



ENARTIS NEWS

WANT TO PRODUCE A WINE WITH LOW OR ZERO SO₂ ADDITION?

SO₂ is one of the most controversial additives currently used in the wine industry. Numerous attempts have been made to find alternatives as effective and healthy for human consumption. With the recent approval of products such as chitosan and PVI/PVP, it is now easier to replace sulphur dioxide. SO₂ performs antioxidant, antioxidasic and antimicrobial activities but Enartis can give you a series of product alternatives to give the same benefits whilst producing low or SO₂ free wines.

ANTIOXIDANT AND ANTIOXIDASIC ACTIVITY

Mechanisms of oxidation in juice:

- Mainly mediated by oxidases (tyrosinase and laccase)
- Very fast reaction: SO₂ is not sufficiently rapid in scavenging oxygen. It can only inactivate the enzyme when adding at least 50 ppm
- Phenolic (hydroxycinnamic acids and low molecular weight catechins) and aromatic compounds are the main substrates of oxidation
- Copper seems to have an activating effect on oxidases

Mechanisms of oxidation in wine:

- Mainly chemical
- Phenolic compounds (catechins) and ethanol are the main substrates of oxidation
- Iron and copper catalyse oxidation by turning oxygen into free radicals



How to prevent oxidation minimizing the use of SO₂:

- Prevent dissolution of oxygen by using a fast oxygen scavenger like ascorbic acid, glutathione and tannins
- Remove iron and copper with co-polymers of vinylimidazole and vinylpyrrolidone (PVI/PVP), activated chitosan or pea protein (*figure 1*)
- Remove catechins and hydroxycinnamic acids with plant proteins, PVPP and activated chitosan (*figure 2*)
- Maintain low wine redox potential with tannin and glutathione

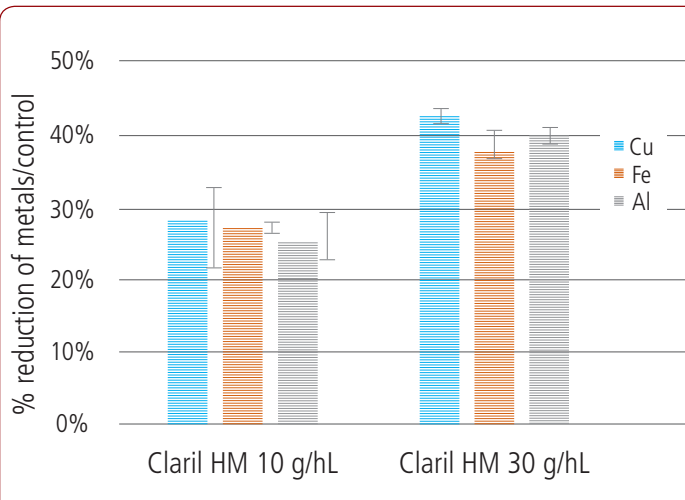


Figure 1: Claril HM removes iron and copper, the real catalyst of wine oxidation

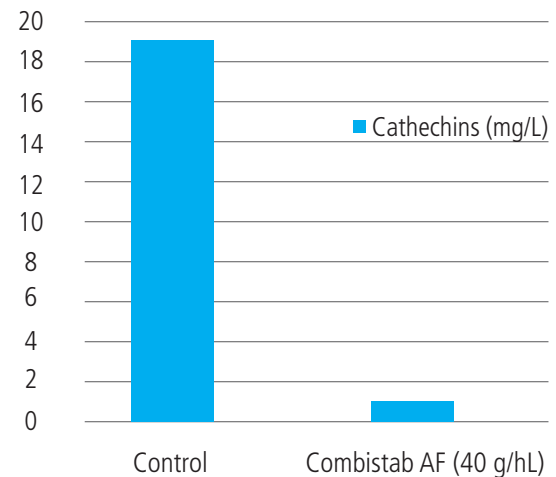


Figure 2: Combistab AF reduces wine sensitiveness to oxidation by removing catechins

