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Volatile composition of Pedro Ximénez and Muscat sweet Sherry wines from sun and chamber dried grapes: a feasible alternative to the traditional sun-drying

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Abstract Sweet Sherry wines from Pedro Ximénez and Muscat sun and chamber-dried grapes during vintages 2009 and 2010 were aged in American oak wood for 12 months. Their volatile content was periodically analyzed using SBSE-GC-MS. Cluster analysis and principal component analysis demonstrated that the volatile compounds considered can be used to detect grape variety and vintage. Principal component analysis for each grape variety, clearly differentiated aging time and vintage. Drying type was the least significant factor. Sweet wines produced using chamber driers were from Pedro Ximénez and Muscat grapes provides similar in volatile constituents as those produced by traditional process.

Keywords Sweet Sherry wines · Volatile compounds · Oak cask · Chamber drying · Muscat · Pedro Ximénez

Introduction

Volatile compounds play an important role in the organoleptic characteristics of wines. Several hundred compounds from different families, such as alcohols, esters, aldehydes, ketones, volatile acids, terpenes, etc., contribute to wine flavour. The combination of all these compounds constitutes the character of wine and differentiates one wine from another (García-Jares and García-Martín 1995).

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The presence or absence of all of these volatile compounds in a wine depends on several factors: climate and soil, ripeness and grape variety, winemaking conditions, and aging. Some of them are already present in the grapes and constitute the varietal aroma. Many of these volatile compounds are terpenes and terpenols, although there are some other compounds that are present in certain grape varieties such as norisoprenoids, benzene compounds, C6 alcohols, etc. (Schreier 1979; Rapp and Mandery 1986). Volatile compounds also arose from grape metabolism and may vary as a function of grape variety and different cultural and climate-related factors; on the other hand, the extent to which these compounds come from the grape to the final wine also influenced by the conditions of its vinification and aging processes (Rapp 1998).

Some volatile compounds are formed during the processes of fermentation and aging (Schreier 1979; Rapp and Mandery 1986; García-Jares and García-Martín 1995) and may play an important role in the overall aroma of wine. The alcoholic fermentation process generates the greater part of the aromatic compounds present in the wine (Lee et al. 2004; Hernández-Orte et al. 2005).

Normally, all varietal and vinification volatile compounds are subjected to the later process of aging in wood. During this stage, the wine acquires aromatic complexity as a result of important and diverse reactions (Ortega-Heras et al. 2004).

Esterification, hydrolysis and redox reactions together with the slow but continuous diffusion of oxygen through wood pores and the cession of different compounds from the wood to the aged wine take place during the period of aging in oak wood. Additionally, most varietal and fermentative volatile compounds decrease during the aging in wood (Ortega-Heras et al. 2004; Cámara et al. 2006; Ruiz-Bejarano et al. 2013).

In Andalusia, special sweet wines are produced from two grape varieties, Muscat and Pedro Ximénez. These

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wines are produced in Malaga, Montilla-Moriles and Jerez Denominations of Origin (D.O.) following a traditional method. Grapes of these varieties, in bunches, are spread out on esparto grass mats under sun before pressing. During this period, bunches are turned several times and kept covered at night. This traditional process is affected by the attack of insects and possible rainfall. This leads to growth of fungi which resulted in loss of high amount of grapes and give rise to the formation of toxins in the wine (Valero et al. 2008; Ruíz Bejarano et al. 2010).

After this, the grapes attain sugar levels above 300 g/L and are crushed and pressed employing vertical presses. After pressing and partial fermentation, musts are fortified with ethanol to ensure that the wine will contain at least 15–18 % alcohol. These young sweet wines are, generally, subjected to aging in American oak wood following a system of dynamic oxidative aging (Casas 1985).

Alternative to this traditional sun-drying methodology, that avoids the problems of fungi and insects, has been developed. It is being used for the drying of horticultural products, in general, and grapes, in particular, and consists in forcing the loss of water by means of forced convection with hot air in drying chambers (Vega-Mercado et al. 2001; Ruíz Bejarano et al. 2010; Serratosa et al. 2014).

Ruiz et al. (2009) found that the musts from chamberdried grapes from Pedro Ximenez exhibited similar volatile profiles than those obtained from sun-dried grapes.

The objective of this work was to study the use of climatic chambers as feasible alternative to the traditional sun drying. For this purpose, the volatile profiles of sweet Sherry wines aged in wood for one year and produced from chamber and sun dried grapes have been studied.

Two grape varieties (Muscat and Pedro Ximenez) and two vintages (2009 and 2010) were studied. Wine aging was periodically monitored for one year.

Material and methods

Samples

Each grape variety and vintage, about 2000 kg of ripe grape bunches were collected from a local winery in the Jerez-Xérès-Sherry D.O. All of them were dried using a climatic chamber (Ibercex A. S. L., S. A., Spain) for about five days at 40 °C and relative humidity of 10 %. Bunches were spread uniformly in the chamber forming a single layer and water loss was monitored everyday. At the end of the chamber drying process, moisture content was about 35 % with 20–21 °Baume (Table 1).

In the case of sun drying process, grapes were dried for about 10–15 days (10 and 12 days for PX 2009 and 2010,

respectively; and 13 and 15 days for Muscat 2009 and 2010, respectively) using esparto grass mats and being turned over and covered at night. Bunches were also spread uniformly forming a single layer and the water loss was monitored everyday. At the end of the sun drying process, the moisture content was about 35 % with 20–21 °Baume (Table 1).

