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1 **Employment of different processes for the production of strawberry vinegars:**
2 **Effects on antioxidant activity, total phenols and monomeric anthocyanins**

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9 **Abstract**

10 The use of strawberry surpluses for the production of added value products seems to be
11 a good solution choice to avoid the waste of this fruit. We produced strawberry vinegars
12 through double fermentation (alcoholic and acetous) from three different harvests of
13 *Fragaria x ananassa* var. *Camarosa*. The objective was to study the evolution of
14 antioxidant activity, total phenols and monomeric anthocyanins during the vinegar
15 production process. These parameters increased when sulphur dioxide and pectolytic
16 enzymes were added to substrates. Inoculation with the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain
17 RP1 produced wines with half the anthocyanins with respect to the spontaneous
18 fermentations. The use of wood barrels, particularly cherry wood barrels, had a positive
19 effect on all the parameters determined. All measured parameters decreased during the
20 double fermentation process. In general, the acetification stage led to a high loss of
21 antioxidant compounds. Moreover, the production of these vinegars at a semi-pilot scale
22 yielded final commodities with the best values for antioxidant activity, total phenols and
23 monomeric anthocyanins comparing with the vinegars obtained in 2008 and 2009
24 harvest.

25 **Keywords:** antioxidant activity; monomeric anthocyanins; strawberry; vinegar; wine.

26 **1. Introduction**

27 Strawberries are a widely researched fruit for their nutritional and health benefits as
28 well as their organoleptic properties. This fruit is rich in vitamins, minerals, fibre and
29 phytochemicals. In addition, strawberries contain potentially bioactive compounds and
30 are a great source of phenolic compounds such as flavonoids and phenolic acids (Aaby,
31 K., Skrede, G., & Wrolstad, R. E, 2005; Määttä-Riihinen, K. R., Kamal-Eldin, A., &
32 Törrönen, A. R, 2004; Seeram, N. P., Lee, R., Scheuller, H. S., & Heber, D, 2006). All
33 of these phenolic compounds have been shown to prevent oxidative processes,
34 particularly those caused by reactive oxygen species (ROS) (Aaby, K., Ekeberg, D., &
35 Skrede, G, 2007; Cerezo, A. B., Cuevas, E., Winterhalter, P., Garcia-Parrilla, M. C., &
36 Troncoso, A. M, 2010a). These compounds make strawberries a highly antioxidant fruit
37 (Aaby et al., 2005; Wolfe, K. L., Kang, X., He, X., Dong, M., Zhang, Q., & Liu, R. H,
38 2008) with potential health benefits. Among the numerous healthy properties described
39 in the literature are anti-proliferative effects on cancer cells (Meyers, K. J., Watkins, C.
40 B., Pritts, M. P., & Liu, R. H, 2003; Olsson, M. E., Andersson, C. S., Oredsson, S.,
41 Berglund, R. H., & Gustavsson, K, 2006) and the antioxidant and anti-inflammatory
42 effects that have been shown to reduce cardiovascular disease risk factors in several
43 prospective cohort studies (Hannum, 2004).

44 According to the latest data from the FAO (FAOStat, FAO 2011), Spain is the second-
45 largest strawberry producer in the world; a large portion of this production is harvested
46 in Huelva (Andalucía). Every year, part of the crop is discarded for various reasons,
47 including size or deformations of the berries, or overproduction which leads to
48 surpluses. Because vinegar is generally an inexpensive product, its production requires
49 low-cost raw materials, such as sub-standard fruit and seasonal agricultural surpluses
50 (Solieri & Giudici, 2009). In addition, there is a growing demand for fruit vinegars,

51 which are sold as a health food (Shau-mei & Chang, 2009). The use of strawberries of
52 second quality, which are still suitable for human consumption, to produce healthy
53 vinegars with special organoleptic nuances may be a good method to reduce losses due
54 to discarding the fruit.

55 For this purpose, we have produced strawberry vinegars using second-quality
56 strawberries employing two-stage fermentation and assessed different conditions and
57 treatments. The aim of this work was to evaluate the changes in the antioxidant activity
58 (AA), total phenols index (TPI) and total monomeric anthocyanins (TA) during the
59 production process of strawberry vinegar. In addition, an adequate extraction method to
60 perform these determinations was designed.

61 **2. Materials and methods**

62 **2.1. Chemicals**

63 The reagents acetone, methanol, Folin-Ciocalteu reagent, ethanol, di-potassium
64 hydrogen phosphate (anhydrous), sodium di-hydrogen phosphate 1-hydrate, potassium
65 chloride, sodium acetate and sodium carbonate (anhydrous) were purchased from Merck
66 (Darmstadt, Germany). Fluorescein sodium and gallic acid were supplied from Fluka
67 (Madrid, Spain). 6-hydroxy-2,5,7,8-tetramethylchroman-2-carboxylic acid (Trolox),
68 2,2'-azobis (2-methylpropionamide) dihydrochloride (AAPH) and 2,2'-diphenyl-1-
69 picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Steinheim, Germany).

70 **2.2. Samples**

71 For the optimisation of the extraction process, we used strawberries (*Fragaria ananassa*
72 *var. camarosa*) acquired at the market. The fruit was crushed in our laboratory,
73 distributed into amber glass flasks and frozen at -20° C.

