 very strong
7 deprecative

Sensory analysis

Results

1. Barrels
2. Oak Chips
3. Staves



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Results

1. Barrels

Château 1 **Médoc**

Château 2 **Macau Médoc**

Château 3 **Graves**

Château 4 **Pessac Léognan**

Centre MT
Colbert MT
Allier MT with watering (MT AA)
Allier Noisette
American MT with toasted head (AO MT TH)
Slavonia MT

Allier LT
Allier MT
Allier MT+
Allier Noisette
Allier MT with watering (MT AA)
MT with toasted head (MT TH)

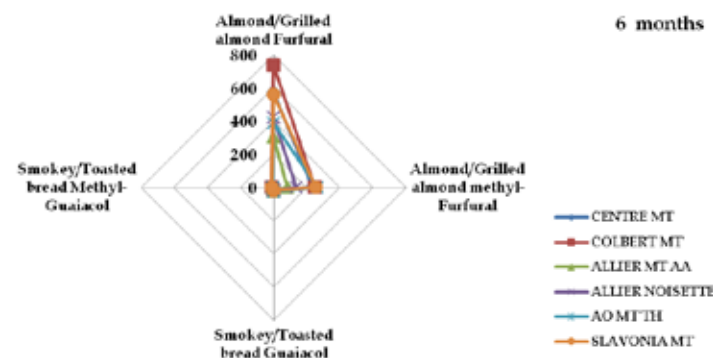


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Aromatic compounds in wine after six and twelve months in contact with barrels.

Château 1

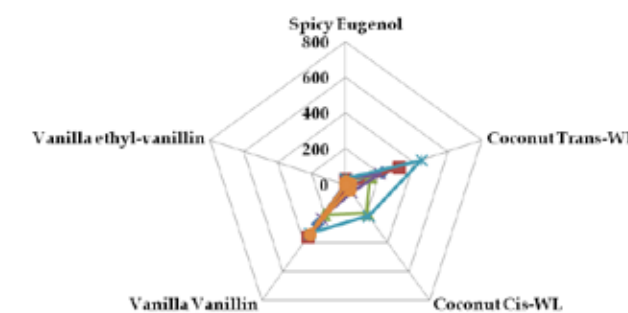
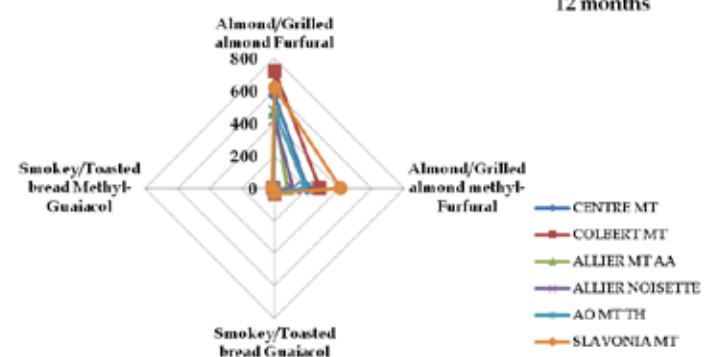
GRILLED / SMOKEY AROMAS



VANILLA / SPICY AROMAS



12 months

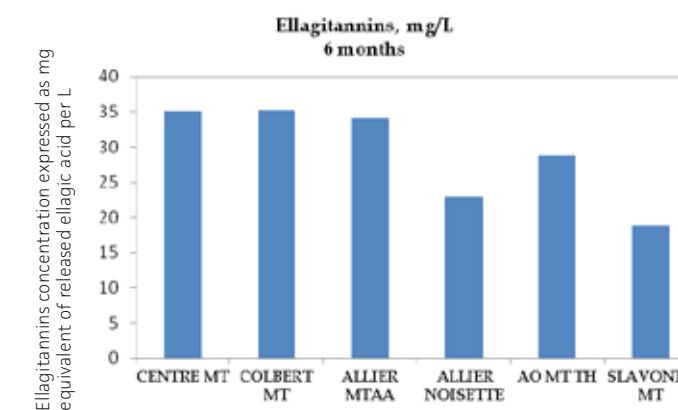
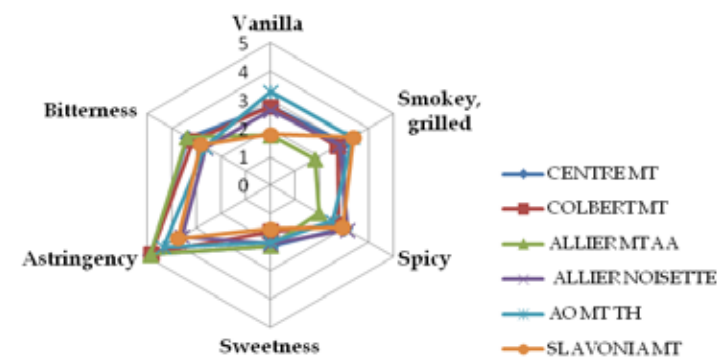


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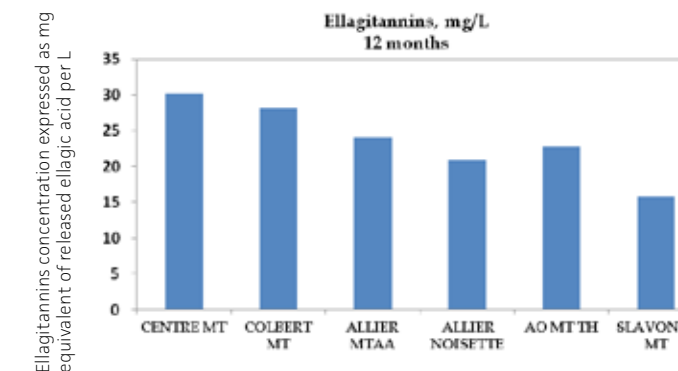
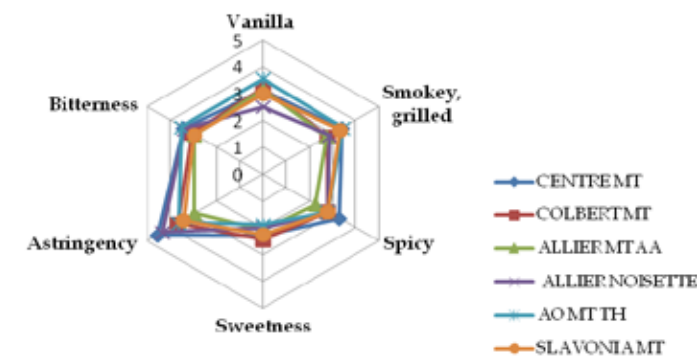
Sensory profile, ellagitannins perception and total ellagitannins concentration.

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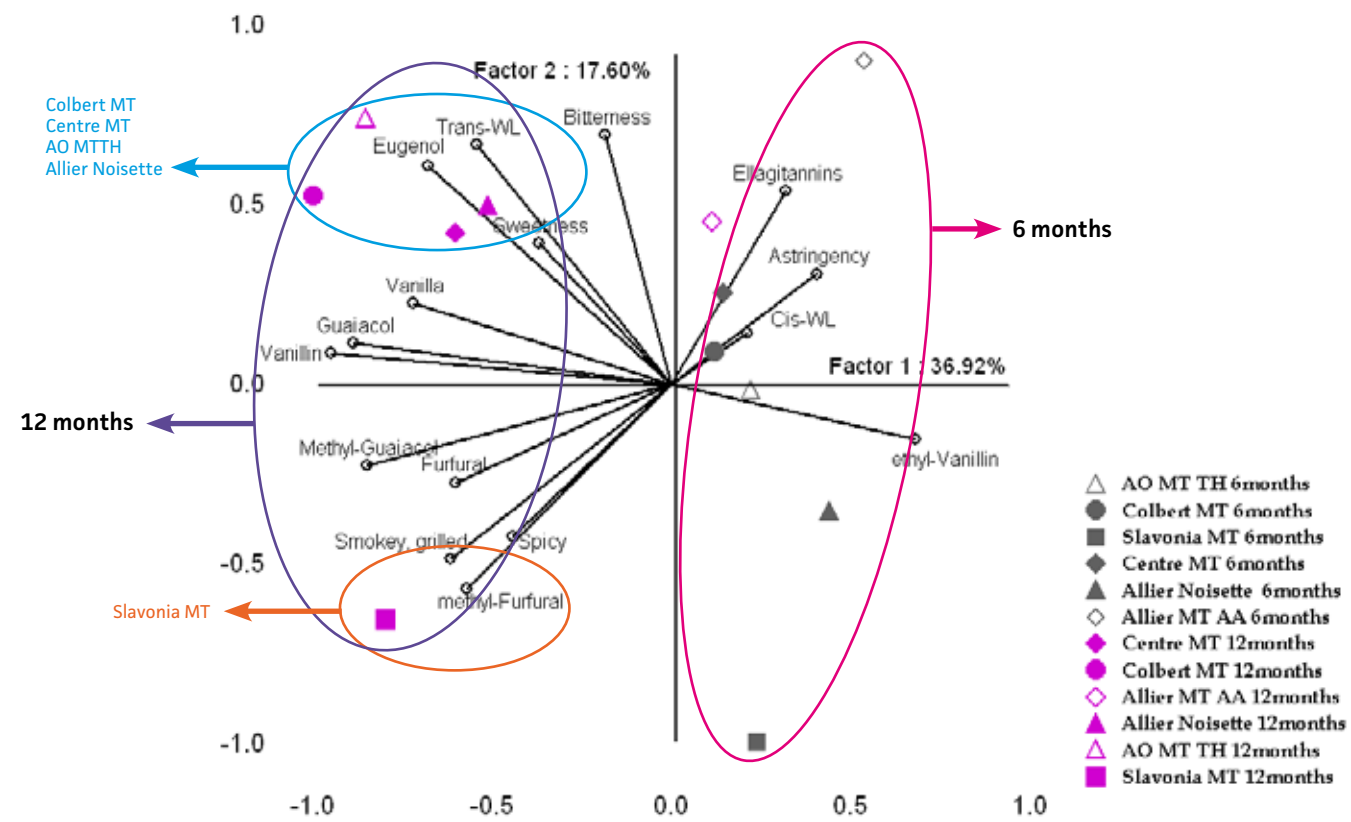
6 months



