

1 **Evaluation of oenological tannins for preventing the light-struck taste**

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11 **Abstract**

12 The light-struck taste (LST) is a fault occurring in white and rosé wines associated to the  
13 formation of volatile sulfur compounds (VSCs) due to the reactions between riboflavin (RF)  
14 and methionine (Met). We investigated the possible preventing effect of 15 commercial  
15 tannins of different origin in model wine added with RF and Met, under oxic and anoxic  
16 conditions, and submitted to standardized light-exposure. All the tannins limited the  
17 degradation of Met in comparison to the tannin-free samples. Lower concentrations of VSCs  
18 were found in presence of tannins even under anoxia, condition favouring their formation.  
19 The sniffing trials evidenced the minor perception of cooked cabbage note with added  
20 tannins. The multivariate analysis showed the presence of flavan-3-ols was related to the  
21 formation of DMDS and DMTS, while tannic acid was related to MeSH, both the behaviors  
22 occurring under oxic condition. The study highlighted the ability of tannins to prevent the  
23 LST.

24 **Keywords:** methionine; riboflavin; volatile sulfur compounds; phenols; multivariate analysis.

## 25 **1. Introduction**

26 The light can induce a number of detrimental reactions in wine, such as formation of off-  
27 flavours, loss of vitamins and discoloration of the pigments. A well-known light-dependent  
28 fault that can occur in white wine is the light-struck taste (LST). This defect causes the  
29 appearance of certain off-flavours associated to cooked cabbage, onion and garlic odours-  
30 like due to the formation of volatile sulfur compounds (VSCs), namely methanethiol (MeSH)  
31 and dimethyl disulfide (DMDS) (Maujean et al., 1983a). They originate from light-induced  
32 reactions involving riboflavin (RF) and methionine (Met) (Maujean et al., 1978). RF, or  
33 vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, acts as photosensitizer prompting photo-oxidative reactions that can occur in two  
34 possible pathways. When RF is exposed to light, it reaches the excited triplet state that may  
35 react directly with triplet oxygen. The latter is converted to singlet oxygen and ground state  
36 RF is generated (Type II pathway) (Cardoso et al., 2012). Singlet oxygen promotes non-  
37 radical reactions with electron rich compounds (e.g., with double bonds) that result oxidised  
38 (Min & Boff, 2002). Triplet RF can also directly reacts with compounds able to donate  
39 electrons, such as phenols and amino acids, including Met (Type I mechanism) (Cardoso et  
40 al., 2012). In this pathway, Met transfers two electrons to triplet RF resulting fully reduced.  
41 Met is then decarboxylated to imine which is easily hydrolysed generating methional. The  
42 latter is also chemically unstable, photosensitive and, through a retro Michael reaction,  
43 decomposes to MeSH and acrolein. Two molecules of MeSH can yield dimethyl disulfide  
44 (DMDS) (Maujean & Seguin, 1983b). Furet and co-authors (2022) recently suggested  
45 DMDS is originated from a dimer cation radical species, reaction occurring in a short time  
46 and without oxidizing species. MeSH and DMDS have low perception threshold up to 2-10  
47 µg/L and 20-45 µg/L, respectively (Mestres et al., 2000; Solomon et al., 2010). The  
48 occurrence of the two pathways depends on the concentration of oxygen. In anoxic  
49 conditions only Type I occurs, whereas in the presence of oxygen, both mechanisms may

50 take place to a different extent depending to the susceptibility to oxidation of the compounds  
51 present in the reaction environment (Min & Boff, 2002; Grant-Preece et al., 2017).

52 The content of RF in must is up to few tens of micrograms per litre (Riberau-Gayon et al.,  
53 2006), but it increases during alcoholic fermentation due to the activity of *Saccharomyces*  
54 *cerevisiae* (Mattivi et al., 2000; Fracassetti et al., 2017). RF amount can further increase due  
55 to prolonged contact with yeast lees (Andrés-Lacueva et al., 1998). The addition of yeast-  
56 based formulations (e.g. inactivated and autolyzed yeasts) can further increase the final  
57 concentration of RF in wine (Fracassetti et al., 2017). The average content of Met in wine is  
58 about 3-5 mg/L (Riberau-Gayon et al., 2006; Grant-Preece et al., 2017; Sartor et al., 2021),  
59 depending to grape cultivar, vineyard treatments, winemaking conditions, fermentation  
60 yeast performing and its autolysis, thus rising up to 15 mg/L (Soufleros et al., 2003; Fiechter  
61 & Mayer, 2011).

62 Certain technological strategies have been proposed to prevent the formation of LST  
63 (Fracassetti et al, 2021a). The removal of RF to concentrations lower than 80-100 µg/L can  
64 represent a suitable approach to decrease the risk of LST appearance (Pichler, 1996;  
65 Fracassetti et al., 2019). The treatment with some adjuvants, such as active charcoal or  
66 bentonite, was effective to achieve this purpose (Pichler et al., 1996; Fracassetti et al.,  
67 2017). However, these adjuvants are not specific for binding RF and they can also deplete  
68 some desirable wine aromas (Riberau-Gayon et al., 2006). The addition of condensed  
69 tannins showed a positive effect in prevent LST (Maujean & Seguin, 1983b). Hydrolysable  
70 tannins were also assayed in model wine resulting effective as lower concentrations of VSCs  
71 were found following the light exposure (Fracassetti et al., 2019). Moreover, the chestnut  
72 tannin in mixture with sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and glutathione (GSH) was recently investigated  
73 in both model wine and white wine. The effectiveness of hydrolysable tannins in preventing  
74 LST was highlighted also when hydrolysable tannins were combined use of other  
75 antioxidants (i.e., SO<sub>2</sub>+GSH) (Fracassetti et al., 2021b).

76 Oenological tannins are a group of phenolics including polymers of flavan-3-ol units, the  
77 condensed tannins, and glucosides of gallic acid (gallo tannins) or ellagic acid  
78 (ellagitannins), the hydrolysable tannins. Commercial tannins with diverse chemical  
79 structure, botanical origin, and extraction process (e.g. with water or solvent) are available  
80 for winemaking (Versari et al., 2013). The oenological tannins show great heterogeneity in  
81 terms of phenolic composition, antioxidant capacity and oxygen consumption rate (Pascual  
82 et al., 2017; Vignault et al., 2018; Ugliano et al., 2020). Similar differences were evidenced  
83 even for oenological tannins obtained from the same source (Vignault et al., 2018; Watrelot  
84 et al., 2020).

