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1 **ABSTRACT**

2 This paper studied how grape maturity affected complex carbohydrate composition
3 during red sparkling wine making and wine aging. Grape ripening stage (premature and
4 mature grapes) showed a significant impact on the content, composition and evolution
5 of polysaccharides and oligosaccharides of sparkling wines. Polysaccharides rich in
6 arabinose and galactose, mannoproteins, rhamnogalacturonans II and oligosaccharides
7 in base wines increased with maturity. For both maturity stages, polysaccharides rich in
8 arabinose and galactose, and glucuronic acid glycosyl residue of the oligosaccharides
9 were the major carbohydrates detected in all vinification stages. Total glycosyl content
10 of oligosaccharides decreased during the whole period of aging on yeast lees. The
11 reduction of polysaccharides rich in arabinose and galactose and rhamnogalacturonans
12 type II during the aging was more pronounced in mature samples. To our knowledge,
13 this is the first time to report the polysaccharide and oligosaccharide composition in red
14 sparkling wines.

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16 **Keywords:** sparkling wine, aging on lees, grape maturity, polysaccharides,
17 oligosaccharides, mannoproteins, RG-II, PRAG.

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19 **Abbreviations:** PRAG, Polysaccharide Rich in Arabinose and Galactose; AG, type II
20 Arabinogalactans; AGPs, type II Arabinogalactan-proteins; RG-I,
21 Rhamnogalacturonans type I; RG-II, rhamnogalacturonans type II; MPs,
22 Mannoproteins; Ara, arabinose; Gal, galactose; TMS, per-O-trimethylsilylated methyl
23 glycosides; GC-EI-MS, Gas Chromatography Electron Impact Mass Spectrometry;
24 SEC-MALLS, Size Exclusion Chromatography-Multi Angle Laser Light Scattering.

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26 INTRODUCTION

27 Quality sparkling wines elaborated by the traditional method undergo a second
28 fermentation in closed bottles of base wines, and followed by wines aging with lees for
29 at least 9 months since it is the minimum time necessary for sparkling wines with a
30 protected designation of origin (EC Regulation No. 606/2009). The best known
31 sparkling wines produced within this premium category are white or rosé ones from
32 Champagne, Talento-Trento and Cava regions from France, Italy, and Spain,
33 respectively.

34 The production of sparkling wines by traditional method is lower compared to that of
35 still wines, but the economic impact of this product is very important because of its high
36 added value. For this reason, in recent years a new market strategy in the oenological
37 industry based on the diversification of wine production and on the exploitation of the
38 characteristics and particularities of different varieties of grapes is emerging.¹⁻⁵ In this
39 frame, although the most of the sparkling wines elaborated are white and rosé ones, red
40 sparkling wines produced by the traditional method may be considered as a good
41 example of these types of new products.

42 Grapes destined for producing high quality red sparkling wines must be harvested with
43 a lower grape ripeness than fruit for still wines, with relatively lower pH, higher
44 titratable acidity, and lower soluble sugars. This is because the secondary fermentation
45 will increase the alcohol content and the finished wines should be fresh and light in
46 mouth as well as exhibit the flavors produced by the traditional method.

47 The lower maturity of grapes for sparkling wine production may influence the
48 carbohydrate composition of its respective wines,⁶⁻⁹ and thus have implications in the
49 sparkling wine sensory properties. The progressive pectin degradation of the grape skin
50 cell walls,¹⁰ that takes place thorough ripening should favor polysaccharide

51 solubilization in the juice and thus in wine.^{9,11} Additionally, grape maturity could
52 modulate the growth of yeast¹² and in finally the release polysaccharides and
53 oligosaccharides of yeast cell wall during the alcoholic fermentation and the aging on
54 lees of sparkling wines. Environmental factors such as carbon source or level of initial
55 colloid content of the fermenting medium have been shown to influence the amount of
56 cell wall polysaccharides secreted and then liberated into the medium.¹³

57 Complex carbohydrates are present in wines, and with polyphenols and proteins
58 constitute the macromolecules of wines. They play an important role in stabilizing other
59 molecules in solution and thus are able to modify both the wine processing and
60 organoleptic properties.¹⁴ In sparkling wines, foam and aroma have been correlated with
61 the type, the molecular weight, and the composition of polysaccharides.¹⁵⁻¹⁹ The
62 evolution of polysaccharides during the winemaking process and also during the aging
63 on yeast lees to elaborate white and rosé sparkling wines has been previously
64 performed.¹⁹ However, little is known about the content and evolution of the different
65 polysaccharide families during the winemaking of red sparkling wines. Moreover,
66 although it is largely known the presence of oligosaccharides in still wines,^{9,20-25} there is
67 no information on the oligosaccharide composition in sparkling red wines. These
68 natural molecules are related to plants self-defense processes,²⁶ dietary antioxidants,²⁷
69 and several health benefits,²⁸ they are also known for their physicochemical properties
70 such as chelations of cations,²⁹ which may be important in enhancing the quality of
71 sparkling wines. Since the structure and amounts of oligosaccharides released into the
72 wines will depend on the wine-making process,^{9,24,25} an understanding of their content
73 and kinetic release during the sparkling wine making is essential.

74 The aim of this paper was to analyze the changes occurring on complex carbohydrate
75 (oligosaccharides and polysaccharides) composition during the red sparkling wine

76 processing by the traditional method, as well as to study the effect of the grape ripening
77 stage on the carbohydrate composition.

78 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

79 **Sparkling wine samples**

80 Grapes from Tempranillo variety were collected (vintage 2013) at the same vineyard on
81 the Cigales Denomination of Origin (D.O.).

82 Grapes were harvested in two maturity moments: prematurity grapes, with acidity and
83 sugar level suitable for sparkling wine production, and grapes at their optimum degree
84 of phenolic maturity. Prematurity grapes were harvested 10 days before maturity grapes
85 and there was no significant climate variation during this period. Then, two red
86 sparkling wines were manufactured using the traditional method in the enological
87 station of Castilla y León (Valladolid, Spain). Base wines were elaborated following the
88 traditional red winemaking process in stainless steel tanks of 150 liters in duplicate. The
89 grapes were destemmed, crushed, and slightly sulphited (50 mg/L). Alcoholic
90 fermentation was carried out with commercial *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* yeasts (FERM
91 ES 488, Enartis, Italy). Pectinolytic enzymes were not added. The maceration-
92 fermentation time was 7 days and temperature was maintained at 25 ± 2 °C. Once the
93 alcoholic fermentation was over (reducing sugars < 2 g/L), the wines were gently
94 pressed and racked into new tanks. Wines were inoculated with commercial
95 *Oenococcus oeni* lactic acid bacteria (Viniflora CH16, CHR Hansen, Denmark) to carry
96 out the malolactic fermentation. The base wines were cold-stabilized (-5 °C) and
97 clarified with Gel-Red porcine gelatin (0.25 mL/L) (Enolviz, Spain). Then the wines
98 were bottled and the tirage liquor, formed by yeast *S. cerevisiae* var. *bayannus* (0.30
99 g/L, IOC 18-2007, Institut OEnologique de Champagne, Épernay, France), sucrose (23
100 g/L) and bentonite sodium activated (100 mg/L) (Laffort, France), was added. After

101 that, the bottles were kept in a cellar at a temperature (11-13 °C) and relative humidity
102 (75-85%) controlled for 9 months. The pressure and residual sugars were measured
103 periodically to control the second fermentation. Samples for analyses were taken from
104 the base wines (T0) and then after 3 months (T3), 6 months (T6) and 9 months (T9) of
105 aging on yeast lees. Wines were riddled and disgorged before analysis, and “liqueur
106 d’expédition” was not added. For each stage, three bottles were analyzed, and all the
107 analyses were conducted in triplicate on wines after centrifugation. Standard enological
108 parameters in musts and base wines were determined using official analysis methods
109 (OIV 1990).³⁰