After both drying processes, and for each grape variety and vintage, grapes were separately destemmed, crushed and pressed using a vertical press. The highest pressure of 300 bars was applied in three cycles. Must pH was adjusted to 3.5 with tartaric acid (Agrovin, Spain). The concentration of total sulphur dioxide was also set at 120 mg/L by adding potassium metabisulfite (Agrovin, Spain).

For each vintage, musts dried by sun and chamber from each grape variety, were separately fermented in duplicate at temperature of 10 °C with *S. Bayanus* (40 g/hL, Uvaferm 43, Lallemand, Australia).

In all cases, the fermentation was stopped by adding alcohol up to 17° – 18° (process known as fortification). The final sugar content of wines was around 90–100 g/L.

Wines from the same grape variety, drying system and vintage were aged, in duplicate, in 30 L medium toasted American oak casks. In the case of wines obtained from Pedro Ximénez grapes corresponding to vintage 2009, they were aged in triplicate. During this period, all the wines were situated in the same room at about 20 °C.

The sampling was carried out just after fermentation (S0, 0 days), and periodically for one year of aging (S1, 30 days; S3, three months; S5, five months; S9, nine months; and S12, twelve months). During this period, the intervening months did not evaluated. Samples were stored at 4 °C until their analysis.

Analysis of volatile compounds

Chemicals and reagents

All the aroma standards employed in this work were supplied by Merck (Darmstadt, Germany) and Sigma (Steinheim, Germany). 4-methyl-2-pentanol was used as internal standard.

Sample preparation

Volatile compounds were analysed by SBSE-GC-MS according to the method proposed by Alves et al. (2005). In brief, five milliliters of ultra-purewater, 5 ml of wine sample, 30 μ l of a solution of 4-methyl-2-pentanol (2.52 g/L in Milli-Q water containing 15 % v/v of ethanol) and a PDMS stir bar (20 mm × 0.5 mm (length x film thickness)) supplied by Gerstel (GmbH, Mülheim a/d Ruhr, Germany) were used for the extractions. For each extraction process, the stir bar was stirred for 1 h (800 rpm) at room temperature (20 °C). Then, it was transferred into a glass thermal desorption tube and then

 Table 1
 Mean values found for musts before alcoholic fermentation and wines before aging in wood

Sample	Vintage	Drying type	Grape variety	Baume	pН	Total acidity*	Alcoholic degree (% v/v)	Free SO ₂
Must	2009	Sun	Muscat	21.4	3.6	5.7	-	-
			Pedro Ximénez	20.9	3.5	6.7	-	-
		Chamber	Muscat	20.2	3.4	6.9	-	-
			Pedro Ximénez	21.1	3.7	7.5	-	-
	2010	Sun	Muscat	21.3	3.5	5.8	-	-
			Pedro Ximénez	20.4	3.8	5.8	-	-
		Chamber	Muscat	20.8	3.7	5.9	-	-
			Pedro Ximénez	20.7	3.8	6.3	-	-
Wine	2009	Sun	Muscat	-	3.3	5.9	17.3	15.7
			Pedro Ximénez	-	3.4	8.2	17.9	13.8
		Chamber	Muscat	-	3.5	9.1	17.1	19.0
			Pedro Ximénez	-	3.3	8.5	17.5	15.4
	2010	Sun	Muscat	-	3.5	7.6	19.1	13.8
			Pedro Ximénez	-	3.4	8.1	16.5	20.5
		Chamber	Muscat	-	3.5	9.2	18.3	20.0
			Pedro Ximénez	-	3.5	7.7	16.3	16.4

*g/L tartaric acid

thermal desorption was carried out. All samples were analysed in duplicate.

Instrumentation

A commercial TDS-2 thermal desorption unit (Gerstel) connected to a programmed-temperature vaporisation (PTV) injector CIS-4 (Gerstel) by a heated transfer line were used for the thermal desorption of the coated stir bars. The PTV was installed in an Agilent 6890 GC-5973 MS system (Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, CA, USA). An empty baffled liner was used in the PTV. The thermodesorption unit was equipped with a MPS 2 L autosampler (Gerstel). The desorption temperature was programmed from 40 °C to 300 °C (held for 10 min) at 60 °C/min under a helium flow (75 ml/min) and the desorbed analytes were cryofocused in the PTV system with liquid nitrogen at -140 °C. Finally, the PTV system was programmed from -140 °C to 300 °C (held for 5 min) at 10 °C/s for analysis by GC-MS. A DB-Wax capillary column (J&W Scientific, Folsom, CA, USA), 60 m × 0.25 mm I.D., with a 0.25 µm coating was used in order to perform the capillary GC-MS analysis in the electron impact mode. Helium was used as carrier gas (1.0 ml/min). The GC oven was fixed as follows: held at 35 °C for 10 min, then ramped at 5 °C/min to 100 °C. Then it was raised to 210 °C at 3 °C/min and held for 40 min. The mass detector operated in EI+ mode at 70 eV from 30 to 400 amu.

Peak identification was carried out using the Wiley 7 N Edition Library (Wiley Registry of Mass Spectral Data, 7th Edition, 2000) library by analogy of mass spectra (with a minimum of 90 % of correspondence) and conformed by retention times of standards when they were available. Additionally, in order to guarantee the identifications, the retention indices were experimentally determined on a polar column (DB-Wax) and compared with those found in the bibliography. The objective of this study was to evaluate the differences between different treatments, therefore, it was considered that quantification using calibration lines was not necessary. Semi-quantitative data were obtained by measuring the relative quantifying ion peak area in relation to that of the area of 4-methyl-2-pentanol, the internal standard.