85 Based on the promising effectiveness of tannins against LST, the aim of this study was to  
86 investigate the protective effect of fifteen commercial oenological tannins, either condensed  
87 or hydrolysable, in model wine. Both oxic and anoxic conditions were considered; the  
88 degradation of RF and Met, the formation of VSCs and the sensory impact were determined.  
89 Due to the high variability of oenological tannins, a multivariate approach was carried out in  
90 order to clarify the influence of the chemical composition of tannins (Fracassetti et al.,  
91 2021d) on LST formation. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first study considering a  
92 wide range of tannins in preventing LST and looking for a possible relation between their  
93 composition and their capability to counteract the formation of LST.

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## 95 **2. Material & Methods**

### 96 2.1. Experimental plan

97 The experimental plan consisted of assessing the impact of different oenological tannins for  
98 counteracting the formation of LST. Model wine solution (Milli-Q water added with 5 g/L of  
99 tartaric acid, 12% of ethanol (v/v), at pH 3.2 adjusted with sodium hydroxide) was added  
100 with 200 µg/L of RF and 4 mg/L of Met. Oenological tannins of different origin and extraction  
101 method (Table S1), provided by Dal Cin Gildo Spa (Concorezzo, MB, Italy) in a powder form,

102 were tested at 50 mg/L. Both oxic and anoxic conditions were carried out, the latter was  
103 obtained by sparging nitrogen into the bottles for 180 minutes. All the solutions were  
104 contained in 100 mL clear glass bottles tightly closed without head space and exposed for  
105 120 min to standardized conditions of fluorescent light (Fracassetti et al., 2019). Briefly, the  
106 used laboratory-made apparatus consisted of three fluorescence light bulbs placed 40 cm  
107 from each other. Three 100 mL bottles containing the test sample (triplicate trials) were each  
108 positioned between two light bulbs, i.e. at 20-cm distance. The compact fluorescent light  
109 bulbs (Philips) emitted cold light (6500 K) with a luminous flux of 3172 Lumen with high  
110 emission in the absorption wavelengths of riboflavin (370 and 440 nm). The apparatus was  
111 kept in a dark room with air conditioning set at 22 °C. The temperature was monitored in the  
112 proximity by a thermometer dipped in water in a 100 mL bottle placed in the centre of the  
113 apparatus and no temperature change was revealed (Fracassetti et al., 2019). The model  
114 wine solutions were kept at 20±2 °C and protected from light before and after the controlled  
115 light exposure by covering the bottles with an aluminium foil. Triplicate determinations were  
116 carried out for each experiment.

117 Tannins used for this study were provided by Dal Cin Gildo S.p.A. (Concorezzo, MB, Italy)  
118 (Table S1).

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## 120 2.2. Analysis of riboflavin

121 Riboflavin (RF) was quantified by UPLC as reported by Fracassetti (2017, 2019) with slight  
122 modifications. Flavons were determined by UPLC (Acquity H-Class system) equipped with  
123 a fluorescence detector Acquity UPCL (Waters, Milford, MA, USA). The column was a  
124 Hypersil ODS C18, 3 µm, 100 x 3 mm (CPS Analitica). The flow rate was 0.5 mL/min, and  
125 the injection volume was 10 µL. The solvents were (solvent A) citrate buffer 50 mmol at pH  
126 2.5 and (solvent B) methanol in gradient mode in which B was from 5% to 100% in 13.50  
127 minutes followed by column washing and equilibration. The quantification was carried out

128 with a nine-points calibration curve at concentration ranging from 1 µg/L to 500 µg/L. The  
129 detection was performed at 420 nm and 530 nm for excitation and emission, respectively  
130 (Fracassetti et al., 2018). Data acquisition and processing were performed by Empower 2  
131 software (Waters).

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### 133 2.3. Analysis of methionine, methionine sulfoxide and methionine sulfone

134 Methionine (Met), Met sulfoxide and Met sulfone were determined by derivatization with *o*-  
135 phthaldehyde (OPA) as described by Fracassetti et al. (2017) with some modifications. The  
136 derivatization solution was prepared in a 10 mL volumetric flask by dissolving 250 mg of  
137 OPA in 1.5 mL of ethanol, adding 200 µL of 2-mercaptoethanol, and making up to the volume  
138 with borate buffer 0.4 M at pH 10.5. The derivatization reaction was performed as follows:  
139 500 µL of borate buffer (0.4 M, pH 10.5), 200 µL of sample, 10 µL internal standard  
140 (norvaline 20 mg/L) and 100 µL of OPA. The reaction mixture was vortexed for 2 minutes,  
141 filtered with a PVDF 0.22 µm filter and injected. The chromatographic system was an Acquity  
142 UPLC (Waters) equipped with a fluorescence detector (Waters). The column was a Kinetex,  
143 5 µm EVO C18, 100 A, 150 x 2.1 mm (Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA) maintained at  
144 40°C. The flow rate was 1 mL/min and the injection volume was 10 µL. The solvents were  
145 (solvent A) citrate buffer 10 mM at pH 7.5 and (solvent B) methanol in gradient mode in  
146 which B was from 5% to 47% in 22 min. The quantification was carried out with the external  
147 method by using a six-points calibration curve obtained at concentration in the range 0.5-20  
148 mg/L. The detection was performed at 335 nm and 440 nm for excitation and emission,  
149 respectively. Data acquisition and processing were performed by Empower 2 software  
150 (Waters).

