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1 **Dependency of Phytoprostane Fingerprints of Must and Wine on**
2 **Viticulture and Enological Processes**

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19 **ABSTRACT**

20 Wine is one of the most consumed alcoholic samples around the world.
21 Red wine has demonstrated several benefits for health maintenance. One
22 group of potential anti-inflammatory compounds is the Phytoprostanes,
23 oxidative degradation products of linolenic acid. The aim of the present study
24 was to measure, for the first time, the Phytoprostanes content in wine and must
25 by an UHPLC-QqQ-MS/MS method after solid-phase extraction. The data
26 showed two predominant classes of Phytoprostanes: F₁ and D₁-Phytoprostanes
27 series. In wines, the total Phytoprostanes concentration ranged from
28 134.15±2.33 ng/mL to 216.23±3.06 ng/mL. Musts showed concentrations
29 between 21.43±0.86 ng/mL and 447.1±15.88 ng/mL. The vinification and aging
30 procedures for the production of wine seem to influence the final
31 Phytoprostanes levels in red wine and to modify the Phytoprostanes profile. The
32 high concentrations observed and previous reports on anti-inflammatory effects
33 of Phytoprostanes make further research on the benefits of Phytoprostanes
34 more important.

35 **KEYWORDS**

36 Phytoprostanes, oxidative stress, inflammation, red wine, lipid peroxidation.

37 INTRODUCTION

38 Wine is a distinctive component of the Mediterranean diet, and one of the
39 most consumed alcoholic samples in Spain. Wine and grape berries have been
40 demonstrated to provide several benefits for health maintenance.¹

41 The main characteristic of wine proposed to benefit health is its ability to
42 scavenge pro-oxidant species such as reactive oxygen species (ROS). The
43 ROS are responsible for a high variety of dysfunctions, notably a dysfunction of
44 the normal physiological function in plants and humans, leading to the oxidation
45 of different molecules, such as amino acids, DNA, or lipids.² Lipid peroxidation
46 products are formed by the non-enzymatic oxidation of lipids, such as
47 prostanoids. Arachidonic acid (C20:4 ω 6) is the most common fatty acid in
48 mammals and it can be converted into prostaglandins by cyclooxygenase, or it
49 can be oxidized to isoprostanes (IsoPs) by free radical-mediated peroxidation.
50 Linolenic acid (C18:3 ω 3) is widely distributed in the plant kingdom, and can be
51 converted into jasmonic acid by enzymatic reactions.³ Imbusch and Mueller⁴
52 revealed a new class of dinor isoprostanes in plants, resulting from the non-
53 enzymatic oxidation of linolenic acid, which were named Phytoprostanes
54 (Figure 1). The effects of Phytoprostanes depend on the stereoisomer.⁵ Non-
55 enzymatic oxidation of linolenic acid leads to two regioisomeric classes of
56 Phytoprostanes, and each one of these includes 16 isomers which are thought
57 to be synthesized from membrane lipids of plant cells, such as IsoPs in
58 mammals.³ Peroxidation of linolenic acid results in G₁-Phytoprostanes isomers,
59 which can give rise to D₁, E₁, and F₁-Phytoprostanes. In turn, D₁ and E₁ rings
60 can be converted into J₁ and deoxy-J₁ or A₁ and B₁ rings, respectively.

61 Regarding the beneficial effects of Phytoprostanes, biological activities
62 have been described in plants.³ In fact, B₁ and A₁-Phytoprostanes regulate
63 gene expression in *Arabidopsis thaliana* and tobacco.⁶⁻⁸ In animal models,
64 Phytoprostanes have also demonstrated bioactive effects. For example, A₁ and
65 dJ₁-Phytoprostane, at similar concentration, showed anti-inflammatory effects
66 like those of PGA₁ and dPGJ₂. Moreover, E₁-Phytoprostane inhibits *in vitro*
67 synthesis of dendritic cell interleukin-12 and interleukin-1.^{9, 10} Concurrently, E₁
68 and F₁-Phytoprostane were able to reduce the *in vivo* production of cytokine
69 Th1 and Th2 profiles.¹¹

70 Currently, our knowledge of Phytoprostanes quantitation and
71 identification is limited to tobacco, the leaves of some plant species, and
72 tomato.³ Previous studies have already reported the presence of different
73 classes of Phytoprostanes in vegetable and olive oils, particularly in linseed and
74 soybean oils, as well as in aqueous pollen extracts.^{5, 9, 12} To the best of our
75 knowledge, no reports about the Phytoprostanes content of red wine have been
76 published. Therefore, grape, must, and the vinification procedure, in relation to
77 changes in the Phytoprostanes content of wine or must, is a wide field to
78 explore. It is made even more important by taking into account that the scientific
79 literature has highlighted Phytoprostanes as a representative tool for measuring
80 *in vivo* stress in plants.^{4, 6} Phytoprostanes could also be of interest to wineries,
81 in order to know the oxidative status of their products and as a quality control in
82 the winemaking process.