Statistical analysis

Statistical analyzes were carried out by using Statgraphics Centurion, version 15.0 (Statpoint Inc., USA) for Windows XP. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) was applied to establish the possible significant differences among samples for each volatile compound. Furthermore, principal component analysis (PCA), and cluster analysis (CA) were carried out with the aim of highlighting the similarity of the samples and the main contributors to the variance found among them.

Results and discussion

Table 1 shows some oenological parameters obtained for musts before alcoholic fermentation and wines before aging in oak casks.

As can be seen, after drying stage, a mean value of 20.9 °Be was obtained. All wines were aged in wood with contents in free SO₂ about 15–20 mg/L.

Analysis of variance ANOVA

In this study, 51 individual volatile compounds, belong to different chemical families, have been identified in the different wines (Table 2).

For both varieties, volatile compounds found in this study had been previously identified (Franco et al. 2004; Márquez et al. 2008; López de Lerma et al. 2012; Ruiz et al. 2014).

Table 3 shows mean values found for the different chemical families considered (ethyl esters; acids; acetates; terpenes and terpenols; aldehydes, ketones and alcohols; and miscellaneous) according to each factor (aging time, grape variety, vintage and drying type) considering the different values of the remaining factors. This fact could explain the high standard deviation values obtained. Most of these factors seem to be significant for some of the chemical families. As could be expected, wines from Muscat grape variety exhibited a higher content in terpenic compounds (Sánchez-Palomo et al. 2005) whereas aged wines showed higher contents in ethyl esters and aldehydes, ketones and alcohols (Table 3).

In order to study statistically the differences in the volatile content of all the wines studied, data were submitted to analysis of variance (ANOVA). For this one, four independent factors were considered: aging time, grape variety, vintage, and type of drying. Table 4 shows the results obtained from ANOVA and the mean values obtained for each volatile compound and grape variety, at the initial (S0) and after one year of aging in oak cask (S12), taking into account, for each case, both ways of drying (sun and chamber drying) and vintages (2009 and 2010).

As can be seen in Table 4, practically all the volatile compounds were significant affected (p < 0.01) by one or more factors.

Ethyl esters

Ethyl esters of C6, C8 and C10 fatty acids, together with other volatile compounds such as higher alcohols, acetates and certain volatile acids are the main responsible for the fermentation aroma in wines (Karagiannis et al. 2000).

Concerning the factor "aging time", both grape varieties exhibited similar changes. As it was previously observed for wines from *Muscat* grapes aged in oak casks and stainless steel vessels (Ruiz-Bejarano et al. 2013), several ethyl esters (ethyl 3-methylbutanoate, diethyl pentanedioate, and diethyl succinate) showed significant increases whereas ethyl decanoate and ethyl dodecanoate decreased as the time of aging increased.

Cámara et al. (2006) found great decreases in fatty acids ethyl esters (C6-C16) and acetates and high increases of ethyl esters of diprotic acids such as diethyl succinate in the case of Madeira wines aged in oak wood for twenty five years. Chaves et al. (2007) observed a high content in ethyl acetate and ethyl hexanoate for Pedro Ximénez sweet wines aged in wood.

Hydrolysis and esterification reactions can affect this type of volatile compounds during the period of aging in wood (Cámara et al. 2006; Chaves et al. 2007). The high content in ethanol that these wines present (17°) could explain these increases by esterification reactions. However, it must be taken into account that both reactions depend on different factors, such as pH, temperature, alcoholic degree, and type of acid, so all of them should be considered in order to explain the variations in the ethyl ester content found for these wines.

In relation to grape variety, Muscat wines exhibited a higher content in long-chain ethyl esters (Tables 3 and 4; ethyl decanoate, ethyl dodecanoate, ethyl tetradecanoate, ethyl hexadecanoate and ethyl octadecanoate). This fact was also observed in a previous study about the volatile fraction of commercial Andalusian sweet wines from Muscat and Pedro Ximénez grapes (Márquez et al. 2008).

About the factor "vintage", ethyl butanoate, ethyl hexanoate, ethyl octanoate, ethyl decanoate, and ethyl dodecanoate were found in higher amounts for wines from vintage 2010 (Tables 3 and 4).

On one hand, climatic conditions seem to have a clear effect on amino acid content of grape must (Ortega-Heras et al. 2014), and therefore a significant influence on volatile compounds of a wine (Hernández-Orte et al. 2002). Ortega-Heras et al. (2014) observed that a year with low rainfall produced grapes with higher amino acid content.

On the other hand, in the Jerez-Xérès-Sherry D.O, the total precipitations from January to October for the vintages 2009 and 2010 were 275 and 601 L/m², respectively (Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentación y Medioambiente 2015). This no-tably difference in the precipitation value for both vintages could explain that this factor appears as significant for this type of compounds and others as it will be seen later.

Concerning the factor drying type, only long-chain ethyl esters (ethyl decanoate, ethyl dodecanoate, ethyl tetradecanoate, ethyl hexadecanoate and ethyl octadecanoate) showed significantly different values for both drying types, with higher contents for those wines obtained from sun dried grapes (Tables 3 and 4).

Acids

In relation to acids, the most influential factor was vintage, with some higher values, as it was observed for ethyl esters, for those wines from vintage 2010 (Table 4).

