IMPACT OF A POST-FERMENTATIVE MACERATION WITH OVERRIPE SEEDS ON THE

COLOR STABILITY OF RED WINES.

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2 With the purpose of modulating the copigmentation equilibria of red wines, an 3 environmentally sustainable process was performed based on post-fermentative 4 addition of overripe seeds (OS). Simple (SW) and double (DW) addition were 5 performed to produce different enrichment of phenolics from seeds, hence different 6 copigmentation/polymerization ratios.

The determination of the phenolic composition showed different global increases in
OS-macerates wines (catechin, epicatechin, gallic acid and procyanidins B1 and B2).
The double post-maceration (DW) was more effective than the simple post-maceration
addition to improve the phenolic structure of wines.

The application of Differential Tristimulus Colorimetry could assess the effects of this practice on the color characteristics and stability of wines. Results highlighted that both simple and double assays underwent colorimetric improvements against the control wines (CW, no seeds addition). DW led to the highest chromatic stability, showing lower lightness, higher chroma values and bluish hues than CW. This color difference was visually detectable.

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23 **1. INTRODUCTION**

Fermentative maceration is one of the more important steps of winemaking process since the must remains in contact with the raw materials (grapes seeds and skins), and hence phenolics, polysaccharides, nitrogen compounds, minerals and volatile compounds can be extracted. Thus, the wines achieve the aromatic, tasteful and visual structure. Later, the wine develops important sensory characteristics along the stabilization and ageing steps.

The chemical compounds pass from grapes to the must/wine differently during the maceration process, depending on their nature and extractability characteristics. Long macerations lead to a depletion of the grapes (Kocabey, Yilmaztekin & Hayaloglu, Subsequently, the solids constitute wastes once finished the extraction stage.

Phenolic compounds belong to one of the more important chemical groups related to the winemaking process, having crucial influence on the organoleptic structure of the wines (Santos-Buelga & de Freitas, 2009). Differences on extractability exist among the different families within this group. On the one hand, the anthocyanins (located in the skin) and the low-molecular weight flavanols (located largely in the seeds) are extracted in aqueous medium, mainly during the first steps of maceration.

On the other hand, high-weight flavanols (also located mainly in the seeds), flavonols
(in the skins) and phenolic acids (in both skins and seeds) are more soluble in alcoholic
solutions (Jara-Palacios, Gordillo, González-Miret, Hernanz, Escudero-Gilete & Heredia,
2014a; González-Neves, Gil, Favre, Baldi, Hernández & Traverso, 2013; Gambuti,
Capuano, Lecce, Fragasso & Moio, 2009).

45 Some phenolics, such as gallic acid and protocatechuic acid, need long macerations 46 periods to achieve high extraction levels (Liu, Zhang, He, Duan & Shi, 2016; Zou,

Kilmartin, Inglis, & Frost, 2002). Therefore, the proper extraction of phenolics depends
greatly on both time and type of medium (hydroalcoholic) (Gambuti et al., 2009).

49 Nevertheless, extended macerations could involve sensory problems, mainly for 50 providing taste sensations of bitterness and astringency to the wine (Casassa et al., 51 2013). The bitterness of wine is primarily triggered by flavan-3-ols. This taste could be 52 also caused by some flavonols, hydroxycinnamates and benzoic acid derivatives. On 53 the other hand, polymeric procyanidins (or tannins) are the main responsible for the 54 astringency. Both bitterness and astringency, which have high importance on the 55 gustative evolution of the wines, become mellower along the time (Ma, Guo, Zhang, 56 Wang, Liu & Li, 2014; Chira, Jourdes & Teissedre, 2012).

57 In addition, the phenolics are crucial to stabilize the anthocyanins along the time 58 through copigmentation phenomenon, protecting the sensible coloured forms of 59 monomeric anthocyanins and avoiding their degradation (Gordillo et al., 2014). It is 60 crucial to reach the adequate pigment/copigment ratio in order to achieve good 61 copigmentation capacity to prevent the degradation of the monomeric anthocyanins. 62 Furthermore, it is important to consider the adequate types of copigments because 63 some of them have a more suitable structure for the pigment protection (Jara-Palacios 64 et al., 2014a; Berké & de Freitas, 2007).

Previous studies carried out in traditional winemaking (Bimpilas, Panagopoulou, Tsimogiannis & Oreopoulou, 2016; Rivero, Gordillo, Jara-Palacios, González-Miret & Heredia, 2017) showed that the percentage of copigmentation decrease about 20% (from 30% to 10%) during the early 6 months; being approximately 15% the degradation of monomeric anthocyanins during the early 3 months and this rate increases in subsequent months. On the other hand, Rivero et al. (2017) found that

71 wines elaborated with the addition of copigments during the fermentative maceration 72 process had lower anthocyanin degradation rate during the stabilization. Therefore, 73 this could indicate that adding copigments at the beginning of stabilization stage could 74 be an alternative practice to favour the copigmentation phenomenon, and hence to 75 attenuate the later degradation of monomeric anthocyanin.

76 Several macerations techniques (cold pre-fermentative maceration, post-fermentative 77 heating, carbonic maceration, délestage or enzymatic maceration) have been 78 developed as alternatives in red winemaking to improve the phenolic extractions from 79 red grapes, skins and seeds (Lukić, Budić-Leto, Bubola, Damijanić & Staver, 2017; 80 Gustavo González-Neves, Favre, Piccardo & Gil, 2016). This increment achieves the 81 subsequent formation of new and more stable pigments, which provides more stable 82 color of wines (Cejudo-Bastante, Gordillo, Hernanz, Escudero-Gilete, González-Miret & 83 Heredia, 2014)

84 Oak chips, enzymatic hydrolysate extracts or white grape pomace have been assayed 85 as exogenous sources for the addition of phenolics during the fermentative stage (Soto 86 Vázquez, Río Segade & Orriols Fernández, 2010; Baca-Bocanegra, Nogales-Bueno, 87 Hernández-Hierro & Heredia, 2018; Cejudo-Bastante, Rodríguez-Morgado, Jara-88 Palacios, Rivas-Gonzalo, Parrado & Heredia, 2016; Gordillo et al., 2014). Recently, the 89 addition of an extra amount of seeds from overripe white grapes during the alcoholic-90 fermentative maceration has obtained encouraging results (Rivero et al., 2017), 91 enhancing the bluish hues of wines as well as the stability of anthocyanins. 92 Nevertheless, this method showed some operational limits coming from the difference 93 on the harvesting time between white and red grapes, and hence overripe seeds from 94 white grapes are not available when red wine fermentation occurs. Therefore, we

95 need to have OS from previous vintage, which have had to be stored, usually frozen to 96 avoid spoilages. On the other hand, the length of OS-wine contact is determined by the 97 run-off time (red skin and seeds removal).