110 **Isolation of polysaccharide and oligosaccharide fractions**

111 The polysaccharide and oligosaccharide fractions were isolated as previously
112 described.²⁵ The wines (5 mL) were partially depigmented in polyamide CC 6 columns,
113 particle size 0.05–0.16 previously equilibrated with NaCl 1 M. Total wine carbohydrate
114 was not retained on the polyamide column, and was eluted by 2 bed volumes of 1 M
115 NaCl.³¹ The eluted fraction was concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator
116 (Buchi, Switzerland). Size exclusion high resolution column chromatography was
117 performed by loading 2 mL of the previously concentrated total wine carbohydrate on a
118 system composed by a 234-Gilson sampling injector (Roissy, France), an LC-10 AS
119 Shimadzu pump (Kyoto, Japan) and a Isco Foxy sampling collector (Lincoln, NE,
120 USA). Elution was performed on a Superdex-30 HR column (60 x 1.6 cm, Pharmacia,
121 Sweden) with a precolumn (0.6 x 4 cm) equilibrated at 1 mL/min with 30 mM
122 ammonium formiate pH 5.6. Elution of polysaccharides and oligosaccharides was
123 followed with an Erma-ERC 7512 (Erma, Japan) refractive index detector combined
124 with Waters Baseline 810 software. Polysaccharide fraction was eluted between 40 and
125 53 min, while oligosaccharide fraction was collected between 54 and 93 min.^{23,24} The

126 isolated fractions were freeze-dried, redissolved in water and freeze dried again for four
127 times to remove the ammonium salt.

128 **Polysaccharide analysis**

129 Neutral monosaccharides were released after hydrolysis of the wine polysaccharides by
130 treatment with 2 mol/L trifluoroacetic acid for 75 min at 120 °C.³² They were then
131 converted to the corresponding alditol acetate derivatives by reduction and acetylation,
132 and quantified by gas chromatography (GC) analysis on a Shimadzu GC-2010 plus gas
133 chromatograph connected to a flame ionization detector, using a fused silica DB-225
134 (210 °C) capillary column (30 m × 0.32 mm i.d., 0.25 µm film), with hydrogen as the
135 carrier gas, on a Hewlett-Packard Model 5890 gas chromatograph (Hewlett Packard,
136 Palo Alto, CA, USA). The different alditol acetates were identified from their retention
137 time by comparison with that of standard monosaccharides. Allose and myo-inositol
138 were used as internal standards. Neutral sugar amounts were calculated relative to the
139 internal standard (myo inositol).

140 **Oligosaccharide analysis**

141 The neutral and acidic sugar composition was determined after solvolysis with
142 anhydrous MeOH containing 0.5 M HCl (80 °C, 16 h), by GC of their per-O-
143 trimethylsilylated methyl glycoside derivatives.³³ The TMS derivatives were separated
144 on two DB-1 capillary columns (30 m x 0.25 mm i.d., 0.25 µm film) (temperature
145 programming 120-200 °C at 1.5 °C/ min), coupled to a single injector inlet through a
146 two-holed ferrule, with H₂ as the carrier gas on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010SE gas
147 chromatograph. The outlet of one column was directly connected to a flame ionization
148 detector at 250 °C and the second column via a deactivated fused-silica column (0.25 m
149 x 0.11 µm i.d.) was connected to a mass detector. Samples were injected in the pulsed
150 split mode with a split ratio of 20:1. The transfer line to the mass was set at 280 °C. EI

151 mass spectra were obtained from m/z 50 to 400 every 0.2 s in the total ion-monitoring
152 mode using an ion source temperature of 200 °C, a filament emission current of 60 μ A,
153 and an ionization voltage of 70 eV.

154 **Determination of molar mass of sparkling wine polysaccharides and**
155 **oligosaccharides.**

156 Molar-mass distributions, molar weight and number average mass (M_w and M_n in
157 g/mol), and intrinsic viscosity ($[\eta]$ in mL/g), were determined at 25 °C by coupling size
158 exclusion chromatography with a multi-angle light scattering device (MALLS), a
159 differential viscometer and a differential refractive index detector. Size exclusion
160 chromatography elution was performed on OH-pack guard column followed by two
161 serial Shodex OH-pack KB-804 and KB-805 columns (0.8 \times 30 cm; Shodex Showa
162 Denko, Japan) at 1 mL/min flow rate in 0.1 M LiNO₃ after filtration through 0.1 μ m
163 filter unit. The MALLS photometer, a DAWN-HELEOS from Wyatt Technology Inc.
164 (Wyatt Technology Corporation, Santa Barbara, CA, USA), was equipped with a GA-
165 AS laser (λ = 658 nm). The differential viscometer detector (Viscostar II, Wyatt
166 Technology Inc., USA) was equipped with a 4-capillary bridge design. The
167 concentration of each eluted polysaccharide was determined using the differential
168 refractive index detector (Optilab TrEX, Wyatt Technology Inc., USA). All collected
169 data were analyzed using Astra V 6.0.6 software with the zimm plot (order 1) technique
170 for molar-mass estimation and a differential refractive index increment of the polymer
171 in the solvent used. It was employed a dn/dc classical value for polysaccharides (0.146
172 mL/g)³⁴.

173 **Chemicals**

174 All reagents were analytical grade unless otherwise stated. Ammonium formiate,
175 sodium chloride, phosphorous pentoxide, hydrogen chloride, trifluoroacetic acid,

176 sodium borohydride, ammonia, acetone, glacial acetic acid, ethyl acetate, acetic
177 anhydride, perchloric acid 70%, 1-methylimidazole, chloroform, and n-Hexane were
178 obtained from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany). Methanol anhydrous, allose, and myo
179 inositol were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St Louis, MO, USA). Polyamide SC6 was
180 supplied by Macherey-Nagel (Düren, Germany). Tri-Sil (Reagent Pierce, Interchim)
181 was obtained from Thermo Scientific (Waltham, MA, USA).

182 **Statistical analysis**

183 All of the data are expressed as the arithmetic average of three replicates. One-factor
184 ANOVA and two-sample t test were carried out with the package SPSS for Windows
185 (SPSS Statistics v.15.0, SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA).

186 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

187 *Oenological parameters*

188 Standard enological parameters were determined for the musts, the base wines and
189 sparkling wines at 9 months of aging (Table 1).

190 For premature sparkling winemaking, grapes were harvested when probable alcohol
191 reached was optimal for classic sparkling wines, with high acidity and low sugar level.
192 These fruit quality parameters for premature must were in agreement to previously
193 reported data for desired maturity for sparkling wine production.³⁵ For mature sparkling
194 winemaking, grapes were harvested 10 days later, with alcohol and phenolic maturity
195 adequate to elaborate red still wines.

196 As it was expected, premature base wines had lower alcohol concentrations, higher
197 acidity, lower pH and color intensity than mature ones. It must be emphasized that first
198 alcoholic fermentation in mature base wine finished with high alcohol content to
199 elaborate sparkling wines. Therefore, wine techniques were applied to reduce the
200 alcohol content in sparkling wines made with mature grapes.

201 Due to the maturity grape stage and the low alcohol content, the extraction of phenolic
202 compounds from grape berries into the wine was low in premature base wines. Color
203 intensity values varied from 8.7 to 11.5 depending on the grape maturity stage. Values
204 obtained after malolactic fermentation in both base wines for volatile acidity confirmed
205 a suitable winemaking with absence of microbial alterations. The resulting sparkling
206 wines completely finished the second fermentation with a residual sugar concentration
207 below 1.70 g/L, and an ethanol content of 12.3 and 14.0 % v/v in premature and mature
208 red sparkling wines, respectively. Internal bottle pressure became similar for both
209 wines. Volatile acidity concentrations were less than 0.32 g/L, which indicated a good
210 preservation state. The second fermentation involved a decrease in color intensity but a
211 slight increase in tonality.