74 For the production of the vinegars, we employed three different batches of strawberries
75 (*Fragaria ananassa var. camarosa*) from the Huelva area (Spain), corresponding to

76 three harvests: 2008, 2009 and 2010. The production processes were performed in the
77 laboratories of the Dept of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Faculty of Oenology, Univ
78 Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona). In 2008 and 2009, the substrate employed were purees
79 prepared in the laboratory using a beater. In 2010, we used a commercial puree provided
80 by the Hudisa Company (Huelva). Sulphur dioxide (60 mg/L), sucrose and two types of
81 pectolytic enzymes (Depectil extra-garde FCE[®] and Depectil clarification[®] from Martin
82 Vialatte Oenologie, Epernay, France), both at a concentration of 15 mg/L, were added
83 to the puree. After this point, the procedures were slightly different in each harvest.

84 *2008 harvest*

85 One portion of the strawberry puree was pressed to study the effect of two types of
86 starting substrates (semi-solid and liquid) (Table 1). Six glass containers were filled
87 with 6 L of fruit substrate (four purees and two liquids). Half of the containers of each
88 type of substrate were inoculated with the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* QA23 at a
89 concentration of 2×10^6 cells/mL, and spontaneous alcoholic fermentation was allowed
90 to occur in the other half. All wines were spontaneously acetified keeping it in the same
91 containers. Two final treatments were tested in vinegars: pasteurization or
92 centrifugation. The average acetic degrees in the 2008 strawberry vinegars were 4.8.

93 *2009 harvest*

94 For the vinegar production in 2009, eight glass vessels were filled with 6 L of
95 strawberry puree each. Half of these vessels were inoculated with the yeast strain
96 *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* RP1, isolated during the 2008 spontaneous alcoholic
97 fermentation, and spontaneous alcoholic fermentation was allowed to occur in the other
98 half. All of the wines obtained from the inoculated alcoholic fermentation were mixed
99 and dispensed in three different types of containers: a glass vessel and oak or cherry
100 wood barrels. Samples were then inoculated with a strain of acetic acid bacteria isolated

101 from the 2008 acetification. Wines from the spontaneous alcoholic fermentation were
102 processed in the same way and left to acetify spontaneously. The vinegars obtained
103 were pasteurised. Inoculated vinegars from the 2009 harvest reached an acetic degree of
104 5.5 (glass container), 6.6 (oak barrel) and 6.3 (cherry barrel).

105 A portion of the puree from the 2009 strawberries was concentrated by heating in a
106 water bath at 80°C during 10 hours, to test another method of increasing the sugar
107 content; the resulting product was a cooked must (Table 1). The sucrose final
108 concentration was 140 g/L. One litre of this substrate was fermented by a spontaneous
109 process and one litre was inoculated with the RP1 strain of yeast. The inoculated wines
110 (IWs) were acetified with the same acetic acid bacteria isolated in 2008, and the
111 spontaneous wines (SWs) were left to acetify spontaneously.

112 *2010 harvest*

113 In this harvest, the pectolytic enzymes added were Rohapect® (12 mg/hL) and the pH
114 was adjusted to 3.5 with 2 g/L CaCO₃. In this case, 45 L of puree were fermented in a
115 stainless steel container on a semi-pilot scale, after inoculation with *S. cerevisiae* RP1.
116 The acetous fermentation was performed in a cherry wood barrel. The vinegar had an
117 acetic degree of 6.3.

118 All vinegars from 2009 and 2010 harvest were pasteurized as final treatment.

119 Forty-one samples, taken throughout these production processes, were analysed. The
120 codes and characteristics of the samples are shown in Table 1. In addition, five
121 commercial vinegars were also analysed to carry out comparative studies: Aceto
122 Balsamico, red wine and white wine vinegars, apple vinegar and sherry vinegar.

123 **2.3. Sample-extraction procedure**

124 The consistency of the samples (purees, wines and vinegars) made it necessary to
125 establish an extraction system prior to analysis. The method employed was based on the

126 extraction procedures designed and optimised previously by Ubeda, Hidalgo, Torija,
127 Mas, Troncoso & Morales (2011a). Twenty grams of sample were mixed in a beaker
128 with 40 ml of extract for 10 min while shaking at 800 rpm. The sample was then
129 subjected to ultrasonication followed by a centrifugation at 4000 rpm for 15 min. The
130 supernatant was recovered, and the pellet was re-extracted with 40 ml of solvent
131 following the same procedure. Both extracts were subsequently mixed, and the organic
132 solvent was removed under vacuum. Finally, the extract was filtered, and MilliQ water
133 was added to a final volume of 15 ml. Every extraction was performed in duplicate. We
134 tested different condition to get the maximum values of AA, TPI and TA as well as
135 economy of solvent used and time. Thus, the parameters studied to select the best
136 extraction conditions were: type of solvent (acetone, methanol or ethanol), percentage
137 of solvent (80% or 100%) and ultrasonic extraction time (15, 25, 35 or 50 min).