98 The overripe seeds are obtained from high-maturate grapes processed in pasera sites, 99 places where grapes are submitted to postharvest direct-sun dehydration, in order to 100 increase the sugar content for the elaboration of typical sweet wines from Andalucía 101 (south of Spain). The long maturation time, the high temperatures and the long sun 102 periods needed to produce the dehydration and the sugar concentration lead to the 103 synthesis and the polymerization of phenolics (Dumitriu, Peinado, Peinado & de Lerma, 104 2015). Thus, these seeds are important source of phenolics and copigments such as 105 epicatechin, gallic acid and procyanidin B2-3-O-gallate.

106 The aim of this work is to assess the overripe seeds by-products as a source of 107 phenolics when adding in a subsequent post-fermentative seed-maceration. In this 108 way, it is possible to strengthen an eventual low copigment/pigment ratio, and thus, to 109 avoid the anthocyanin degradation. Moreover, this post-fermentative seed-maceration 110 could be longer than the fermentative maceration (not conditioned by the run off), 111 and therefore, could produce a higher extraction of phenols from the overripe seeds, 112 which have low bitterness due to their high polymerization grade (Liu, Pan, Yan, He & 113 Duan, 2010). In addition, overripe seeds can be obtained within the same vintage, so it 114 does not need the storage.

Thus, post-fermentative seed-maceration involves important operational, economic and environmental benefits to the industry of wine. The sustainability of process is becoming a mandatory standard, and it makes relevant the oenological proposals based on reusing agro-industrial wastes.

119 **2. MATERIAL AND METHODS**

120 *2.1. Winemaking protocols and samples*

The overripe seeds (OS) were obtained from *Vitis vinifera* L. cv. Pedro Ximénez (PX) high-maturate grapes (D.O. Montilla-Moriles, Southwest Spain, 2016 vintage, 24 °Bé of sugar content). The seeds were manually separated from grape pomace. Around 5400 g of these seeds (average total phenolics: 5535 mg/100 g of dry seeds) were used for the elaboration red wines from *V. vinifera* cv. Syrah grapes (900 kg harvested at optimum technological maturity) grown in D.O. Condado de Huelva (Southwestern Spain).

128 The fermentation mash (destemmed and crushed grapes) was distributed in six 129 stainless steel tanks of 220 L capacity to perform the alcoholic fermentation by adding 130 25 g/hL of selected Saccharomyces cerevisiae yeast (Viniferm BY, Agrovin, Ciudad Real, 131 Spain). Skin maceration was developed manually punching down each tank once a day 132 during 6 days. After this, the mash was drawn off to remove the solid parts, and the 133 free run wines were racked to nine 50 L stainless steel tanks. Based on results from 134 previous studies (Rivero et al., 2017) three types of experimental post-fermentative 135 treatment were performed:

- SW (3 tanks) single post-fermentative maceration: addition of 600 g of overripe
 seeds per tank, macerated during 30 days (12 g/L seeds, 30 days)

DW (3 tanks) double post-fermentative maceration: addition of 600 g of overripe
 seeds per tank, macerated during 30 days, and a further second addition of 600 g
 OS, macerated 30 days more (12 g/L seeds, 30 days, and a second addition of 12 g/L
 seeds, 30 days).

142 - CW (3 tanks) wines made by traditional winemaking (without post-fermentative
 143 addition of overripe seeds), as control wine.

Simultaneously to the OS addition (without OS in control wines), selected *Oenococcus oeni* lactic acid bacteria (VINIFERM Oe 104, 14 mL/hL, Agrovin, Ciudad Real, Spain)
were inoculated to develop the malolactic fermentation.

- 147 At the end of malolactic fermentation, sulfur dioxide levels were adjusted (total sulfur
- 148 dioxide about 100 mg/L and free sulfur dioxide about 60 mg/L in all wines). The wines
- 149 were kept in the stainless steel tanks during 150 days until the end of the stabilization
- 150 process.
- 151 The winemaking was carefully followed by analysing wine samples under oenological
- 152 point of view. For the study, samples (50 mL) were taken at three points:
- 153 initial point: 0 days, addition of overripe seeds
- 154 seeds removal: after 30 days for SW and 60 days for DW
- 155 final point: 150 days after overripe seeds addition (end of stabilization)
- 156 2.2. Oenological parameters
- 157 The conventional analysis of oenological parameters (pH, total and volatile acidity, free

and total SO₂, malic and lactic acids and reducing sugars) (Table 1) were performed

according to the Official Methods established by European Union.

160 2.3. Copigmented and Polymerized Anthocyanin Determination

The contribution of copigmented anthocyanins to the total wine color at pH 3.6 (% copigmented anthocyanins) and the degree of anthocyanin polymerization (% polymeric pigments) were determined following the method proposed by Boulton (1996). The pH values of wine samples were first adjusted to 3.6 using 1M NaOH or HCl.

