

Oak Alternatives: A Modern Approach for Oak Ageing

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#### WEBINAR FORMAT

- Write down questions during presentation, save them until the Q&A at the end
- For technical difficulties, use chat box #2
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#### **OVERVIEW**

- Why we use oak barrels
- Why consider alternatives
- Alternative options
- Alternative approach to oak aging
- When to use alternatives
- Analysis for Oak
- Q & A

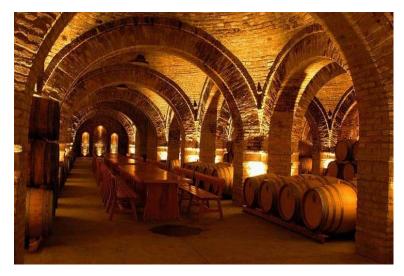


#### WHY USE OAK BARRELS?

- History
- Tradition
- Extraction of Flavors or tannin from the oak
- Oxygen ingress
- Color stability
- Aesthetics









### WHY CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES?

- Cost
- Capital investment, labor, topping wine
- Space
- Product consistency
- Quality control
- Sanitation
- Sampling

On labor with oak barrels:

"you can do it once in a tank, or you can do it 300 times in barrels."

Mike Robustelli of McManis Family Vineyards



# ENARTIS ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS







Oak chips (Incanto)

Tannin
or
Oak Blends
(Incanto NC)

Barrel Inserts (Barrel Boost)



## **OAK CHIPS**

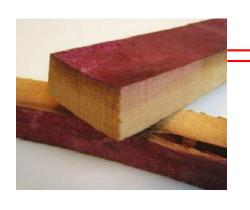
#### **Attributes**

- Easy to use
- Low cost
- Quality consistency
- Bench trial applicable
- More flexibility
- Faster extraction time





#### SURFACE AREA COMPARISON



- Only small fraction of oak contributes to flavor / aroma / permeation
- Surface area in contact with wine minimal



- High Surface area
- Higher extractability
- Less oak required
- Faster Extraction
- Less wasted product



## OAK WEIGHT COMPARISON



50 Kg barrel

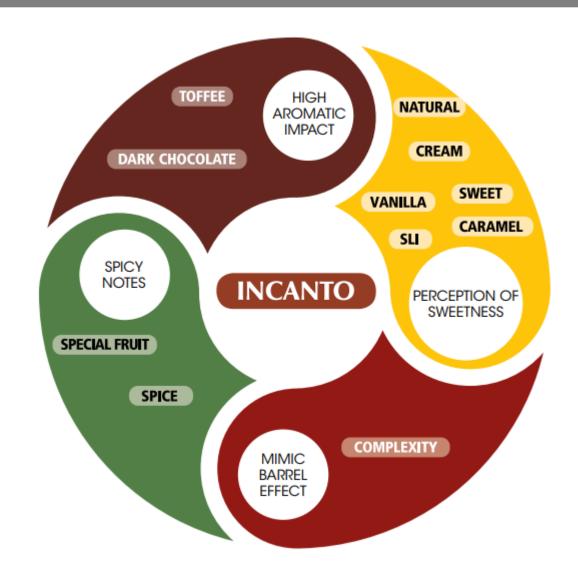
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New barrel equivalent dosage rate in 225 L = 1.35 Kg

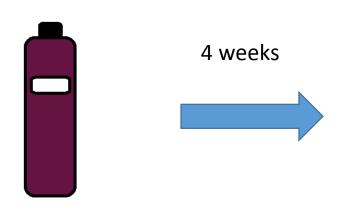


- Unique/Original Toasting process
- Consistent toasting
- Wide range of toasting options
- Call Enartis to request samples!





### BENCH TRIALS WITH CHIPS





- Tasting oak profiles
- Find optimal oak blend
- Proportional volume to chip % blend