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### 152 2.4. Analysis of volatile sulfur compounds

153 The analysis of volatile sulfur compounds (VSCs) was performed following the method  
154 proposed by Fracassetti et al. (2019, 2021b) with slight modification. VSCs were assessed  
155 by Solid Phase Micro Extraction SPME-GC/MS. The sample was prepared as follows: 2.5 g  
156 of magnesium sulphate heptahydrate were added to 10 mL of sample in a glass-vial that  
157 was immediately hermetically closed. The fibre was carboxen-polydimethylsiloxane-  
158 divinylbenzene (CAR-PDMS-DVB; 50/30  $\mu\text{m}$  X 1 cm) (Supelco, Bellefonte, PA, USA). The  
159 SPME was carried out with an autosampler (HTA autosampler, Brescia, Italy) set at the  
160 following conditions: incubation for 5 minutes at 40°C; agitation 10 seconds and then 3  
161 seconds off; extraction for 30 minutes; desorption for 20 minutes. The GC/MS equipment  
162 was a Perkin Elmer Autosystem XL Gas Chromatograph coupled with a Turbomass Mass  
163 Spectrometer (Perkin Elmer, Italy). The separation was achieved by a MEGA-5 MS column  
164 (30+5 m x 0.250 mm x 0.250  $\mu\text{m}$ ) (MEGA S.r.l., Legnano, MI, Italy) and using helium as  
165 carrier gas at 1 mL/min flow rate. The oven temperature was firstly set at 40 °C and held for  
166 5 minutes, then ramped at 1.5°C/min up to 60°C; ramped at 4°C/min up to 150°C and held  
167 for 5 minutes and finally ramped at 40°C/min up to 230°C and held for 10 minutes. The  
168 transfer line temperature was set at 230°C and the source temperature at 250°C. The MS  
169 detector registered the  $m/z$  in the range from 33 up to 350 Da. For the identification of the  
170 target molecules, the ions were chosen according to the NIST library and Nguyen et al.  
171 (2009). Duplicate injections of each sample were carried out. Results are expressed as the  
172 relative concentration ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) for MeSH referred to as  $d_6$ -DMS. For DMDS and DMTS, the  
173 amounts were determined by the external standard method (0.1-100  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ). The Odour  
174 Activity Values (OAVs) were determined as the ration between the amount of the VSC found  
175 in the sample and the respective perception threshold. The perception threshold  
176 concentrations were 2-10  $\mu\text{g/L}$  for MeSH, 20-45  $\mu\text{g/L}$  for DMDS and 0.1  $\mu\text{g/L}$  DMTS. VOCs  
177 were identified according to the NIST library, for an R match higher than 95% and the  
178 retention time of the pure standards (Fracassetti et al., 2019, 2021b).



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## 180 2.5 Sensory analysis

181 Astringency and bitterness were evaluated for the oenological tannins investigated. The  
182 panel was composed by 13 expert judges (8 females, 5 males) with an average age of 30  
183 years. The judges were trained with model wine and white wine spiked with caffeine (up to  
184 540 mg/L) for bitterness and a grape seeds tannin (up to 600 mg/L). The white wine was  
185 added with 80 mg/L of each commercial tannin and stored at  $15\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  for three weeks before  
186 the sensory evaluation. Fifteen triangle tests were performed in total by comparing the white  
187 wine with and without tannins, one for each tannin, in three different sessions. The panellists  
188 took a break of 10 minutes among the triangle tests planned in the same session.

189 For the evaluation of LST, the sensory analysis was carried out by a panel of 9 expert judges  
190 (4 males and 5 females) with an average age of 30 years. The judges had to give a score  
191 for the cooked cabbage descriptor to every sample in a range between 1 (not perceived)  
192 and 9 (extremely perceived). The panellists were firstly trained with model wine samples  
193 spiked with Met (4 mg/L) and RF (200  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) and exposed to light for two hours in standard  
194 conditions in order to make the judges confident with the perception of cooked cabbage  
195 note. The judges were calibrated by sniffing model wine solutions spiked with Met (4 mg/L)  
196 and RF (200  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) exposed to light for increasing time up to two hours (Fracassetti et al.,  
197 2021b). A reference sample (model wine, spiked with Met 4 mg/L, RF 200  $\mu\text{g/L}$  and exposed  
198 to the light up to 2 hours) was served during the sensory session. Each sample was  
199 evaluated just after the bottle opening and served at temperature  $18\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  covering the glass.  
200 The repeatability (R) of every judge was considered and it was calculated as follows:

$$201 \quad R = \frac{|x1 - x2|}{y} \times 100$$

202 Where  $x1$  and  $x2$  were the scores assigned by the judge to the replicates and  $y$  was the  
203 deviation of scores assigned. The replicability value was set at 75%; lower value led to the

204 exclusion of the judge (Fracassetti et al., 2020). The average scores of the three replicates  
205 were considered.

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## 207 2.6. Statistical analysis

208 Statistical analysis was performed with SPSS Win 12.0 program (SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL,  
209 USA). One-way ANOVA was carried out to identify the significant differences between the  
210 tannins. Significant differences were judged by a post-hoc Fischer LSD ( $p < 0.05$ ). Pearson  
211 correlations were calculated among Met degradation, Met-sulfoxide, MeSH, DMDS, DMTS  
212 and sensory score, and certain parameters related to the characterization of tannins,  
213 including the Total Phenol Index (Folin-Ciocalteu assay), antioxidant capacity, richness  
214 (ABS 280 nm and methyl cellulose assay) (critical value for  $df = 14$ : 0.383,  $\alpha = 0.2$ ; 0.426,  $\alpha$   
215 = 0.1; 0.497,  $\alpha = 0.05$ ). The Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was performed with  
216 Statistica 12 software (Statsoft Inc., Tulsa, OK, USA) on auto-scaled data considering the  
217 chemical characterization of oenological tannins, concentrations of VSCs and the sensory  
218 scores. Two approaches were used: in the first one the active variables were the chemical  
219 characteristics of the tannins obtained in the previous part of this work (Fracassetti et al.,  
220 2021d). In the second PCA, the active variables were the VSCs investigate in this study.

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## 222 3. Results & Discussion

223 Hydrolysable tannins have recently proved to limit the formation of LST in model wine  
224 (Fracassetti et al., 2019) and white wine (Fracassetti et al., 2021b). Specifically, the tannins  
225 from chestnut, nut gall, and oak were investigated. Besides the hydrolysable tannins, the  
226 condensed tannins were suggested as preventing strategy against the appearance of LST  
227 (Maujean et al., 1983a). With regards to the oenological tannins, several studies evidence  
228 their relevant heterogeneity in terms of phenolic composition, antioxidant capacity, oxygen  
229 consumption rate, average molecular weight, even when they are obtained from the same

230 source (Vignault et al., 2019; Ugliano et al., 2020; Fracassetti et al., 2021d ; Pissoni et al.,  
231 2022). For these reasons either hydrolysable or condensed tannins from different origin and  
232 obtained with diverse extraction procedures were screened as possible oenological tool to  
233 prevent the formation of LST. Tannins can affect bitterness and astringency when an  
234 increase of phenols higher than 40 mg/L is carried out (Robichaud and Noble, 1990). In  
235 order to exclude any influence on taste and mouthfeel properties, astringency and bitterness  
236 perception was evaluated in white wine added up to 80 mg/L of the investigated tannins. As  
237 no significant difference was found (data not showed), the adopted addition of tannins was  
238 50 mg/L, also in accordance with a previous research (Fracassetti et al., 2021b).

