Enological characteristics of red dessert wines produced with innovative technology

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Abstract

An increased demand for red wines in the world market for today is determined just by their antioxidant activity. At the same time, proceeding from positive correlation existing between antioxidant effect and phenolic compounds, only those red wines have antioxidant effect in which their concentration is high. The amount of phenolic compounds in wine depends on the vine growing place, grape cultivar, techniques of fermentative maceration. We have developed fermentative maceration innovative technology for red dessert wine with the aim of enrichment with phenolic compounds (our "know-how"). The objects of research were red dessert wine samples made from Saperavi grape: test sample – using the innovative technology developed by us; control sample – using the existing (standard) technology. The purpose of this work is determination of the main conditioning indices, monophenolics amount, Sensory properties and their comparison in test and control wines. The main conditioning indices (volatile and titric acidity, the total amount of phenolic compounds, color) were determined using standard international methods. By means of the HPLC analysis determined the amount of flavonoids and non-flavonoids. There have been established that compared with control in test samples is high: the total amount of phenolic compounds by 59.9%, color - by 27.7%, the concentration of the total catechins -2.7-times; Total of flavonols -5.9-times, Total phenolic acids -2.7-times. The results of wine tasting assessment are higher compared with the control.

1. Introduction

Wine presents rich product by its composition. It is known scientifically that it consists of more than 1000 compounds. Phenolic compounds are one of the main characteristics of red wine. they take part in the formation of structure, color, transparency and stability of wine [1]. Phenolic compounds inhibit free radicals development, generated in a wide range in human body [2-4], significantly reduce cardiovascular disease [5-7], diabetes 2 [8, 9], various types of cancer [10, 11] and variety of other diseases development risk [12-15]. Phenolics in wines have attracted more interest from researchers in both food science and medicine. The intensive investigations of red wines in have started since 1991 when it became known about the "French Paradox". According to this phenomenon, in France, where regular and moderate consumption of red wines is traditional, in spite of cholesterol-rich food intake, the percentage of cardiovascular diseases is low and the duratio of life is high. Regular and moderate consumers of red wines are at 20–30% less predisposed to the cardiovascular disease [15]. Among the phenolic compounds of red wines with high antioxidant activity, there are outlined: (+)—catechin, (-)—epicatechin, caffeic, chlorogenic, protocatechic, syringic and ferulic acids, resveratrol, kaempferol, quercetin, and myricetin [14-17].

At the same time, proceeding from positive correlation existing between antioxidant effect and phenolic compounds, only those red wines have antioxidant effect in which their concentration is high. The amount of phenolic compounds vary considerably in different types of wines depending on the grape variety, soil and atmospheric conditions, environmental factors in the vineyard, agronomical techniques used, the process berry maturation, the health of grapes, wine processing techniques [18-21].

Dessert wines – is a popular special type of wines, produced in the world [22]: Portugal, Italy, Hungary, Spain, France, Argentina, Germany, Moldova, Bulgaria, Russia, etc.(tabl.1).

Dessert wines production in the Soviet Georgia was intensive "Kvareli №29" and others, nowadays – their production is stopped, but has the potential of recovery. We have developed fermentative maceration innovative technology for red dessert wine with the aim of enrichment with phenolic compounds (our "know-how").

Wine production (excluding juice and musts)

Table 1

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Unit: 1000 hl	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
					Provisional	Forecast
Italy*	48 525	42 772	45 616	54 029	44 229	48 800
France*	44 381	50 757	41 548	42 134	46 804	47 373
Spain*	35 353	33 397	31 123	45 308	38 211	36 600
USA	20 887	19 140	21 650	23 590	22 020	22 140
Argentina*	16 250	15 473	11 778	14 984	15 197	13 358
Chile	8 844	10 464	12 554	12 820	10 500	12 870
Australia	11 420	11 180	12 259	12 310	12 020	12 000
South Africa	9 327	9 725	10 569	10 982	11 316	11 310
China	13 000	13 200	13 511	11 780	11 178	11 178
Germany*	6 906	9 132	9 012	8 409	9 202	8 788
Portugal*	7 148	5 622	6 327	6 231	6 195	6 703
Russia*	7 640	6 980	6 220	5 290	4 880	4 880
Romania	3 287	4 058	3 311	5 113	3 750	4 069
Hungary*	1 762	2 750	1 818	2 618	2 555	2 873
Brazil	2 459	3 460	2 967	2 710	2 732	2 732
Greece	2 950	2 750	3 115	3 343	2 900	2 650
Austria	1 737	2 814	2 125	2 392	1 999	2 350
New Zealand	1 900	2 350	1 940	2 484	3 204	2 350
Serbia	2 382	2 244	2 175	2 306	2 332	2 332
Bulgaria*	1 224	1 237	1 442	1 755	747	1 538
Moldova*	840	1 520	1 470	2 570	1 630	1 630
Georgia	1 034	1 108	830	997	1 134	1 134
OIV World Total	264 188	267 803	258 211	292 218	270 234	275 665
Total	188	803	211	218		

^{*}Dessert wines producer countries

2. Material and Methods

The objects of research were red dessert wine samples made from Saperavi grape: test sample – using the innovative technology developed by us; control sample – using the existing (standard) technology [1]. The purpose of this work is determination of the main conditioning indices, monophenolics amount, Sensory properties and their comparison in test and control wines.