The factors "aging time", "grape variety", and "drying type" had a low influence on this type of compounds. The factor drying type was only significant for 2-ethylhexanoic acid. Table 2Identification and
quantification parameters for
volatile compounds found in the
sweet wines studied. LRI: linear
retention indices. S: Standard;
MS: Mass spectrum

Number	LRI	Compound	m/z	Identification
1	1038	ethyl butanoate	71	S, MS
2	1067	ethyl 3-methylbutanoate	88	S, MS
3	1080	n-butyl acetate	43	MS
4	1088	hexanal	56	S, MS
5	1120	isoamyl acetate	43	MS
6	1147	ß-myrcene	93	MS
7	1197	4-methyl-2-pentanol (IS)	45	S, MS
8	1218	2-hexenal	41	S, MS
9	1229	3-methyl-1-butanol	55	S, MS
10	1231	ethyl hexanoate	88	S, MS
11	1276	octanal	43	MS
12	1336	6-methyl-5-hepten-2-one	43	MS
13	1344	1-hexanol	56	S, MS
14	1378	nonanal	57	MS
15	1414	ethyl octanoate	88	S, MS
16	1423	2-furaldehyde	95	S, MS
17	1441	nerol oxide	68	MS
18	1451	linalool oxide	59	MS
19	1489	benzaldehyde	106	S, MS
20	1547	linalool	93	S, MS
21	1567	5-methyl-2-furaldehyde	110	S, MS
22	1613	4-terpineol	111	S, MS
23	1646	ethyl decanaote	88	MS
24	1711	diethyl succinate	101	S, MS
25	1737	α-terpineol	93	S, MS
26	1769	β-citronellol	69	MS
27	1783	naphthalene,1,2-dihydro-1,1,6-trimethyl (TDN)	157	MS
28	1810	ethyl phenyl acetate	91	S, MS
29	1836	nerol	69	MS
30	1849	phenylethyl acetate	104	MS
31	1854	diethyl pentanedioate	143	MS
32	1879	geraniol	69	S, MS
33	1890	ethyl dodecanoate	101	MS
34	1944	2-phenylethanol	91	S, MS
35	1956	2,6 di-tert-butyl-p cresol (BHT)	205	MS
36	1979	2-ethyl hexanoic acid	73	MS
37	1989	phenol	94	MS
38	2001	nerolidol	69	MS
39	2101	octanoic acid	60	S, MS
40	2145	ethyl myristate	88	MS
41	2195	eugenol	164	S, MS
42	2200	nonanoic acid	73	MS
43	2202	m-thymol	135	MS
44	2204	4-ethylphenol	107	S, MS
45	2232	carvacrol	135	MS
46	2317	decanoic acid	60	S, MS
47	2325	ethyl hexadecanoate	88	MS
48	2371	farnesol	222	MS
49	2389	ethyl octadecanoate	88	MS
50	2494	dodecanoic acid	73	MS

Table 2 (continued)

Number	LRI	Compound	m/z	Identification
51	2556	tetradecanoic acid	73	MS
52	2850	hexadecanoic acid	73	MS

Acetates

Regarding acetates, n-butyl acetate, isoamyl acetate and phenylethyl acetate showed significant increases as the aging time increased (Table 3). A different evolution was observed by Cámara et al. (2006) and Ruiz-Bejarano et al. (2013). Bordiga et al. (2014) observed that certain ethyl esters together with acetates such as isoamyl acetate, 1-hexyl acetate or 2phenylethyl acetate gradually reduced their concentrations and, on the contrary, the levels of diethyl succinate and isobutyl acetate increased progressively in Nebbiolo-based wine during its aging in wood.

Ramey and Ough (1980) found different evolutions during the aging in wood for some acetates and ethyl esters according to the variety grape. The initial postfermentation level of each volatile compound seems to be crucial for its latter evolution during aging. Both types of volatile compounds may be hydrolyzed, be formed through chemical esterification, or remain at constant equilibrium concentrations depending on their initial concentration.

About the influence of drying type, all acetates showed a higher amount for those wines obtained from climatic chamber-dried grapes (Table 3 and Table 4). Ruiz et al. (2014) observed significant differences between the volatile contents found for musts from Pedro Ximénez grapes chamber-dried at two different temperatures, so, it seems logical to consider that the specific drying conditions used may play a decisive role in some volatile compounds of a must and latter, of the wine obtained.

In relation to factor vintage, it was significant for isoamyl acetate, phenylethyl acetate and ethyl 2-phenyl acetate, with, in general, higher contents for vintage 2010 (Tables 3 and 4). In this sense, Dennis et al. (2012) observed that the postfermentation concentration of an acetate was influenced by the prefermentation concentration of its respective alcoholic precursor, being this last one dependent on the specific climatic and cultural conditions under which grapes were cultivated and vinificated.

Terpenes and terpenols

Concerning terpenes and terpenols, as can be seen in Table 4, the most significant factors were "grape variety", "drying type" and "aging time". Various authors (Sánchez-Palomo et al. 2005; Fenoll et al. 2009) have established that compounds such as linalool, geraniol, citronellol and nerol are the main responsible for the typical floral aroma of Muscat grapes.

In relation to the factor aging, in a previous study about Muscat grapes (Ruiz-Bejarano et al. 2013), terpenols such as linalool, α -terpineol, β -citronellol, nerol, and geraniol showed significant decreases as the time of aging increased whereas their oxides increased. These changes were higher for wines aged in wood than those aged in stainless steel.