239 The model wine was adopted in this study, thus designed to avoid interferences and  
240 accurately monitor the light-induced reactions of RF and Met occurring in the presence of  
241 the investigated tannins. As reported in Fracassetti et al. (2019), the wine composition can  
242 slow down the RF degradation and model wine can allow to isolate the light-induced  
243 reactions. Consequently, the data obtained in model wine can effectively predict the  
244 preventing effect of tannins against LST appearance. We are conscious some differences  
245 can arise between model wine and white wine in terms of LST intensity. Nonetheless, the  
246 effectiveness of tannins, specifically those from chestnut, was found in both model wine and  
247 white wine (Fracassetti et al., 2021b). This makes of significance the screening in model  
248 wine that allows to understand the possible differences between the tannins tested and to  
249 exclude the impact of other wine components into the light-induced mechanisms.

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### 251 3.1 Degradation of riboflavin

252 The average concentration of RF prior to the light exposure was  $194.25 \pm 4.18 \mu\text{g/L}$ . The  
253 adopted light exposure did lead to the complete photodegradation of RF in two hours  
254 (Fracassetti et al., 2019). Maybe such light condition could increase the photodegradative  
255 rate of RF in comparison to that one of the scale retail trade or grocery stores. Nonetheless,

256 the photodegradation of RF can occur in a reasonably short time under the applied  
257 standardized and controlled conditions allowing to highlight and differentiate the possible  
258 effectiveness of the investigated oenological tannins. As previously observed (Fracassetti  
259 et al., 2019), RF was not detected in any of the samples after the discreet illumination (2 h)  
260 adopted, irrespective of the oxic/anoxic conditions and the tannin added.

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### 262 3.2. Impact on methionine and its derivatives

263 The decrease of Met concentration was found after light exposure in all the conditions tested  
264 (Table 1). In particular, grape seeds tannin showed the highest Met degradation (-39%)  
265 followed by oak 2 (-34%) and tea 2 (-29%) tannins under oxic condition. For the other tannins  
266 tested, the Met loss was  $24\pm 2\%$  as average. These values are to a certain extent higher  
267 than those reported by Fracassetti et al. (2019) maybe due to the slightly higher  
268 concentration of Met used in the present study (4 mg/L vs. 3 mg/L). In anoxic condition, the  
269 Met degradation was generally higher than under the oxic one, with the exception of grape  
270 seeds, tea 2 and quebracho tannins that showed comparable behavior independently to the  
271 oxygen dissolved (Table 1). The tannin-free model solution (control) showed the highest Met  
272 degradation (-42%), followed by oak 2 (-40%) and grape skin (-39%) tannins. The lower  
273 decrease of Met observed in the presence of tannins suggests their role as photoprotectors  
274 (Fracassetti et al., 2020c). As previously mentioned, the higher concentration of degraded  
275 Met in comparison to a previous study (Fracassetti et al., 2019) could be ascribed to the  
276 higher concentration of Met considered in this study. The nature of tannins does not seem  
277 to affect the degradation of Met as condensed and hydrolysable tannins did show a common  
278 behavior independent to their group. For example, acacia tannin and chestnut tannin did not  
279 show a significant different decrease of Met after the light exposure. Similarly, grape seeds  
280 tannin and oak 2 tannin showed a comparable decrease of Met. As a consequence, the  
281 degraded Met did not allow to cluster the investigated tannins within condensed and

282 hydrolysable. Nonetheless, phenols can play an impact on Met loss related to the oxygen  
283 dissolves as significant relative correlation was found among total phenol index (determined  
284 by both Folin-Ciocalteu method and absorbance reading at 280 nm) and the richness in  
285 the case of anoxic trial, being -0.529 ( $p < 0.05$ ), -0.5282 ( $p < 0.05$ ), -0.412 ( $p < 0.1$ ),  
286 respectively (Table 2) (chemical characterization data is reported in Fracassetti et al.,  
287 2021d). On the contrary, no significant correlation was evidenced in oxic condition (Table  
288 2). This can be due to the oxidation of Met arising to different compounds (Barata-Vallejo et  
289 al., 2010), including Met sulfoxide and methionine sulfone. The latter was not detected in  
290 any of the sample (data not showed) accordingly to previous studies (Fracassetti et al.,  
291 2020b, 2021b). Met sulfoxide was found in all the samples, either exposed (0.17-0.74 mg/L)  
292 or not (0.07-0.53 mg/L) to light. In most of the cases, an increase was observed for the  
293 samples exposed to light, with few exceptions in oxic (acacia, chestnut and lemon tannins)  
294 and anoxic (quebracho tannin) conditions (Table 1). Grape seeds tannin showed the highest  
295 increase, more evident under oxic condition as occurred for most of the tannins. As  
296 previously stated for the degradation Met, the formation of Met sulfoxide does not seem to  
297 be dependent to the specific tannin added. Nonetheless, a significant negative correlation  
298 was found between the formed Met sulfoxide and the degraded Met only when oxygen was  
299 present (Table 2).

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### 301 3.3 Formation of volatile sulfur compounds

302 The concentration of VSCs detected after the light exposure under oxic condition were  
303 generally lower in comparison to the anoxic one (Table 3). Specifically, the levels of DMDS  
304 were up to 30-folds higher in anoxic condition and those of DMTS up to more than 100-folds.  
305 However, the latter was negligible ( $< 0.1 \mu\text{g/L}$ ) when most of the tannins were added in the  
306 presence of oxygen (Table 3). Both DMDS and DMTS were significantly lower in the  
307 presence of tannins in oxic condition (Table 3) indicating their effectiveness in limiting the