212 *Sparkling wine polysaccharide and oligosaccharide fractions*

213 Figure 1 shows the molecular weight distributions of polysaccharides and
214 oligosaccharides of premature and mature red sparkling wines during their aging on
215 yeast lees. The population eluting on the Superdex 30-HR column between 40 and 53
216 min corresponded to the polysaccharide fraction, while the oligosaccharide population
217 was collected between 54 and 93 min. The first peak obtained in the range 40 to 48 min
218 corresponded to the polysaccharide fraction of highest molecular mass, and it
219 corresponded to polysaccharides rich in arabinose and galactose (PRAG) and
220 mannoproteins (MP).^{25,36} The second peak eluted between 49 and 53 min, and
221 corresponded to the fraction containing mainly rhamnogalacturonans type II (RG-
222 II),^{25,36} but also PRAG and MP of lower mass. Significant differences between the
223 content and profiles of base wines could be observed. The profiles of polysaccharide
224 and oligosaccharide fractions of red base wines elaborated with mature grapes were
225 higher than in the fractions obtained with the premature grapes. The differences in the

226 refractive index responses were attributed to differences in maturity stages between the
227 grapes at the time of the harvest. Therefore, the progressive enzymatic degradation of
228 the walls of skin cells during ripening³⁷ could have increased the presence of soluble
229 polysaccharides⁷ in the wine. Additionally, grape ripeness influenced the polysaccharide
230 composition of its respective base wines. The occurrence of a peak tailing at 48 min in
231 premature wines, not observed in mature wines, may indicate that polysaccharides were
232 more easily extracted during the maceration-fermentation of the mature red base wines.
233 The different profiles observed among the samples confirmed the great influence of the
234 grape maturity level on the wine polysaccharide and oligosaccharide fractions, and thus
235 this technique could be used to identify wines according to their grape's ripening stage.
236 During the aging on yeast lees, significant changes in the areas of the signals were
237 observed (Figure 1), indicating that transformations in the polysaccharide and
238 oligosaccharide quantities were occurring. However, no shifts were observed and
239 chromatograms were almost superimposable, showing no evolution in the molecular
240 weight distributions during this period.

241 *Polysaccharide composition*

242 Table 2 shows the glycosyl residue composition of the polysaccharides. The presence of
243 neutral sugars (mannose, glucose, rhamnose, arabinose, galactose and fucose)
244 confirmed the presence of mannan-, glucan-, arabinan-, arabinogalactan-,
245 homogalacturonan- and rhamnogalacturonan-like structures in the polysaccharides of
246 the red sparkling wines studied. Although glucose is not known as a component of
247 pectic polysaccharides, it could arise from yeast polysaccharides¹⁹. The presence of
248 xylose residues indicated that traces of hemicelluloses might be solubilized from grape
249 berry cell walls. The identification of several rare sugars, such as apiose, 2-*O*-methyl-
250 fucose and 2-*O*-methyl-xylose, indicated the presence of RG-II molecule.³⁶

251 Grape maturity affected the monosaccharide composition of polysaccharides in base
252 wines. The major differences among the glycosyl composition of polysaccharides in
253 base wines were found in arabinose, galactose and rhamnose content. Premature base
254 wines were composed of mannose (30%), followed by arabinose (27%) and galactose
255 (26%). However, arabinose (32%) and galactose (29%) were found at higher
256 concentrations than mannose (26%) in mature base wines. These percentages were in
257 agreement with the glycosyl composition of other sparkling wines obtained by different
258 authors.^{19,38} As previously reported,¹¹ the amount of galactose, arabinose and rhamnose,
259 which come from grapes, clearly increased with grape maturity. In the same way, base
260 wines elaborated with mature grapes showed higher content in mannose than those
261 elaborated with premature ones. The high concentration of mannose may be due to
262 enhanced yeast metabolism in higher-sugar grape juices.³⁹ In contrast, base wines
263 elaborated with more mature grapes presented lower quantities of glucose. The total
264 content of glycosyl residues was higher in mature base wines than in premature ones
265 (318 ± 8.3 and 199 ± 5.7 mg/L, respectively). In the same way, during the aging on
266 yeast lees, mature red sparkling wines showed higher quantities of several glycosyl
267 residues than premature ones (approximately 1.7 times higher). Therefore, chemical
268 quantitative analysis corroborated the profiles obtained by size exclusion
269 chromatography (Figure 1).

270 Glycosyl content and profile of polysaccharides changed as the aging on yeast less
271 process went on. Yeast monosaccharides showed different trends. In both wines, the
272 content of mannose increased significantly at 6 months of aging probably due to yeast
273 autolysis, but it was significantly reduced from 6 to 9 months of aging in mature
274 samples. Decreases in the content of mannose could be attributed to precipitation
275 phenomena as a result of their interaction with other wine components to form unstable

276 colloids. No clear trend in the glucose concentration was observed. The content of
277 glucose decreased at 3 months of aging in premature red sparkling wines; however, it
278 was observed an increase after 3 months of aging in the mature wines. This lack of a
279 trend in glucose concentration could be related with the different sources of polymeric
280 glucose, with the precipitation of grape hemicelluloses during winemaking, but also
281 with the different yeast autolysis conditions.

282 The content of monosaccharides forming the grape polysaccharides remained constant
283 or decreased during aging. Grape polysaccharides could react with other wine
284 compounds to form unstable colloids during long periods of aging on yeast lees. These
285 results were in agreement with those of other researchers in white and rosé sparkling
286 wines.¹⁹

287 To increase the knowledge of the structure of polysaccharide sugars from sparkling
288 wines, the ratios Arabinose to Galactose (Ara/Gal) and Mannose to Glucose (Man/Glc)
289 were calculated.

290 Ara/Gal ratio remained close to 1.3 in both base wines, which is somewhat higher than
291 those described in the literature for still red wine polysaccharides rich in arabinose and
292 galactose (PRAG).^{40,41} Analysis of the Ara/Gal ratio indicated that aging on yeast lees
293 slightly modified the total PRAG composition of sparkling wines according their grape
294 maturity stage. Mature red sparkling wines showed a significant increase in Ara/Gal
295 ratio during the aging on yeast lees, suggesting a larger release of arabinose or
296 polysaccharides rich in arabinose arising from the hairy region of the pectic framework.
297 In contrast, the Ara/Gal ratio of premature red sparkling wines remained constant during
298 the aging. The different trends in the Ara/Gal ratio during the aging on yeast lees may
299 influence the PRAG physicochemical properties and thus modify the final colloidal
300 equilibrium¹⁷ and foam properties of the sparkling wines.¹⁸

301 The Man/Glc ratio indicated that grape maturity modified the release of polysaccharides
302 from yeast during the autolysis of the cell walls. Mature red sparkling wines showed
303 higher changes in the Man/Glc ratio than premature ones. A significant decrease was
304 observed in mature samples after 3 months of aging. Man/Glc decrease was due to a
305 significant increase in the glucose content, suggesting that glucans (GL) were
306 hydrolyzed by glucanases during this period.

307 The concentration of mannoproteins (MP), glucans (GL), polysaccharides rich in
308 arabinose and galactose (PRAG) and rhamnogalacturonans type II (RG-II) in red
309 sparkling wines is shown in Figure 2, and it was estimated from the concentration of
310 individual glycosyl residues, as determined by GC after hydrolysis, reduction and
311 acetylation.⁴¹ All the mannose content was attributed to yeast MP, and all the glucose
312 content was attributed to yeast GL. The sum of galactose and arabinose residues was
313 used to estimate PRAG, representing mainly AGP, arabinogalactans and arabinans in
314 wines. The concentration of RG-II was calculated from that of 2-O-methylfucose and 2-
315 O-methyl-xylose.