166 *2.4. Colorimetric analysis*

167 The visible spectra (380-770 nm) was measured in *triplicate* at constant intervals ($\Delta\lambda$ =2 168 nm) with an Agilent 8453 UV-Vis spectrophotometer (Palo Alto, USA), using 2 mm path 169 length glass cells and distilled water as white reference. The CIELAB colour parameters 170 $(L^*, a^*, b^*, C^*_{ab} and h_{ab})$ were calculated from the transmittance spectra by using the 171 original software CromaLab[®] (Heredia, Alvarez, González-Miret & Ramírez, 2004), 172 following the recommendations of the Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage (CIE, 173 2004); 10° Standard Observer and D65 Standard Illuminant were used as references. 174 Colour differences (ΔE^*_{ab}) were calculate as the Euclidean distance between two points in the three-dimensional space defined by L*, a*, and b*: $\Delta E_{ab}^* = [(\Delta L^*)^2 +$ 175 $(\Delta a^*)^2 + (\Delta b^*)^2]^{1/2}$. 176

177 2.5. HPLC-DAD analysis of phenolic compounds

The monomeric anthocyanins and flavonols were determined in triplicate according to the method reported by Cejudo-Bastante et al., (2016), which performs identification based on the retention times and HPLC-DAD-ESI-MSⁿ.

181 The HPLC separation and quantification were performed in an Agilent 1200 182 chromatographic system, equipped with quaternary pump, UV-VIS diode-array 183 detector, automatic injector, and ChemStation software (Agilent Technologies, Palo 184 Alto, USA). The samples were filtered through a 0.45 µm Nylon filter prior to direct 185 injection; then, a volume of 50 μ L was injected onto a Zorbax C₁₈ column (250 x 4.6 186 mm, 5 µm particle size). Acetonitrile, formic acid and water were used as solvents, 187 being 3:10:87 solvent A and 50:10:40 solvent B (mL:mL:mL). The elution profile was: 0-188 10 min with 6% B; 10-15 min with 11% B; 15-20 min with 20% B; 20-25 min with 23% B; 189 25-30 min with 26% B; 30-35 min with 40% B; 35-38 min with 50% B; 38-46 min with

190 60% B; and 46-47 min with 6% B. The temperature was set at 40 °C and 0.63 mL/min 191 flow rate. All UV-Vis spectra were recorded from 200 to 800 nm with a bandwidth of 192 2.0 nm, using the external calibration method for the quantification of anthocyanins 193 (520 nm) and flavonols (360 nm) by comparing the areas with the standards malvidin 194 3-*O*-glucoside and quercetin, respectively. The concentration of phenolics was 195 expressed as mg/L.

196 The analyses of flavan-3-ols (monomeric and procyanidins), as well as the 197 hydroxycinnamic and benzoic acids were performed, in triplicate, according to Jara-198 Palacios, Hernanz, González-Manzano, Santos-Buelga, Escudero-Gilete & Heredia., 199 (2014b) using RRLC. After filtration through a 0.45 μ m Nylon filter, samples were 200 injected (0.5 µL injection volume) in an Agilent 1290 chromatographic system, 201 equipped with quaternary pump, UV-VIS diode-array detector, automatic injector, and 202 ChemStation software (Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, USA). A C₁₈ Poroshell 120 203 column (2.7 µm, 5 cm x 4.6 mm) was used. The solvents were formic acid and water 204 (1:999 mL:mL) as solvent A, and acetonitrile as solvent B at the following gradients: 0-5 205 min of 5% B linear; 5-20 min of 50% B linear; and 20-25 min of washing, which was 206 followed by re-equilibration of the column. The flow-rate was 1.5 mL/min, and the 207 column temperature was set to 25 °C. Identification of phenolics was performed 208 according to the retention times of the standards (when available), UV-vis spectra and 209 mass spectra, as described by Jara-Palacios et al., (2014b). The quantification was 210 made at 280 nm (flavan-3-ols, procyanidins and benzoic acids) and 320 nm 211 (hydroxycinnamic acid acids) by external calibration comparing the areas with the 212 gallic acid, p-coumaric acid and catechin standards. The concentration was expressed 213 as mg/L for wine samples. In addition, the total anthocyanin, flavonol, benzoic acid,

hydroxycinnamic acid derivatives, monomeric flavan-3-ol and procyanidin contents
were calculated as the sum of individual phenolic compounds identified by HPLC. The
Total phenolic content of each sample was determined in triplicate by the FolinCiocalteau method (Singleton & Rossi., 1965) using an Agilent 8453 UV-Vis
spectrophotometer.

219 2.6. Statistical analysis

Statistical analysis was carried out by using Statistica[®] version 8.0 software (Stat Soft). Univariate analysis of variance (ANOVA) was applied using the general linear model program (Tukey test, p<0.05) to establish whether the mean values of the sample data differed significantly from each other.

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3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

226 3.1. Phenolic implications in wines

The phenolic composition of the wines (SW, DW and CW) was determined at 0, 30/60 and 150 days from the OS addition, in order to state the impact of the different OS additions on the stabilization of final wines.

Table 2 shows the individual compounds grouped: 10 anthocyanins, 6 phenolic acids, 2 flavan-3-ols, 4 procyanidins and 7 flavonols, as well as the sum of individual phenolics for each group (mg/L ± SD, n=3) and the total phenolic content expressed as gallic acid (mg GAE/L). The Table 2 also includes the percentages of copigmentation and polymerization of wines at the the end of the stabilization stage (150 days from the OS addition).

236 Statistical differences (p<0.05) regarding the phenolic composition were found 237 between CW and the two other wines (SW and DW) at the end of their corresponding

post-fermentative macerations (30 and 60 days from the OS addition, respectively).
Moreover, all wines were statistically different (*p*<0.05) on phenolic composition at the
end of the stabilization process (CW *vs* SW, CW *vs* DW and SW *vs* DW).

241 Pedro Ximénez OS are rich in flavan-3-ols, procyanidins and benzoic acids (Rivero et al., 242 2017) but poor in flavonols and hydroxycinnamic acids (Jara-Palacios et al., 2014a). 243 Accordingly, results demonstrated that the wines submitted to OS post-maceration 244 (SW and DW) achieved higher amounts of flavan-3-ols, benzoic acids and, although in a 245 lesser extent, procyanidins comparing to the control (CW) at the OS removal (30 days 246 for SW and 60 days for DW). Also, significant (p<0.05) differences were found between 247 the wines with adding seeds (SW and DW) at 60 days, showing DW higher levels of 248 flavan-3-ols and procyanidins. Interestingly, DW showed higher values than SW at the 249 end of the study (150 days), which support the major effectiveness of adding double 250 amount of seeds at longer post-maceration time (12 g/L seeds 30 days, and a second 251 addition of 12 g/L seeds 30 days) to improve the phenolic structure of wines.