In the present work, only farnesol decreased significantly whereas nerol oxide, linalool, thymol, carvacrol and β myrcene showed statistically significant increases as the aging time increased (Table 3). Several authors (Marais and van Wyk 1986; Loscos et al. 2010) have observed that some terpenic monoalcohols (linalool, nerol, and geraniol) may be transformed into α -terpineol and other terpenes during the aging and that this conversion depends on different factors.

In the case of factor "drying type", higher amounts were found for wines from grapes dried in chamber (Table 3). Ruiz et al. (2009) observed that musts from chamber-dried grapes presented the same aroma terms as those from sun-dried grapes, although with higher odor activity values, particularly those of the floral and fruity terms, which are normally ascribable to terpenols, ethyl esters and acetates.

Aldehydes, alcohols and ketones

For this type of volatile compounds, the most significant factor was "aging time". As can be seen in Table 3, most of alcohols and aldehydes showed significant increases as the aging in wood increased.

Some authors have found significant increases for higher alcohols during aging (Cámara et al. 2006). In this study, 3methyl-2-butanol and 1-hexanol exhibited significant increases during aging. For aldehydes, benzaldehyde, nonanal, octanal, hexanal and 2-hexenal exhibited a clear rising tendency during aging. Chaves et al. (2007) found that certain aldehydes such as decanal together with 2,3-butanedione and linalool could be used as reliable fingerprints of the aging in wood of PX wines. These authors suggested that the increases in the aldehyde concentrations during aging may be the result of oxidation reactions of their alcoholic type precursors.

In relation to the factor "vintage", this was significant for 2hexenal, 6-methyl-5-hepten-2-one, nonanal and 3-methyl-2butanol with higher values for those wines from vintage 2010 (Table 3).

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Volatile Compounds	Aging time (mont	hs)	Grape variety		Vintage		Drying type	
	0	12	Muscat	PX	2009	2010	Chamber	Sun
Ethyl esters	0.409 ± 0.946	0.555 ± 1.258	0.578 ± 1.091	0.473 ± 1.018	0.371 ± 0.904	0.628 ± 1.140	0.447 ± 0.961	0.582 ± 1.137
Acids	0.070 ± 0.081	0.083 ± 0.099	0.075 ± 0.077	0.068 ± 0.085	0.054 ± 0.065	0.086 ± 0.095	0.065 ± 0.072	0.078 ± 0.096
Acetates	0.264 ± 0.389	0.314 ± 0.373	0.265 ± 0.300	0.282 ± 0.334	0.212 ± 0.193	0.338 ± 0.403	0.299 ± 0.305	0.279 ± 0.350
Terpenes and terpenols	0.017 ± 0.034	0.018 ± 0.059	0.046 ± 0.077	0.003 ± 0.007	0.013 ± 0.048	0.018 ± 0.044	0.020 ± 0.056	0.009 ± 0.026
Aldehydes, ketones and alcohols	0.236 ± 0.376	0.330 ± 0.485	0.304 ± 0.453	0.289 ± 0.412	0.278 ± 0.403	0.307 ± 0.443	0.313 ± 0.451	0.265 ± 0.382
Miscellaneous	0.006 ± 0.034	0.032 ± 0.057	0.025 ± 0.044	0.026 ± 0.048	0.026 ± 0.046	0.026 ± 0.048	0.024 ± 0.044	0.028 ± 0.051

Concerning the factor drying type, it was only significant for 1-hexanol and 2-phenylethanol. It revealed a low influence of this parameter on this family of volatile compounds, as it was previously observed for other compounds.

Miscellaneous

For this type of compounds, the most significant factor was aging time (Table 3 and Table 4). Aged wines showed higher contents for eugenol, 4-ethylphenol, 2-furaldehyde, 5-methylfuraldehyde and 1,1,6-trimethyl-1, 2-dihydronaphthalene (TDN, Table 4).

Some authors (Cámara et al. 2006; Márquez et al. 2008) have found clear increases for 2-furaldehyde and 5-methyl-2-furaldehyde in wines during their aging in wood. Both of them are formed by degradation of carbohydrates during the toasting of the barrel and then are transferred to the wine during the period of aging.

2-Furaldehyde and 5-methyl-2-furaldehyde have been found in musts from Pedro Ximénez grapes after their sun drying (Franco et al. 2004). 2-Furfuraldehyde is produced from the heating of xylose and 5-methyl-2-furfuraldehyde emerges from rhamnose. Therefore, both factors, aging in wood and drying stage, could explain the content found for these compounds in the wines studied.

Eugenol exhibited an obvious increase during aging. It is already present in oak wood without toasting and its concentration augments with the barrel toasting process, being transferred to the wine during the period of aging (Chatonnet 1999).

Regarding TDN, present in wines after fermentation, its content was higher for those wines aged in wood for a year. The presence of this compound in wines is principally related to the maturation process by carotenoid-degradation (Versini et al. 2002). Different authors (Silva et al. 2003; Ruiz-Bejarano et al. 2013) have found that its content increases during aging depending on factors such as temperature and time.

Taking into account the results obtained from ANOVA study, in which most of the volatile compounds were significantly affected by some of the factors studied, a multivariate study was carried out.

Cluster analysis CA

The data matrix was subjected to a hierarchical agglomerative cluster analysis of cases, taking the squared euclidean distance as metric and the Ward method as amalgamation rule. The dendrogram obtained is shown in Fig. 1.