138 **2.4. Assays and Methods**

139 **2.4.1. ORAC-FL assay**

140 The Oxygen Radical Absorbance Capacity assay (ORAC-FL) was performed in a Black
141 96-well microplate, following the procedure described in Ubeda et al. (2011a). This
142 assay was conducted in a Multi-detection plate reader (Synergy HT, Vermont, USA)
143 located at the Centre for Research, Technology and Innovation at the University of
144 Seville (CITIUS). All reaction assays were performed in triplicate. Results were
145 expressed as $\mu\text{mol Trolox equivalents (TE)/kg}$ of sample.

146 **2.4.2. DPPH radical scavenging assay**

147 To determine the radical scavenging capacity, the DPPH assay described by Brand-
148 Williams, Cuvelier, & Berset (1995) was used. For this test, we used an UV/Vis
149 spectrophotometer U-2800 Digilab coupled to a Peltier thermostatic system (Hitachi,

150 Tokyo, Japan). Results were expressed as $\mu\text{mol Trolox equivalents (TE)/kg}$ of sample.

151 The assays were performed in triplicate.

152 **2.4.3. Total Phenols Index**

153 This parameter was determined in triplicate, using the Folin-Ciocalteu method
154 following the procedure described in Waterhouse (2001). Results were expressed as mg
155 gallic acid/L.

156 **2.4.4. Total monomeric anthocyanins**

157 The determination of total monomeric anthocyanin content (TA) was measured
158 following the pH-differential method described in Giusti & Wrolstad (2001). TA was
159 expressed as pelargonidin-3-glucoside (Plg-3-glu), which is the major anthocyanin in
160 strawberry fruit with a $\lambda_{\text{vis-max}}$ at 510 nm (Swain, 1965). Two buffers were prepared:
161 potassium chloride buffer pH=1 (0.025 M), and sodium acetate buffer pH=4.5 (0.4 M).
162 We measured the absorbance at 510 and 700 nm against a cuvette filled with distilled
163 water as a blank.

164 We then calculated the absorbance of the diluted sample (A) as follows:

$$165 A = (A_{510} - A_{700})_{\text{pH } 1.0} - (A_{510} - A_{700})_{\text{pH } 4.5}$$

166 The monomeric anthocyanin concentration in the original sample was calculated using
167 the following formula:

$$168 \text{TA[Plg-3-glu (mg/L)]} = (A \times \text{MW} \times \text{DF} \times 1000) / (\epsilon \times 1)$$

169 Where

170 A = Sample absorbance

171 MW= Molecular weight of Plg-3-glu (487.5)

172 DF= Dilution factor

173 ϵ = Absorption coefficient of Plg-3-glu (17330)

174 The results were expressed as mg Plg-3-glu/kg of sample.

175 **2.5. Statistical analysis**

176 All statistical analysis was performed using the Statistica version 7.0 software package
177 (Statsoft, Tulsa, USA).

178 **3. Results and discussion**

179 **3.1. Selection of the best extraction conditions**

180 Several factors, such as solvent composition, time of extraction, temperature, pH, solid-
181 to-liquid ratio and particle size, may significantly influence solid-liquid extractions
182 (Azizah, A. H., Ruslawati, N. M. N., & Tee, T. S, 1999; Pinelo, M., Del Fabbro, P.,
183 Manzocco, L., Nunez, M J., & Nicoli, M. C, 2005). In our case, the parameters that
184 were evaluated to determine the best extraction conditions were the type of solvent, the
185 solvent-water ratio and ultrasonication time. The criteria used to select the extraction
186 parameters were the maximum values of antioxidant activity, total phenols,
187 anthocyanins and time and solvent savings.

188 The type of solvent is one of the most influential variables in the extraction process. We
189 tested acetone, ethanol and methanol. The extraction with methanol gave the worst
190 results in all the assays. As shown in Figure 1, acetone yielded the highest values for
191 DPPH (8327 $\mu\text{mol Trolox equivalents (TE)/kg}$) and TPI (2090 gallic ac. mg/kg), with
192 significant differences in this last parameter. However, we obtained the best results for
193 the ORAC assay (24329 $\mu\text{mol TE/kg}$) and for the TA determination (26.78 mg Plg-3-
194 glu/kg) using ethanol, but no significant differences were found between these values
195 and those with acetone (26.30 mg Plg-3-glu/kg). Henríquez, C., Carrasco-Pozo, C.,
196 Gomez, M., Brunser, O., & Speisky, H, (2008) reported that the antioxidant activity of
197 strawberry extracts obtained with acetone/water was higher than that with ethanol/water
198 and aqueous extracts. Taking into account this and other studies (Garcia-Viguera, C.,

199 Zafrilla, P., & Tomás-Barberán, F. A, 1998; Pinelo et al., 2005) and our results, we
200 selected acetone for the strawberry extractions.

201 The solvent-water ratios assayed were 100 and 80:20 (acetone:water) (Figure 2). The
202 best results for all the parameters measured were obtained using a ratio of 80:20.

203 Finally, the extraction potential of ultrasound technique depends on the application
204 time, so, we assayed 15, 25, 35 and 50 mins. The ultrasonication time chosen was 25
205 mins, since at this time ORAC, TPI and TA reached the highest values (Figure 3).