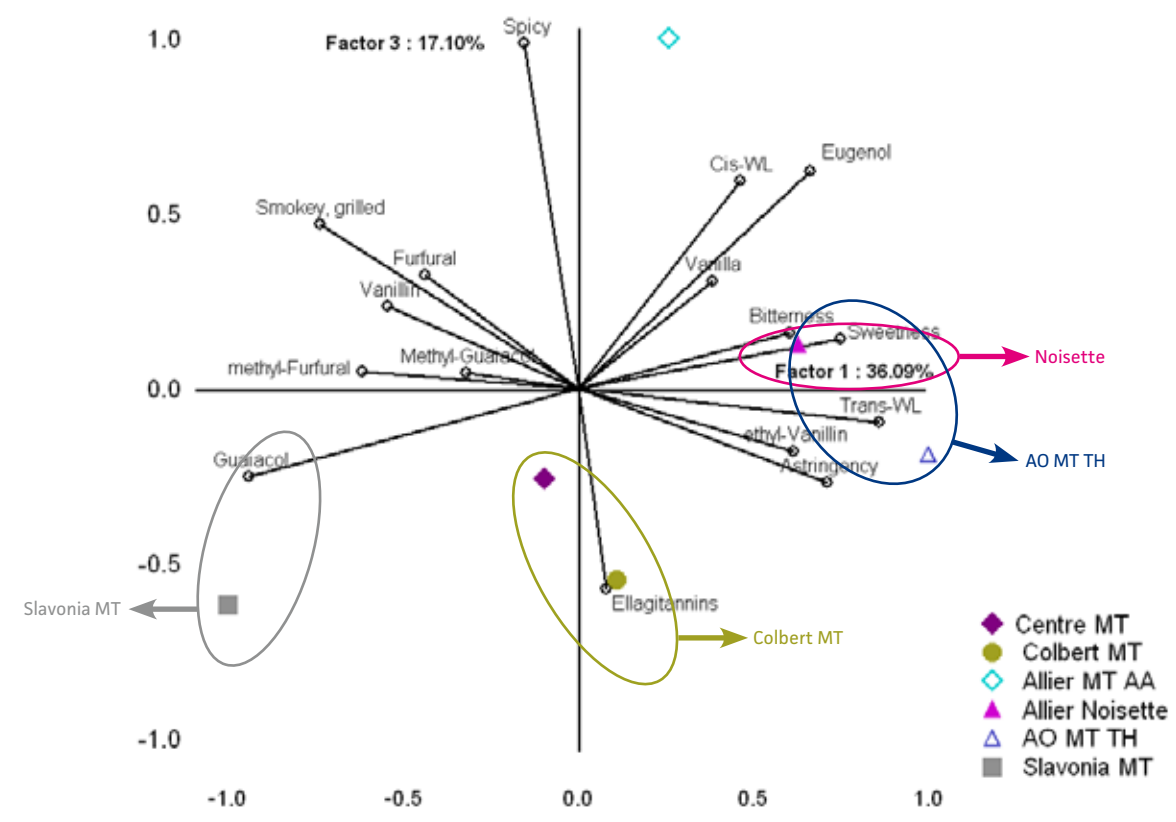
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Aromatic and sensory profile, ellagitannins perception and total ellagitannins concentration. Château 1

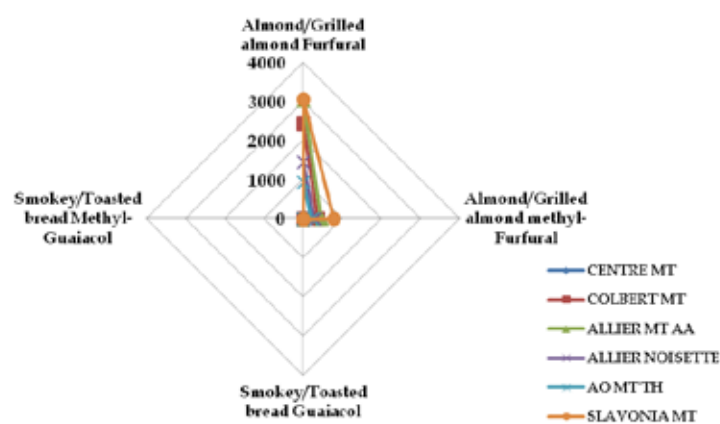


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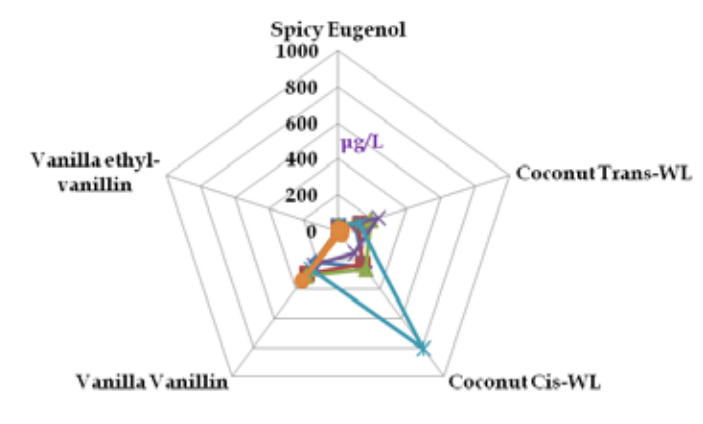


Château 2

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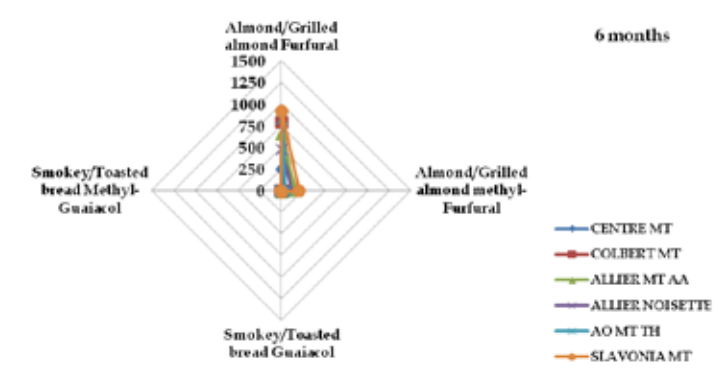


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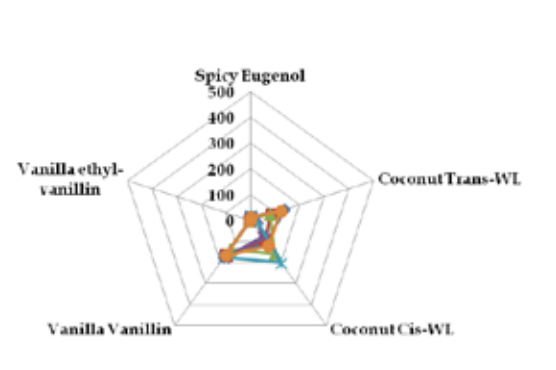