Two main clusters can be appreciated: one cluster for wines from Muscat grapes and another one for wines from PX grapes. Later, a clear influence of the factor vintage can be observed inside of each one.

Table 4 Mean values (relative chromatographic area) and standard deviations for volatile compounds studied

Volatile Compounds	Relative areas			p value aging time	p value grape variety	p value vintage	p value drying type
		Muscat	Pedro Ximénez				
Ethyl Esters							
ethyl butanoate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.109 \pm 0.047 \\ 0.134 \pm 0.034 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.110 \pm 0.061 \\ 0.109 \pm 0.056 \end{array}$	0.7330	0.0152	0.0000^{*}	0.3537
ethyl 3-methylbutanoate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.019 \pm 0.004 \\ 0.111 \pm 0.012 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.017 \pm 0.006 \\ 0.093 \pm 0.029 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.0338*	0.0237	0.4503
ethyl hexanoate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.999 \pm 0.531 \\ 1.129 \pm 0.799 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.01 \pm 1.02 \\ 0.740 \pm 0.531 \end{array}$	0.6628	0.1201	0.0000^{*}	0.8030
diethyl pentanedioate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.001 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.029 \pm 0.008 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.004 \pm 0.004 \\ 0.026 \pm 0.008 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.3594	0.0156	0.1507
ethyl octanoate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 1.52 \pm 1.18 \\ 1.68 \pm 1.25 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.45 \pm 2.31 \\ 0.982 \pm 0.827 \end{array}$	0.0528	0.4729	0.0000^{*}	0.3658
ethyl decanoate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.369 \pm 0.293 \\ 0.255 \pm 0.170 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.495 \pm 0.400 \\ 0.096 \pm 0.086 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.0043*	0.0000^{*}	0.0000*
diethyl succinate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.312 \pm 0.139 \\ 5.30 \pm 0.665 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.686 \pm 1.126 \\ 4.42 \pm 1.12 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.0071*	0.0028*	0.0129
ethyl dodecanoate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.063 \pm 0.052 \\ 0.032 \pm 0.023 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.024 \pm 0.001 \\ 0.008 \pm 0.010 \end{array}$	0.0035*	0.0000^{*}	0.0001*	0.0052*
ethyl tetradecanoate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.025 \pm 0.003 \\ 0.018 \pm 0.009 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.015 \pm 0.006 \\ 0.010 \pm 0.008 \end{array}$	0.1533	0.0003*	0.4078	0.0079*
ethyl hexadecanoate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.099 \pm 0.060 \\ 0.051 \pm 0.017 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.065 \pm 0.052 \\ 0.043 \pm 0.044 \end{array}$	0.1362	0.0030*	0.4672	0.0000*
ethyl octadecanoate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.014 \pm 0.008 \\ 0.005 \pm 0.001 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.009 \pm 0.009 \\ 0.006 \pm 0.006 \end{array}$	0.1072	0.0085*	0.9202	0.0000*
Acids							
2-ethylhexanoic acid	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.006 \pm 0.003 \\ 0.006 \pm 0.002 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.012 \pm 0.015 \\ 0.012 \pm 0.010 \end{array}$	0.9726	0.0000*	0.0000^{*}	0.0000^{*}
octanoic acid	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.098 \pm 0.064 \\ 0.113 \pm 0.052 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.157 \pm 0.134 \\ 0.099 \pm 0.068 \end{array}$	0.1887	0.2243	0.0000^{*}	0.0429
nonanoic acid	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.006 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.021 \pm 0.005 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.007 \pm 0.003 \\ 0.016 \pm 0.005 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.1006	0.4415	0.4323
decanoic acid	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.093 \pm 0.056 \\ 0.109 \pm 0.053 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.141 \pm 0.105 \\ 0.086 \pm 0.068 \end{array}$	0.0116	0.4005	0.0000^{*}	0.6451
dodecanoic acid	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.050 \pm 0.030 \\ 0.049 \pm 0.018 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.034 \pm 0.015 \\ 0.037 \pm 0.034 \end{array}$	0.3468	0.0001*	0.0039*	0.0372
tetradecanoic acid	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.036 \pm 0.003 \\ 0.093 \pm 0.015 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.051 \pm 0.029 \\ 0.104 \pm 0.089 \end{array}$	0.0054*	0.4658	0.8695	0.5192
hexadecanoic acid	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.127 \pm 0.031 \\ 0.174 \pm 0.043 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.122 \pm 0.054 \\ 0.211 \pm 0.189 \end{array}$	0.2249	0.4442	0.9436	0.5373
Acetates							
n-butyl acetate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.004 \pm 0.001 \\ 0.030 \pm 0.004 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.004 \pm 0.001 \\ 0.040 \pm 0.013 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.0003*	0.0436	0.0000^{*}
isoamyl acetate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.785 \pm 0.464 \\ 0.846 \pm 0.291 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.749 \pm 0.455 \\ 0.854 \pm 0.327 \end{array}$	0.0060*	0.0006*	0.0000^{*}	0.0001*
phenylethyl acetate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.084 \pm 0.076 \\ 0.296 \pm 0.062 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.046 \pm 0.025 \\ 0.209 \pm 0.053 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.0000^{*}	0.0000^{*}	0.0049*
ethyl 2-phenyl acetate	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.131 \pm 0.090 \\ 0.171 \pm 0.077 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.208 \pm 0.147 \\ 0.220 \pm 0.084 \end{array}$	0.3938	0.0000^{*}	0.0000^{*}	0.0000^{*}
Terpenes and terpenols							
nerol oxide	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.011 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.048 \pm 0.014 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.000 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.001 \pm 0.000 \end{array}$	0.0009*	0.0000^{*}	0.0429	0.0021*
linalool oxide	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.013 \pm 0.006 \\ 0.015 \pm 0.003 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.001 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.001 \pm 0.000 \end{array}$	0.0163	0.0000^{*}	0.8873	0.0084*