308 appearance of LST (Fracassetti et al., 2019, 2021b). We can suppose the phenols can act  
309 as a stabilizer of the dimer cation radical being involved in the formation of DMDS (Furet et  
310 al., 2022). A further support of the radical stabilizing effect played by phenols was given by  
311 the negative significant correlations found between DMDS and DMTS towards total phenol  
312 index (determined by both Folin-Ciocalteu method and absorbance reading at 280 nm) and  
313 the richness under both oxic and anoxic conditions (Table 2). The increase of MeSH was  
314 not so evident between oxic and anoxic conditions and it resulted strongly dependent to the  
315 different tannins investigated. In particular, as previously found (Fracassetti et al., 2019), no  
316 significant difference in MeSH content was observed in oxic condition. On the contrary, the  
317 addition of tannins led to a significantly lower MeSH for most of the tannins added in  
318 comparison to the control in anoxic condition, with the exception of chestnut, nut gall 2, tara  
319 1 and tara 2 tannins. Significant negative correlations were found between MeSH and total  
320 phenol index (determined by both Folin-Ciocalteu method and absorbance reading at 280  
321 nm) and the richness in anoxic condition, while they were not in oxic condition (Table 2).  
322 When no oxygen is present, only the Type I mechanism can take place (Grant-Preece et al.,  
323 2017; Fracassetti et al., 2019). Tannins could compete with Met in accepting the electrons  
324 from RF in excited state ( $T_1$ ), which turns into reduced RF. Tannins can also quench RF in  
325 excited state ( $T_1$ ) (Vaish & Tollin, 1970). These competing mechanisms can limit the  
326 formation of MeSH. On the contrary, in oxic condition, the single oxygen generated in the  
327 Type II mechanism could oxidize the phenols (Fracassetti et al., 2019) limiting their  
328 protective effect for the formation of MeSH. Surprisingly, the addition of oak 2 tannin did not  
329 result significant different for DMDS and DMTS in comparison to the model wine without  
330 tannin in anoxic condition. To explain this behaviour, differences in phenol abundance and  
331 nature for this tannin can be excluded since the phenolic composition was consistent to the  
332 other tannins investigated (Fracassetti et al., 2021d). As declared by the supplier, oak 2  
333 tannin was extracted from toasted wood (Table S1). The toasting changes both the quantity

334 and the quality of the extractable substances (Carpena et al., 2020), being possible to  
335 differentiate barrel toasting levels by considering its volatile and semi volatile compounds  
336 (Chatonnet et al., 1999). The toasting causes thermal degradation of several compounds,  
337 including carbohydrates, resulting in furanic compounds; lignin or hemicellulose with the  
338 consequent volatile phenols formations and acids, which by dehydration result in oak  
339 lactones (Chira & Teissedre, 2013). As recently suggested by Furet et al. (2022), the  
340 formation of DMDS can occur as a consequence of the formation of radical species, we can  
341 hypothesize the limited radical-binding capability of toasted wood as a consequence of the  
342 wood changes above mentioned. However, none of the other investigated hydrolysable  
343 tannins were produced from toasted wood. Further investigation is necessary to confirm  
344 such hypothesis.

345 Our results confirmed that the formation of VSCs is favored under anoxic conditions.  
346 Considering the total content of VSCs (expressed in nmoles), the lowest concentrations  
347 were found in the presence of tea 1 (20.6 nmol/L), tea 2 (19.8 nmol/L) and grape seed tannin  
348 (20.9 nmol/L) in oxic conditions. The latter was also the most effective in anoxic condition  
349 (50.6 nmol/L) followed by grape skins (52.6 nmol/L) and quebracho (59.4 nmol/L) tannins,  
350 while among the hydrolysable tannins, tara 2 tannin showed the lowest VSCs (63.0 nmol/L).  
351 Grape seeds tannin could be a promising condensed tannin for LST prevention with tea 2  
352 tannin and, among the hydrolysable ones, tara 2 tannin.

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#### 354 3.4 Perception of “cooked cabbage” note

355 In general, the cooked cabbage descriptor related to LST was highly perceived in anoxic  
356 condition (Table 4). All the tannins led to a significant lower perception of LST in comparison  
357 to the model wine without tannin under oxic condition. Nonetheless, no significant difference  
358 was found among the two conditions for grape seeds, grape skin, quebracho, cherry, tara  
359 1 and tara 2 tannins suggesting their comparable behaviour towards the perception of LST

360 with or without oxygen dissolved. As expected, under anoxic condition, no significant  
361 difference was found between the addition of oak 2 tannin and the control showing a  
362 comparable content of VSCs (Table 3) and, consequently, odor activity values (OAVs) that  
363 were highly major than 1 for all the three VSCs investigated (0.5-4.5 and 1.6-15.5 for MeSH,  
364 0.92-2.07 and 0.91-2.05 for DMDS, and 118.2 and 150.0 for DMTS, respectively for oak 2  
365 tannin and control samples; Table 3). Even if the sensory scores were lower for grape skin,  
366 nut gall 1, nut gall 2 and oak 1 tannins in comparison to the control, such difference was not  
367 significant. This result was unexpected as low concentration of VSCs were found (Table 3).  
368 Maybe these tannins could modify the perception of VSCs as the phenols can suppress,  
369 accentuate or show negligible effect on the perception of the aroma compounds (Lund et  
370 al., 2009).

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### 372 3.5 Multivariate analysis

373 The multivariate approach was used in order to clarify the impact of the chemical  
374 characterization of tannin on LST formation. Firstly, the chemical parameters of the  
375 investigated tannins (Fracassetti et al., 2021d) was considered as active variables. The  
376 Principal Component Analysis (PCA) explained 82 % of total variance with the two  
377 components at 50 % and 32 %, respectively for Factor 1 and Factor 2 (Figure 1). Three  
378 different clusters were clearly recognized. Chestnut, cherry, oak 1, oak 2 and lemon tannins  
379 were included in the first cluster. These tannins belong to the hydrolysable group, with the  
380 exception of lemon that contain a mixture of condensed and hydrolysable tannins (Ezeabara  
381 et al., 2014). This cluster was correlated with DMDS in both oxic and anoxic conditions, and  
382 DMTS and the sensory score in anoxic conditions. The second cluster comprised the  
383 condensed tannins tested in this study (acacia, grape skin, grape seeds, quebracho, tea 1,  
384 tea 2). This cluster was correlated with the highest oenotannins content. Nut gall (1 and 2)



385 and tara (1 and 2) tannins belonged to the third cluster. These gallotannins were correlated  
386 with MeSH, in both oxic and anoxic conditions.

387 The concentrations of VSCs and the sensory scores as well as the decrease of Met were  
388 considered the active variables in the PCA showed in Figure 2. The results indicated that  
389 the first two components were significant in explaining 61 % of the total variance, 40 % of  
390 which was explained by Factor 1 and 21 % by Factor 2. Oak 2 tannin resulted clearly  
391 correlated with DMDS, DMTS and the sensory score in anoxic condition. After bottling, the  
392 oxygen in the headspace of the bottle will be consumed quickly leading to nearly anoxic  
393 condition in only one month (Dimkou et al., 2011). Due to this aspect, oak 2 tannin would  
394 not be an effective tool in preventing LST as it could not be able to limit the formation of  
395 VCSs once the anoxic condition is reached. The other tannins were far from oak 2 and a  
396 clustering based on their chemical nature (condensed/hydrolysable) was not observed.