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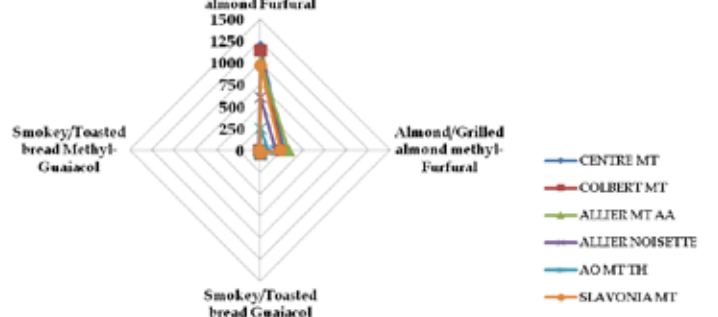
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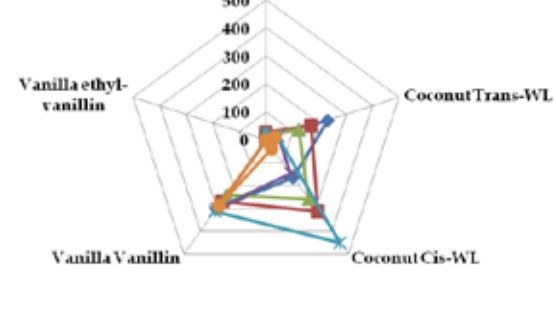
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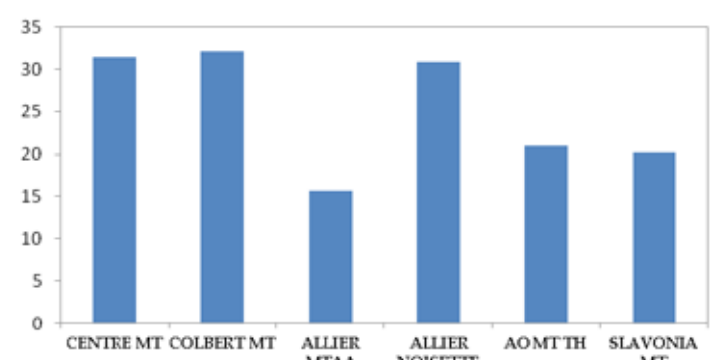
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VANILLA / SPICY AROMAS



Ellagitannins, mg/L

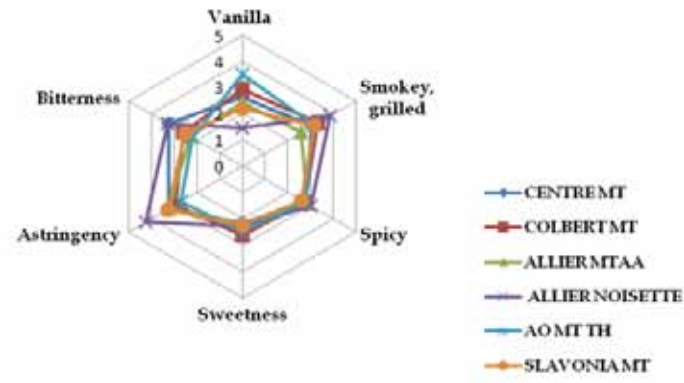


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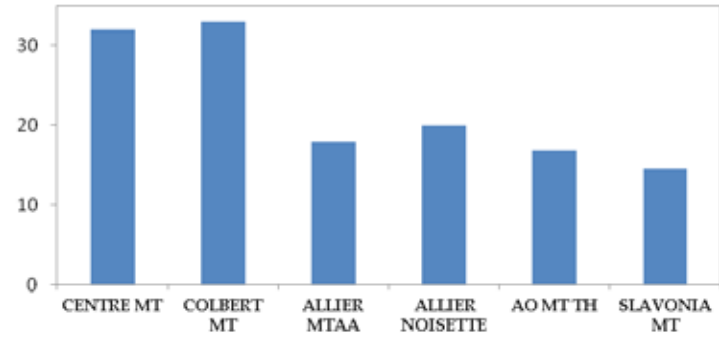
Sensory profile, ellagitannins perception and total ellagitannins concentration.

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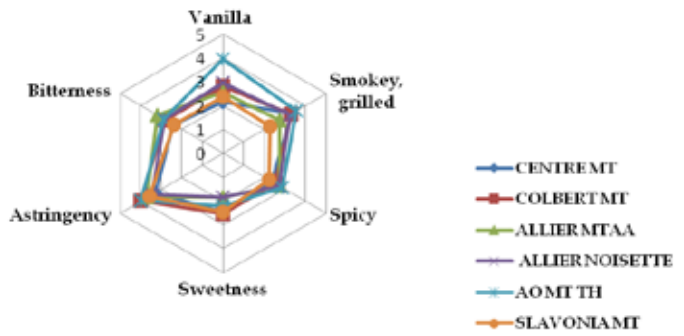
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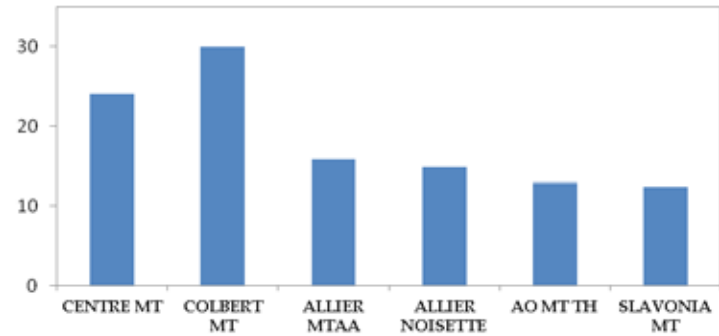
Ellagitannins, mg/L 6 months



12 months



Ellagitannins, mg/L 12 months



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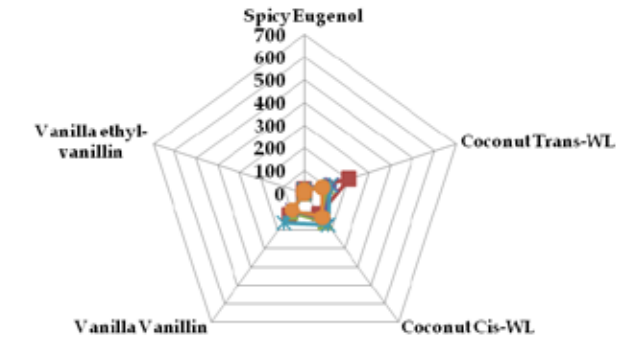
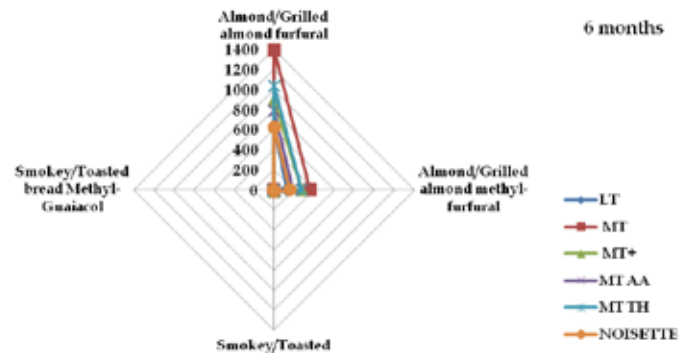
Aromatic compounds in wine after six and twelve months in contact with barrels.

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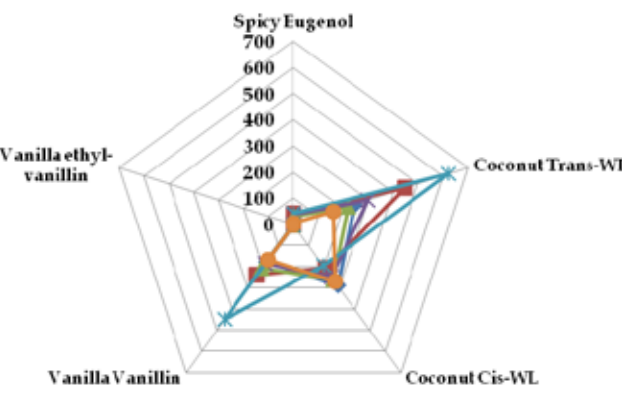
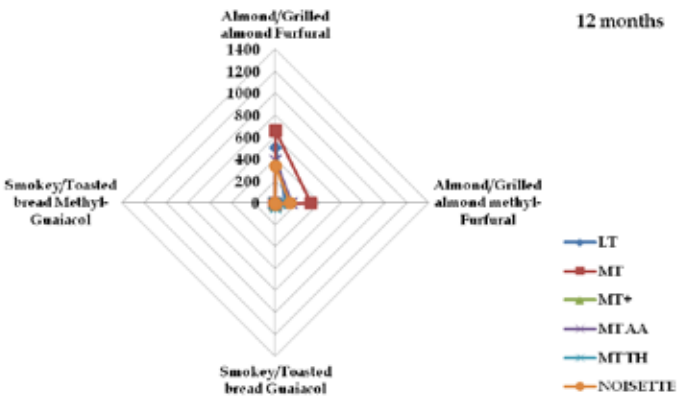
GRILLED / SMOKEY AROMAS