Table 4 (continued)

Volatile Compounds	Relative areas			p value aging time	p value grape variety	p value vintage	p value drying type
		Muscat	Pedro Ximénez				
linalool	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.181 \pm 0.045 \\ 0.337 \pm 0.070 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.004 \pm 0.002 \\ 0.004 \pm 0.002 \end{array}$	0.0011*	0.0000*	0.9931	0.0069*
4-terpineol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.001 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.002 \pm 0.000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.000 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.001 \pm 0.000 \end{array}$	0.0176	0.0000*	0.8557	0.0068*
α-terpineol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.063 \pm 0.004 \\ 0.093 \pm 0.027 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.01 \pm 0.009 \\ 0.002 \pm 0.001 \end{array}$	0.0549	0.0000*	0.7817	0.0177
β-citronellol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.123 \pm 0.103 \\ 0.033 \pm 0.026 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.010 \pm 0.005 \\ 0.002 \pm 0.002 \end{array}$	0.0105	0.0000^{*}	0.0001*	0.0002*
nerol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.037 \pm 0.027 \\ 0.029 \pm 0.008 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.002 \pm 0.001 \\ 0.001 \pm 0.000 \end{array}$	0.6397	0.0000^{*}	0.0022*	0.0002*
nerolidol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.007 \pm 0.004 \\ 0.021 \pm 0.020 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.008 \pm 0.004 \\ 0.023 \pm 0.015 \end{array}$	0.8796	0.0000^{*}	0.0235	0.0003*
geraniol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.065 \pm 0.003 \\ 0.089 \pm 0.025 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.003 \pm 0.001 \\ 0.001 \pm 0.000 \end{array}$	0.4596	0.0000^{*}	0.0919	0.0102
thymol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.000 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.001 \pm 0.000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.001 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.001 \pm 0.001 \end{array}$	0.0001*	0.5748	0.0046*	0.0090*
carvacrol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.001 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.003 \pm 0.002 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.001 \pm 0.001 \\ 0.002 \pm 0.001 \end{array}$	0.0001*	0.0153	0.0000^{*}	0.0000^{*}
β-myrcene	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.002 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.002 \pm 0.001 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.000 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.001 \pm 0.000 \end{array}$	0.0085*	0.0000^{*}	0.4759	0.2776
Farnesol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.063 \pm 0.059 \\ 0.012 \pm 0.001 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.036 \pm 0.024 \\ 0.005 \pm 0.008 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.0436	0.0000^{*}	0.0027*
Aldehydes, ketones and alco	ohols						
hexanal	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.008 \pm 0.001 \\ 0.012 \pm 0.002 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.006 \pm 0.002 \\ 0.009 \pm 0.002 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.0346	0.2857	0.6599
2-hexenal	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.628 \pm 0.325 \\ 1.01 \pm 0.362 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.601 \pm 0.165 \\ 0.909 \pm 0.210 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.7338	0.0000^{*}	0.0739
octanal	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.004 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.007 \pm 0.001 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.006 \pm 0.002 \\ 0.006 \pm 0.002 \end{array}$	0.00027*	0.2992	0.2530	0.0612
6-methyl-5-hepten-2-one	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.014 \pm 0.002 \\ 0.013 \pm 0.001 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.013 \pm 0.009 \\ 0.011 \pm 0.005 \end{array}$	0.3028	0.0000^{*}	0.0068^{*}	0.6166
1-hexanol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.016 \pm 0.001 \\ 0.046 \pm 0.021 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.022 \pm 0.006 \\ 0.036 \pm 0.006 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.0008^{*}	0.1913	0.0001*
nonanal	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.027 \pm 0.003 \\ 0.045 \pm 0.004 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.030 \pm 0.013 \\ 0.033 \pm 0.009 \end{array}$	0.0008^{*}	0.0872	0.0005*	0.4327
benzaldehyde	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.030 \pm 0.007 \\ 0.147 \pm 0.036 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.028 \pm 0.022 \\ 0.143 \pm 0.035 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.5868	0.0689	0.5625
3-methyl-2-butanol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.913 \pm 0.549 \\ 1.51 \pm 0.618 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.779 \pm 0.211 \\ 1.27 \pm 0.257 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.0419	0.0000^{*}	0.0313
2-phenylethanol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.624 \pm 0.095 \\ 0.816 \pm 0.188 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.580 \pm 0.490 \\ 0.949 \pm 0.427 \end{array}$	0.0107	0.0021	0.0909	0.0000^{*}
Miscellaneous							
phenol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.014 \pm 0.003 \\ 0.021 \pm 0.004 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.016 \pm 0.007 \\ 0.023 \pm 0.015 \end{array}$	0.0193	0.3855	0.0734	0.9031
eugenol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.000 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.018 \pm 0.003 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.000 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.012 \pm 0.002 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.0000*	0.0001*	0.0523
4-ethylphenol	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.000 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.001 \pm 0.000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.001 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.001 \pm 0.000 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.0003*	0.7184	0.1561
2-furaldehyde	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.018 \pm 0.002 \\ 0.180 \pm 0.051 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.019 \pm 0.005 \\ 0.194 \pm 0.063 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.5470	0.6292	0.0450
5-methylfuraldehyde	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.002 \pm 0.001 \\ 0.053 \pm 0.017 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.002 \pm 0.001 \\ 0.060 \pm 0.018 \end{array}$	0.0000^{*}	0.1261	0.8953	0.0019*