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#### 398 **4. Conclusions**

399 The results obtained in this study highlighted the ability of low concentration of oenological  
400 tannins in preventing LST appearance as they can limit the formation of VSCs responsible  
401 for this fault in both oxic and anoxic conditions.

402 The addition of oenological tannins also led to a lower degradation of Met for nearly all the  
403 tannins in anoxic condition (except for oak 2 that was similar to the control).

404 To the best of our knowledge this is the first report that related a highly detailed chemical  
405 characterization of the oenological tannins to their effectiveness against LST. The presence  
406 of flavan-3-ols was related to the formation of DMDS and DMTS, while tannic acid was  
407 related to MeSH, both under oxic condition. Nonetheless, as a restricted formation of LST  
408 was confirmed in this study, the impact of certain ellagitannins and gallotannins can be an  
409 advantage to avoid the appearance of LST. The oxygen consumption rate played by the  
410 tannins should be considered as the formation of MeSH would be favored.

411 From the results obtained in this study and the multivariate approach including the chemical  
412 characterization of tannins (Fracassetti et al., 2021d), grape seeds, tea 2 and tara 1 can be  
413 considered the most promising tannins and they will be tested at bottling of white and rosé  
414 wines at winery level. Moreover, further investigations will be related to the addition of tannin  
415 mixture in both white and rosé wines.

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564 **Figure captions**

565 **Figure 1:** Projection of the (a) scores and (b) loading on the factor-plane obtained for the  
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570 Legend: TPI (Folin), Total Phenol Index determined with Folin-Ciocalteu method; Antiox,  
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615 ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) formed under anoxic condition (Table 3); Sensory score anox, sensory score found  
616 in oxic condition (Table 4).

617 **Table1.** Methionine (Met; mg/L) degradation and methionine sulfoxide (Met-sulfoxide; mg/L)  
618 formed under oxic and anoxic conditions after light exposure. The data are referred to the  
619 difference between the samples stored in the dark and those exposed to light. Different  
620 letters mean significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ ). Upper case letters refer to same type of tannin  
621 in oxic/anoxic conditions; lower case letters refer to different tannins in the trials in oxic and  
622 anoxic condition separately.

Tannin	Met degraded		Met-sulfoxide formed	
	Oxic	Anoxic	Oxic	Anoxic
Acacia	0.78 ± 0.03 <sup>ef B</sup>	1.25 ± 0.08 <sup>cde A</sup>	-0.22 ± 0.07 <sup>h A</sup>	0.16 ± 0.15 <sup>bc A</sup>
Grape seeds	1.65 ± 0.04 <sup>a A</sup>	1.57 ± 0.07 <sup>abc A</sup>	0.60 ± 0.02 <sup>a A</sup>	0.41 ± 0.01 <sup>a B</sup>
Grape skin	1.11 ± 0.17 <sup>bcde B</sup>	1.70 ± 0.07 <sup>ab A</sup>	0.38 ± 0.05 <sup>b A</sup>	0.15 ± 0.01 <sup>bc B</sup>
Quebracho	0.87 ± 0.04 <sup>cdef A</sup>	0.84 ± 0.04 <sup>e A</sup>	0.12 ± 0.15 <sup>ef A</sup>	-0.11 ± 0.07 <sup>e A</sup>
Tea 1	0.93 ± 0.06 <sup>cdef A</sup>	1.00 ± 0.18 <sup>de A</sup>	0.27 ± 0.02 <sup>bcde A</sup>	0.18 ± 0.00 <sup>b B</sup>
Tea 2	1.35 ± 0.18 <sup>ab A</sup>	1.10 ± 0.03 <sup>de A</sup>	0.37 ± 0.00 <sup>bc A</sup>	0.16 ± 0.03 <sup>bc B</sup>
Cherry	0.86 ± 0.01 <sup>cdef B</sup>	1.27 ± 0.04 <sup>cde A</sup>	0.00 ± 0.00 <sup>fg B</sup>	0.13 ± 0.04 <sup>bcd A</sup>
Chestnut	0.71 ± 0.01 <sup>f B</sup>	1.03 ± 0.04 <sup>de A</sup>	-0.12 ± 0.00 <sup>gh B</sup>	0.02 ± 0.03 <sup>cde A</sup>
Nut gall 1	0.91 ± 0.08 <sup>cdef B</sup>	1.23 ± 0.10 <sup>cde A</sup>	0.21 ± 0.00 <sup>de A</sup>	0.05 ± 0.02 <sup>bcd B</sup>
Nut gall 2	1.19 ± 0.05 <sup>bc B</sup>	1.54 ± 0.09 <sup>abc A</sup>	0.21 ± 0.01 <sup>de A</sup>	0.03 ± 0.00 <sup>bcd B</sup>
Oak 1	0.95 ± 0.13 <sup>cdef B</sup>	1.42 ± 0.12 <sup>bcd A</sup>	0.26 ± 0.00 <sup>bcde A</sup>	-0.01 ± 0.04 <sup>de B</sup>
Oak 2	1.56 ± 0.07 <sup>a B</sup>	1.93 ± 0.16 <sup>a A</sup>	0.22 ± 0.04 <sup>cde A</sup>	0.06 ± 0.00 <sup>bcd B</sup>
Tara 1	0.81 ± 0.24 <sup>def A</sup>	1.00 ± 0.13 <sup>de A</sup>	0.22 ± 0.01 <sup>cde A</sup>	0.14 ± 0.01 <sup>bcd B</sup>
Tara 2	1.14 ± 0.13 <sup>bcd A</sup>	1.36 ± 0.27 <sup>bcd A</sup>	0.27 ± 0.07 <sup>bcde A</sup>	0.18 ± 0.00 <sup>b A</sup>
Lemon	0.83 ± 0.06 <sup>def B</sup>	1.18 ± 0.13 <sup>cde A</sup>	-0.19 ± 0.01 <sup>h B</sup>	0.03 ± 0.06 <sup>bcd A</sup>
Control	0.87 ± 0.09 <sup>cdef B</sup>	1.85 ± 0.18 <sup>a A</sup>	0.29 ± 0.00 <sup>bcd A</sup>	0.14 ± 0.04 <sup>bcd B</sup>

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624 **Table 2.** Pearson Correlation of Met degradation, VSCs and chemical characterization of  
 625 the oenological tannins (Fracassetti et al., 2021d). Critical values were: 0.383 for df = 14,  $\alpha$   
 626 = 0.2 (\*); 0.426 for df = 14,  $\alpha$  = 0.1 (\*\*); 0.497 for df = 14,  $\alpha$  = 0.05 (\*\*\*)).