VANILLA / SPICY AROMAS

6 months



12 months

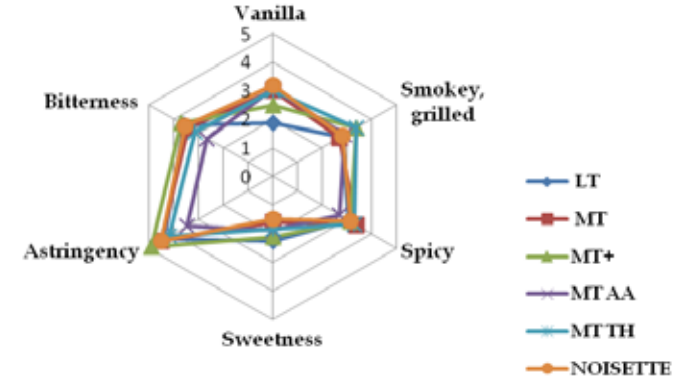


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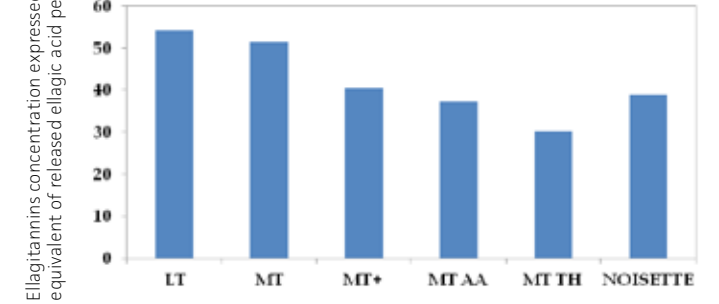
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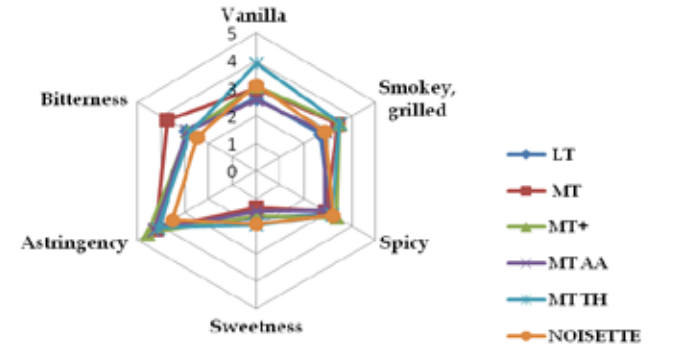
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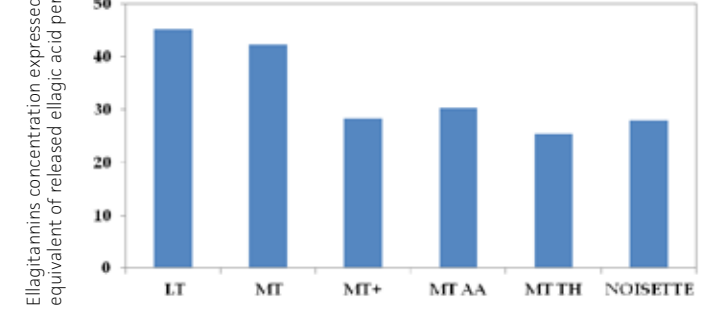
Ellagitannins, mg/L 6 months



12 months



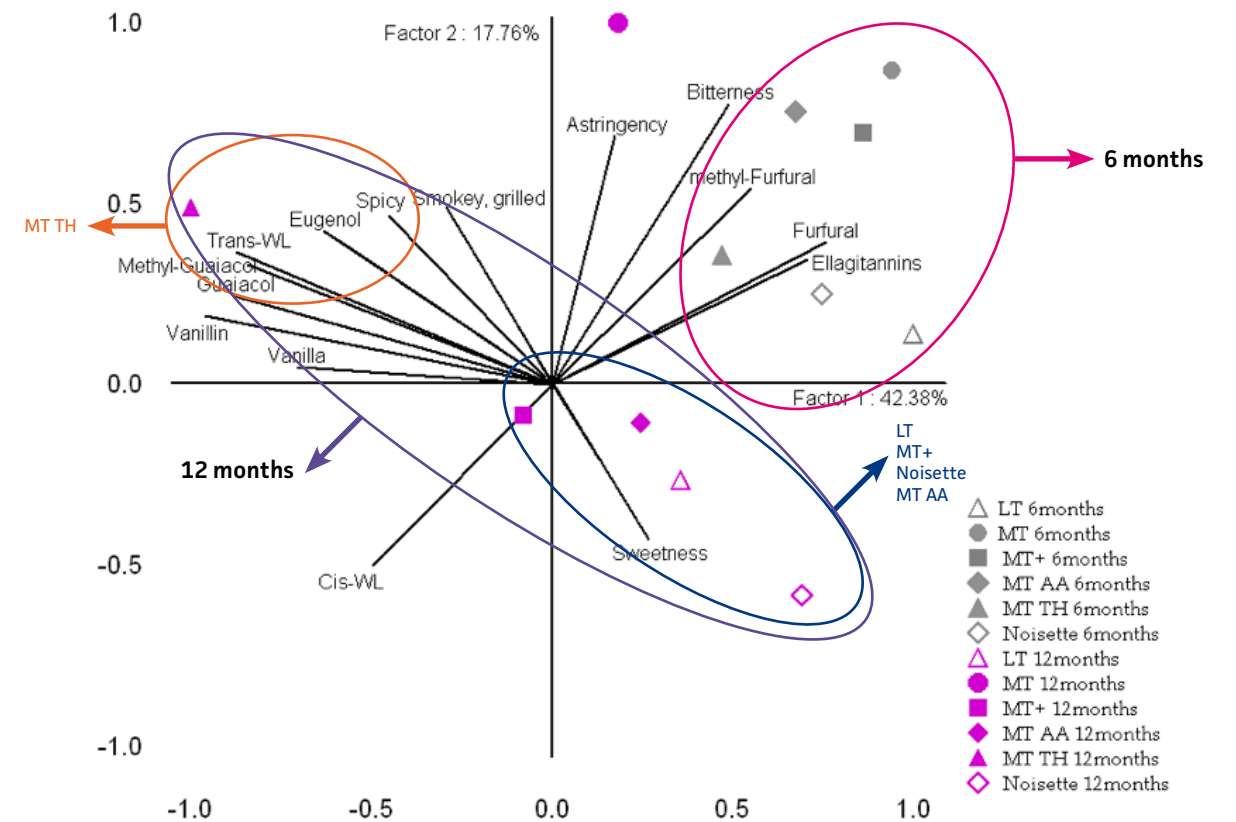
Ellagitannins, mg/L 12 months



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Aromatic and sensory profile, ellagitannins perception and total ellagitannins concentration.

Château 4



Conclusion (barrels)

Aromas and tannins kinetics extractions varied according to wine, toasting method and forest origin.

- Wines aged in «Colbert» and «Centre MT» present higher ellagitannins levels whereas wines aged in «Slavonia» MT present lower ellagitannins levels.
- Wines aged in «AO MT TH» and in «Slavonia MT» presented the higher levels of whisky lactone and vanillin respectively, at the same time were perceived to dispose more vanilla flavor.
- Independent of varietal, wines aged in barrels «Colbert MT» have the most important concentrations of furfural (grilled almond).
- The vanillin (aromatic compound) as well as the vanilla flavor intensify during aging (≈ 30%-50% for vanillin, ≈ 10%-30% for vanilla flavor).
- Regarding sensory evaluation, the sweetness perception increases during aging and tannins perceived softer and mellow.



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Results

2. Oak Chips (3 gr/L and 10 gr/L)

UN (Untoasted)