83 **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

84 **Standards and reagents**

85 Phytosteranes are very stable in their frozen form; they can remain
86 unaltered for several years. Phytosteranes standards (9-F_{1t}-Phytosterane
87 (Phyto1), *ent*-16-*epi*-16-F_{1t}-Phytosterane + *ent*-16-F_{1t}-Phytosterane
88 (Phyto2+3), 9-*epi*-9-D_{1t}-Phytosterane (Phyto4), 9-D_{1t}-Phytosterane(Phyto5),
89 16-B₁-Phytosterane + *ent*-16-B₁-Phytosterane (Phyto6+7), 9-L₁-
90 Phytosterane + *ent*-9-L₁-Phytosterane (Phyto8+9)) were synthesized
91 according to previous procedures.¹³⁻¹⁶

92 Two types of solid-phase extraction (SPE) cartridge were used in this
93 study: Chromabond C₁₈ columns (100 mg/6mL) were obtained from Macherey-
94 Nagel (Düren, Germany) and Strata X-AW (100 mg/3mL) from Phenomenex
95 (Torrance, CA). Both butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA) and bis-(2-hydroxyethyl)-
96 amino-tris-(hydroxymethyl)-methane (BIS-TRIS) were purchased from Sigma-
97 Aldrich (St. Louis, MO). Methanol (MeOH) was acquired from VWR (Fontenay-
98 sous-Bois, France), acetonitrile was obtained from Merck (Darmstadt,
99 Germany), and *n*-hexane was purchased from Panreac (Barcelona, Spain). All
100 LC-MS grade solvents were obtained from J.T. Baker (Phillipsburg, NJ). Water
101 was treated in a Milli-Q water purification system (Millipore, Bedford, MA).

102 **Red wine samples**

103 Red wines were provided by Baigorri winery (Bodegas Baigorri S.A.U,
104 Samaniego, Álava, Spain). Three different wines were selected in order to study
105 different vinification and aging procedures. For correct maintenance, they were
106 stored between 12 °C and 14 °C after bottling.

107 “Baigorri carbonic maceration 2010” wine (CMW) was made with a
108 combination of tips of bunches from hand-harvested Tempranillo grapes. Before
109 being fermented, the grapes were macerated for a long time. Short

110 fermentations in stainless-steel tanks were performed. No aging procedure was
111 employed.

112 “Baigorri aged 2007” wine (AW) was manufactured using the tips of
113 bunches of hand-harvested Tempranillo (90%), Garnacha (5%), and other
114 native grape varieties (5%). Long macerations and intracellular fermentations in
115 stainless-steel tanks were employed. Large oak barrels were employed during
116 the 14 months of aging.

117 “Baigorri high expression 2010” wine (HEW) was made from hand-
118 harvested Tempranillo grapes selected from very old (more than 50 years) and
119 low yielding vineyards. For its long maceration and fermentation times,
120 stainless-steel tanks were used along the whole process. Large oak barrels
121 were also employed during the 22 months of aging.

122 The alcoholic grade of CMW and AW was similar (13.5 °) but slightly
123 higher in HEW (14 °).

124 **Must samples**

125 The musts analyzed during the current study were stored at -20 °C for
126 seven months after the harvest of the grapes, so that the fermentation process
127 did not begin. They were the original grape juices used for the winemaking
128 procedure of each wine. This allows elucidation of the effect of the winemaking
129 process, by direct comparison of each must with its respective wine.

130 The must samples are referred to in the text as follows: CMM for the
131 initial must of “Baigorri carbonic maceration” wine, AM for the initial must of
132 “Baigorri aged 2010” wine, and HEM for the initial must of “Baigorri high
133 expression 2010” wine.

134 The chemical composition of the samples was quite similar. Total acidity
135 of must samples was 4.44, 5.81 and 6.58 g/L for CMM, AM and HEM
136 respectively. Finally, density was 1102, 1099 and 1100, while pH was 3.65, 3.42
137 and 3.52 for CMM, AM and HEM respectively.

138 **Extraction of Phytoprostanes**

139 For the analysis of Phytoprostanes, their extraction from wines and
140 musts was performed following the SPE method developed by Medina et al ¹⁷
141 and Collado-González et al ¹², slightly modified for the wine matrix. A mixture of
142 three different bottles of each wine was employed for the extraction. Strata X-
143 AW cartridges were employed for the SPE, and were conditioned with 2 mL of
144 methanol followed by 2 mL of miliQ water. After that, the cartridges were
145 washed with 2 mL of water, 2 mL of methanol/water (1:3,v:v), and 2 mL of
146 acetonitrile. Finally, the samples were eluted with 1 mL of methanol. The
147 samples were brought to dryness under vacuum, reconstituted with 200 µL of
148 elution phases A:B (90:10, v:v), and filtered through a Millex HV13 0.45 µm
149 membrane filter (Millipore, Bedford, MA, USA).

150 **UHPLC-QqQ-MS/MS analyses.**

151 Separation of the Phytoprostanes present in the samples was performed
152 using a UHPLC coupled to a 6460 QqQ-MS/MS (Agilent Technologies,
153 Waldbronn, Germany), as previously described.¹² Each sample was analyzed in
154 triplicate. Chromatographic separation was carried out on a BEH 156 2.1 x 50
155 mm, 1.7 µm C₁₈ column (Waters, Milford, MA). The column temperatures were
156 6 °C (left side) and 6 °C (right side). The mobile phases employed were solvent
157 A (water:acetic acid (99.99:0.01, v:v)) and solvent B (methanol:acetic acid
158 (99.99:0.01, v:v)). The elution was performed at a flow rate of 0.2 mL/min, using

159 the following gradient profile: 60% B at 0 min, 62% B at 2 min, 62.5% B at 4
160 min, reaching 65% B at 8 min, and returning to the initial conditions at 8.01 min.