206 **3.2. Changes in AA, TPI and TA during the production of strawberry vinegars**

207 **3.2.1. Substrate pre-treatments**

208 Three different strawberry purees were employed in this study. These purees presented
209 similar values for all parameters, except the high values of TA in the substrate of the
210 2009 harvest. After the pre-treatments (pectolytic enzymes and SO₂ addition), we
211 observed significant increases in almost all of the measured parameters, comparing P1
212 and P2 samples of each harvest (Tables 2-4). Considering the increases percentage, we
213 observed a good correlation between the DPPH with TA ($r^2=0.998$) and with TPI
214 ($r^2=0.971$) percentages. This could mean that these phenolic compounds are responsible
215 for a percentage of the increases of AA.

216 Previous studies have shown that pectolytic enzyme treatment is very useful for the
217 release of phenols and anthocyanins from different kinds of berries (Meyer, 2002;
218 Klopotek, Y., Otto, K., & Boehm, V, 2005). These enzymes were effective for the
219 release of other phenolic compounds such as ellagic acid, which has been described as
220 the main phenolic compound in berries from the *Fragaria* (strawberry) genus,
221 representing 51% of the compounds analysed (Häkkinen, S. H., Heinonen, I. M.,
222 Kärenlampi, S. O., Mykkänen, H. M., Ruuskanen, J., & Törrönen, A. R, 1999). On the
223 other hand, SO₂ protects against oxidation (Delteil, D., Feuillat, M., Guilloux-Benatier,

224 M., Sapis, J. C, 2000) and may be extracting anthocyanins and phenolic compounds.
225 This effect was observed in blueberries (Lee & Wrolstad, 2004).
226 The 2008 liquid substrate had significantly lower values for all parameters when
227 compared to the puree substrate.
228 The cooked must from 2009 harvest had more AA than the original substrate. Because
229 of this result, and taking into account that the starting substrate was concentrated 2.13
230 times, it seems that the AA was affected by the heating as expected. In addition,
231 anthocyanins were strongly affected by this treatment, decreasing 84%. This same effect
232 was observed by Verbeyst, L., Oey, I., Van der Plancken, I., Hendrickx, M., & Van
233 Loey, A, (2010), who showed that anthocyanins are more rapidly degraded at higher
234 temperatures on strawberry puree.

235 **3.2.2. Alcoholic fermentation**

236 Alcoholic fermentation was associated with a decrease in all parameters studied. The
237 decline was statistically significant in most cases when the substrate employed was a
238 puree, except in the case of cooked must, in which AA increased obtaining a very high
239 antioxidant product. The decrease in anthocyanins was larger than in the rest of
240 parameters (63-85%). This result is similar to the values obtained in other studies
241 (decrease of 69-79%) (Klopotek et al., 2005). In general, the final values of AA and TPI
242 in wines were similar in the three harvests.

243 In 2008, we found significantly differences between types of alcoholic fermentation, i.e.
244 inoculation (IW) and spontaneous (SW) for DPPH, TPI and TA values. Total phenolic
245 content was higher in SWs, and anthocyanin contents were higher in IWs, regardless the
246 type of substrate used (semi-solid or liquid). In the wine from the liquid substrate, we
247 observed that the AA and the TPI were lower than semi-solid substrate. However, the
248 levels of anthocyanins in both types of wines were similar.

249 In the 2009 wines, strawberry SWs had higher significantly values of TA than
250 inoculated wines, even in wines made from cooked must, showing a trend contrary to
251 that observed in the wine production of 2008. It is important to note that the yeast strain
252 (RP1) employed for the production of 2009 IWs was isolated from the 2008
253 spontaneous alcoholic fermentation. For this reason, we believe that the diminution of
254 TA may be related in some way to the yeast strain involved in fermentation. There are
255 several possible explanations: the adsorption of anthocyanins to the cell walls of the
256 used yeast strain (Morata, A., Gomez-Cordoves, M. C., Colomo, B., & Suarez, J. A,
257 2005) and condensation reactions with acetaldehyde (Bosso & Guaita, 2008). Perhaps
258 the *Saccharomyces* strains involved in the 2008 spontaneous fermentations had a greater
259 tendency to adsorb these molecules than the strain used in the inoculated processes.

260 The condensation reactions involve a loss of the aldehyde and the diminution of
261 anthocyanins. We have previously reported (Ubeda, C., Callejón, R. M., Hidalgo, C.,
262 Torija, M. J., Mas, A., Troncoso, A. M., Morales, M. L, 2011b) wines obtained by
263 spontaneous alcoholic fermentations in 2008 and inoculated in 2009 contained less
264 acetaldehyde and TA (mentioned above) than their corresponding opposite type of
265 fermentation. In any case, the yeast strain had a greater influence in TA values than the
266 strawberry harvest.

267 Finally, in the alcoholic fermentation at semi-pilot scale in a stainless steel tank (2010),
268 the loss of AA, TPI and TA was smaller than the losses in the 2008 and 2009 harvests.
269 Probably, the difference found may be due to the lower volume to size of contact
270 surface with oxygen ratio in the stainless steel tank.