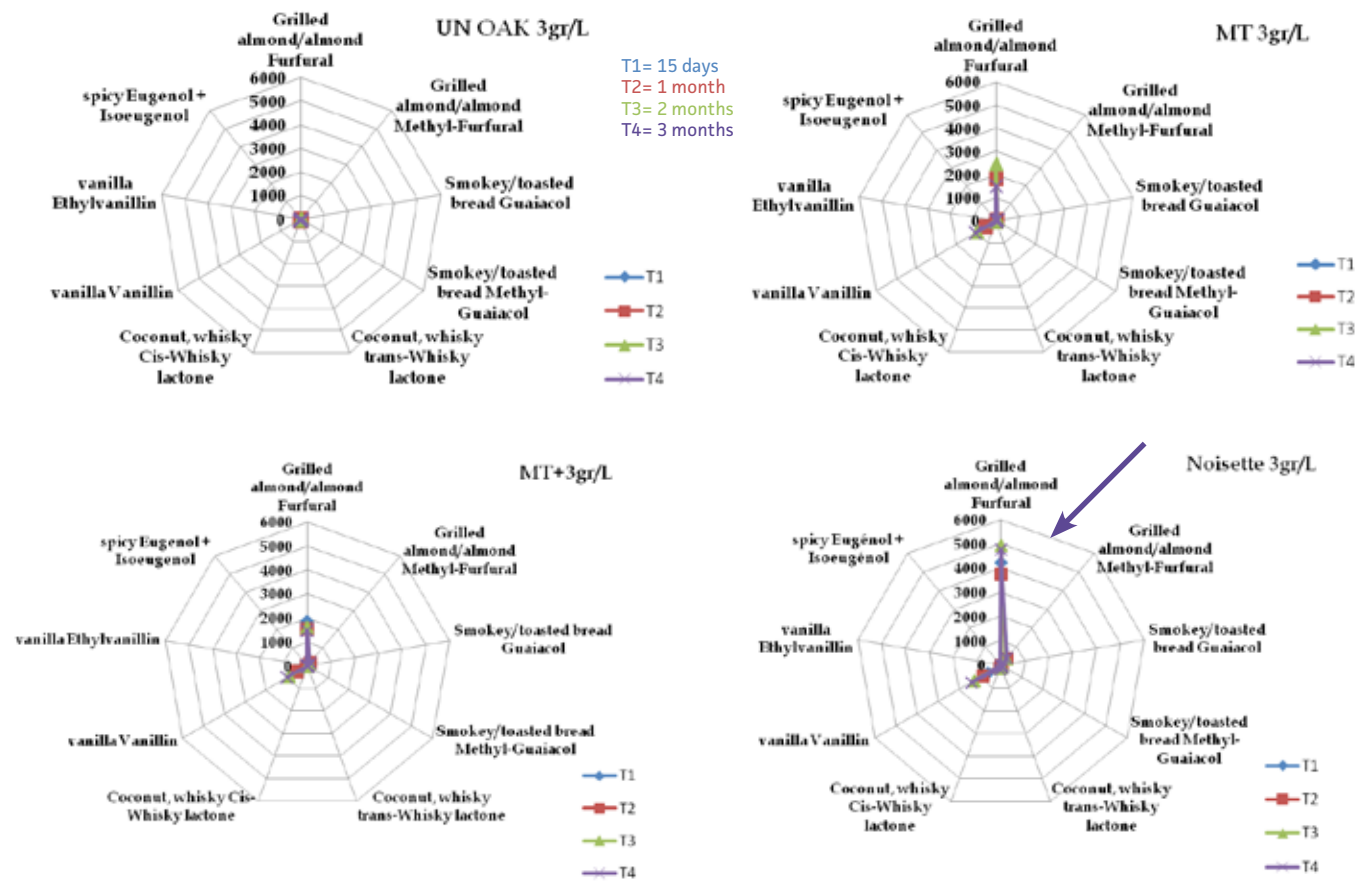
MT (Medium Toast)

MT+ (Medium Plus Toast)

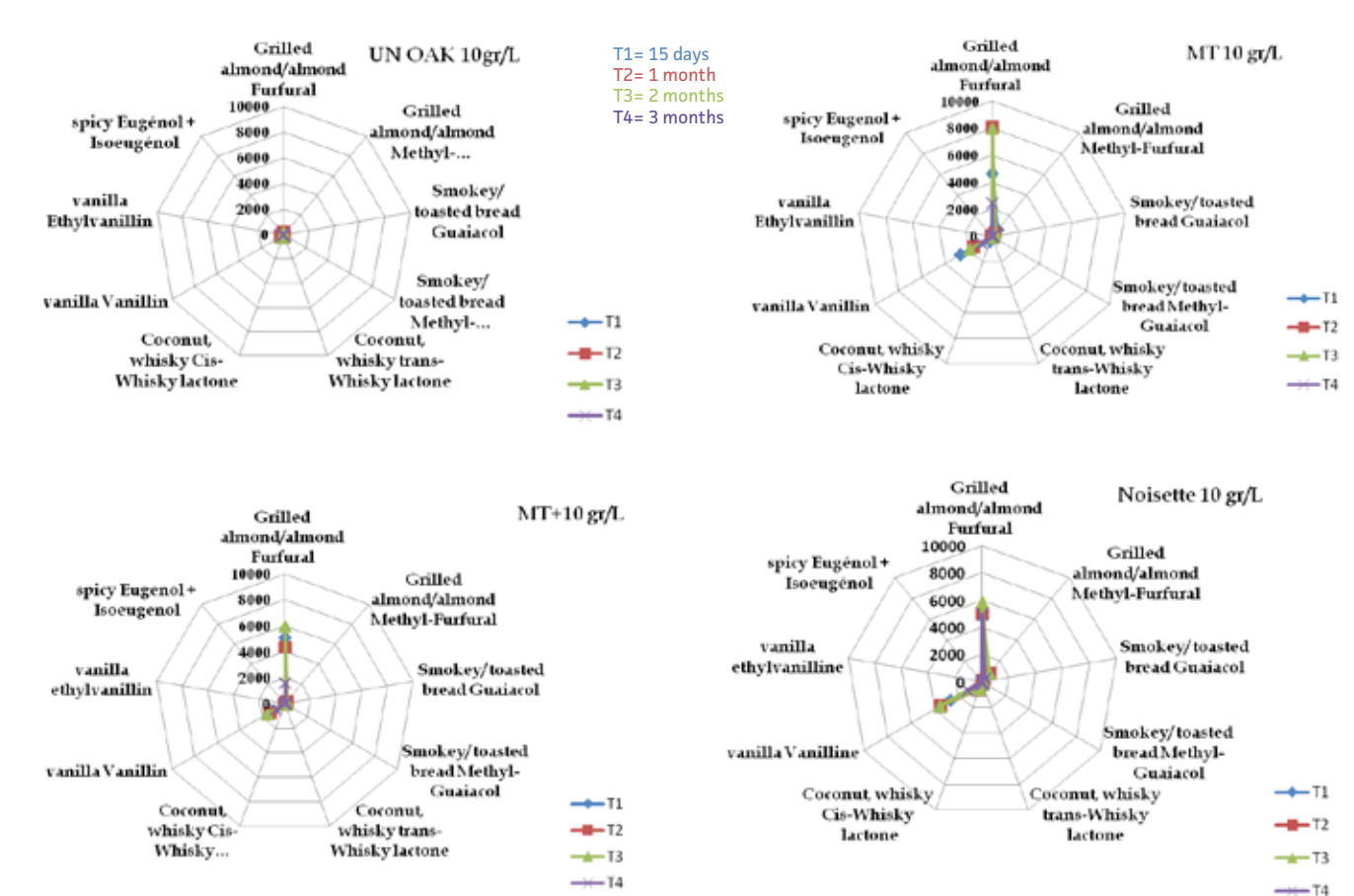
«Noisette»



21 OAK CHIPS aromatic profile (3 gr/L)



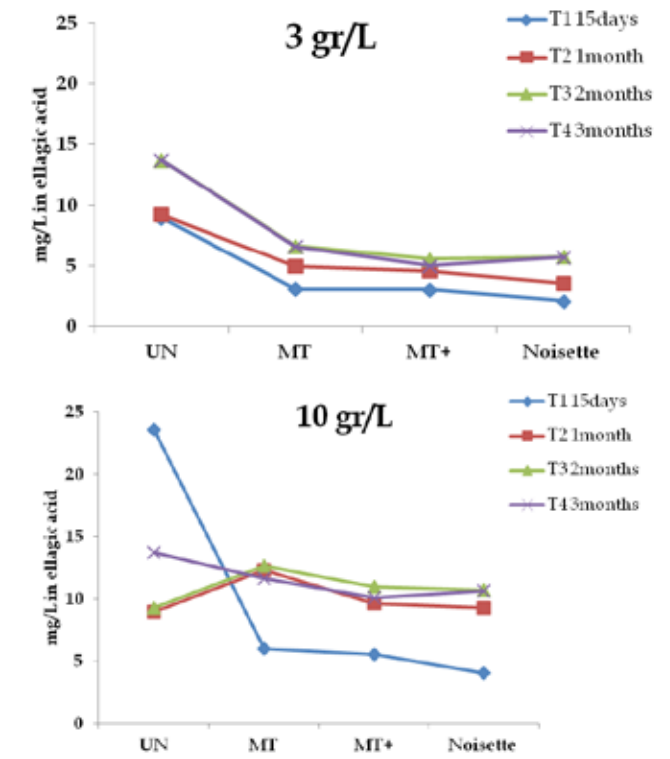
22 OAK CHIPS aromatic profile (10 gr/L)



