All aspects of viticulture impacting on the quality, composition and safety of table grapes, winemaking grapes and the resultant wines

The complete winemaking process: from viniculture, harvest and storage of grapes, through maceration, fermentation and ageing to bottling. Includes quality control and fermentation modelling, and treatment of processing wastes

All types of wines are covered including:
- Conventional grape wines (still and sparkling)
- Fortified wines
- Low-alcohol wines
- Fruit and palm wines

Factors affecting the properties of grapes and wine, including quality, physicochemical properties, composition and sensory properties:
- Pre-harvest factors, such as climate, soil, fertilizers, rootstocks, canopy management and irrigation
- Geographic origin
- Cultivar/variety
- Pre- and post-harvest diseases and disorders
- Grape composition
- Ripening
- Processing techniques

Microbiological and food safety aspects:
- Wine yeasts
- Spoilage and spoilage microorganisms
- Microbiological and non-microbiological contamination
- Toxins
- Adulteration
- Shelf life

Analytical techniques:
- Analysis of the components of grapes and wines
- Monitoring and detection of contaminants and adulterants throughout the winemaking process

Sensory analysis and consumer research:
- Sensory analysis techniques
- Consumer preferences and trends
- Consumer intake and drinking habits

Effects of wine on health and disease:
- Impacts on cardiovascular health, metabolic syndrome and cancer risk
- Guidelines and recommendations

Wine packaging:
- Bottles and other packaging types
- Labels and labelling
- Branding
- Closures

Winery equipment:
- Processing equipment
- Packaging equipment
- Cleaning systems

Business and economic aspects:
- Policy
- Production and consumption
- Sales
- Trade
- Pricing
- Markets and marketing
- Product development
- Company developments
- Business strategies
- Retail
- Distribution

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Example search questions
- How does the toasting level of oak barrels influence wine aroma? (Sample record on following page)
- What are effective methods for controlling spoilage caused by Dekkera bruxellensis?
- What factors influence consumer willingness to pay more for wines?
- Does foliar nitrogen application on Cabernet Sauvignon vines affect the wine's sensory properties?
SAMPLE FSTA RECORD FOCUSED ON VITICULTURE AND OENOLOGY
Influence of aging in different oak barrels on volatile sulfur compounds in wines.

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Abstract: The influence of different geographic origins (the United States, Hungary and France) and toasting levels (light and medium) of oak barrels on the evolution of volatile sulfur compounds (VSCs) in wine during maturation was investigated in this study. Wines aged in stainless steel tanks were used as the control. Gas chromatography with flame photometric detection (GC-PFD) was used to monitor the changes of 16 VSCs in wines during the year of aging, and 7 VSCs were quantified in all samples. Most VSCs tended to decline or changed slightly during the aging process, while the contents of dimethyl sulfide and ethyl thioacetate were found to increase. After one-year aging, the levels of most VSCs were lower in the wines aged in oak barrels than in stainless steel tanks. Multi-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) showed that the geographic origin of oak barrels significantly influenced the concentrations of S-methyl thioacetate and 2-methyltetrahydrothiophen-3-one (P < 0.001), while the toasting level of oak barrels significantly influenced the concentration of 2-(methylthio) ethanol (P < 0.001). This study reported the evolution of VSCs in wines during oak barrel aging and evaluated the influence of oak barrel types on it, which would provide wine-makers with useful information for wine oak barrel aging.

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