<i>Oxic condition</i>									
	Met Deg %	Met-sulfox	MeSH	DMDS	DMTS	Folin	Antiox	Abs 280 nm	Methyl cellulose
Met Deg %	1								
Met-sulfox	-0,590	1							
MeSH	0,246	-0,402*	1						
DMDS	0,338	-0,313	0,037	1					
DMTS	0,176	0,132	0,058	0,816***	1				
Folin	0,005	0,103	0,014	-0,744***	-0,701***	1			
Antiox	0,108	0,033	0,299	-0,724***	-0,594***	0,886***	1		
Abs 280 nm	-0,034	0,314	-0,406*	-0,526***	-0,442**	0,759***	0,494**	1	
Methyl cellulose	0,116	0,254	-0,342	-0,403*	-0,341	0,786***	0,533***	0,958***	1
<i>Anoxic condition</i>									
	Met Deg %	Met-sulfox	MeSH	DMDS	DMTS	Folin	Antiox	Abs 280 nm	Methyl cellulose
Met Deg %	1								
Met-sulfox	-0,279	1							
MeSH	-0,333	0,015	1						
DMDS	-0,621***	-0,060	0,413*	1					
DMTS	-0,677***	-0,079	0,474**	0,962***	1				
Folin	0,563***	-0,171	-0,530***	-0,547***	-0,601***	1			
Antiox	0,464**	-0,167	-0,256	-0,425*	-0,450**	0,886***	1		
Abs 280 nm	0,626***	0,105	-0,528***	-0,473**	-0,582***	0,759***	0,494**	1	
Methyl cellulose	0,654***	-0,065	-0,413*	-0,443**	-0,511***	0,786***	0,533***	0,958***	1

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628 Legend: Met Deg %, degraded methionine (%); Met-sulfox, methionine sulfoxide formed;  
 629 MeSH, methanethiol; DMDS, dimethyl disulfide; DMTS, dimethyl trisulfide; Folin, Total  
 630 Phenol Index determined with Folin-Ciocalteau method; Antiox, antioxidant capacity  
 631 determined with DPPH assay; Abs 280 nm, phenols determined by the absorbance reading  
 632 at 280 expressed as tannic acid for hydrolysable tannins and as catechin for condensed  
 633 tannins; Methyl cellulose, tannins determined by the methyl cellulose assay expressed as  
 634 tannic acid for hydrolysable tannins and as catechin for condensed tannins.

635 **Table 3.** Concentrations of volatile sulfur compounds (VSC) in oxic and anoxic conditions. Odor activity values are reported in brackets.  
636 For the sum of the moles of VSCs, the moles of DMTS were not considered. Different letters mean significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ ).  
637 Upper case letters refer to same type of tannin in oxic/anoxic conditions; lower case letters refer to different tannins in the trials in oxic  
638 and anoxic condition separately. Legend: MeSH, methanethiol; DMDS, dimethyl disulfide; DMTS, dimethyl trisulfide.