23 Extraction kinetic of oak wood ellagitannins (3 and 10 gr/L)

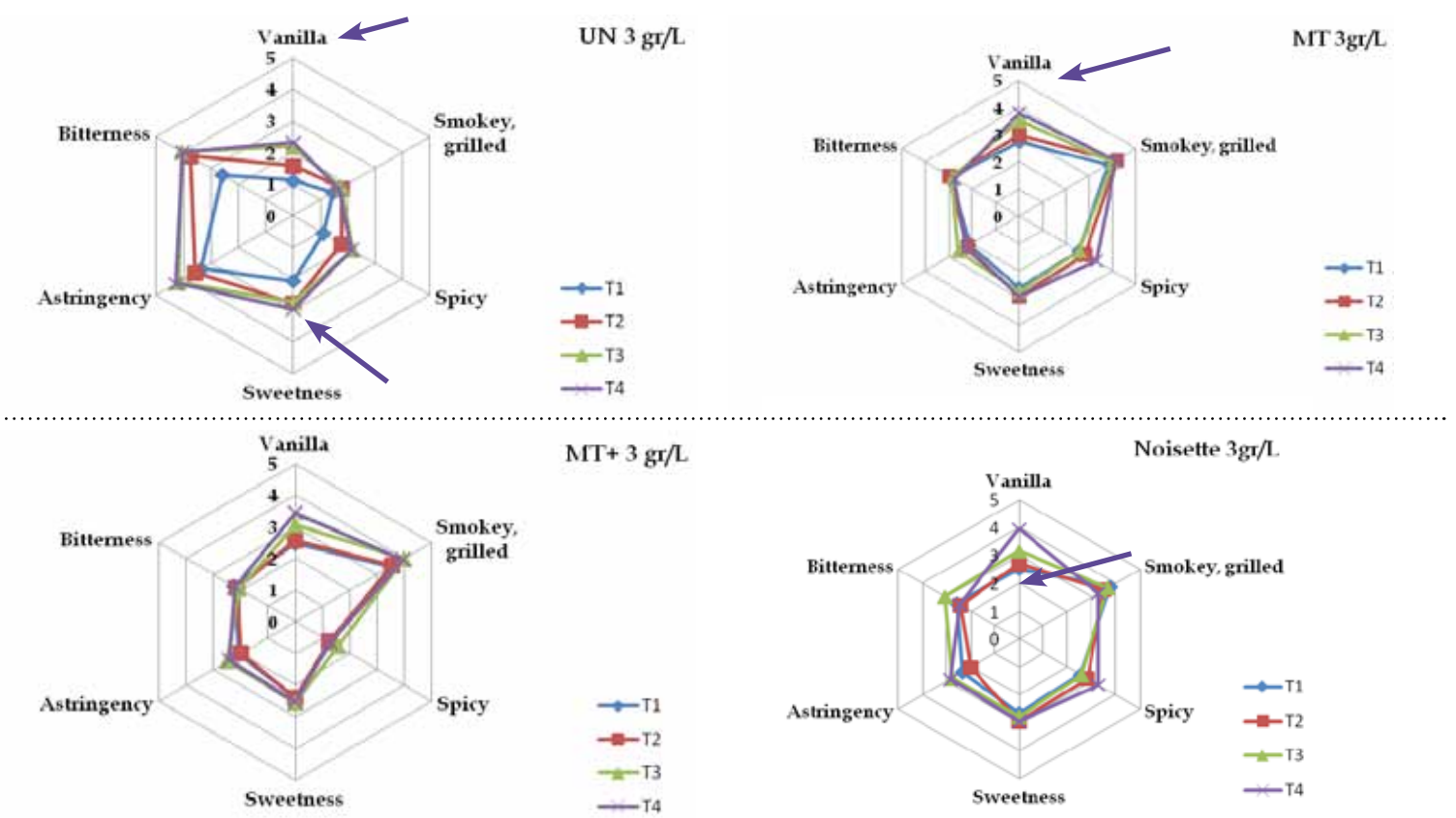
Extraction Kinetic Of Ellagitannins In Model Wine Solution during three months.

Ellagitannins concentration estimated by acidic hydrolysis and expressed as mg equivalent of released ellagic acid per L.



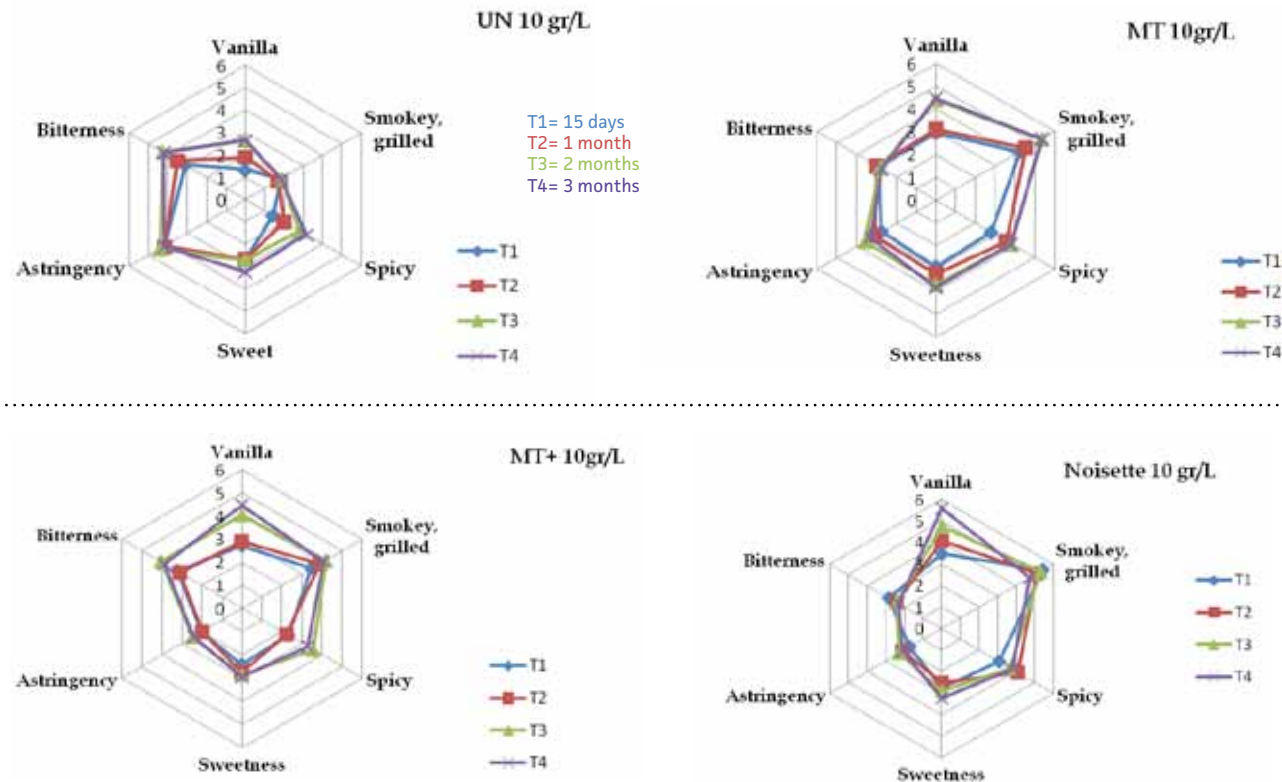
Stabilization and maximum extraction after two months.
The size of the wood pieces as well as the type of heating influence ellagitannins concentrations.
The untoasted showed the highest concentrations of ellagitannins.

24 Sensory profile (oak 3 gr/L)



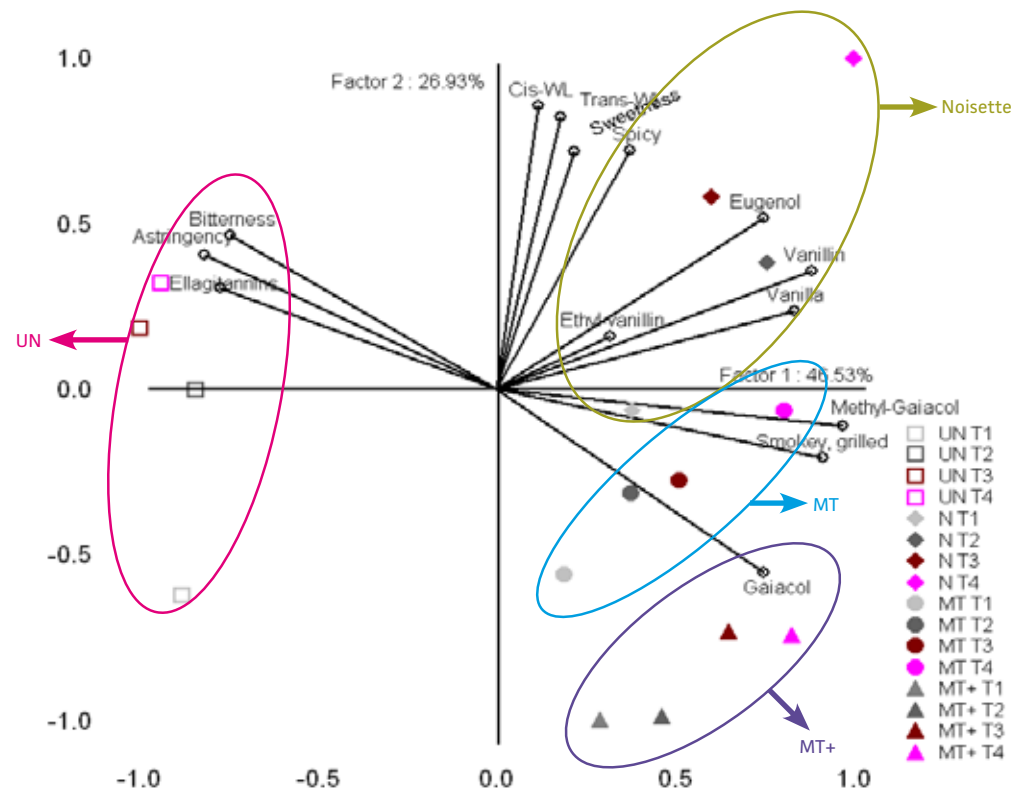
Vanilla and spicy aromas were more intense for «Noisette» and MT

Sensory profile (oak 10 gr/L)



Vanilla and spicy aromas were more intense for «Noisette» and MT.