316 In all the winemaking stages, the MP concentration was lower in premature red
317 sparkling wines than in mature ones. Considering that the yeast strain used in all wines
318 was the same, and that all the mannose can be attributed to yeast MP, the higher MP
319 amounts observed in mature red sparkling wines could be due to the different alcohol
320 content of the wines. Several factors, such as the winemaking conditions³⁹ or the initial
321 colloid content in must,⁴² are related with the MP released by yeasts. In the same way,
322 Doco et al.⁴³ found higher concentrations of MP in Carignan wines than in Grenache
323 wines, probably due to the different ripening degrees at harvest. Yeast MP were mainly
324 released after 6 months of aging, when autolysis process occurred,⁴⁴ which is consistent

325 with previously published data.¹⁹ All samples had lower GL concentration than those
326 previously reported for white and rosé sparkling wines¹⁹.

327 The concentration of PRAG and RG-II in red sparkling wines clearly increased with
328 grape maturity. The increase in soluble pectic polysaccharides in grapes throughout
329 maturity could be related with enzymatic activity. As previously reported⁴⁵, grape
330 polygalacturonase activity, which is almost unnoticeable during the herbaceous growth
331 of the berry, gradually increases after veraison, and triggers a ripening-associated pectin
332 depolymerization. Therefore, an increase in the soluble polysaccharides in grape berries
333 during ripening^{6,8,11} could justify the higher content of PRAG and RG-II in sparkling
334 wines made from riper grapes. In general, aging on yeast lees produced a significant
335 reduction in PRAG and RG-II in wines. This reduction was more pronounced in mature
336 samples, suggesting a higher hydrolytic phenomenon in sparkling wines obtained with
337 mature grapes. Decreases in grape polysaccharides content throughout aging has also
338 been described by other authors^{19,46}.

339 *Oligosaccharide composition*

340 Table 3 shows glycosyl composition and characteristic ratios of oligosaccharides from
341 red sparkling wines. To the best of our knowledge, there is no literature on this topic
342 relating sparkling wines, and this is the first time that the glycosyl composition of
343 oligosaccharides in these types of wines is described.

344 No significant differences were found in the total oligosaccharide content between the
345 two base wines (mature and premature base wines: 311 ± 17.6 and 299 ± 20.0 mg/L,
346 respectively). These quantities were in good agreement with those reported for still
347 wines.²²⁻²⁵ Differences among total glycosyl content of oligosaccharides in both base
348 wines were not as significant as in the total glycosyl content of polysaccharides. These

349 results suggested that the grape maturity stage had more influence on the wine
350 polysaccharide concentration than on the oligosaccharide concentration.

351 In all vinification stages, the galacturonic acid residue was the predominant constituent
352 of the oligosaccharides in both maturation stages (52-59%), followed by glucose (13-
353 20%), mannose (7-10%), xylose (6-7%), and arabinose (4-6%). Galactose (2-4%) and 4-
354 methyl glucuronic acid (2%) were also detected, but in smaller quantities. Rhamnose,
355 fucose, glucuronic acid and xylitol were also detected in all the samples with even lower
356 amounts (1%). Our results showed significantly higher quantities of galacturonic acid in
357 red sparkling wines than those reported in literature for still wines.^{9,21-23} The high
358 galacturonic acid concentration could be explained by differences in the pectin
359 composition and in the natural pectinase activities present in the grape skins.

360 The content of glucose and mannose glycosyl residues didn't increase in the
361 oligosaccharide fraction during aging on yeast lees, probably due to a reduction of the
362 hydrolytic enzymes activities involved in the autolytic process, and/or the higher
363 precipitation or combination rate of oligosaccharides than their solubilization into the
364 wine could explain this phenomena. Total glycosyl content of oligosaccharides
365 decreased in both sparkling wines during the whole period of aging. Reductions in
366 premature red sparkling wines were higher than in mature ones (40% vs 9%) during the
367 wine aging. These data suggested that oligosaccharides from riper grapes showed more
368 solubility and stability, which could have implications on sparkling wine sensory
369 properties.

370 Several characteristic ratios were calculated from oligosaccharide sugar composition:
371 Ara/Gal, Rhamnose to Galacturonic acid (Rha/GalA), Arabinose + Galactose to
372 Rhamnose (Ara + Gal)/Rha, and Man/Glc (Table 3).

373 The Ara/Gal ratio is characteristic of the PRAG-like structures.^{47,48} The ratio was two
374 fold higher than that of red still wine polysaccharides, usually close to 1.⁴³ Mature red
375 sparkling wines showed higher Ara/Gal ratios than premature ones during the aging on
376 yeast lees. The increase of this ratio in the oligosaccharide fraction suggested a higher
377 release of arabinose or oligosaccharides rich in arabinose arising from the pectic
378 framework in mature wines than in premature ones. Moreover, two trends were
379 observed during the wine aging. Ara/Gal increased in mature red sparkling wines but
380 the opposite was observed in premature ones, suggesting a significant degradation of
381 PRAG structures in wines made with the less mature grapes.

382 The relative richness of the wine oligosaccharides in homogalacturonans versus
383 rhamnogalacturonans could be deduced from the Rha/GalA ratio.⁴⁹ The low value
384 observed for this ratio in oligosaccharides from red sparkling wine (0.02-0.03) indicated
385 that homogalacturonans were the major compounds. The values observed for this ratio
386 were lower than those obtained for red still wines.²¹⁻²⁵

387 The ratio of (Ara + Gal) to Rhamnose was calculated to estimate the relative importance
388 of the neutral side-chains to the rhamnogalacturonan backbone. During all vinification
389 stages, the (Ara + Gal)/Rha ratio was considerably lower in premature red sparkling
390 wine oligosaccharides in comparison with mature ones. It could indicate that the
391 rhamnogalacturonan oligomers present in mature red sparkling wines carry more neutral
392 lateral chains. The modifications of (Ara + Gal)/Rha ratio obtained for oligosaccharide
393 fraction indicated that arabinan and arabinogalactan side chains carried by the rhamnose
394 residues of the pectin hairy zone were changed during the aging.

395 The values obtained for Rha/GalA and (Ara + Gal)/Rha ratios indicated that red
396 sparkling wine oligosaccharides contained more structures from the hairy regions of

397 pectins (rhamnogalacturonan-like structures carrying neutral lateral chains) as a result of
398 degradation of grape cell wall berries by pectinases.

399 Regarding Man/Glc ratio of oligosaccharides, glucose was the prevalent sugar, and
400 mannose represented only 7 to 17%. The greater proportion of glucose suggested that
401 the oligosaccharides released into the medium were essentially gluco-oligosaccharides.
402 Throughout ageing, the Man/Glc ratio in oligosaccharides decreased in both maturity
403 stages.

404 MP and PRAG are known to be involved in the foaming properties of sparkling wines.¹⁸
405 However, no information is available on the properties of arabino- and manno
406 oligosaccharides. Only the influence of oligosaccharides over astringency has been
407 recently investigated.^{23,50} Therefore, it would be interesting to study their impacts on
408 sparkling wines, especially their implications in the foaming properties. The knowledge
409 of the oligosaccharide composition and content of sparkling wines should allow to
410 know their physicochemical properties and their interactions with other components
411 present in these types of wines.