271 **3.2.3. Acetous fermentation**

272 In most cases, the acetification process was associated with a decrease in the parameters
273 studied, being TA the most affected. Some of the loss of anthocyanins can be attributed

274 to polymerisation or condensation reactions with other phenols, as noted in vinous
275 substrates (Andlauer, W., Stumpf, C., & Fürst, P, 2000; Cerezo, A. B., Cuevas, E.,
276 Winterhalter, M., Garcia-Parrilla, M. C., & Troncoso, A. M, 2010b). Again, as occurred
277 in alcoholic fermentation, we observed the lowest decreases in all of these parameters in
278 the 2010 samples.

279 In 2008, vinegars were subjected to two different final treatments. In assessing the
280 antioxidant activity (Table 2), we observed that the ORAC and DPPH values were
281 slightly higher in pasteurised vinegars than in centrifuged vinegars. The centrifugation
282 procedure removes suspension particles being able to produce losses of antioxidant
283 compounds. Moreover, this result could also be explained by the formation of Maillard
284 reaction products such as melanoidins that are produced by the heat of pasteurisation.
285 Several authors who have studied vinegar melanoidins have concluded that contribute to
286 the total antioxidant capacity of it (Xu, Q., Tao, W., & Ao, Z, 2007).

287 In the 2009 (Table 3), spontaneous and inoculated acetifications were performed.
288 However, the spontaneous fermentation stopped, so we only obtained inoculated
289 vinegars. Regarding the effect of the type of container used in the acetification, the
290 vinegar produced in glass vessel displayed the lowest values for all the parameters
291 studied. These results were expected due to concentration phenomena and compounds
292 extraction in wood barrels. The vinegar from cherry barrel had the highest AA, at levels
293 significantly different from the oak vinegar. From the oak barrel, we obtained vinegar
294 with the highest amount of total phenols and anthocyanins, but significant differences
295 were not found with the vinegar from cherry barrel. These results were similar to those
296 of Cerezo, A. B., Tesfaye, W., Torija, M. J., Mateo, E., Garcia-Parrilla, M. C., &
297 Troncoso, A. M, (2008), who reported a generally decreasing trend of TPI and TA in
298 vinegars acetified in cherry and oak barrels, being slightly lower in oak. The lower final

299 levels of TA in vinegar from cherry barrel may be explained by the different porosity of
300 wood (higher in cherry wood than in oak). Oxygen permeation through the wood
301 favours the formation of stable anthocyanin-derived compounds (Cano-López, M.,
302 Pardo-Minguez, F., López-Roca, J. M., & Gómez-Plaza, E, 2006), decreasing
303 monomeric anthocyanins. According to these results, it seems that cherry wood barrel is
304 the best to produce high antioxidant strawberry vinegars rich in phenols.

305 Vinegars from cooked must had the highest AA and TPI of all of the vinegars produced.
306 Otherwise, the 2010 vinegars produced on a semi-pilot scale had the highest AA and
307 TA values of all the vinegars obtained from strawberry purees without heating. As
308 mentioned above, the important losses of TA that occurred in the 2008 and 2009
309 vinegars did not occur in 2010, where losses were only around 50% from wine to
310 vinegar. These results indicate that the production of vinegars on a semi-pilot scale
311 allowed getting vinegars with better antioxidant properties.

312 Finally, we compared our vinegars with common vinegars from the market. The results
313 are given in Figure 4. Vinegars produced in this research project were surpassed only by
314 the Aceto Balsamico. Cooked must vinegar had AA and TPI values close to this one.

315 **4. Conclusions**

316 The addition of SO₂ and pectolytic enzymes to the substrate increased AA, TPI and TA.
317 Although the cooked must vinegar presented the highest AA and TPI values, this
318 substrate must be discarded for the strawberry vinegars production at an industrial scale
319 because of their obtaining process is very slow and complex. Concerning the
320 acetification stage, the use of wood barrels was an improvement in all of the parameters
321 determined; specifically, cherry barrels were the best to produce high antioxidant
322 strawberry vinegars rich in phenols. The most appropriate final treatment was the
323 pasteurisation with reference to AA. All measured parameters decreased during the

324 double fermentation process. In general, acetic fermentation was associated with higher
325 decreases in AA and polyphenols than alcoholic fermentation, except in the semi-pilot
326 scale case. Moreover, anthocyanins were severely influenced by this process. So, for
327 substrate selection the parameter more important to take into account is the TA content.
328 We also noted that the production of these vinegars on a semi-pilot scale resulted in
329 final products with the best antioxidant properties and phenolic content. The antioxidant
330 properties of these vinegars point to them as products with potential health benefits that
331 could make them competitive commodities in the market.

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449 **Figure captions**

450 Figure 1. ■ ORAC, ■ DPPH (left axis) and □ TPI (right axis) values for the different
451 extraction solvents tested in strawberries acquired at the market. The bars in the same
452 assay with different letters show significant differences ($p<0.05$) (ORAC assay: a, b, c;
453 IPT: A, B, C; DPPH test: α , β , γ).

454 Figure 2. Effect of solvent percentages. a) ■ ORAC and ■ DPPH values. b) ■ TPI and
455 □ TA values of strawberries acquired at the market. The bars in the same assay with
456 different letters show significant differences ($p<0.05$) (ORAC and TPI assays: a, b;
457 DPPH and TA tests: A, B).