The main conditioning indices (volatile and titric acidity, the total amount of phenolic compounds, color) were determined using standard international methods. By means of the HPLC analysis determined the amount of flavonoids and non-flavonoids on the apparatus Infinity 1200, Agilent Technologies, USA with UV-VIS detector. Separation of components was performed on chromatographic column with reversed-phase sorbent Microsorb 100-S C18 (250mm x 4.6 mm x 5.0 mm). Elution was performed in gradient mode at the rate of mobile phase feed equal to 1 ml/min. The following solutions were used: Solution A – water/phosphoric acid (in the ratio of 99.5/0.5); solution B – acetonitrile/water/phosphoric acid (in the ratio 50/49.5/0.5). The wine samples were diluted five times with methanol and filtered through membrane filter (pore diameter 0.22 μ m). The solvents and commercial standards used during the analysis were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Germany). The detection was performed at wavelengths: 280 nm (catechins, phenolcarbonic acids), 360 nm (flavonols and ellagic acid) and 310 nm (resveratrol). Identification was conducted by comparison of retention time of standard substances and defined components as well [23].

3. Results and Discussion

The obtained data are illustrated in the tab. 2, 3.

In the test samples in comparison with the control is higher: the total amount of phenolic compounds by 59.9% (4139 vs 2588 mg/l), titric acidity – by 53.3% (7.56 vs 4.93 g/l), color - by 27.7% (48.15 vs 37.7).

In the research objects we have identified and quantified: catechins: (+)-catechin and (-)-epicatechin; flavonols: quercetin, quercetin-3-β-D-glucoside, kaempferol and myricetin; phenolcarbonic acids: gallic, caftaric, chlorogenic, syringic, vanillic, caffeic, p-coumaric, ferulic, sinapic, t-cinnamic and ellagic acids.

conditioning indices and tasting results

Table 2.

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conditioning indices and Tasting results	Control	Test
Titric acidity g/l	4.93	7.56
Volatile acidity g/l	0.18	0.23
Ph	3.85	3.82
Total amount of phenolic compounds, mg/l	2588	4139
Color	37.7	48.15
Tasting results, in points	8.1	8.4

Phenolic compounds in the control and test samples Table 3.

Phenolic compounds	Control	Test
(mg/l)		
caftaric acid	20.983	55.6083

(+)-catechin	25.167	35.442
caffeic acid	2.753	14.648
syringic acid	7.600	12.575
(–)–epicatechin	11.417	61.650
ellagic acid	1.483	6.721
quercetin-3-glucoside	5.233	31.008
Total catechins	36.584	97.092
Total phenolic acids	32.819	89.552
Total phenolic antioxidants	74.636	217.652

Among phenolic acids, caftaric acid was present most of all in our research objects. It should be noted that caftaric acid in red wines from Saperavi was identified for the first time by us.

In our samples, among flavonols quercetin-3-β-D-glucoside was present most of all.

In the research objects, cinnamic acid was present as traces; the amount of resveratrol in them was also low (1.5 mg/l).

The results of the study showed that, in comparison with the control sample, the test dessert wine one had higher phenolic content: the concentration of the total catechins -2.7–times (97.092 vs 36.584mg/l); total of flavonols -5.9–times (31.008 vs 5.233mg/l), total phenolic acids -2.7-times (89.552 vs 32.819mg/l), total phenolic antioxidants -2.9 - times (217.652 vs 74.636mg/l).

Total quantity of flavonols increases mainly due to the increase of the quercetin–3–glucoside. In test sample, in comparison with the control, concentration of the quercetin–3–glucoside is higher 5.9–times (31.008 vs 5.233 mg/l).

Total content of phenolic acids in the test sample in comparison with the control is higher mainly due to the quantitative increase in caftaric, caffeic, syringic and ellagic acids. Their amount in the test sample is as follows.

Concentration of the trans-caftaric acid in test samples in comparison with the control is higher: – 2.65–times (55.608 vs 20.983 mg/l); According to the literary sources, this acid is characterized with high antioxidant effect and is the main phenolic compound in curative plants [39].

Concentration of the caffeic acid in test samples in comparison with the control is high 5-times (14.648 vs 2.753 mg/l). According to the literature data, phenolcarbonic acids determine the sort peculiarities and influence on the formation and typicalness of the wine. Studies have shown that caffeic acid has antioxidant activity, anti-mutagenic, antibacterial and anti-carcinogenic properties [4 10, 11,].

Concentration of the syringic and ellagic acids in test samples in comparison with the control is higher respectively in test– by 65% (12.575 vs 7.600 mg/l) and 4.5–times (6.721 vs 1.483 mg/l.)

Studies M. Kampa et. al [4] have shown that caffeic acid, syringic acid, sinapic acid, protocatechuic acid, ferulic acid and 3,4—dihydroxyphenylacetic acid has produce growth inhibition of cancer cells, in vitro, indicating an additional protective effect on hormone—dependent breast tumors.

The results of wine tasting assessment are higher compared with the control.

4. Conclusions

The indicated increase in the content of catechins, flavonols and phenolcarbonic acids, in the test red wine sample can be explained by the application of the technology we developed which provides far better extraction of these components from the grape pulp in the process of alcoholic fermentation as compared to the existing technology.

The high concentration of phenolics enhances the antioxidant and antibacterial effect of dessert wine, improves its quality, biological stability and nutritive value.

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