412 *Determination of molar mass: the structural features by SEC-MALLS of polysaccharide*
413 *fractions from red sparkling wines*

414 Figure 3 shows the elution profiles of the polysaccharidic fractions from premature and
415 mature red sparkling wines using HPSEC coupled to on-line differential refractometer,
416 viscosimeter, and multi-angle light scattering (MALLS). Concentration signal derived
417 from the differential refractometer, whereas molar mass derived from light scattering
418 were given. The polysaccharides refractive index elution profiles from premature grapes
419 displayed three principal populations whose concentration signal peaks are in the ranges
420 29-32 min (first population), 32-35 min (second population) and 35-39 min (third
421 population), no matter what time of aging on yeast lees (Figure 3, DRI signal). In the

422 case of wine elaborated from mature grapes (Figure 3, DRI signal), similar populations
423 were found, although the range of second populations extended until 36 min.
424 Comparing maturity degrees, the first population appeared clearly higher in the wine
425 elaborated with mature grapes no matter the aging on yeast lees. Besides, it can be
426 observed that the second and third populations were not well separated in wines from
427 premature grapes, whereas these two peaks appeared clearly differentiated for the wines
428 elaborated with mature ones.

429 Regarding the time of aging on yeast lees, wines after 9 months of aging on yeast lees
430 showed lower values in the case of second population without regards the maturity
431 degree of grapes. Moreover, in the case of wine coming from mature grapes, first and
432 third populations also appeared lower after 9 months of aging in comparison with
433 initial, 3 months and 6 months wines. Concerning wines from prematurity grapes, the
434 highest third peak corresponded to wine with no month of aging.

435 The molar mass of the eluting molecules for all samples decreased with increasing
436 elution time in agreement the normal size exclusion separation mechanism (Figure 3,
437 Mw signal). In general, molar mass was higher in wines coming from premature grapes
438 between 29 and 34 min, whereas wines from mature grapes showed higher molar mass
439 between 34 and 37 min.

440 The molar mass, the polydispersity index (M_w/M_n) and the intrinsic viscosity ($[\eta]$)
441 values from studied wines are shown in Table 4. The molar mass appeared notably
442 higher for premature wines in all three populations (P1 (29-32 min): between 368300
443 and 420000 g/mol; P2 (32-35 min): between 94900 and 106500 g/mol; P3 (35-39 min):
444 between 14790 and 15650) in comparison with mature wines (P1 (29-32 min): between
445 264400 and 313900 g/mol; P2 (32-35 min): between 91170 and 95910 g/mol; P3 (35-39
446 min): between 13230 and 15450). The polydispersity index (M_w/M_n) was in general

447 lower in third population in comparison with first and second population for all the
448 studied wines. Peak P3 (35-39 min) mainly corresponds to RG-II which have a perfectly
449 defined structure (10000 g/mol for the dimer and 5000 g/mol for the monomer),⁴⁸ and
450 which therefore has a similar polydispersity index (M_w/M_n) of 1. The intrinsic viscosity
451 was notably higher for premature wines in third population (between 12.9 and 14.6
452 mL/g) compared with mature wines (between 5.2 and 7.5 mL/g). In contrast, this
453 parameter appeared lower in the case of first population from premature wines (between
454 41.2 and 51.6 mL/g) compared with same population from mature wines (between 51.1
455 and 56.3 mL/g).

456 Table 5 shows the molar mass distribution analysis of complex carbohydrate fraction
457 from red sparkling wines as determined by Size Exclusion Chromatography coupled on-
458 line to Multi Angle Laser Light Scattering (SEC-MALLS) and differential
459 refractometer. Regarding these data, six delimited ranges (Molar mass range: range 1 =
460 2500-20000 g/mol; range 2 = 20000-100000 g/mol; range 3 = 100000-250000 g/mol;
461 range 4 = 250000-500000 g/mol; range 5 = 500000-1000000 g/mol and range 6 =
462 1000000-10000000) can be observed among different wines. These ranges limits have
463 been selected from their correspondence with values obtained from different
464 polysaccharide families by SEC-MALLS analysis: RG-II monomer: M_w : 5000 g/mol;
465 RG-II dimer: 10000 g/mol; MP_{0c} : M_w =58000 g/mol; AGP_2 : M_w = 165000 g/mol;
466 MP_{0a} : 350000 g/mol; MP_3 : M_w = 1000000 g/mol (data not reported). In this way, it has
467 been found a molar mass around 145000 g/mol in AGP_0 from red wines.⁴⁸

468 Regarding the maturity degree, the wine polysaccharide fractions from premature
469 grapes showed higher values in range 1, no matter the time of aging on yeast lees
470 (between 37% and 42% of cumulative percentage) compared with wine polysaccharide
471 fractions from mature grapes (around 25% of cumulative percentage of its molar mass

472 in this range). In contrast, wine polysaccharide fractions from mature grapes presented
473 around 35% of mass in range 3, whereas wine polysaccharide fractions from premature
474 grapes present lower percentages of masse in this range (between 24% and 29%).
475 Obvious differences can also be detected regarding range 5: premature sparkling wines
476 showed between 1.5 and 1.9% whereas the value was 0% in all the mature ones.
477 Concerning the aging of wines with lees, the difference in range 2 between premature
478 sparkling wines with 3 months of aging (28%) and premature sparkling wines with 9
479 months of aging (18%) was remarkable. In contrast, the percentages in each range
480 appeared notably similar between mature sparkling wines regardless of the aging time.
481 Taking into account that all the winemaking conditions were the same, except grape
482 maturity stage, results obtained by several analytical techniques suggest a grape
483 ripening influence on sparkling wine carbohydrate concentration, composition and
484 structure. Nevertheless, more works should be carried out to further investigate the
485 possible effect of other factors, such as grape variety, terroir effect or different
486 winemaking procedures, on the oligosaccharides fraction from sparkling wine.

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FIGURE CAPTIONS

Figure 1. Purification by high-resolution size-exclusion chromatography on Superdex 30-HR column of total complex carbohydrate fractions isolated from premature and mature red sparkling wines during different stages of sparkling wine production: base wines (T0), sparkling wines after 3 months (T3), 6 months (T6), and 9 months (T9) of aging on yeast lees. (Relative Refractive Index versus Retention Time (Minutes))

Figure 2. Concentration of Mannoproteins (MP), Glucans (GL), Polysaccharides Rich in Arabinose and Galactose (PRAG), and Rhamnogalacturonan type II (RG-II) in premature (in red line) and mature (in black line) red sparkling wines during different stages of wine production: base wines (T0), sparkling wines after 3 months (T3), 6 months (T6), and 9 months (T9) of aging on yeast lees. Average of the three measurements and standard deviation. Different letters indicate statistical differences ($p < 0.05$). Small letters are used to compare the wines of the same maturity level in each parameter and different aging time by one-way ANOVA. Capital letters are used to compare the wines of the different maturity level in each parameter and each aging time by two-sample t test.

Figure 3. SEC-MALLS chromatograms and weight average molar mass distributions of the polysaccharide fraction in premature (in red line) and mature (in black line) red sparkling wines during different stages of sparkling wine production: base wines (T0), sparkling wines after 3 months (T3), 6 months (T6), and 9 months (T9) of aging on yeast lees. Molar weight distribution (Mw; g/mol; thick line) and Refractive Index (DRI; relative scale; dashed line).

TABLES

Table 1. Standard enological parameters in must, base wines and sparkling wines at 9 months of aging.

Parameter ^a	Premature	Mature
<i>Musts</i>		
Brix	19.7	22.4
pH	3.25	3.46
TA	6.3	6.1
Malic acid (g/L)	3.30	1.89
Tartaric acid (g/L)	4.73	5.19
Potassium (mg/L)	1207	2000
<i>Base wines</i>		
pH	3.47	3.71
TA	5.1	4.8
Alcohol	11.1	13.0
Malic acid (g/L)	0.09	0.09
Tartaric acid (g/L)	1.90	2.30
VA	0.32	0.20
Potassium (mg/L)	1100	730
CI	8.7	11.5
Hue	0.63	0.53
<i>Sparkling wines</i>		
pH	3.49	3.70
TA	5.2	4.9
Alcohol	12.3	14.0
Reducing sugar (g/L)	1.50	1.70
Malic acid (g/L)	0.09	0.09
Tartaric acid (g/L)	1.80	2.20
VA	0.32	0.30
CI	6.7	8.8
Hue	0.64	0.57
Pressure (bars)	5.3	5.1

^a TA: titratable acidity as g tartaric acid/L. Alcohol: % ethanol by volume at 20°C. VA:

volatile acidity as g acetic acid/L. CI: color intensity as sum of absorbances at 420,

520, and 620 nm. Hue: A420/A520.