500 mL sample volume

- + 2 g/L dosage
- = 1 g chips / bottle

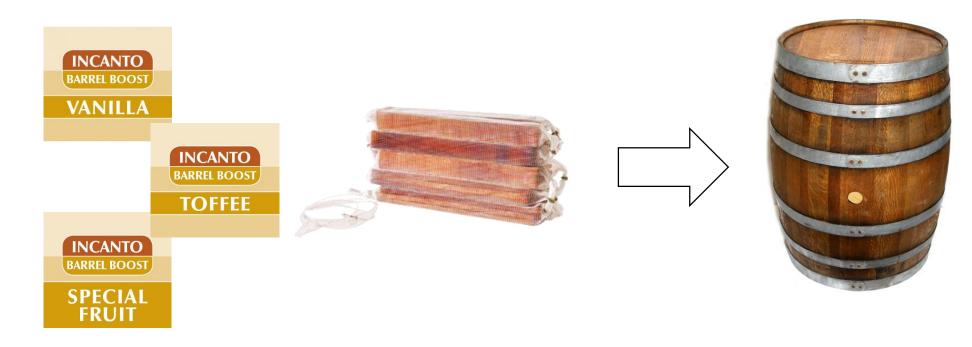


# WHAT TO DO WITH USED BARRELS





#### INCANTO BARREL BOOST



- Add to used barrels
- One barrel boost = 25% new oak barrel equivalent
- Faster extraction of oak flavors than new barrels
- Can fine-tune oak extraction without transfer
- Extend lifetime of barrels in the winery



### **OAK TANNINS**







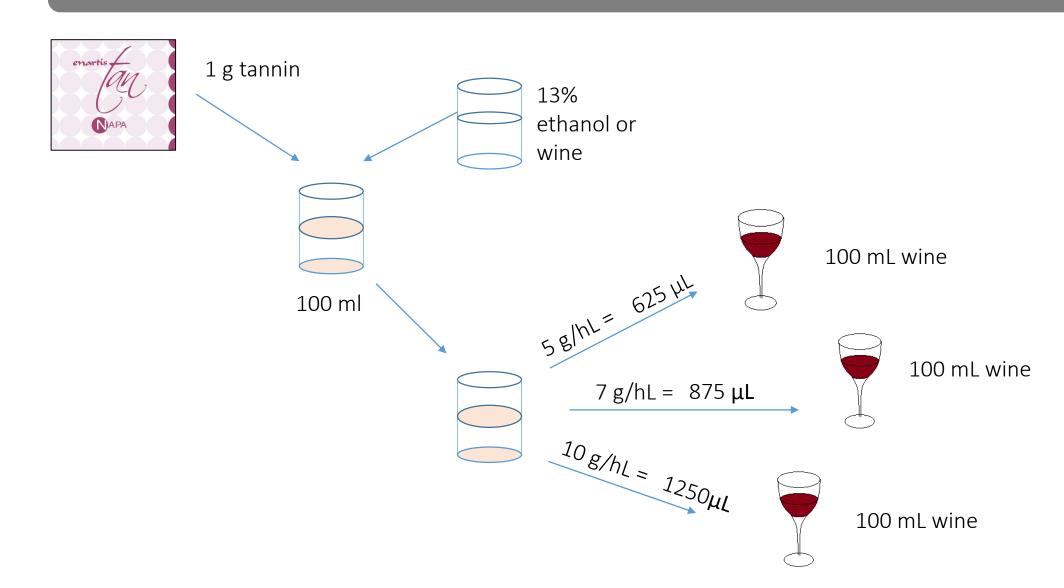


- Extracted from US/ FR oak sources
- Seasoned oak
- Various organoleptic properties
- Multi-purposed
- Easy-to-use
- Bench trial applicable
- Cost effective





# **TANNIN TRIALS**





## INCANTO N.C.- SOLUBLE OAK

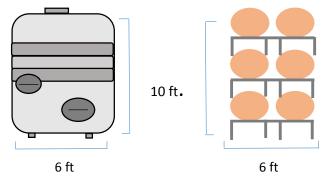


- Easy-to-use
- Soluble oak extract
- Antioxidant
- Improves color stability,
- Enhances structure
- Aromatic improvement
- Precise dosing
- Lower dosage required (1/10)
- No solids to worry about
- No loss of color by surface adsorption