This fact resulted in different global increases of phenolics in DW and SW respect to the traditional maceration (CW). In particular, benzoic acids increased by 5% and 2%, flavanols by 22% and 8%, and procyanidins by 10% and 8% in DW and SW, respectively. On contrast, the contributions of overripe seeds on the flavonols and hydroxycinnamic acids contents were almost negligible due to their scarce presence.

The differences observed among the groups of phenolics were also found for the major individual compounds (epicatechin, catechin, and gallic acid). Their contents were comparatively higher in DW and SW than in CW. The greatest effects was found in the double addition assay, being DW wines richer in all the aforementioned compounds than CW. In the case of SW, the differences respect to CW were only

significant for catechin (76.7 mg/L versus 59.2 mg/L, respectively). These results are in accordance with other studies that used higher amounts of seeds (60 g/L) in prefermentative stages (Kovac, Alonso & Revilla, 1995).

Regarding procyanidins, SW and DW were generally richer in procyanidins B1 and B2 than CW, in particular DW also in procyanidin B2 3-O-gallate. In this sense, adding single quantity of overripe seeds at shorter post-maceration time or double quantity at longer post-maceration time seems to have almost similar effect on the minor copigments.

The differences observed among the maceration treatments on the major and minor phenolics of wines could be also due to the particular kinetic of extraction of each compound and to the solid structure of seeds that can differently limit their extractability. Flavanols need longer times of extraction (20 days) but not as extensive as in the case of gallic acid, which increases mainly in late stages of maceration (Tian et al., 2009; Rivero et al., 2017). Thus, flavanols could have a complete extraction, and the benzoic acids (gallic acid) incomplete.

Therefore, adding single quantity of overripe seeds could be insufficient to improve the global phenolic structure of red wine compared to adding double amount. Notwithstanding, in both cases, the maceration treatment applied demonstrated positive effects respect to traditional maceration.

281 Moreover, Table 2 shows the quantitative effect of the compounds extracted during 282 the post-fermentative maceration on the monomeric anthocyanins and its subsequent 283 quantitative effect along a 3-months stabilization period. At the end of the different 284 post-fermentative macerations (at 30 and 60 days), DW and SW had lower contents on 285 pigments than CW (7 % and 13 %, respectively). This could be due to the formation of

286 polymeric anthocyanins (condensation reactions) during the early stages, between 287 anthocyanin and the phenolics extracted from overripe seeds, such as flavan-3-ols 288 (Gordillo et al., 2014). Other effects such as the adsorption produced by the addition of 289 external sources of phenolics (grape pomace, chips or seeds) could involve the 290 decrease of monomeric anthocyanins (Gordillo et al., 2014; 2016). In this study, the 291 adsorption could depend on both the amount of added seeds and the time of the post-292 fermentative maceration, which can lead to differences on the final anthocyanic 293 content of the wines.

During the stabilization stage, the monomeric anthocyanin content decreased in the different wines (Table 2). This typically occurs due to reactions (oxidation, hydration, adsorption and polymerization) that lead to the loss of monomeric anthocyanins (Cejudo-Bastante, Rivero-Granados & Heredia, 2017). At this respect, at the end of the stabilization period (150 days from the beginning of post-fermentative maceration), DW and SW reached higher degree of polymerization than CW (46 % in SW and 46% in DW versus 40 % in CW).

This indicates higher proportions of more stable forms of anthocyanins in wines macerated with overripe seeds (higher chemical stability) and could also explain the higher decreases in monomeric anthocyanins (20.6 mg/L and 36.3 mg/L in SW and DW versus 57.4 mg/L in CW at the end of stabilization stage).

Regarding colourless phenolics, flavan-3-ols, flavonols and procyanidins were the most
affected during stabilisation stage, probably due to their higher implication in
polymerization reactions with anthocyanins (He et al., 2012; Rentzsch, Schwarz,
Winterhalter & Hermosín-Gutiérrez, 2007; Stavridou, Soufleros, Bouloumpasi & Dagkli,
2016).

The amount of some phenolics can also decrease through polymerization between compounds of the same nature, as the case of flavanols and procyanidins (Guadalupe & Ayestarán, 2008)

313 On the other hand, during stabilisation stage the concentration of benzoic acids 314 remained stable or even increased slightly as well as the gallic acid, as reported in 315 previous studies (Gris et al., 2013).

316 3.2. Color characteristics and changes

The different maceration treatments applied led to different characteristics, evolution and stability of wine color. Table 3 shows the average values and standard deviation (n=3) of the CIELAB parameters (L*, a*, b*, C*_{ab}, and h_{ab}) for the different wines at three sampling moments: initial (0 days), end of the post-fermentative maceration processes (30/60 days), and end of the stabilization stage (150 days). Moreover, significant differences between the wines at the three different vinification steps are included.

In general, increases in L* and decreases in C*_{ab} values were produced during the OSmaceration. At the end of this stage (30 days for SW and 60 days for DW), the control wines (CW) showed lower L* and higher C*_{ab} values compared to SW and DW, which lead to color difference values of 4.1 units and 14.9 units for CW30-SW30 and CW60-DW60, respectively. According to Gordillo et al. (2014), the color difference between these pairs of wines can be visually perceived.