Table 2. Glycosyl content (mg/L) and characteristic ratios of polysaccharides from red sparkling wines during different stages of sparkling wine elaboration: base wines (T0), sparkling wines after 3 months (T3), 6 months (T6), and 9 months (T9) of aging on yeast lees^a

	2-OMeFuc ^b	2-OMeXyl ^b	Api ^b	Ara ^b	Fuc ^b	Gal ^b	Glc ^b	Man ^b	Rha ^b	Xyl ^b	Total	Ara/Gal ^b	Man/Glc ^b
Premature													
T0	1.4 ± 0.1 b A	0.8 ± 0.1 b A	0.7 ± 0.1 a A	54.8 ± 2.9 b A	1.0 ± 0.1 a A	51.3 ± 1.1 a A	12.3 ± 0.8 c A	59.7 ± 0.1 ab A	16.1 ± 0.3 b A	1.3 ± 0.2 b A	199 ± 5.7 b A	1.28 ± 0.0 b A	4.85 ± 0.3 a A
T3	1.3 ± 0.2 ab A	0.6 ± 0.0 a A	0.6 ± 0.1 a A	47.0 ± 2.2 a A	0.8 ± 0.1 a A	48.8 ± 1.2 a A	8.6 ± 0.3 a A	56.5 ± 1.8 a A	13.4 ± 1.1 a A	0.9 ± 0.1 a A	178 ± 7.1 a A	1.16 ± 0.0 a A	6.54 ± 0.0 b A
T6	1.1 ± 0.0 b A	0.6 ± 0.1 a A	0.6 ± 0.0 a A	51.9 ± 2.3 ab A	0.8 ± 0.0 a A	55.0 ± 3.3 a A	10.7 ± 0.2 b A	65.3 ± 3.2 c A	12.3 ± 0.9 a A	1.0 ± 0.0 a A	199 ± 10.0 b A	1.13 ± 0.1 a A	6.10 ± 0.2 b A
T9	1.2 ± 0.1 ab A	0.6 ± 0.0 a A	0.7 ± 0.0 a A	51.6 ± 1.2 ab A	1.0 ± 0.1 a A	52.1 ± 4.1 a A	12.2 ± 0.7 c A	63.4 ± 0.4 bc A	13.5 ± 0.5 a A	1.1 ± 0.1 ab A	197 ± 7.2 ab A	1.19 ± 0.1 ab A	5.21 ± 0.3 a A
Mature													
T0	1.9 ± 0.0 c B	1.1 ± 0.0 a B	0.7 ± 0.1 a A	101.8 ± 1.4 b B	1.6 ± 0.2 a B	93.5 ± 4.1 b B	6.3 ± 0.2 a B	81.8 ± 2.1 a B	28.0 ± 0.2 b B	1.7 ± 0.1 ab B	318 ± 8.3 ab B	1.31 ± 0.0 a B	12.97 ± 0.1 b B
T3	1.9 ± 0.1 c B	1.2 ± 0.1 a B	0.9 ± 0.2 a A	103.6 ± 2.2 b B	1.6 ± 0.0 a B	86.4 ± 4.0 ab B	12.4 ± 3.2 b B	81.1 ± 1.2 a B	28.6 ± 0.3 b B	1.6 ± 0.0 a B	319 ± 8.8 ab B	1.44 ± 0.0 b B	6.53 ± 1.7 a A
T6	1.8 ± 0.0 b B	1.2 ± 0.0 a B	0.9 ± 0.1 a B	106.2 ± 2.7 b B	1.6 ± 0.2 a B	93.1 ± 2.3 b B	10.6 ± 0.5 ab A	91.8 ± 6.4 b B	29.1 ± 2.0 b B	1.7 ± 0.1 ab B	338 ± 14.8 b B	1.37 ± 0.0 ab B	8.68 ± 0.1 a B
T9	1.7 ± 0.0 a B	1.2 ± 0.1 a B	0.8 ± 0.2 a A	96.7 ± 1.5 a B	1.4 ± 0.1 a B	80.5 ± 2.8 a B	9.3 ± 0.4 ab B	79.1 ± 1.2 a B	25.2 ± 0.1 a B	2.0 ± 0.2 b B	298 ± 6.6 a B	1.44 ± 0.0 b B	8.50 ± 0.3 a B

^a Different letters indicate statistical differences ($p < 0.05$). Small letters are used to compare the wines of the same maturity level in each parameter and different aging time by one-way ANOVA. Capital letters are used to compare the wines of the different maturity level in each parameter and each aging time by two-sample t test.

^b Average of the three measurements and standard deviation. 2-OMeFuc, 2-O-CH₃-fucose; 2-OMeXyl, 2-O-CH₃-xylose; Api, apiose; Ara, arabinose; Fuc, fucose; Gal, galactose; Glc, glucose; Man, mannose; Rha, rhamnose; Xyl, xylose.

Table 3. Glycosyl content (mg/L) and characteristic ratios of oligosaccharides from red sparkling wines during different stages of sparkling wine elaboration: base wines (T0), sparkling wines after 3 months (T3), 6 months (T6), and 9 months (T9) of aging on yeast lees^a

	Rha ^b	Fuc ^b	Ara ^b	Xyl ^b	Man ^b	Gal ^b	Glc ^b	Gal A ^b	Glc A ^b	Xylitol ^b	4-OMeGlc A ^b	Total
Premature												
T0	4.3 ± 0.3 a A	3.3 ± 0.2 c A	11.6 ± 0.7 bc A	17.9 ± 1.9 b A	26.0 ± 1.1 c A	7.5 ± 0.6 ab A	41.1 ± 4.1 ab A	176.8 ± 10.1 c A	3.1 ± 0.3 b A	1.8 ± 0.1 ab A	5.6 ± 0.6 b A	299 ± 20.0 c A
T3	3.4 ± 0.2 a A	2.2 ± 0.2 ab A	10.3 ± 0.5 b A	15.1 ± 1.3 b A	21.6 ± 2.1 ab A	7.3 ± 0.2 ab A	34.5 ± 3.8 a A	144.0 ± 8.3 b A	2.6 ± 0.2 b A	2.0 ± 0.0 b A	4.9 ± 0.1 b A	248 ± 16.9 b A
T6	4.1 ± 0.2 a A	2.6 ± 0.2 b A	12.5 ± 0.7 c A	17.0 ± 1.1 b A	24.4 ± 1.3 bc A	7.9 ± 0.8 b A	50.0 ± 2.2 b A	172.9 ± 15.0 c A	3.1 ± 0.2 b A	2.1 ± 0.2 b A	5.3 ± 0.4 b A	302 ± 22.1 c A
T9	2.6 ± 0.1 a A	2.1 ± 0.2 a A	6.7 ± 0.4 a A	10.8 ± 0.7 a A	18.1 ± 1.8 a A	6.2 ± 0.2 a A	36.2 ± 3.2 a A	91.8 ± 7.2 a A	1.7 ± 0.0 a A	1.3 ± 0.3 a A	3.0 ± 0.3 a A	180 ± 15.1 a A
Mature												
T0	3.2 ± 0.5 a B	2.7 ± 0.1 ab B	18.0 ± 0.7 c B	20.9 ± 1.1 bc A	24.2 ± 1.0 b A	11.0 ± 1.0 c B	42.2 ± 7.8 a A	174.2 ± 3.0 c A	3.9 ± 0.8 a A	3.3 ± 1.0 a B	7.6 ± 0.7 a B	311 ± 17.6 b A
T3	3.0 ± 0.5 a A	3.0 ± 0.2 b B	16.8 ± 1.0 bc B	21.1 ± 1.0 c B	26.0 ± 0.3 b B	9.3 ± 0.5 b B	54.7 ± 5.7 a B	172.8 ± 1.9 c B	3.6 ± 0.3 a B	3.2 ± 0.2 a B	7.2 ± 0.4 a B	321 ± 12.1 b B
T6	2.5 ± 0.2 a B	2.5 ± 0.1 a A	13.7 ± 0.8 a A	16.4 ± 0.5 a A	20.6 ± 1.4 a B	6.9 ± 1.0 a A	44.4 ± 4.3 a A	160.2 ± 4.2 b A	3.7 ± 0.2 a B	2.0 ± 0.1 a A	6.0 ± 0.5 a A	279 ± 12.4 a A
T9	2.5 ± 0.1 a A	2.5 ± 0.1 a B	15.0 ± 0.2 ab B	18.8 ± 0.2 b B	21.6 ± 0.0 a B	7.0 ± 0.1 a B	56.8 ± 6.8 a B	147.0 ± 1.1 a B	3.3 ± 0.2 a B	2.8 ± 0.3 a B	6.0 ± 0.9 a B	283 ± 10.1 a B