26 Aromatic and sensory profile, ellagitannins perception and total ellagitannins concentration in model wine solution (wood pieces concentration 3 gr/L).



T1= 15 days
T2= 1 month
T3= 2 months
T4= 3 months

The untoasted wood pieces showed the highest concentrations of ellagitannins and the highest intensities of bitterness and astringency.

The «Noisette» showed the higher concentrations of eugenol, vanillin and present more vanilla and spicy aromas.

The MT and MT+ showed higher concentrations of methyl-guaiacol and guaiacol and were perceived more smokey and grilled.

Results

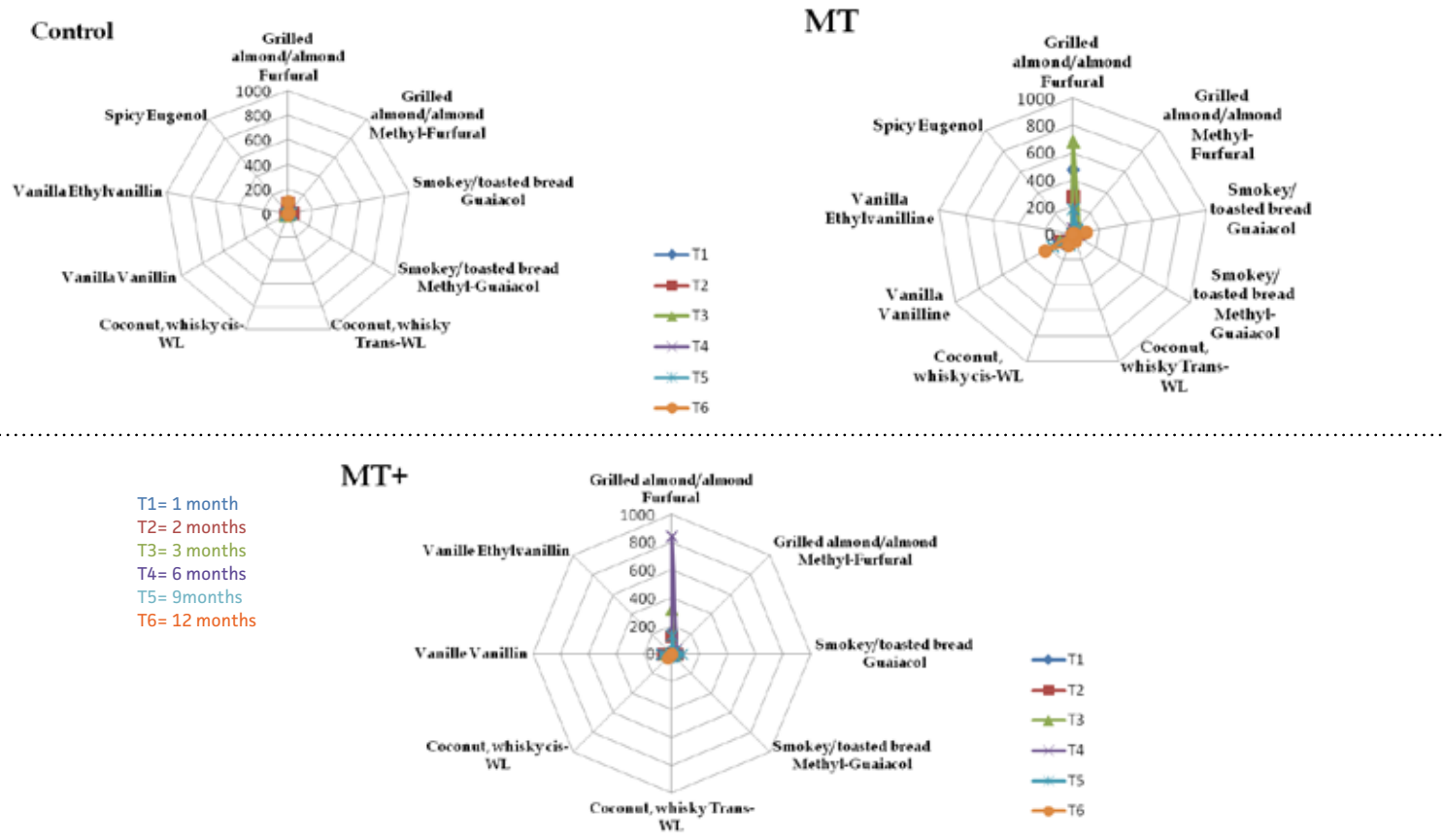
3. Staves

- CONTROL
- MT (Medium Toast)
- MT+ (Medium Plus Toast)
- «NOISETTE»
- SPECIAL

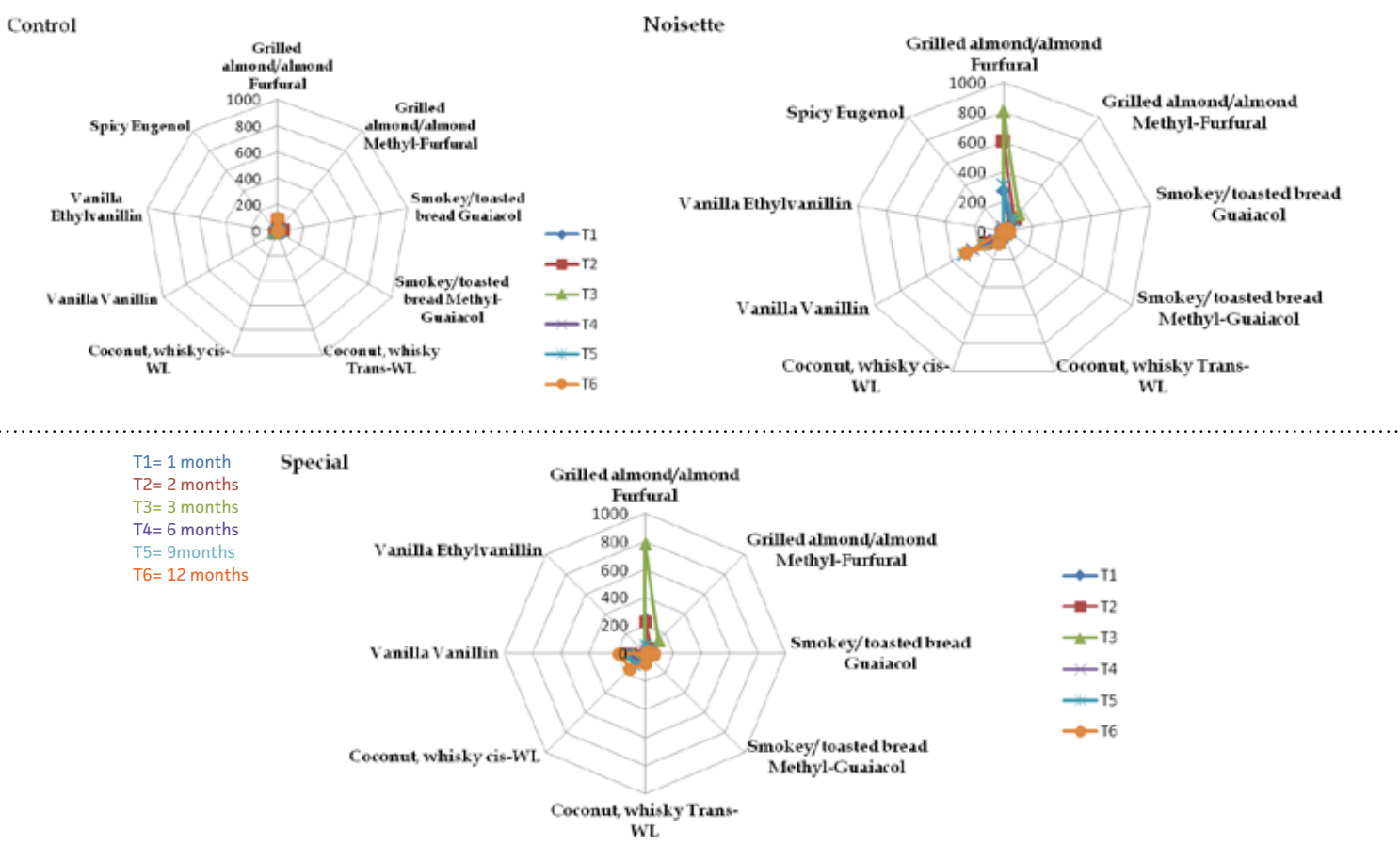
2 ww / hl
2 ww / 2,4 gallons
Wine 100% Merlot