161 The MS analysis was applied in the multiple reaction monitoring (MRM)
162 negative ESI mode. The ESI conditions and ion optics were as previously
163 described.¹² Data acquisition and processing were performed using MassHunter
164 software, version B.04.00 (Agilent Technologies). The quantitation of
165 Phytoprostanes detected in the wines and musts was performed using authentic
166 standards of 9-F_{1t}-Phytoprostane, 9-*epi*-9-F_{1t}-Phytoprostane, 16-B₁-
167 Phytoprostane, *ent*-16-B₁-Phytoprostane, 9-L₁-Phytoprostane, and *ent*-9-L₁-
168 Phytoprostane. The synthetic isoprostane d₄-15-F_{2t}-IsoP (8-isoPGF_{2α}-d₄) was
169 used as the internal standard.

170 **Statistical analysis.**

171 An analysis of variance (ANOVA; Duncan) was applied to establish
172 significant differences between the means obtained for the different samples of
173 wine and must. A probability value of $p < 0.05$ was adopted as the criterion for
174 significant differences. These analyses were performed with SPSS version 15
175 software (SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA).

176 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

177 **Qualitative analysis of Phytoprostanes.**

178 The individual Phytoprostanes found in wines and musts are shown in
179 Figure 2. Their identification was confirmed according to their molecular
180 masses, the precursor ions (m/z 327.2 and m/z 307.2), the characteristic
181 MS/MS fragmentation product ions, and the corresponding retention times. In
182 contrast to prostaglandins, Phytoprostanes are formed non-enzymatically as

183 regio- and stereoisomeric mixtures.¹² The Phytoprostane profiles of the
184 analysed beverage samples indicate the presence in all samples of the 9 and
185 16 series of the F₁- and D₁- classes of Phytoprostanes. The B-series and L-
186 series did not present a well standardized distribution among the different
187 samples. In addition, only one wine (CMW) and one must (HEM) contained
188 enantiomers of the racemic mixtures of 16-B₁ and 9-L₁-Phytoprostane (Phyto
189 6+7 and Phyto8+9). It is important to underline that the analytical conditions
190 employed in this study did not allow separation of the enantiomers of the
191 racemic mixtures of 16-B₁-Phytoprostane + *ent*-16-B₁-Phytoprostane and 9-L₁-
192 Phytoprostane + *ent*-9-L₁-Phytoprostane. Therefore, both enantiomers of L and
193 B series were quantited together.

194 Four Phytoprostanes were identified in all the samples (the three wines and
195 the three musts): Phyto1, Phyto2+3, Phyto4 and Phyto5.

196 **Quantitative analysis of Phytoprostanes**

197 The concentrations of total free Phytoprostanes are represented in
198 Figure 3. This concentration varied widely among the three primary musts. In
199 fact, no significant difference ($p>0.05$) in the final concentration of total
200 Phytoprostanes was found when comparing the primary must corresponding to
201 carbonic maceration wine (CMM) (48.9 ± 2.6 ng/mL) and the primary must of
202 aged wine (AM) (20.5 ± 0.8 ng/mL). However, the primary must of high
203 expression wine (HEM) had a significantly higher level ($p<0.01$) of total
204 Phytoprostanes (430.9 ± 15.7 ng/mL) than CMM or AM. As commented on
205 above, HEM came from very old and low yielding vineyards (more than 50
206 years old) which are exposed to more stress factors than newer vineyards.¹⁸
207 This would probably lead to an increase in pro-oxidant reactive species and to

208 the subsequent formation of Phytosteranes by lipid peroxidation of ALA.
209 Consequently, differences in agronomic factors (vineyard age) could have
210 contributed to the different concentrations of total Phytosteranes, compared to
211 HEM, in the must from grapes grown in the new vineyards (CMM and AM), .

212 In the three wine samples studied, the total Phytosteranes
213 concentration did not present a standardized range. Actually, the values did not
214 vary ($p>0.05$) between aged wine (AW) (213.162 ± 3.06 ng/mL) and high
215 expression wine (HEW) (199.818 ± 4.2 ng/mL), but the total Phytosteranes
216 concentration of carbonic maceration wine (CMW) (131.747 ± 2.3 ng/mL) was
217 significantly lower ($p>0.05$).

218 The levels of individual Phytosteranes varied consistently among the
219 different classes of Phytosteranes (Table 1). The F₁-Phytosteranes series
220 class was generally the most abundant class ($p<0.05$) found in all the samples,
221 Phyto1 being the most abundant compound (436.6 ± 7.9 ng/mL). Likewise, a
222 change in the proportion of the F₁-Phytosterane series was observed in both
223 aged wines (AW and HEW). In CMM, AM, HEM, and CMW, Phyto1 was found
224 at a higher concentration ($p<0.05$) (32.7 ± 1.8 ng/mL; 13.5 ± 0.1 ng/mL; 149.8 ± 1.8
225 ng/mL and 90 ± 0.9 ng/mL, respectively) than the sum of Phyto2 + Phyto3
226 (6.8 ± 0.3 ng/mL; 4.5 ± 0.1 ng/mL; 50.1 ± 0.1 ng/mL and 19.9 ± 0.4 ng/mL,
227 respectively). However, in AW and HEW the opposite relationship was found:
228 the sum of Phyto2 + Phyto3 (133.8 ± 2.2 ng/mL and 124.9 ± 1.7 ng/mL,
229 respectively) exceeded the level of Phyto1 (76.95 ± 0.75 ng/mL and 73.57 ± 2.4
230 ng/mL, respectively). Therefore, transformations of the stereoisomers during the
231 aging of wines could change the proportion of the F₁-Phytosteranes series.