These results are in accordance with the phenolic composition (summarized in Table 331 2). SW and DW showed lower monomeric anthocyanin concentration than CW, which 332 could promote the higher increases in L* and decreases in C^*_{ab} . Nevertheless, lightness 333 and chroma underwent the contrary effect along the stabilization phase, that is,

334 decrease and increase, respectively. In such a way, the global process led to slightly 335 darker and more vivid those wines submitted to double OS maceration (DW), being 336 wines with lower L* values and higher C^*_{ab} than CW (L* = 72.31 vs 74.55 units; C^*_{ab} = 337 25.66 vs 24.23 units, respectively). However, C*_{ab} and L*values were similar in SW and 338 CW (L*=73.69 vs 74.55 units and C*_{ab}=23.46 vs 24.23 units, respectively). Regarding 339 the hue, after an initial increase towards positive values (less bluish-red) during the 340 first step (mainly the OS macerated wines, SW and DW), the wines finally were close to 341 pure-red hues (close to 0°), being the lowest values for SW. Hue angle (h_{ab}) showed 342 significant differences (p<0.05) between DW and CW at the end of the stabilization 343 stage. The wines with double addition of PX overripe seeds were more bluish than the 344 CW (h_{ab}=3.7° vs 4.9°). This could be due to a higher copigmentation of monomeric 345 anthocyanins in DW caused for the larger copigment/pigment ratio (Sum 346 Copigments/Sum Total Anthocyanin= 10.4 vs 6.4, DW and CW, respectively, measured 347 by HPLC and showed in Table 2), which can result in a higher bathochromic effect or 348 positive shift toward higher wavelength within the visible range (Boulton, 2001). 349 Considering these parameters, the color differences among the wines at the end of the

stabilization stage were 1.52 units for CW-SW, 2.70 units for CW-DW and 2.64 units for
SW-DW. That is to say, the double assay (DW) lead to color changes that can be
perceptible (Gordillo et al, 2014), being the single (SW) similar in color to the control
wine.

Figure 1 shows the location of the initial (0 days) and final (150 days) wines (CW, SW and DW) on the CIELAB (a*b*)-diagram, where can be seen the chroma (the distance from the origin of coordinates to the color point) and the hue (the angle formed with the semiaxis +a*) for every color point. As observed, the different OS maceration led to

differences in wine color at the end of the stabilization stage, and the color points of
SW, DW and CW appear separated within the a*b*-plane.

360 Considering the global process, the determination of the color differences (ΔE^*_{ab}) 361 occurring from the OS addition to the end of the stabilization period allows evaluating 362 the color stability of each wine. Therefore, in order to assess these observations, the 363 CIELAB color difference (ΔE^*_{ab}) and the differences of the color parameters (L*, C^*_{ab}) 364 and h_{ab}) were calculated for every wine (CW, SW and DW). The assessment was made 365 considering the end of the maceration process (30/60 days) as well as the end of the 366 winemaking process (150 days), regarding the initial point (0 days) (Table 4). SW and 367 DW showed higher color changes (color difference ΔE_{ab}^* and individual color 368 parameters ΔL^* , ΔC^*_{ab} , Δh_{ab}) along the OS-maceration time than their corresponding 369 control wine (CW 30 days for SW and CW 60 days for DW). In the case of hue, the 370 wines submitted to OS-maceration showed higher increases (less bluish-red). This 371 could be due to a combined effect of the higher synthesis of polymeric anthocyanins 372 (yellowish) with the copigments extracted from seeds during the post-fermentative 373 maceration (Burtch, Mansfield & Manns., 2017), together with the light yellowish 374 colors provided directly by copigments such as flavan-3-ols and procyanidins (Ashraf-375 Khorassani & Taylor, 2004) supplied by the overripe seeds. This colorimetric behavior 376 reverted during the stabilization stage (from seeds removal), in both quantitative (C*ab and L*) and qualitative (h_{ab}) terms. 377

Along the global process (from initial to end of stabilization) the lowest color difference (ΔE^*_{ab}) was found for DW. All wines underwent losses of chroma (ΔC^*_{ab}); DW showed the lowest change followed by SW and CW, being significantly (p<0.05) different among them. With respect to lightness (ΔL^*), CW and SW showed few

increases (towards clearer color) and few decrease in DW (towards darker color), but the differences were not significant. In the case of hue (Δh_{ab}), similar increases occurred in CW and DW while SW showed a significant (*p*<0.05) lower change (5.8°, 5.1°, 4.6°, respectively).

386 The comparison of the final wines (at 150 days) allows assessing the effect caused by 387 the OS-maceration. With this purpose, the color differences (ΔE^*_{ab}) between the OSmacerated wines and their corresponding control wines (SW₁₅₀ vs CW₁₅₀ and DW₁₅₀ vs 388 389 CW_{150} were determined. ΔE_{ab}^{*} was higher in the double overripe seed addition than 390 simple addition (3.25 and 1.58 units, respectively). This could be due to copigments 391 from Pedro Ximénez overripe seeds (larger amount in DW) such as benzoic acids or 392 procyanidins, which are involved in the increment of polymeric anthocyanins during 393 the stabilization stage (Liu et al., 2016; Berké & de Freitas, 2007; Rivero et al., 2017). 394 Thus, the polymerization and copigmentation processes led to the highest color 395 difference (ΔE_{ab}^*) between CW and DW, which only in DW were visually perceptible by 396 the human eye (Gordillo et al., 2014).

397 Regarding the contribution of the individual colorimetric variables to the color 398 differences (lightness % Δ L, chroma % Δ C and hue % Δ H), it was found that the double 399 addition of overripe seeds induced greater change on lightness followed by chroma 400 and hue (% Δ L*= 77%, % Δ C*_{ab}= 20% and % Δ H= 3%), which is in accordance with 401 previous works (Rivero et al., 2017).

402 **4. CONCLUSIONS**

403 The addition of overripe seeds to red wine elaboration could represent an alternative 404 technique to strengthen the eventual low copigment/pigment ratio of wines by 405 increasing the content of some compounds, mainly flavanols, benzoic acids and

406 procyanidins. Moreover, adding OS during post-fermentative steps allows performing 407 long macerations periods. This addition improves the copigment proportion, avoiding 408 the anthocyanin degradation (by copigmentation and polymerization processes), and 409 leads to more suitable wines for the aging process. In this study, double addition of 410 overripe seeds led to better results.

This process exerted positive effects on the wine color, giving wines with lower lightness and higher chroma values (darker and more vivid colors) and more bluish hues than the wines traditionally produced. Results proved the effectiveness of the post-fermentative maceration with overripe seeds, mainly the double addition, to stabilize the color of wines and to provoke lower color modifications along the time, producing wines chromatically more stable for a better ageing.