Volatile Compounds	Relat	ive areas		p value aging time	p value grape variety	p value vintage	p value drying type
		Muscat	Pedro Ximénez				
TDN	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.001 \pm 0.000 \\ 0.003 \pm 0.001 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.002 \pm 0.002 \\ 0.004 \pm 0.002 \end{array}$	0.0002*	0.2822	0.0340	0.0148
BHT	S0 S12	$\begin{array}{c} 0.002 \pm 0.001 \\ 0.003 \pm 0.002 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.004 \pm 0.002 \\ 0.003 \pm 0.001 \end{array}$	0.6875	0.0371	0.0000^{*}	0.0068*

 Table 4 (continued)

S0 sampling after fermentation, S12 sampling after 12 months of wood aging

* Analysis of variance. Values are significant at p < 0.01. TDN: 1,1,6-trimethyl-1,2-dihydronaphthalene; BHT: 2,6 di-tert-butyl-p cresol

Therefore, considering all volatile compounds studied, they possess sufficient explanatory power to detect grape variety and vintage. It seems that these two factors, variety and vintage, were more influential in the volatile profile of wines studied than aging time and drying type. This same differentiation was observed in a previous study carried out about the characterization of the volatile fraction of Andalusian sweet wines (Márquez et al. 2008).

Ortega-Heras et al. (2004) observed that all the grape varieties have not the same extraction capacity from wood and that the aging in wood can accentuate the varietal aroma differences.

Principal component analysis PCA

To corroborate the results obtained from cluster analysis (CA) and check the volatile compounds that allow the differentiation of wines studied, a principal component analysis (PCA) was performed.

10 PCs (principal components) which explained the 87.3 % of the total variance were extracted.

Figure 2 shows the score plot of all wines onto the plane defined by the two first principal components. These two first PCs accounted for 50.1 % of the variance (30.8 and 19.3 %, respectively). As can be seen (Fig. 2), wines were differentiated according to grape variety, with

those wines from Muscat grapes presenting positive values for both PCs.

The main contributors to these PCs were: terpenols such as linalool, 4-terpineol, geraniol, nerol; some ethyl esters (ethyl 3-methylbutanoate, ethyl succinate and diethyl pentanedioate); and acetates (phenylethyl acetate, nbutyl acetate and ethyl octanoate). All these volatile compounds are varietal compounds and/or are formed during the alcoholic fermentation process (Schreier 1979; Rapp and Mandery 1986).

Taking into account the results obtained from PCA carried out on all samples, a new PCA was performed, but in this case, both grape varieties were separately studied.

For Muscat wines, nine PCs were obtained, which explained the 92.8 % of the total variance, with 53.8 % of this one explained by the two first PCs (32.8 % by PC1 and 21 % by PC2). In the case of PX wines, the 87.4 % of the total variance was explained by ten PCs. PC1 and PC2 explained 30.1 % and 20.2 % of this one, respectively.

Figure 3 shows the distribution of both varietal wines onto the plane defined by the first PCs. As can be seen, for each grape variety, wines were separated according to their aging time. For Muscat wines, wines aged in wood for 5, 9 and 12 months presented positive values for PC1 whereas for PX

Fig. 1 Cluster analysis (*CA*). Dendrogram obtained using squared Euclidean distance and the Ward method as amalgamation rule. 1: Muscat; 2: Pedro Ximénez







wines, those wines aged a high period of time (5 months or more) exhibited negative values for this PC.

The loadings of each volatile compound on PC1 show clearly that volatile compounds related to aging in wood (2-furaldehyde, benzaldehyde, 5-methylfuraldehyde, eugenol, 4-ethylphenol) are the main responsible for PC1, with positive values for Muscat wines and negative values for PX wines.

For each grape variety, those wines from vintage 2009 showed negative values for PC2, so this PC seems to be





related to the factor "vintage". In both cases, the main contributors, with positive values, to this PC were some ethyl esters (ethyl butanoate, ethyl hexanoate, ethyl octanoate, ethyl decanoate and ethyl dodecanoate) and acids (octanoic acid, decanoic acid and dodecanoic acid). Most of these volatile compounds are formed during alcoholic fermentation and their content in the wine depends on the must amino acid composition (Hernández-Orte et al. 2002).

In the previous ANOVA study, the factor vintage had showed a significant influence on most of these compounds. The high difference between the precipitation values of both vintages (Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentación y Medioambiente 2015) could explain the high significance found for this factor in the volatile content of wines studied.

In summary, from the results obtained, the factor drying type was the least influential on the volatile profiles of sweet Sherry wines studied, while aging time, grape variety, and vintage showing to be significant on them.

Taking into account the global volatile profile, the factors grape variety and vintage have demonstrated the highest influence on the volatile content of the wines.

Conclusions

It can be concluded that the use of climatic chamber for drying Muscat and Pedro Ximénez grapes can produce wines with similar volatile contents to those obtained following a traditional drying process, but with lower losses in raw material due to attack of insects or possible rainfall.

In order to completely validate this alternative drying system to produce sweet Sherry wines, further studies about sensory evaluation of wines obtained from grapes dried by both drying systems would be required.

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