458 Figure 3. Effect of different ultrasonication times a) —▲— ORAC and —■— DPPH
459 values. b) —✱— TPI and —●— TA values of strawberries acquired at the market. The
460 markers in the same assay with different letters show significant differences ($p<0.05$)
461 (ORAC and TPI assays: a, b, c; DPPH and TA tests: A, B, C).

462 Figure 4. Comparison of ■ ORAC, ■ DPPH (left axis) and ■ TPI (right axis) values of
463 strawberry vinegars with commercial varieties. Sample codes: F9MCV (mean value of
464 all vinegars from cooked must), F9V (mean value of all vinegars from 2009 harvest)
465 and F8V (mean value of all vinegars from 2008 harvest).

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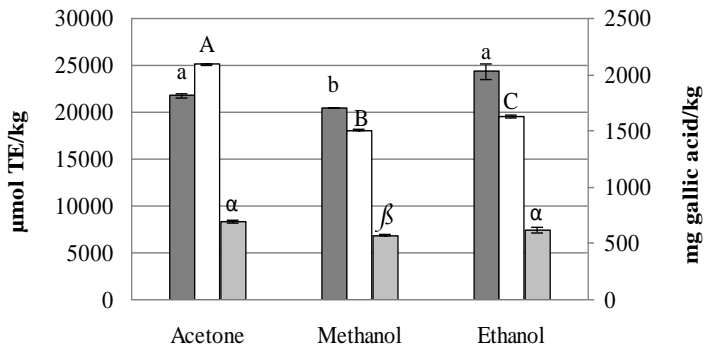
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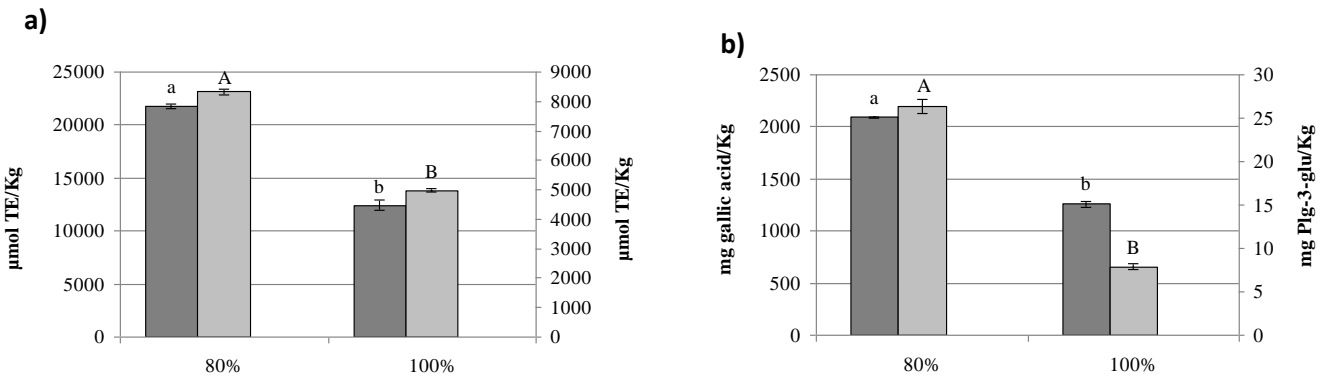
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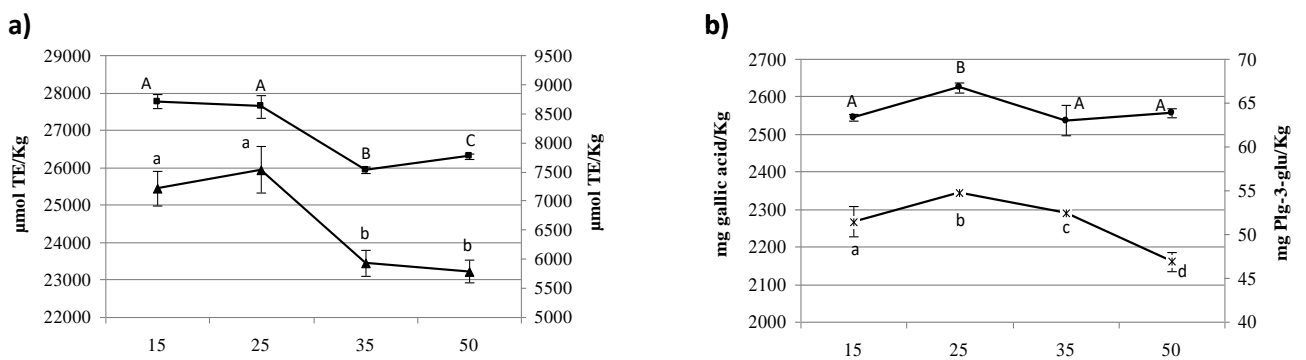


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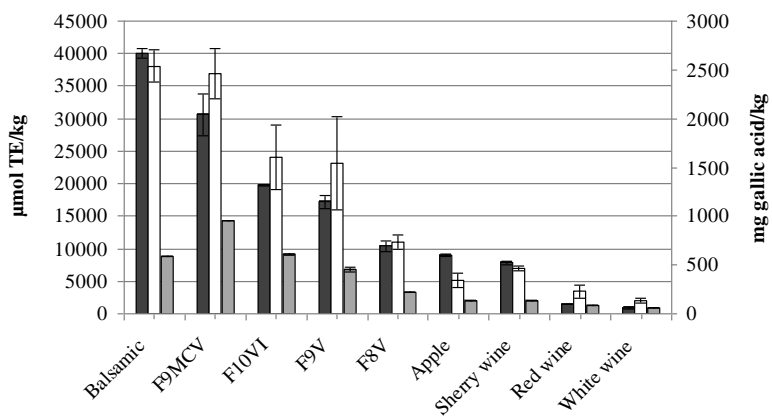
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Table 1. Samples description.