This study obtained interesting and promising results for wines with unbalanced copigment/pigment proportion that is the case of winemaking in warm-climates. In addition, it involves different benefits: environmental, achieved though the reuse of overripe seeds (a waste of the wine industry), operational and economical due to the possibility of using overripe seeds within the same vintage, avoiding the storage.

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572 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

- 574 Figure 1. Location of the initial (0 days) and final (150 days) wines on the CIELAB
- 575 (a*b*)-diagram

Table 1

Range (minimum and maximum value) of Conventional Analytical Data of wines.

	CW	SW	DW
рН	3.74 - 3.88	3.75 - 3.85	3.75 - 3.87
Total acidity (g/L as tartaric acid)	4.90 - 5.75	4.90 - 5.55	4.95 - 5.70
Volatile acidity (g/L as acetic acid)	0.47 - 0.71	0.46 - 0.82	0.46 - 0.77
Free SO ₂ (mg/L)	65 - 20	68 - 17	79 - 15
Total SO ₂ (mg/L)	88 - 95	89 - 97	97 - 101
Reducing sugars (g/L)	1.17	1.12	1.10
Malic acid (g/L)	1.47 - ≤0.01	1.52 - ≤0.01	1.45 - ≤0.01
Lactic acid (g/L)	0.29 - 1.67	0.27 - 1.60	0.30 - 1.63

Table 2

Mean values and standard deviations (n = 3) of the phenolic compounds concentration (mg/L), total phenols (mg GAE/L) and percentages of copigmentation and polymerization of wines at seeds addition (0 day), seeds removal (30/60 days after OS addition) and at the end of stabilization stage (150 days after OS addition).

-	Post-maceration treatment								
	CW0	CW30	SW30	CW60	SW60	DW60	CW150	SW150	DW150
-	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD
Total Anthocyanins	149.18 ± 1.81	133.94 a ± 1.85	123.99 b ± 1.26	144.18 a ± 6.25	121.71 b ± 8.56	125.16 b ± 3.49	57.43 a ± 11.98	20.56 b ± 0.22	36.34 b ± 4.89
Total glucoside derivatives	73.79 ± 1.83	64.67 a ± 0.76	59.92 b ± 0.82	67.64 a ± 3.50	59.43 b ± 1.07	59.61 b ± 1.35	27.94 a ± 8.05	9.51 b ± 0.58	18.59 ab ± 1.91
Total acetate derivatives	41.71 ± 0.70	39.62 a ± 0.50	37.10 b ± 0.37	45.16 a ± 0.14	37.42 b ± 4.19	40.09 b ± 0.88	19.77 a ± 2.18	7.83 b ± 0.52	12.38 b ± 2.31
Total <i>p</i> -coumaric derivatives	33.68 ± 1.01	29.65 a ± 0.64	26.97 b ± 0.19	31.38 a ± 2.83	24.85 b ± 3.32	25.46 b ± 1.32	9.72 a ± 1.75	3.22 b ± 0.28	5.36 ab ± 0.67
Total Hydroxycinnamic acids	57.23 ± 0.04	57.79 a ± 0.05	57.67 b ± 0.00	58.03 a ± 0.05	57.95 a ± 0.12	57.87 a ± 0.34	55.85 a ± 0.01	56.51 b ± 0.39	56.83 b ± 0.08
Total Benzoic acids	188.17 ± 1.04	189.33 a ± 0.26	192.96 b ± 1.02	191.35 a ± 0.95	196.30 a ± 1.21	202.30 b ± 2.21	190.41 a ± 0.12	200.89 b ± 4.45	205.74 b ± 1.29
Total Flavan-3-ols	127.25 ± 1.49	168.67 a ± 7.51	183.25 b ± 1.72	212.98 a ± 3.09	217.69 b ± 2.81	271.45 c ± 8.41	92.72 a ± 21.33	56.48 b ± 4.65	88.61 a ± 2.57
Total Procyandins	9.56 ± 0.15	9.97 a ± 0.14	10.83 b ± 0.26	12.71 a ± 0.27	11.85 b ± 0.33	14.09 c ± 0.25	8.65 a ± 1.07	7.79 a ± 0.76	9.28 a ± 0.27
Total Flavonols	37.76 ± 0.08	25.06 a ± 0.72	23.77 a ± 0.56	26.44 ab ± 3.12	26.71 a ± 0.75	23.29 b ± 1.41	17.22 a ± 0.66	14.10 b ± 0.36	17.34 a ± 0.25
Monomeric anthocyanins									
Delphinidin-3-glucoside	2.86 ± 0.09	1.91 a ± 0.05	1.74 b ± 0.03	2.48 a ± 0.11	2.12 b ± 0.13	1.95 b ± 0.15	0.98 a ± 0.28	0.50 b ± 0.01	0.77 ab ± 0.04
Petunidin-3-glucoside	6.13 ± 0.18	5.09 a ± 0.05	4.70 b ± 0.07	5.42 a ± 0.32	4.53 b ± 0.43	4.75 b ± 0.10	1.93 a ± 0.72	0.78 b ± 0.03	1.40 ab ± 0.13
Peonidin-3-glucoside	5.40 ± 0.30	4.48 a ± 0.19	3.99 b ± 0.11	4.84 a ± 0.21	3.98 b ± 0.49	4.16 b ± 0.06	2.87 a ± 0.21	1.05 b ± 0.04	1.83 c ± 0.11
Malvidin-3-glucoside	59.41 ± 1.29	53.19 a ± 0.63	49.49 b ± 0.61	54.90 a ± 2.89	48.80 b ± 0.38	48.74 b ± 1.17	21.85 a ± 6.82	6.87 b ± 0.49	15.13 ab ± 0.23
Petunidin-3-acetyl-glucoside	2.70 ± 0.35	2.24 a ± 0.01	2.12 b ± 0.05	2.50 a ± 0.13	2.27 ± 0.07	2.29 a ± 0.04	$1.49 a \pm 0.47$	0.62 b ± 0.01	0.75 b ± 0.17
Peonidin-3-acetyl-glucoside	6.57 ± 1.53	5.07 a ± 0.05	4.72 b ± 0.02	7.35 a ± 0.15	6.81 ab ± 0.52	6.83 b ± 0.20	4.53 a ±0.97	1.93 b ± 0.13	2.33 b ± 0.60
Malvidin-3-acetyl-glucoside	32.44 ± 0.51	32.30 a ± 0.45	30.26 b ± 0.30	35.30 a ± 0.00	28.32 b ± 3.70	30.96 b ± 0.71	13.75 a ± 3.63	5.28 b ± 0.39	9.31 ab ± 1.88
Petunidin-3- <i>p</i> -coumaroyl-gluc.	2.39 ± 0.10	2.09 a ± 0.04	1.89 b ± 0.01	2.97 a ± 0.06	2.52 a ± 0.51	2.70 a ± 0.16	1.25 a ± 0.54	$0.43 a \pm 0.01$	0.48 a ± 0.18
Peonidin-3- <i>p</i> -coumaroyl-gluc.	6.67 ± 0.21	5.18 a ± 0.09	4.63 b ± 0.01	6.04 a ± 0.60	4.73 b ± 0.55	4.70 b ± 0.22	1.90 a ± 0.09	0.70 b ± 0.06	1.01 c ± 0.07
Malvidin-3-p-coumaroyl-gluc.	24.62 ± 0.70	22.38 a ± 0.51	20.45 b ± 0.17	22.37 a ± 2.26	17.59 ab ± 2.25	18.06 b ± 0.93	6.57 a ± 2.20	2.09 b ± 0.23	3.87 ab ± 0.55
% Copigmented Anthocyanins							7.33 a ± 1.64	17.26 b ± 2.80	20.23 b ± 4.28
% Polymerized Anthocyanins							39.85 a ± 2.56	46.39 b ± 0.38	46.16 b ± 2.18