28 Extraction kinetic of staves aromas in wine during twelve months.

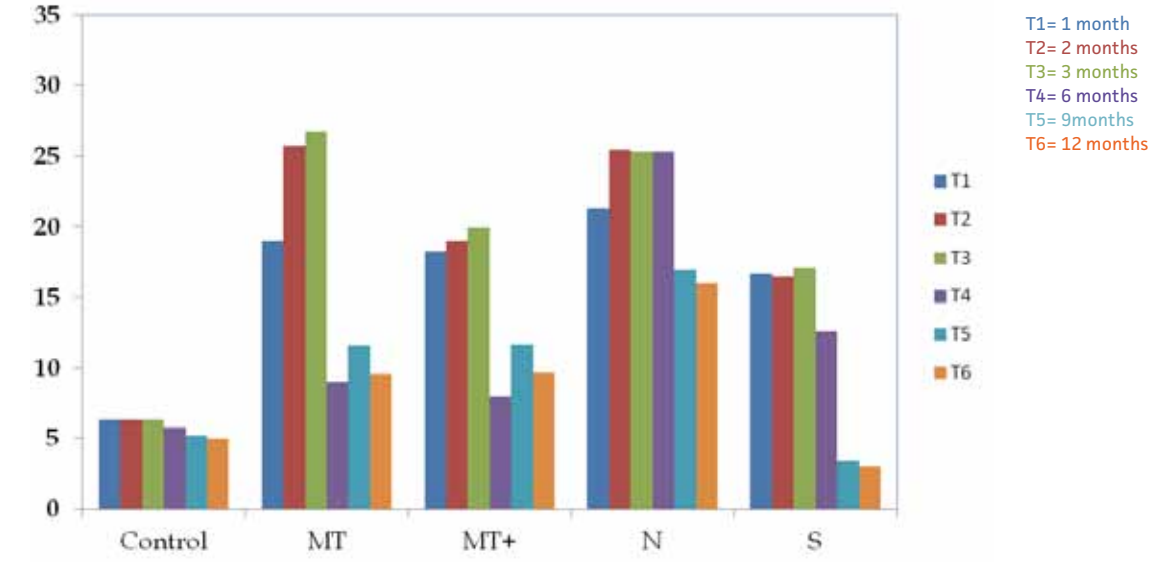


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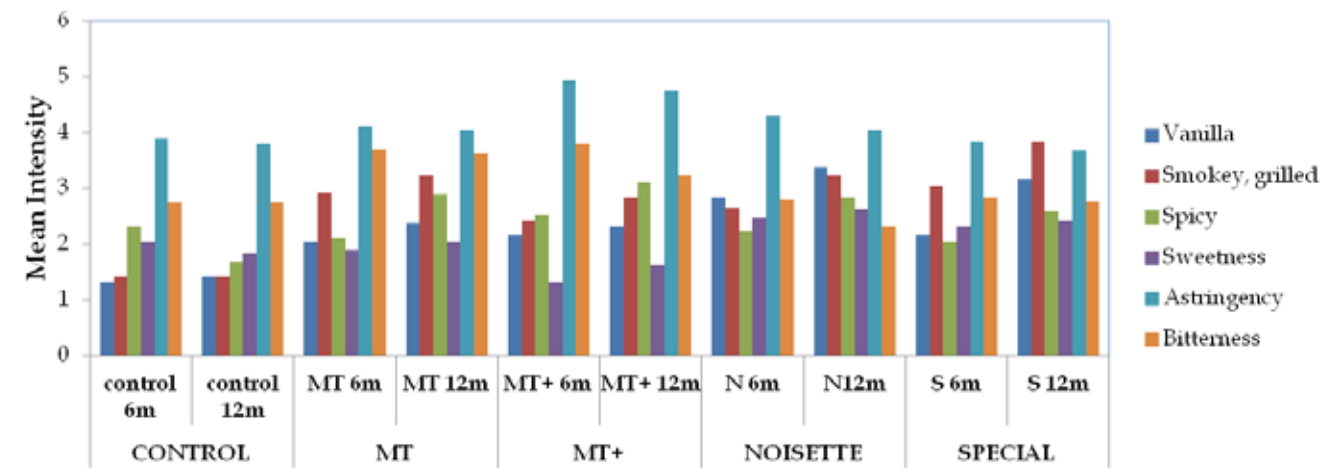
30 Extraction kinetic of staves ellagitannins.

Extraction kinetic of staves ellagitannins in wine during twelve months.



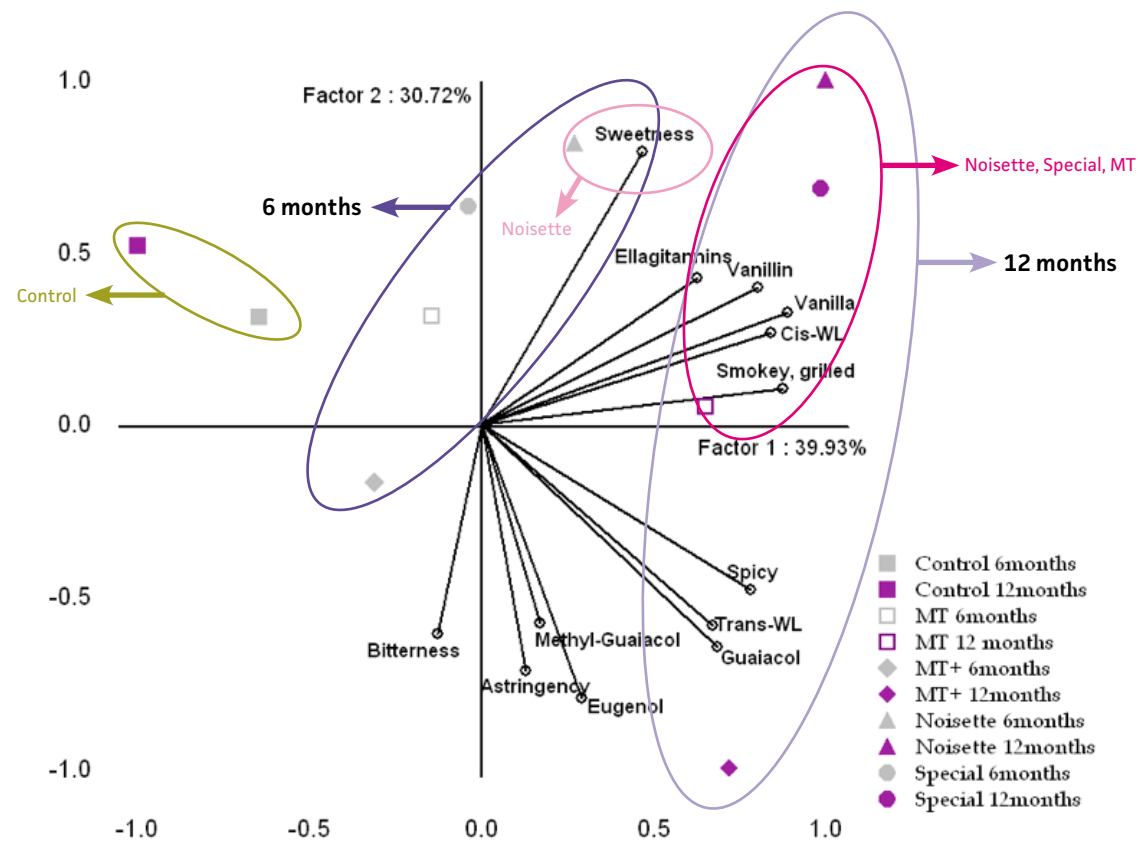
Maximum extraction after two or three months. The MT showed the highest concentrations of ellagitannins after 3 months.

31 Sensory profile, ellagitannins perception of staves after six and twelve months.



All the aromas and the sweet flavor have a tendency to intensify during 12 months.

Aromatic and sensory profile, ellagitannins perception and total ellagitannins concentration.



Conclusion (Oak Chips and Staves)

Aromas and tannins kinetics extractions of wood pieces in model solution and wine as well as their organoleptic perception depend on their toasting level and maceration time.

- Aromas and ellagitannins extraction is maximum after 2 months (OAK CHIPS).
- Noisette Toast and Medium Toast were perceived more spicy and with more vanilla flavor (OAK CHIPS).
- The 10gr/L dosage in comparison with the dosage 3gr/L permit to extract the same aromatic compounds and ellagitannins but quicker and with highest concentrations ($\approx 50\%-70\%$ for aromatic compounds and $\approx 50\%$ for ellagitannins). At sensory level the 10g/L dosage in comparison with the 3gr/L dosage permit to intensify the aromas ($\approx 10\%-15\%$) (OAK CHIPS)
- Grilled almond/almond and vanilla flavors become maximum after 3 and 12 months respectively (STAVES).
- At sensory level the aromas like vanilla become more intense ($\approx 10\%$), tannins are perceived softer and the sweet flavor increases ($\approx 10\%$) during time (STAVES).
- The untoasted (OAK CHIPS) give highest concentrations of total ellagitannins.



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