Tannin	MeSH ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		DMDS ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		DMTS ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )		Total VSCs (nmol/L)	
	Oxic	Anoxic	Oxic	Anoxic	Oxic	Anoxic	Oxic	Anoxic
Acacia	1.69 $\pm$ 0.83 <sup>aA</sup> (0.56-5.63)	1.40 $\pm$ 0.41 <sup>bA</sup> (0.47-4.67)	1.49 $\pm$ 0.63 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	10.96 $\pm$ 4.99 <sup>bA</sup> (0.24-0.55)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bB</sup> ( $< 1$ )	4.26 $\pm$ 1.47 <sup>bcA</sup> (42.60)	51.0	145.5
Grape seeds	0.83 $\pm$ 0.58 <sup>aA</sup> (0.23-2.77)	1.12 $\pm$ 0.77 <sup>bA</sup> (0.37-3.73)	0.33 $\pm$ 0.21 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	2.56 $\pm$ 0.91 <sup>bA</sup> (0.06-0.13)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bA</sup> ( $< 1$ )	0.23 $\pm$ 0.14 <sup>cA</sup> (2.30)	20.9	50.6
Grape skin	1.71 $\pm$ 0.82 <sup>aA</sup> (0.57-5.70)	1.33 $\pm$ 0.66 <sup>bA</sup> (0.44-4.43)	0.24 $\pm$ 0.33 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	2.36 $\pm$ 0.92 <sup>bA</sup> (0.05-0.12)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bB</sup> ( $< 1$ )	0.59 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>cA</sup> (5.90)	38.1	52.6
Quebracho	0.81 $\pm$ 0.42 <sup>aA</sup> (0.13-1.30)	1.09 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>bB</sup> (0.36-3.63)	1.20 $\pm$ 0.07 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	3.46 $\pm$ 0.51 <sup>bA</sup> (0.08-0.17)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bA</sup> ( $< 1$ )	0.43 $\pm$ 0.20 <sup>cA</sup> (4.30)	29.5	59.4
Tea 1	0.80 $\pm$ 0.67 <sup>aA</sup> (0.27-2.70)	0.60 $\pm$ 0.61 <sup>bA</sup> (0.20-2)	0.37 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	10.34 $\pm$ 0.23 <sup>bA</sup> (0.23-0.52)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bB</sup> ( $< 1$ )	0.89 $\pm$ 0.45 <sup>cA</sup> (8.90)	20.6	122.2
Tea 2	0.39 $\pm$ 0.04 <sup>aA</sup> (0.27-2.67)	1.20 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>bA</sup> (0.40-4)	1.11 $\pm$ 0.34 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	4.09 $\pm$ 0.53 <sup>bA</sup> (0.09-0.20)	0.13 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>bB</sup> (1.3)	0.17 $\pm$ 0.04 <sup>cA</sup> (1.70)	19.8	68.4
Cherry	2.52 $\pm$ 1.17 <sup>aA</sup> (0.84-8.40)	1.52 $\pm$ 0.46 <sup>bA</sup> (0.51-5.01)	1.24 $\pm$ 0.51 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	7.36 $\pm$ 0.82 <sup>bA</sup> (0.16-0.37)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bB</sup> ( $< 1$ )	2.34 $\pm$ 0.28 <sup>cA</sup> (23.40)	65.6	109.7
Chestnut	2.31 $\pm$ 0.96 <sup>aA</sup> (0.77-7.70)	2.78 $\pm$ 0.57 <sup>abA</sup> (0.93-9.27)	1.37 $\pm$ 0.58 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	7.98 $\pm$ 3.28 <sup>bA</sup> (0.18-0.40)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bA</sup> ( $< 1$ )	0.64 $\pm$ 0.43 <sup>cA</sup> (6.40)	62.5	142.4
Nut gall 1	2.05 $\pm$ 0.65 <sup>aA</sup> (0.68-6.83)	1.07 $\pm$ 0.65 <sup>bA</sup> (0.36-3.57)	0.81 $\pm$ 0.34 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	7.22 $\pm$ 1.82 <sup>bA</sup> (0.16-0.36)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bA</sup> ( $< 1$ )	4.04 $\pm$ 4.11 <sup>bcA</sup> (40.40)	51.4	98.9
Nut gall 2	2.71 $\pm$ 1.68 <sup>aA</sup> (0.90-9.03)	2.08 $\pm$ 1.27 <sup>abA</sup> (0.69-6.93)	0.19 $\pm$ 0.11 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	3.89 $\pm$ 0.88 <sup>bA</sup> (0.09-0.20)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bA</sup> ( $< 1$ )	0.98 $\pm$ 1.30 <sup>cA</sup> (9.80)	58.3	84.5
Oak 1	0.88 $\pm$ 0.25 <sup>aA</sup> (0.29-2.93)	1.31 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>bA</sup> (0.44-4.37)	0.78 $\pm$ 0.38 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	5.48 $\pm$ 2.24 <sup>bA</sup> (0.12-0.27)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bB</sup> ( $< 1$ )	2.66 $\pm$ 0.24 <sup>bcA</sup> (26.60)	26.5	85.4
Oak 2	1.51 $\pm$ 0.16 <sup>aA</sup> (0.50-5.03)	1.34 $\pm$ 0.16 <sup>bA</sup> (0.45-4.47)	0.44 $\pm$ 0.49 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	41.33 $\pm$ 19.62 <sup>aA</sup> (0.92-2.01)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bA</sup> (0.20)	11.82 $\pm$ 7.85 <sup>abA</sup> (118.20)	36.0	466.5
Tara 1	1.19 $\pm$ 0.54 <sup>aA</sup> (0.40-3.97)	2.84 $\pm$ 1.39 <sup>abA</sup> (0.95-9.47)	0.14 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>bA</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	2.01 $\pm$ 1.43 <sup>bA</sup> (0.05-0.10)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bA</sup> ( $< 1$ )	0.46 $\pm$ 0.51 <sup>cA</sup> (4.60)	26.1	80.3
Tara 2	2.58 $\pm$ 1.12 <sup>aA</sup> (0.86-8.60)	2.50 $\pm$ 1.06 <sup>abA</sup> (0.83-8.33)	0.12 $\pm$ 0.05 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	1.04 $\pm$ 0.38 <sup>bA</sup> (0.02-0.05)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bB</sup> ( $< 1$ )	0.25 $\pm$ 0.08 <sup>cA</sup> (2.50)	54.9	63.0
Lemon	1.76 $\pm$ 0.16 <sup>aA</sup> (0.00-0.01)	1.24 $\pm$ 0.24 <sup>bB</sup> (0.41-4.13)	1.34 $\pm$ 0.62 <sup>bB</sup> ( $<0.1$ )	7.57 $\pm$ 2.29 <sup>bA</sup> (0.17-0.38)	$< 0.1$ <sup>bB</sup> ( $< 1$ )	2.85 $\pm$ 1.53 <sup>bcA</sup> (28.50)	50.9	106.2
Control	1.76 $\pm$ 0.40 <sup>aA</sup> (0.59-5.87)	4.66 $\pm$ 1.85 <sup>aA</sup> (1.56-15.56)	3.49 $\pm$ 1.41 <sup>abB</sup> (0.08-0.17)	41.03 $\pm$ 10.74 <sup>aA</sup> (0.91-2.05)	17.26 $\pm$ 4.73 <sup>aA</sup> (173.16)	15.00 $\pm$ 7.14 <sup>aA</sup> (150.66)	73.6	532.4

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640 **Table 4.** Sensory scores (average value  $\pm$  standard deviation) for each tannin under oxic  
 641 and anoxic condition. Different letters mean significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ ). Upper case  
 642 letters refer to same type of tannin in oxic/anoxic conditions; lower case letters refer to  
 643 different tannins in the trials in oxic and anoxic condition separately.

	Oxic	Anoxic
Acacia	2.0 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup> bA</sup>	2.9 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> bB</sup>
Grape seeds	2.3 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup> bfA</sup>	3.0 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> bdA</sup>
Grape skin	3.3 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup> cA</sup>	4.4 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> aceA</sup>
Quebracho	2.1 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup> bdA</sup>	2.9 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> deA</sup>
Tea 1	2.4 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup> bcA</sup>	4.1 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> abB</sup>
Tea 2	2.2 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup> beA</sup>	3.5 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> bcB</sup>
Cherry	2.3 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup> bfA</sup>	3.0 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> bcA</sup>
Chestnut	2.1 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup> bdA</sup>	3.2 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> bcB</sup>
Nut gall 1	2.2 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup> bdA</sup>	4.5 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> adB</sup>
Nut gall 2	2.3 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup> bdA</sup>	4.6 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> aeB</sup>
Oak 1	2.9 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup> ceA</sup>	4.4 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> aeB</sup>
Oak 2	2.7 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup> cdfA</sup>	5.5 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> aeB</sup>
Tara 1	2.4 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup> bfA</sup>	2.7 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> dA</sup>
Tara 2	2.2 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup> bA</sup>	3.1 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> bA</sup>
Lemon	2.0 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup> bA</sup>	3.4 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> bcdB</sup>
No tannins	4.8 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup> aA</sup>	5.1 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> aA</sup>
Model wine (dark)	1.1 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup> gA</sup>	1.1 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup> fA</sup>

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