232 The D₁-Phytosteranes series class was found primarily in HEM. Two
233 epimeric compounds (Phyto4 (25.1±2.1 ng/mL) and Phyto5 (200.4±11.1 ng/mL))
234 were abundant in HEM. However, the level of Phyto4 in the rest of the samples
235 did not exceed 0.6 ng/mL, whereas Phyto5 was also plentiful in CMW
236 (17.09±0.7 ng/mL). Minor amounts were found in CMM and AM (8.7±0.4 and
237 2.3±0.5 ng/mL, respectively), with even lower values in the rest of the samples.

238 As commented above, the analytical conditions employed in the present
239 study did not allow the separation of the different enantiomers. Therefore,
240 enantiomers of both the 9-L and 16-B-Phytosteranes series of B₁- and L₁-
241 Phytosteranes were quantitated together. Consequently, these two classes
242 were identified and quantitated as the sum of 16-B₁ + 9-L₁-*ent*-16-B₁-
243 Phytosterane and the sum of 9-L₁ + *ent*-16-B₁9-L₁-Phytosterane,
244 respectively. Finally, compounds from the B₁ and L₁-Phytosteranes classes
245 (Phyto6+7 and Phyto8+9) were found in very low amounts. Only in CMW and
246 HEM were they abundant enough to be quantitated, according to the limit of
247 quantitation of the method developed by Collado-González et al.¹² In fact, in
248 these two samples, the sums of the concentrations of Phyto6+7 (2.8±0.1 ng/mL)
249 and Phyto8+9 (10.3±0.5 ng/mL) were not significant, compared to the quantities
250 found in the other Phytosteranes classes ($p < 0.05$).

251 The vinification process seems to modify the initial content of
252 Phytosteranes in the must, since wines CMW and AW showed higher total
253 Phytosteranes concentrations than CMM and AM (their corresponding primary
254 musts). The musts CMM (48.7±2.4 ng/mL) and AM (20.4±0.7 ng/mL) had lower
255 concentrations ($p < 0.05$) of total Phytosteranes than their respective finished
256 wines (131.8±2.1 ng/mL and 213±2.93 ng/mL for CMW and AW, respectively).

257 The wine aging process may be an important factor in the formation of
258 Phytoprostanes. The musts CMM and AM exhibited similar ($p>0.05$)
259 Phytoprostanes levels. Nevertheless, after the vinification process, the total
260 Phytoprostanes concentration in CMW was lower than in AW. In the case of
261 CMW, this concentration could have been a consequence of the carbonic
262 maceration process (extraction) applied to the grapes and the consequent
263 alcoholic and malolactic fermentation in stainless-steel tanks.¹⁹ However, the
264 vinification of AW could have been more oxidative, owing to the use of oak-
265 wood barrels for the aging procedure employed in the vinification. This could
266 have released pro-oxidant compounds into the medium, in addition to promoting
267 greater contact with oxygen.²⁰ In wine, ROS can be produced by reduced
268 transition metals ions like copper or iron. Superoxide radical anions,
269 hydroperoxyl radicals, or hydrogen peroxide could be responsible for the
270 oxidation of ALA.²¹ The vinification of AW included an aging process that was
271 not included in the production of CMW. The oxidation processes during this
272 vinification, besides the aging of the red wine, could have led to the production
273 of reactive pro-oxidant molecules which oxidize ALA to Phytoprostanes,
274 explaining the difference in the final level of total Phytoprostanes between CMW
275 and AW.

276 By contrast, in the vinification process that yielded HEW from HEM, the
277 primary must showed a total Phytoprostanes concentration that was more than
278 two-fold higher (430.9 ± 15.7 ng/mL) than that of the finished wine (199.8 ± 4.2
279 ng/mL). This reduction could be mainly attributable to the great loss of the 9
280 series of the D₁-Phytoprostanes class. It is important to highlight that the D₁-
281 Phytoprostane class is the only studied that is not a terminal compound (end

282 products) in the non-enzymatic lipid peroxidation. In this sense, the decline of the
283 total Phytoprostanes content may be explained by the rearrangement into J₁ and
284 dJ₁-Phytoprostanes, by a dehydration reaction, of the Phyto6, present in large
285 amounts in HEM (200.424±11.192 ng/mL). This probably occurred along the
286 vinification process of HEW. Since pro-oxidant compounds are present during
287 the vinification process, the stability of intermediate Phytoprostanes is
288 uncertain.^{3, 22} The oxidizing conditions during the vinification process probably
289 led to the oxidation of ALA, and thus the formation of D₁-Phytoprostanes. The
290 D₁-Phytoprostanes may have been oxidized to J₁ and dJ₁-Phytoprostanes, but
291 this could not be investigated, as there are no authentic markers available for
292 these compounds).

