The sensorial perception of astringency: prediction models based on UV spectroscopy

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Astringency is a major characteristic of wines sensorial perception, classically ascribed to tannins. Astringency is assessed by sensory analysis, which is time-consuming, costly and poorly repeatable unless performed by trained panels. So alternative methods such as the Gelatin Index, the Bovine Serum Albumin assay (BSA), the Methyl-Cellulose assay (MC) or the Saliva Precipitation Index have been proposed.

This study: (1) evaluates the capability of the BSA and MC assays to predict astringency; (2) proposes alternative methods which involve: wine absorbance at 230nm; total oligosaccharide and polysaccharide content.

**EXPERIMENTATION**

Twenty-one wines of different grapes and vintages were selected, mainly from the Languedoc-Roussillon region. Sensory analysis was performed with a panel of 20 judges, selected and trained to astringency description, using time-intensity profiling. Chemical analysis included: classical parameters, polyphenol composition determined by HPLC-DAD, performed after phloroglucinolysis for proanthocyanidins, oligosaccharide and polysaccharide composition determined by GC–MS analysis of individual glycosyl residues after hydrolysis, reduction and acetylation after separation by gel permeation chromatography. The BSA or Adams-Harbertson tannin assay was performed as described by Boulet et al (2015). The MC assay was also performed as described by Sarnekis et al (2006).

**RESULTS**

Astringency (noted Imax) was predicted by the MC and BSA assays, and by analytical variables including: UV absorbances, classical enological parameters, oligosaccharide and polysaccharide analysis. Multiple linear regressions models were also built with two to four of variables. The best predictions are presented below.

**MC vs. BSA**

**A280, A230, A230 + oligos + polysaccharides**

A280 is located in an absorbance peak, not A230nm for which the measurement is sensitive to the bandwidth.

Astringency is better predicted by the BSA assay than by the MC assay; by A230nm than by A280nm. The BSA assay outperforms A230nm because of two outliers. These outliers are corrected including oligosaccharide and polysaccharide contents in the model. The positive and negative coefficients of oligosaccharides and polysaccharides indicate that the former increase astringency, and that the latter decrease it. A230nm is not located in an absorbance peak.

**CONCLUSIONS**

→ The BSA assay confirms its capability to yield a good prediction of astringency.
→ The absorbance at 230nm is proposed for a quick estimation of astringency
→ Polysaccharides decrease astringency, as already reported
→ Oligosaccharides increase astringency.

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