Harvest	Treatment	Puree Sample	Treatment	Sample substrate	Alcoholic fermentation (time)	Wine Sample	Acetification (time)	Treatment or Recipient	Vinegar sample	
2008	Crushed	F8P1	SO ₂ Pectolytic enzymes Sucrose (50 g/L)	F8P2	Inoculated (4 days)	F8WI1- F8WI4	Spontaneous (2 months)	Centrifugation	F8VIC1-F8SVIC2	
					Spontaneous (5 days)	F8WE1- F8WE4		Pasteurization	F8SVIP1-F8SVIP2	
	-	F8P2	Pressing	F8L	Inoculated (4 days)	F8LWI	-	-	-	
					Spontaneous (5 days)	F8LWE				
2009	Crushed	F9P1	SO ₂ Pectolytic enzymes Sucrose (75 g/L)	F9P2	Inoculated (5 days)	F9WI1- F9WI4	Inoculated (2 months)	glass vessel	F9SVIG	
					Spontaneous (8 days)	F9WE1- F9WE4		Spontaneous (2 months)	oak barrel	F9SVIO
									cherry barrel	F9SVIX
	-	F9P2	Heating Concentrated	F9MC	Inoculated (7 days)	F9MCWI1-F9MCWI2	Inoculated (5 months)	glass vessel	F9MCVI1-F9MCVI2	
					Spontaneous (7 days)	F9MCWE1-F9MCWE2		Spontaneous (2.5 months)	glass vessel	F9MCVE1-F9MCVE2
2010	Crushed	F10P1	SO ₂ Pectolytic enzymes Sucrose (65 g/L) CaCO ₃	F10P2	Inoculated (4 days)	F10WI	Inoculated (1.5 months)	cherry barrel	F10VI	

1 Table 2. Changes in 2008 samples on ORAC, DPPH, TPI and TA during strawberry vinegar production (average±standard deviation).

Samples		ORAC ($\mu\text{mol TE/kg}$)	DPPH ($\mu\text{mol TE/kg}$)	TPI (mg gallic acid /kg)	TA (mg plg-3-glu/kg)
Substrates	F8P1	21792 \pm 221	8327 \pm 99	2090 \pm 10	26.3 \pm 0.8
	F8P2	26714 \pm 910 ^a	10116 \pm 88 ^a	2298 \pm 0 ^a	69 \pm 0 ^a
	F8L	20642 \pm 111 ^b	5907 \pm 516 ^b	1615 \pm 33 ^b	43 \pm 0 ^b
Wines	F8LWE	12757 \pm 267 ^{b,c}	2837 \pm 59 ^{b,c}	868 \pm 29 ^{b,c}	12.2 \pm 0.2 ^b
	F8LWI	13497 \pm 227 ^{b,c}	2898 \pm 129 ^{b,c}	858 \pm 13 ^{b,c}	17.9 \pm 0.2 ^{b,d}
	F8SWE1	25314 \pm 650	8200 \pm 58 ^b	1907 \pm 26	13.1 \pm 0.7 ^b
	F8SWE2	24696 \pm 70	7879 \pm 70 ^b	1773 \pm 32	12.9 \pm 0.6 ^b
	F8SWE3	25458 \pm 403	7689 \pm 82 ^b	1757 \pm 45	12.4 \pm 0.7 ^b
	F8SWI1	27987 \pm 1227 ^b	7241 \pm 35 ^{b,d}	1670 \pm 9 ^{b,d}	16 \pm 0 ^{b,d}
	F8SWI2	25451 \pm 429 ^b	8004 \pm 35 ^{b,d}	1584 \pm 19 ^{b,d}	18.0 \pm 0.3 ^{b,d}
	F8SWI3	23745 \pm 15 ^b	6515 \pm 67 ^{b,d}	1548 \pm 6 ^{b,d}	17.3 \pm 0.6 ^d
Vinegars	F8SVE1C	9202 \pm 390 ^b	3256 \pm 205 ^b	769 \pm 13 ^b	0.4 \pm 0.0 ^b
	F8SVE1P	9849 \pm 413 ^b	3368 \pm 352 ^b	774 \pm 23 ^b	0.5 \pm 0.1 ^b
	F8SVE2C	9215 \pm 338 ^b	3210 \pm 129 ^b	781 \pm 0 ^b	1.1 \pm 0.2 ^b
	F8SVE2P	10869 \pm 190 ^b	3252 \pm 234 ^b	683 \pm 10 ^b	0.6 \pm 0.0 ^b
	F8SVI1C	10139 \pm 341 ^{b,e}	3227 \pm 117 ^b	751 \pm 16 ^b	1.3 \pm 0.0 ^b
	F8SVI1P	11611 \pm 89 ^{b,e}	3388 \pm 64 ^b	744 \pm 6 ^b	0.9 \pm 0.1 ^b
	F8SVI2C	11054 \pm 40 ^{b,e}	3260 \pm 246 ^b	694 \pm 16 ^b	0.8 \pm 0.1 ^b
	F8SVI2P	11082 \pm 86 ^{b,e}	3380 \pm 76 ^b	712 \pm 9 ^b	1 \pm 0 ^b

Sample codes are located in Table 1.