293 To our knowledge, no reports which describe the Phytoprostanes content
294 in wine or must have been published. Nevertheless, a few plant matrices have
295 been investigated in order to report the Phytoprostanes occurrence.³ Tobacco,
296 *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Crotalaria cobalticola*, *Eschscholzia californica*, and birch
297 pollen have shown the presence of Phytoprostanes. Birch pollen had the
298 highest Phytoprostanes concentration of all these matrices (32 µg/g).²³
299 Consequently, the selection of the plant tissue analyzed is very important, since
300 ROS are not produced equally throughout all the structures of the plant. In fact,
301 green tissues are the most likely producers of ROS, because of the singlet
302 oxygen formed in the chloroplast during photosynthesis, leading to an increase
303 in the number of peroxidation products.²² Savchenko et al²⁴ reported that the
304 total amount of Phytoprostanes in photosynthetic tissue is ten times higher than
305 in roots. In this sense, depending on the tissue studied, Phytoprostanes levels
306 might vary extensively. Few researchers have reported Phytoprostanes

307 contents in foods. Durand et al²² described high amounts of Phytoprostanes in
308 tomato leaves, F₁, E₁, and d-J₁-Phytoprostanes being the most abundant. The
309 level of Phytoprostanes in almonds and olive/sunflower oil has been reported to
310 range from 4.0 to 23.8 ng/100g.^{12, 25, 26}

311 Researchers have highlighted the importance of Phytoprostanes as
312 bioactive lipid derivatives, not only in plant matrices, but also in mammalian
313 systems.²⁷ Phytoprostanes, derived from a non-enzymatic oxidation reaction,
314 are believed to exert beneficial effects in the organism.^{3, 5, 27} Due to their
315 similarities to different prostaglandins, they could mimic the effects of the latter
316 on the organism.^{4, 22, 28} In the present survey, F₁-Phytoprostanes were the most
317 abundant class of Phytoprostanes in all the samples studied (436.6±7.9 ng/mL
318 for 9-F_{1t}-Phytoprostane and 340.1±4.8 ng/mL for *ent*-16-*epi*-16-F_{1t}-
319 Phytoprostane). These Phytoprostanes can regulate inflammatory responses in
320 dendritic cells.²³ Karg et al⁵ reported that A₁ and B₁-Phytoprostanes inhibited
321 the release of nitric oxide in lipopolysaccharide-stimulated RAW264.7
322 macrophages. Thus, cardiovascular diseases could be ameliorated by the
323 effects of Phytoprostanes. In fact, Barden et al²⁸ related the intake of F₁-
324 Phytoprostanes to protective effects on the cardiovascular system.

325 The importance of the intake of Phytoprostanes could be related to
326 neuroprotective effects too. Minghetti et al²⁷ showed that B₁-Phytoprostanes
327 were biologically active in experimental models of immature cells of the central
328 nervous system, exhibiting neuroprotective effects against oxidant injury
329 induced by hydrogen peroxide and promoting myelination through mechanisms
330 which involve activation of the peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor
331 (PPAR)-γ.

332 Bioavailability of Phytoprostanes has also been demonstrated *in vivo* with
333 healthy humans. Barden et al ²⁸ examined the effect of flaxseed oil, containing
334 arachidonic acid; they examined the effect of a diet supplemented with flaxseed
335 oil on F₁-Phytoprostanes and F₂-Isoprostanes concentrations in the urine and
336 plasma of healthy men. Both the plasma and urine analyses confirmed the
337 absorption of Phytoprostanes by the intestinal tract. The esterified and non-
338 esterified Phytoprostanes levels before intake of flaxseed oil were higher in
339 plasma than in urine. Not only oil has been demonstrated to contain
340 Phytoprostanes; parenteral nutrition ⁵ has also shown a significant content of
341 these metabolites (0.09-99 mg/L).

342 Assuming these possible beneficial effects, Phytoprostanes would have
343 an important impact on the Mediterranean diet, due to the wide consumption of
344 wine around the world. The F₁-Phytoprostanes concentrations found in the red
345 wines and musts, and the suggested beneficial effects on the organism, make
346 their contribution relevant in the beneficial effects of the Mediterranean diet.
347 However, further studies seem to be necessary to understand the physiological
348 relevance of Phytoprostanes in general and of F₁-Phytoprostanes in particular;
349 for example, their role in preventing myocardial infarction or heart illness.

350 To the best of our knowledge, this is the first report describing the
351 presence of Phytoprostanes in wine or must. The results showed the F₁-
352 Phytoprostanes as the most abundant class for all samples. Likewise, D₁-
353 Phytoprostanes were present in musts in large quantities, especially in HEM.
354 Vinification and aging procedures may influence and change the initial
355 Phytoprostane profile, favoring the formation of pro-oxidant species. Further

356 studies are needed to elucidate the development of Phytosterols during wine
357 production.

358 Taking into account the possible beneficial effects of Phytosterols in
359 the cardiovascular system and the high concentrations observed in wines and
360 musts, Phytosterols could be an important factor in the cardioprotective or
361 cerebrovascular effects of red wine and the Mediterranean diet, due to their
362 possible anti-inflammatory effects. However, further clinical trials with humans
363 and with animal models are necessary to elucidate how Phytosterols could
364 improve the cardiovascular system or exert neuroprotective effects.