Hydroxycinnamic acids	-								
p-coumaric acid	27.12 ± 0.05	27.81 a ± 0.08	27.86 a ± 0.05	27.75 a ± 0.05	27.31 a ± 0.08	27.40 a ± 0.36	26.15 a ± 0.02	26.17 a ± 0.02	26.13 a ± 0.01
p-coumaric derivate	30.11 ± 0.01	29.98 a ± 0.09	29.81 a ± 0.05	30.28 a ± 0	30.63 a ± 0.05	30.47 a ± 0.13	29.70 a ± 0.01	30.34 b ± 0.39	30.70 b ± 0.08
Benzoic acids									
Gallic acid	56.62 ± 0.10	58.45 a ± 0.46	61.93 a ± 0.38	60.34 a ± 0.32	64.62 b ± 0.28	70.06 c ± 1.43	61.93 a ± 0.28	67.98 b ± 2.27	71.70 c ± 0.92
Protocatechuic acid	43.90 ± 0.33	44.03 a ± 0.03	43.57 a ± 0.32	44.54 a ± 0.11	44.46 a ±1.03	44.90 a ± 0.64	42.21 a ± 0.01	42.19 a ± 0.02	42.24 a ± 0.01
Vaillinic acid	44.08 ± 0.80	43.89 a ± 0.32	44.54 a ± 0.28	43.94 a ± 0.59	44.53 a ± 0.38	44.90 a ± 0.46	42.22 a ± 0.01	46.00 b ± 1.80	47.34 b ± 0.37
Syringic acid	43.55 ± 0.01	42.95 a ± 0.17	42.91 a ± 0.19	42.53 a ± 0.09	42.68 a ±0.07	42.45 a ± 0.03	44.06 a ± 0.16	44.72 a ± 0.38	44.54 a ± 0.21
Flavan-3-ols									
(+)-catechin	46.58 ± 0.01	59.21 a ± 1.34	76.66 b ± 4.70	89.64 a ± 1.48	95.09 b ± 0.04	125.81 c ± 6.18	34.64 a ± 7.43	23.33 b ± 0.38	36.62 a ± 2.27
(-)-epicatechin	80.72 ± 1.48	109.46 a ± 8.18	104.02 a ± 0.85	123.34 a ± 4.29	109.46 b ± 3.43	144.64 c ± 0.00	58.07 a ± 13.90	33.15 b ± 4.45	51.98 ab ± 0.85
Procyanidins									
Procyanidin B1	5.38 ± 0.11	5.35 a ± 0.10	6.02 b ± 0.26	5.95 a ± 0.09	5.63 b ± 0.04	6.33 c ± 0.04	3.17 a ± 0.74	2.53 a ± 0.63	3.20 a ± 0.04
Procyanidin B2	1.60 ± 0.10	1.83 a ± 0.02	2.01 b ± 0.02	2.92 a ± 0.03	3.00 a ± 0.19	3.51 b ± 0.28	2.50 a ± 0.29	2.66 a ± 0.14	3.26 b ± 0.25
Procyanidin B2 3-O-gallate	1.39 ± 0.09	1.44 a ± 0.05	1.44 a ± 0.04	1.96 a ± 0.15	1.84 a ± 0.09	2.25 b ± 0.09	1.27 a ± 0.01	1.19 a ± 0.10	1.23 a ± 0.06
Procyanidin B7	1.20 ± 0.01	1.36 a ± 0.05	1.37 a ± 0.00	1.88 a ± 0.19	1.94 a ± 0.09	2.00 a ± 0.09	1.71 a ± 0.07	1.41 b ± 0.02	1.59 ab ± 0.10
Flavonols									
Myricetin-3-glucuronide	7.80 ± 0.09	5.40 a ± 0.18	5.14 a ± 0.13	5.21 a ± 0.81	5.29 a ± 0.41	4.74 a ± 0.19	3.63 a ± 0.30	3.09 b ± 0.08	3.55 a ± 0.08
Quercetin-3-glucuronide	9.52 ± 0.18	6.15 a ± 0.20	5.94 a ± 0.14	7.22 a ± 0.50	6.64 b ±0.05	6.08 b ± 0.52	4.34 a ± 0.70	2.89 b ± 0.52	4.15 a ± 0.35
Quercetin-3-glucoside	11.30 ± 0.22	6.63 a ± 0.12	6.42 a ± 0.15	7.21 ab ± 1.14	7.68 a ± 0.24	6.88 b ± 0.34	4.72 a ± 0.37	4.08 b ± 0.09	4.93 a ± 0.11
Laricitrin-3-glucoside	3.03 ± 0.07	2.04 a ± 0.06	1.87 b ± 0.06	1.87 ab ± 0.34	$1.88 a \pm 0.04$	1.57 b ± 0.09	1.26 a ± 0.10	1.03 b ± 0.02	1.15 ab ± 0.02
Kaempferol-3-glucoside	0.23 ± 0.03	0.17 a ± 0.08	0.07 a ± 0.07	0.07 a ± 0.09	0.15 b ± 0.07	0.05 a ± 0.04	n.d	n.d	n.d
Isorhamnetin-3-glucoside	4.71 ± 0.09	2.85 a ± 0.07	2.66 b ± 0.08	3.12 ab ± 0.50	3.34 a ± 0.32	2.67 b ± 0.14	1.95 a ± 0.27	1.51 b ± 0.02	1.88 ab ± 0.11
Syringetin-3-glucoside	1.16 ± 0.03	1.81 a ± 0.07	1.67 b ± 0.06	1.73 ab ± 0.29	1.72 a ± 0.06	1.40 b ± 0.08	1.31 a ± 0.55	1.20 a ± 0.08	1.52 a ± 0.14
Total phenols	1199.26 ± 85.40	1196.58 a ± 54.52	1361.95 b ± 61.88	1646.60 a ± 80.54	1831.44 b ± 26.15	1940.75 b ± 129.55	1763.46 a ± 86.68	1749.14 a ± 266.44	2095.01 a ± 171.60