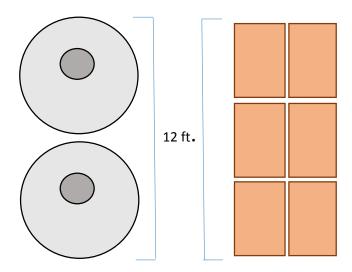




# **VOLUME CONSIDERATIONS**



Front view



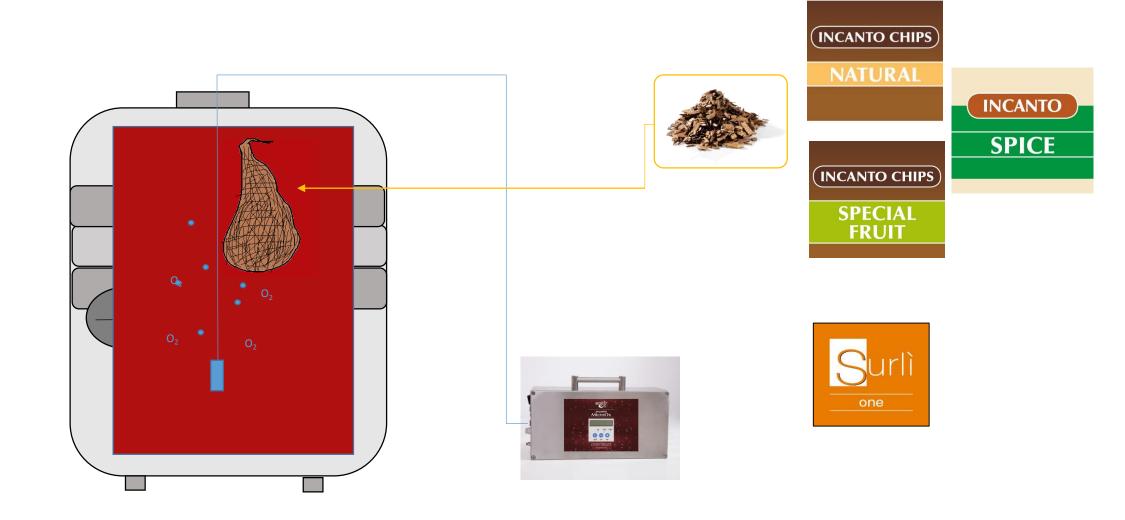
Top view

#### Volume / sq ft comparision

2 x Tank = 4218 gals 18 barrels = 1080 gals



#### MICRO-OX & OAK ALTERNATIVES





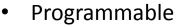
### **NEW MICRO-OX UNIT!**













Downloadable batch data

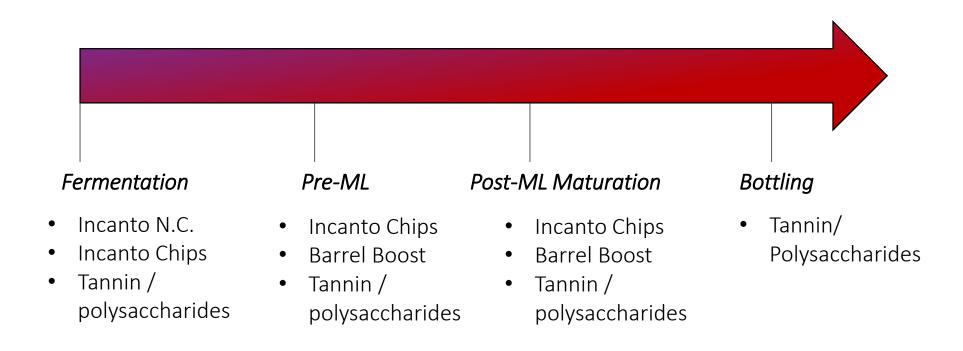
Wireless integration

Made in USA





# OAK ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION



#### Recommended contact time

Incanto Chips	Barrel Boost	New Oak Barrel
4 weeks	4 - 6 months	12 - 24 months



## OAK AROMA COMPOUNDS ANALYSIS

#### **GCMS**

Lactones ( cis and trans ) – coconut

Vanillin - vanilla

Furfural – bready/nutty

5-methylfurfural – spice/maple

4-methylguaiacol – smokey/spicy/leather

Guaiacol – smokey

Eugenol/ Isoeugenol – spice/ clove

#### **Applications**:

Barrel selection, oak materials usage, benchmarking, blending decisions









# OAK COST COMPARISON

Cost/vintage	\$/gal	\$/hL
New barrel	14 - 20	350 - 500
Neutral barrel	1.5 - 4	40 - 100
Incanto Chips (3 g/L)	0.15	4
Incanto Chips (10 g/L~100 % new oak)	0.5	13
Incanto Barrel boost (25 % new oak)	1.5	38
Incanto Barrel boost (100 % new oak)	7.5	190
Tannin	.1426	3.5 – 7
Tannin + Polysaccharides	.2537	6.5 - 10

"We have taken the savings and poured it back into our growers in buying high quality fruit for these programs"

Corey Beck Winemaker, Francis Coppola Winery



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