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^b Average of the three measurements and standard deviation. Rha, Rhamnose; Fuc, Fucose; Ara, Arabinose; Xyl, Xylose; Man, Mannose; Gal, Galactose; Glc, Glucose; Gal A, Galacturonic acid; Glc A, Glucuronic acid; 4-OMeGlc A, 4-O methyl Glucuronic acid.

Table 3. Continued.

	Ara/Gal ^b	Rha/Gal A ^b	(Ara+Gal)/Rha ^b	Man/Glc ^b
Premature				
T0	1.87 ± 0.0 c A	0.03 ± 0.0 a A	4.49 ± 0.0 a A	0.63 ± 0.0 b A
T3	1.68 ± 0.0 b A	0.03 ± 0.0 a A	5.27 ± 0.1 a A	0.63 ± 0.0 b A
T6	1.89 ± 0.1 c A	0.03 ± 0.0 a A	5.03 ± 0.1 a A	0.49 ± 0.0 a A
T9	1.30 ± 0.0 a A	0.03 ± 0.0 a A	4.98 ± 0.1 a A	0.50 ± 0.0 a A
Mature				
T0	1.96 ± 0.1 a A	0.02 ± 0.0 a B	9.24 ± 0.8 a B	0.57 ± 0.1 c A
T3	2.17 ± 0.0 a B	0.02 ± 0.0 a B	8.89 ± 0.9 a B	0.48 ± 0.0 b B
T6	2.37 ± 0.1 b B	0.02 ± 0.0 a B	8.51 ± 0.3 a B	0.46 ± 0.0 b B
T9	2.56 ± 0.0 b B	0.02 ± 0.0 a B	9.27 ± 0.3 a B	0.38 ± 0.0 a B

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^b Average of the three measurements and standard deviation. Rha, Rhamnose; Fuc, Fucose; Ara, Arabinose; Xyl, Xylose; Man, Mannose; Gal, Galactose; Glc, Glucose; Gal A, Galacturonic acid; Glc A, Glucuronic acid; 4-OMeGlc A, 4-O methyl Glucuronic acid.

Table 4. Parameters^a obtained for the polysaccharides isolated from red sparkling wines during different stages of sparkling wine elaboration: base wines (T0), sparkling wines after 3 months (T3), 6 months (T6), and 9 months (T9) of aging on yeast lees.

	Peak ^b	Mw (g/mol)	Mn (g/mol)	Mw/Mn	Intrinsic viscosity (mL/g)
Premature					
T0	1	376 500	334 700	1.13	45.8
	2	97 560	78 920	1.24	22.2
	3	15 560	14 340	1.09	14.6
T3	1	394 600	331 400	1.19	51.6
	2	94 900	76 590	1.24	25.3
	3	14 790	13 360	1.11	14.5
T6	1	368 300	318 800	1.16	42.9
	2	99 560	81 640	1.22	21.2
	3	15 620	14 100	1.11	14.2
T9	1	420 000	351 400	1.2	41.2
	2	106 500	87 970	1.21	20.6
	3	15 650	13 980	1.12	12.9
Mature					
T0	1	264 400	234 300	1.13	52.8
	2	91 170	79 440	1.15	20.7
	3	13 230	12 640	1.05	6.8
T3	1	297 600	246 500	1.21	53.2
	2	92 200	82 240	1.12	21.6
	3	15 450	14 320	1.08	7.5
T6	1	313 900	273 500	1.15	56.3
	2	95 910	82 120	1.17	21.4
	3	13 720	13 000	1.06	6.4
T9	1	295 000	254 000	1.16	51.1
	2	92 220	80 310	1.15	20.3
	3	14 150	13 380	1.06	5.2

^aMolar-mass distributions, M_w , M_n , determined by coupling size exclusion chromatography performed on two serial Shodex OH-pack columns with a multi-angle light scattering device (MALLS), -MALLS in 0.1 M LiNO₃ ($dn/dc = 0.146$ mL/g). Intrinsic viscosity ($[\eta]$) determined by a differential viscometry detector equipped with a four-capillary bridge design.

^bpeak 1: ranges 29-32 min (first population); peak 2: ranges 32-35 min (second population); Peak 3: ranges 35-39 min (third population)

Table 5. Distribution analysis determined by light scattering ($dn/dc = 0.146 \text{ mL/g}$) obtained of polysaccharides fractions isolated from red sparkling wines during different stages of sparkling wine elaboration: base wines (T0), sparkling wines after 3 months (T3), 6 months (T6), and 9 months (T9) of aging on yeast lees.

(%)				
Premature	T0	T3	T6	T9
Molar mass (g/mol) $2.5-20 \cdot 10^3$	37.0	38.8	36.9	42.1
Molar mass (g/mol) $20-100 \cdot 10^3$	25.5	28.2	22.4	18.4
Molar mass (g/mol) $100-250 \cdot 10^3$	26.2	23.5	28.8	26.6
Molar mass (g/mol) $250-500 \cdot 10^3$	9.3	7.7	10.0	11.0
Molar mass (g/mol) $500-1000 \cdot 10^3$	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.6
Molar mass (g/mol) $1000-10000 \cdot 10^3$	0.5	-	-	0.3
(%)				
Mature	T0	T3	T6	T9
Molar mass (g/mol) $2.5-20 \cdot 10^3$	24.6	25.0	25.0	25.1
Molar mass (g/mol) $20-100 \cdot 10^3$	28.4	28.5	29.0	28.5
Molar mass (g/mol) $100-250 \cdot 10^3$	35.5	34.3	34.7	34.0
Molar mass (g/mol) $250-500 \cdot 10^3$	11.3	11.9	11.4	12.4
Molar mass (g/mol) $500-1000 \cdot 10^3$	-	-	-	-
Molar mass (g/mol) $1000-10000 \cdot 10^3$	0.3	0.3	-	-

Figure 1.