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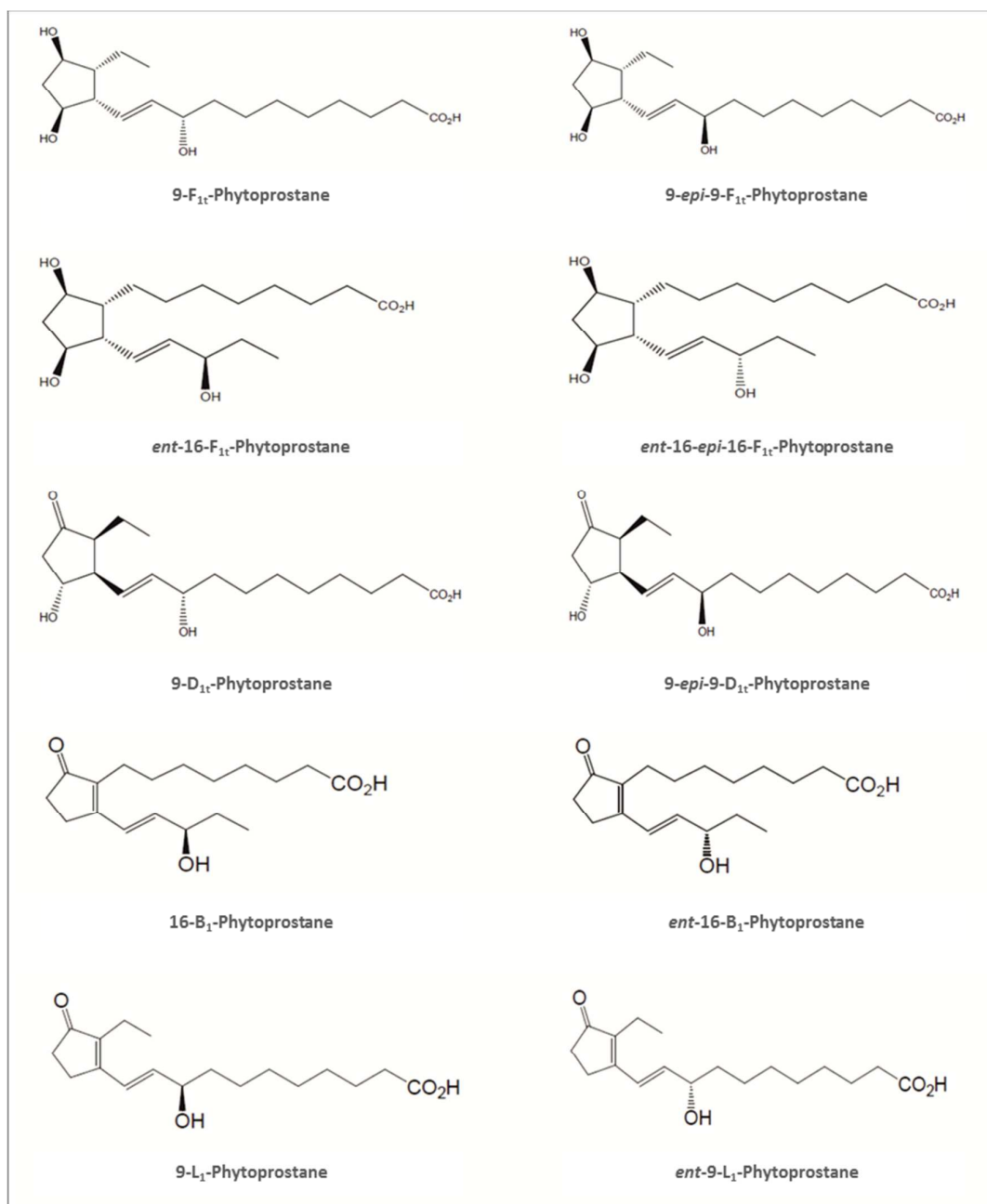
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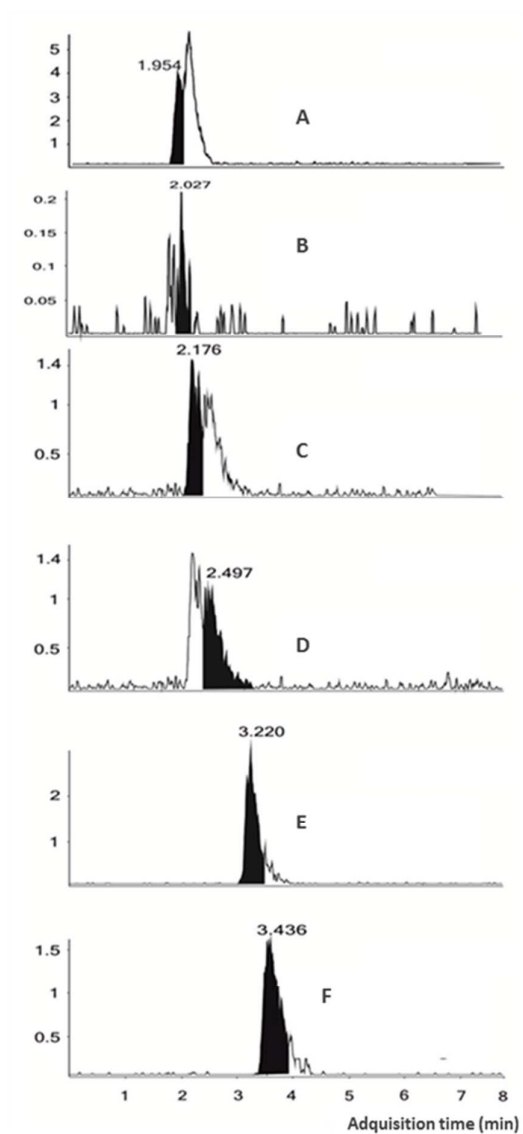
468 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