^a Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) with respect to the initial fruit puree (ANOVA).

^b Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) with respect to the sample from which was produced (ANOVA).

^c Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) with respect to semisolid wines obtained with similar alcoholic process (spontaneous or inoculated) (ANOVA).

^d Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) with respect to spontaneous process (ANOVA).

^e Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) with respect to the vinegars obtained from spontaneous wines (ANOVA).

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18 Table 3. Changes in 2009 samples on ORAC, DPPH, TPI and TA during strawberry vinegar production (average±standard deviation).

Samples		ORAC ($\mu\text{mol TE/kg}$)	DPPH ($\mu\text{mol TE/kg}$)	TPI (mg gallic acid /kg)	TA (mg plg-3-glu/kg)
Substrates	F9P1	23176 ± 868	9964 ± 193	2028 ± 82	173.0 ± 3.7
	F9P2	28998 ± 1893 ^a	10117 ± 88	2085 ± 67	183.8 ± 3.1 ^a
	F9MC	37472 ± 1419 ^b	17897 ± 176 ^b	3741 ± 21 ^b	27 ± 1 ^b
Wines	F9WE1	24945 ± 276 ^b	6898 ± 132 ^b	1853 ± 67	52 ± 1 ^b
	F9WE2	25998 ± 795	6992 ± 299 ^b	1683 ± 0 ^b	55.3 ± 0.4 ^b
	F9WI1	25723 ± 564	7079 ± 53 ^b	1705 ± 123 ^b	26.3 ± 0.6 ^{b,c}
	F9WI2	27771 ± 1086	7135 ± 114	2017 ± 29	30.9 ± 1.1 ^{b,c}
	F9MCWE1	49755 ± 2015 ^{b,c}	19413 ± 141 ^{b,c}	3380 ± 87 ^{b,c}	24.1 ± 1.5 ^c
	F9MCWE2	46290 ± 279 ^{b,c}	18493 ± 105 ^{b,c}	3001 ± 63 ^{b,c}	23.3 ± 2.1 ^c
	F9MCWI1	45446 ± 2536 ^d	17747 ± 105 ^d	3026 ± 29 ^d	7.4 ± 0.6 ^{c,d}
	F9MCWI2	43095 ± 2576 ^d	20726 ± 271 ^d	3416 ± 53 ^d	6 ± 0 ^{f,d}
Vinegars	F9VIG	15163 ± 341 ^b	6235 ± 72 ^b	1099±55 ^b	3.07 ± 0.17 ^b
	F9VIO	17446 ± 107 ^b	6902 ± 31	1844±56	6.5 ± 0.9 ^b
	F9VIX	19077 ± 161 ^b	7163 ± 31	1693±45	4.80 ± 0.17 ^b
	F9MCVE1	33779 ± 974	14907 ± 103	2377±45	2.9 ± 0.5
	F9MCVE2	31643 ± 1832	14428 ± 41	2480±56	4.0 ± 0.4
	F9MCVI1	30685 ± 1377 ^e	14119 ± 305 ^e	2536±45 ^e	1.70 ± 0.02 ^e
	F9MCVI2	26278 ± 1409 ^e	14283 ± 123 ^e	2377±22 ^e	1.79 ± 0.15 ^e

Sample codes are located in Table 1.

^a Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) with respect to the initial fruit puree (ANOVA).

^b Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) with respect to the sample from which was produced (ANOVA).

^c Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) with respect to spontaneous wines from F9P2 (ANOVA).

^d Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) with respect to inoculated wines from F9P2 (ANOVA).

^e Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) with respect to inoculated vinegars from F9WI wines (ANOVA).

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Table 4. Changes in 2010 samples on ORAC, DPPH, TPI and TA during strawberry vinegar production (average±standard deviation).

Samples		ORAC ($\mu\text{mol TE/kg}$)	DPPH ($\mu\text{mol TE/kg}$)	TPI (mg gallic acid /kg)	TA (mg plg-3-glu/kg)
Substrates	F10P1	20409 \pm 431	10218 \pm 171	1800 \pm 122	46.4 \pm 1.6
	F10P2	23783 \pm 649 ^a	10592 \pm 237	1886 \pm 79	54.8 \pm 1.4 ^a
Wine	F10WI	22910 \pm 315	9652 \pm 378 ^b	1691 \pm 36 ^b	20.2 \pm 0.5 ^b
Vinegar	F10VI	19784 \pm 117 ^b	9113 \pm 331	1605 \pm 95	10.6 \pm 0.9 ^b

Sample codes are located in Table 1.

^a Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) with respect to the initial fruit puree (ANOVA).

^b Significant differences ($p < 0.05$) with respect to the sample from which was produced (ANOVA).

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