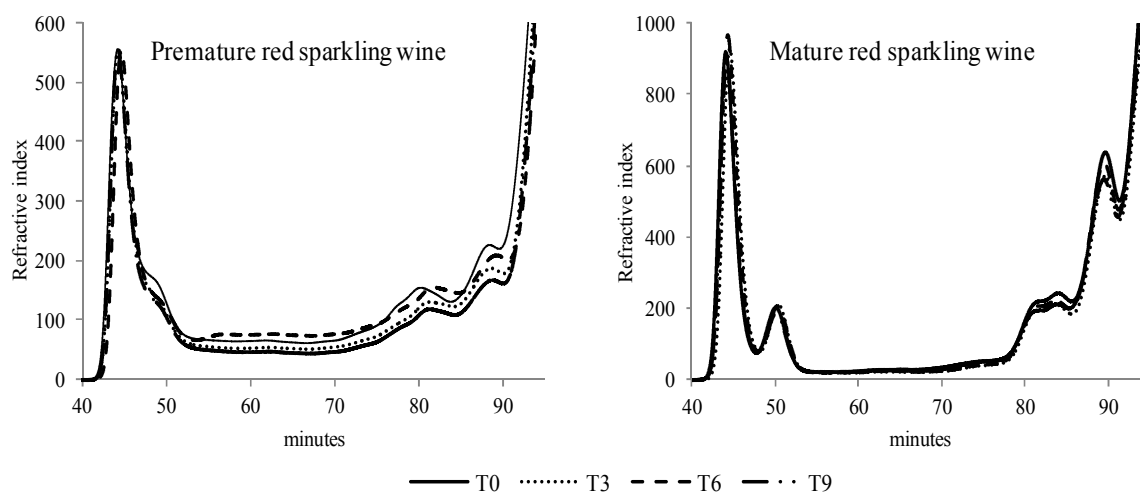


Figure 2.

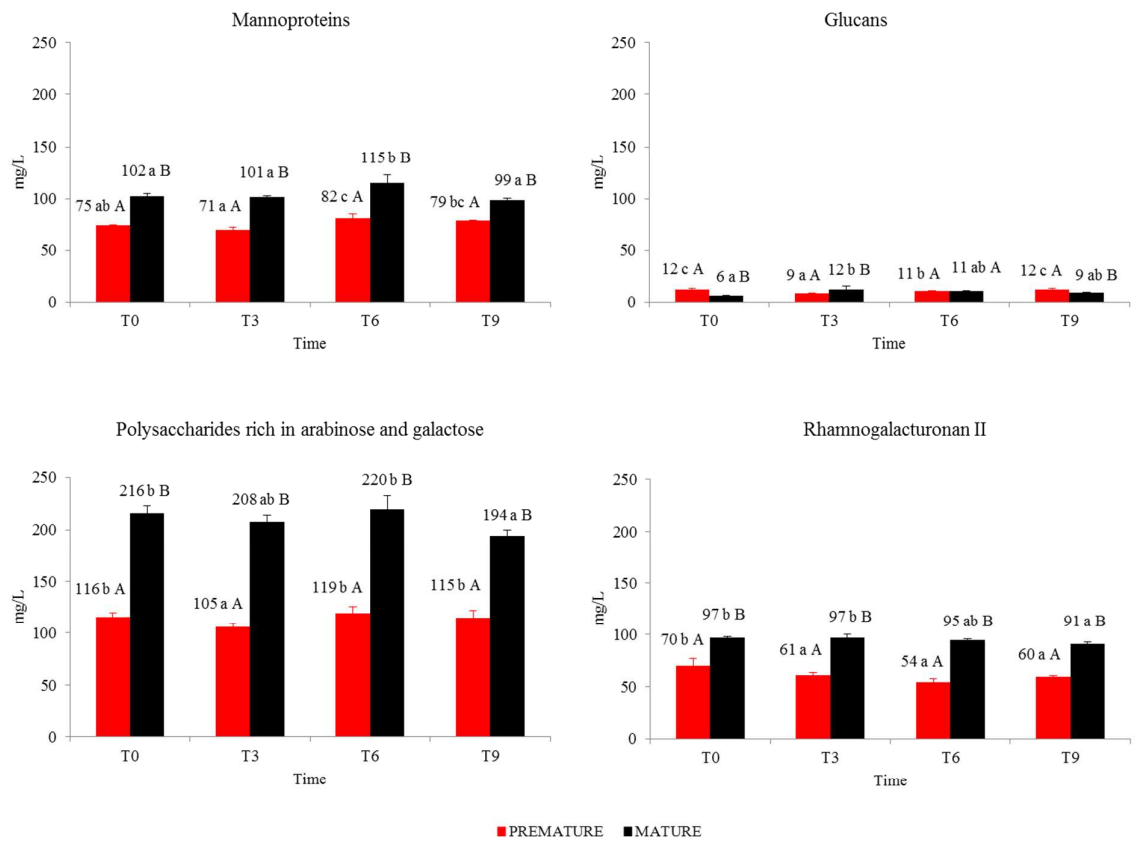
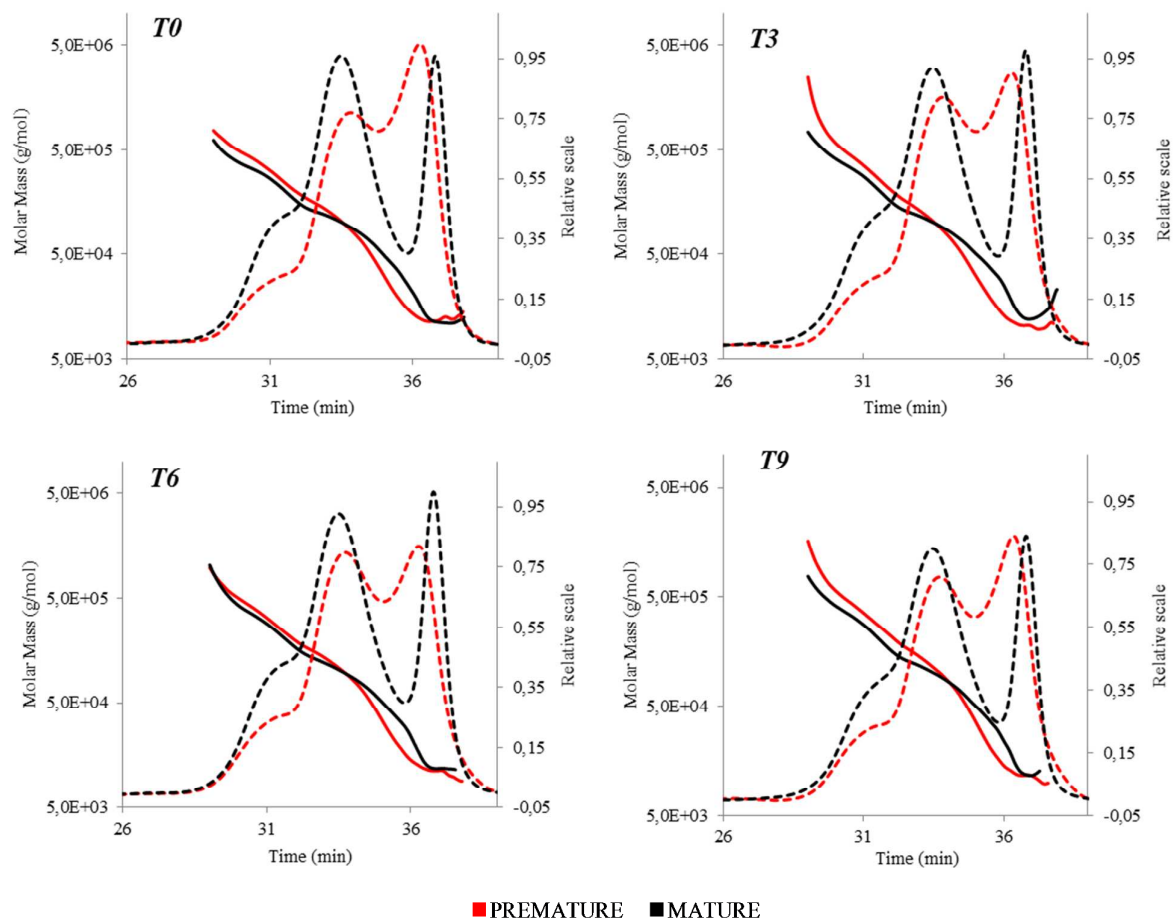


Figure 3.



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