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ENARTISFERM ES U42: THE ART OF AMARONE WINEMAKING FOR ALL TYPES OF WINE

EnartisFerm ES U42 is a yeast blend consisting of a cryophilic strain of Saccharomyces uvarum and a strain of Saccharomyces cerevisiae ex ph. r. bayanus, modelled on a spontaneous fermentation of Amarone.

Amarone della Valpolicella is a dry wine made from grapes harvested in September/October and dried in the cellar until late winter. Crush and fermentation take place during colder months and, according to tradition,

without the use of heating systems. Microbiological studies have shown that the spontaneous fermentation of Amarone is the result of a rotation of different species of yeasts: the first to ferment are strains of the cryophilic species Saccharomyces uvarum, followed by strains of Saccharomyces cerevisiae, more tolerant to ethanol, but less active at low temperatures (Table 1).

	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	<i>Saccharomyces uvarum</i>
FERMENTATION TEMPERATURE	12-36°C	8-30°C
OPTIMAL GROWTH TEMPERATURE	32-33°C	27-28°C
2-PHENYLETHANOL* (mg/L)	10 -100	100 - 400
GLYCEROL* (g/L)	4 - 7	7 - 11
ACETIC ACID* (g/L)	0.1 - 0.9	0.05 - 0.1
SUCCINIC ACID* (g/L)	0.3 - 0.6	0.6 - 1.3
MALIC ACID	Consumption 1-30%	Synthesis 1-50%

Table 1: Enological characteristics of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Saccharomyces uvarum* (*range at 10% vol. alcohol)

Hence, the idea of a Saccharomyces uvarum - Saccharomyces cerevisiae blend is to produce wines with some traits that characterize Amarone:

- *high glycerol content;*
- *low volatile acidity;*
- *maintenance of total acidity;*
- *intense fruity/floral aroma.*

FERMENTATION TRIALS

The following are the main enological characteristics that were found by comparing the performance of EnartisFerm ES U42 with the individual species in the blended product.

- S. UVARUM (*Saccharomyces uvarum*)
- EX. BAYANUS (strain of the species *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, ex ph. r. bayanus)

High Production of Glycerol

The high production of glycerol (Figure 1), makes EnartisFerm ES U42 particularly interesting for the production of wines with a high alcohol potential. Glycerol reduces the burning sensation of alcohol, and softens astringency of higher tannin wines.

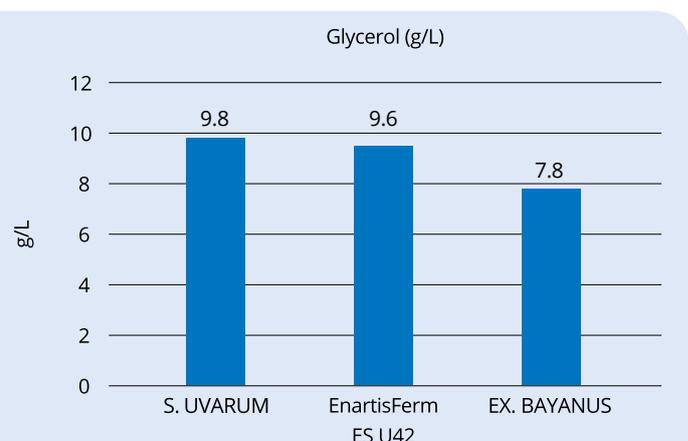


Figure 1 - EnartisFerm ES U42 produces high quantities of glycerol.

Low Volatile Acidity

The chemical analysis carried out during and at the end of alcoholic fermentation shows extremely low volatile acidity production (Figure 2) in relation to the final alcohol content (Figure 3).

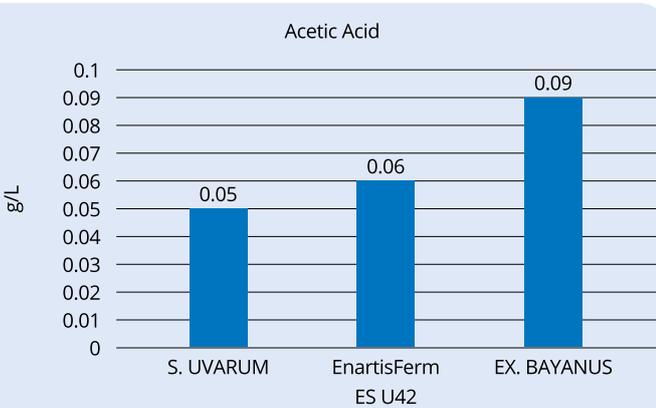


Figure 2 - EnartisFerm ES U42 produces low quantities of acetic acid

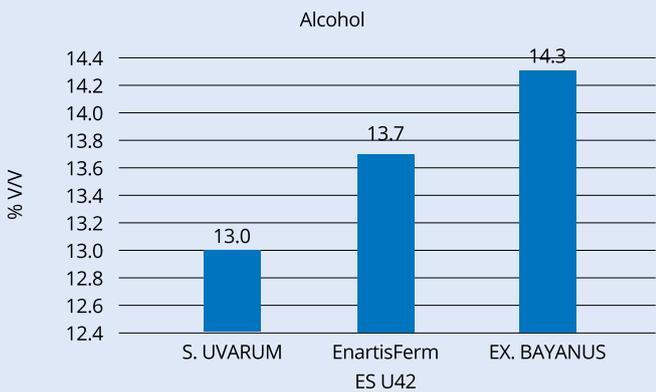


Figure 3 - EnartisFerm ES U42 can have a lower sugar/alcohol yield compared to *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

Maintaining Total Acidity

Wines produced with EnartisFerm ES U42 retain good acidity partly due to the production of moderate quantities of succinic acid and partly to the production of malic acid (Figure 4). This also contributes to maintaining a lower pH (Figure 5).