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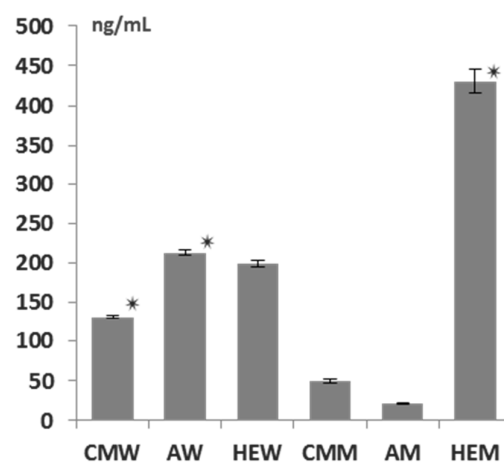
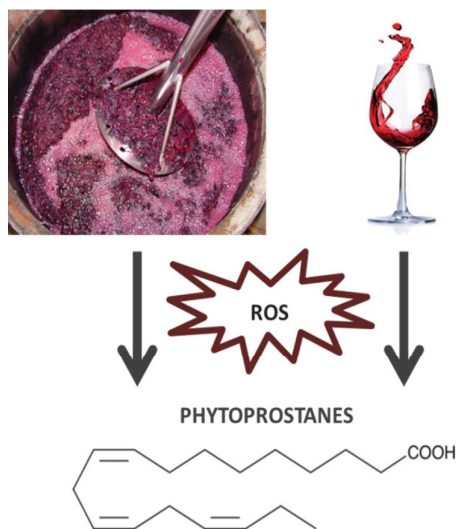


Table 1. Content of Individual Phytosterols Analyzed in Three Types of Musts and Wines

ESTRUCTURE NUMBER	PHYTOSTEROLS	CMW	AW	HEW	CMM	AM	HEM
(Phyto1)	9-F _{1t} -Phytosterol	90.04±0.9	76.9±0.7	73.5±2.4	32.7±1.8	13.5±0.1	149.8±1.8
(Phyto2+3)	<i>ent</i> -16- <i>epi</i> -16-F _{1t} -Phytosterol + <i>ent</i> -16-F _{1t} -Phytosterol	19.9±0.3	133.8±2.2	124.9±1.7	6.7±0.2	4.5±0.08	50.1±0.08
(Phyto4)	9- <i>epi</i> -9-D _{1t} -Phytosterol	0.4±0.02	0.1±0.02	0.09±0.005	0.6±0.03	0.1±0.06	21.5±2.1
(Phyto6)	9-D _{1t} -Phytosterol	17.09±0.7	2.2±0.01	1.2 ±0.01	8.7±0.4	2.3±0.5	200.4±11.1
(Phyto6+7)	16-B ₁ -Phytosterol + <i>ent</i> -16-B ₁ -Phytosterol	0.3±0.001	ND	ND	ND	ND	2.5±0.1
(Phyto8+9)	9-L ₁ -Phytosterol + <i>ent</i> -9-L ₁ -Phytosterol	3.8±0.2	ND	ND	ND	ND	6.4±0.3

ND: Not Detected. CMW/CMM: Carbonic Maceration Wine/Must; AW/AM: Aged Wine/Must; HEW/HEM: High Expression Wine/Must. Results Are Expressed in ng/mL±SD.

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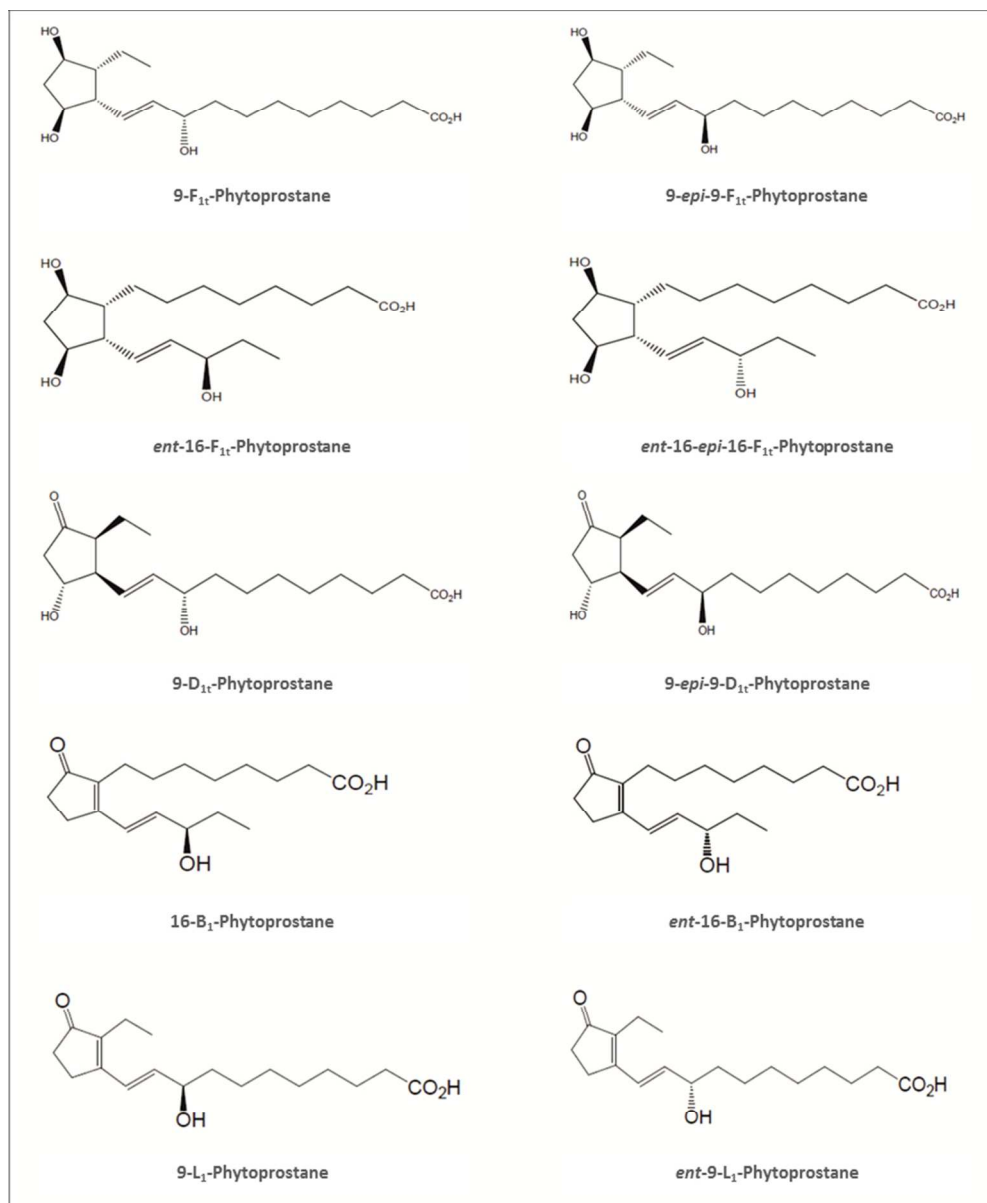