* CW: wines made by traditional winemaking, without overripe seeds addition; SW: wines made by single seed post-fermentative maceration (12 g/L, 30 days); DW: wines made by double seed post-fermentative maceration (12 g/L, 30 days) and a second addition of 12 g/L, 30 days). Different letters in the same row indicate significant differences (*p* < 0.05). n.d.: not detected.

Table 3

CIELAB color characteristics (L*, a*, b*, C*_{ab}, and h_{ab} ; mean ± SD, n=3) at the beginning (0 days), the end of the overripe seeds post-maceration processes (30/60 days), and the end of the stabilization stage (150 days), of CW, SW and DW wines.

		Post-maceration treatment				
Stogo		CW	SW	DW		
Stage		Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD		
	L*	73.24 a ± 0.03	72.86 b ± 0.17	72.72 b ± 0.07		
Initial	a*	29.87 a ± 0.27	29.65 a ± 0.17	29.19 b ± 0.12		
nitiai 0 day	b*	-3.87 a ± 0.53	-4.62 a ± 0.42	-4.01 a ± 0.32		
0 uay	C^*_{ab}	30.12 a ± 0.34	29.95 a ± 0.19	29.40 b ± 0.17		
	h_{ab}	-7.37 a ± 0.94	-8.03 a ± 0.52	-7.30 a ± 0.74		
	L*	80.74 a ± 0.37	83.13 b ± 0.20			
Macaration	a*	18.36 a ±0.46	15.23 b ± 0.07			
	b*	2.70 a ±0.04	3.67 b ± 0.12			
30 uays	C^*_{ab}	18.56 a ± 0.45	15.67 b ± 0.04			
	h _{ab}	8.37 a ± 0.31	13.56 b ± 0.47			
	L*	77.14 a ± 0.68		81.28 b ± 0.81		
Macaration	a*	22.06 a ± 0.92		16.33 b ± 0.54		
60 days	b*	$1.11 a \pm 0.27$		2.97 b ± 0.23		
00 days	C^*_{ab}	22.09 a ± 0.90		16.60 b ± 0.49		
	h _{ab}	2.92 a ± 0.82		10.33 b ± 1.11		
	L*	74.55 a ± 1.45	73.69 a ± 0.03	72.31 a ± 0.64		
Stabilization	a*	24.14 a ± 0.71	23.44 a ± 0.26	25.61 b ± 0.59		
150 days	b*	2.06 a ± 0.24	1.01 b ± 0.14	1.64 c ± 0.05		
130 0043	C^*_{ab}	24.23 a ± 0.69	23.46 a ± 0.25	25.66 b ± 0.60		
	h_{ab}	5.25 a ± 0.35	2.48 b ± 0.36	3.66 c ± 0.04		

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Table 4

Color difference (ΔE^*_{ab}) and differences on color parameters (ΔL^* , ΔC^*_{ab} , Δh_{ab}) due to the post-maceration process (from overripe seeds addition to overripe seeds removal) and to the global winemaking process (from overripe seeds addition to the end of the stabilization stage).

		Post-maceration treatment*					
		CW	SW	DW			
Stage		Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD			
	ΔE^*_{ab}	15.23 a ± 0 ,12	19.20 b ± 0.53				
Maceration	∆L*	7.50 a ± 0.40	9.89 b ± 0.19				
30 days	ΔC_{ab}	-11.56 a ± 0.11	-14.45 b ± 0.36				
	Δh_{ab}	6.47 a ± 0.37	7.89 b ± 0.50				
	ΔE^*_{ab}	10.07 a ± 0.64		16.51 b ± 0.65			
Maceration	∆L*	3.90 a ± 0.70		7.65 b ± 0.39			
60 days	ΔC_{ab}	-8.03 a ± 0.56		-13.11 b ± 0.41			
	Δh_{ab}	4.62 a ± 0.17		6.50 b ± 0.36			
	ΔE_{ab}^{*}	8.44 a ± 0.32	8.09 a ± 0.46	6.88 b ± 0.16			
Clobal	∆L*	1.31 a ± 1.46	0.45 a ± 0.06	-0.65 a ± 0.46			
Giobai	ΔC_{ab}	-5.89 a ± 0.34	-6.66 b ± 0.31	-4.59 c ± 0.12			
	Δh_{ab}	5.77 a ± 0.22	4.56 b ± 0.41	5.06 a ± 0.28			

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