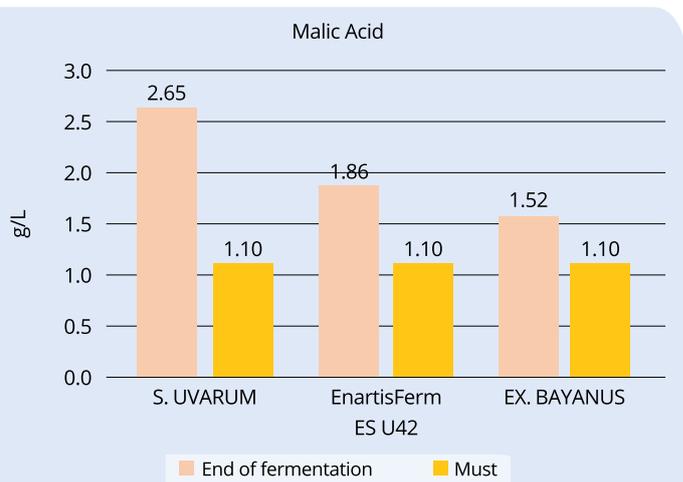


Figure 4 - Production of malic acid.

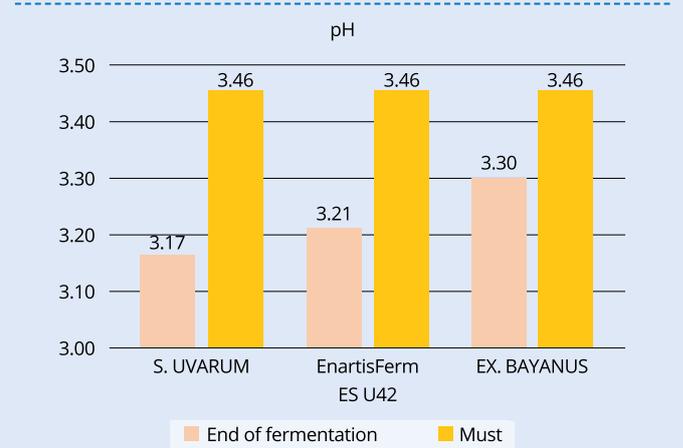


Figure 5 - Effect of acid production on the final pH of wine.

Increased intensity and Aromatic Complexity

Another characteristic of EnartisFerm ES U42 is the ability to produce 2-phenylethanol, an aromatic compound responsible for the hint of rose (Figure 6), in quantities that increase aromatic complexity and enhance fruity notes without masking varietal character.

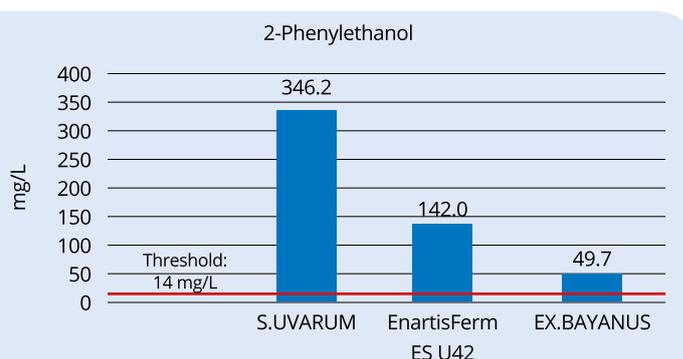


Figure 6 - EnartisFerm ES U42 produces high quantities of 2-phenylethanol (floral aroma).

Conclusions

Saccharomyces uvarum species have very interesting enological properties - production of high quantities of glycerol, low quantities of volatile acidity and maintenance of total acidity - but also some shortcomings such as low alcohol tolerance and some overexpressed characters such as the excessive production of 2-phenylethanol and succinic acid that could overshadow other qualities of a wine. By reproducing what naturally occurs in the fermentation of Amarone, one of the greatest Italian red wines, the creation of a balanced blend of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, ex r.f. *bayanus* maintains the positive characteristics of the *Saccharomyces uvarum* species and compensates for any deficiencies.

This is why EnartisFerm ES U42 was created, an expression of the most interesting characteristics of the two species in the blend:

- High production of glycerol
- Low production of volatile acidity
- High alcohol tolerance
- In some cases, low alcohol yield
- Good production of organic acids
- High production of 2-phenylethanol (rose aroma)

RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS OF ENARTISFERM ES U42

- Vinification of white, red and rosé wines
- Production of wines made from dried grapes
- Production of wines with intense floral aromas
- Production of wines which are soft on the palate with good volume
- Maintain/increase acidity
- Potential reduction in alcohol yield

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