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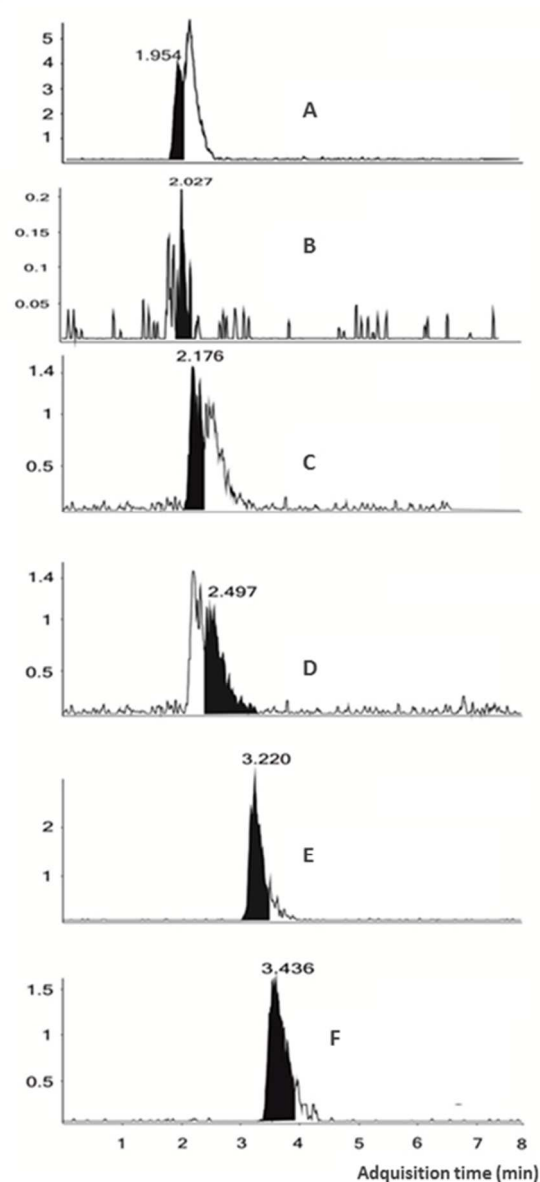


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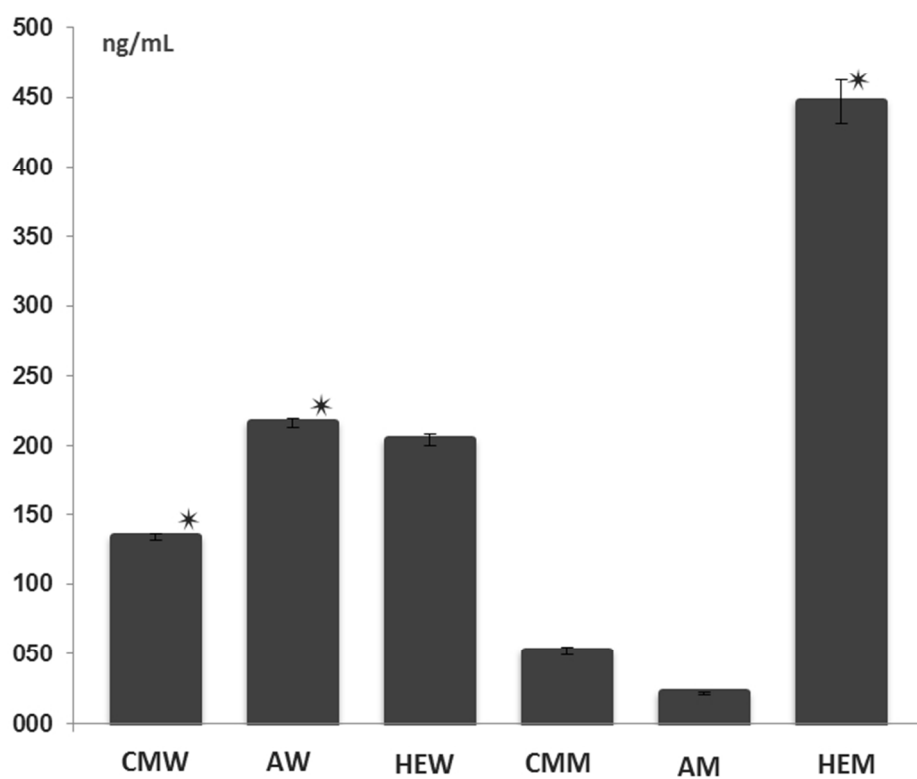


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