ANTIMICROBIAL ACTIVITY

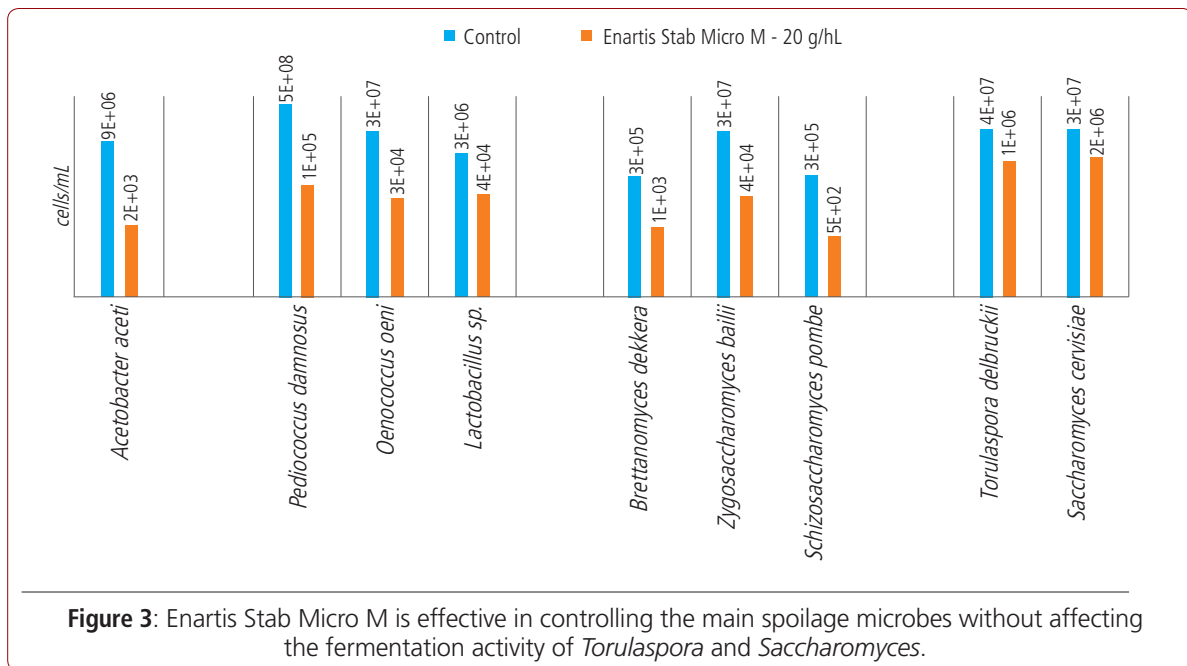
- Only the so-called molecular form of SO₂ has an antimicrobial effect
- Molecular SO₂ content is free SO₂ and is pH related: it is about 10% of free SO₂ content at pH 2.8, and only 1% of free SO₂ content at pH 3.8
- Different microbes are sensitive to different levels of molecular SO₂

| Microorganism | mg/L of molecular SO ₂ |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Brettanomyces | 0.6-0.8 |
| Non-Saccharomyces yeast of the juice | 0.4-0.5 |
| Bacteria | 0.5-1 |



How to prevent wine microbial spoilage by minimizing the use of SO₂?

Use a wide spectrum antimicrobial like activated chitosan (figure 3)



| WHITE AND ROSÉ VINIFICATION | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Vinification phase | Product | Composition | Dosage | Effects |
| Reception of grapes | AST | PMS, Ascorbic acid, Gallic tannin | 100-150 g/ton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of dissolved oxygen • Antimicrobial activity |
| Juice settling / flotation | Tan Antibotrytis or Tan Arom | Tan Antibotrytis: Mixture of gallic, digallic and elagic tannin Tan Arom: Gallic/digallic tannin + yeast derivative with GSH | 10 g/hL under the press | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of dissolved oxygen • Blocks the radicals |
| | Protomix AF | Bentonite, PVPP, pea protein, cellulose | 30-50 g/hL during settling or flotation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of catechins • Removal of iron |
| | Stab Micro M | Activated chitosan | 5-10 g/hL during settling or after flotation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of spoilage microbes • Removal of catechins • Removal of iron and copper • Clarification |



WHITE AND ROSÉ VINIFICATION

| Vinification phase | Product | Composition | Dosage | Effects |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|--|
| <i>Fermentation</i> | Pro FT or Pro XP | Pro FT: sulphur amino acids + free mannoproteins + PVI/PVP Pro XP: free mannoproteins + PVI/PVP | 30-50 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of copper and iron • Removal of catechins • Increase of wine resistance to oxidation |
| | Top Essence or ES 181 | Selected dry yeast | 20-40 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low SO₂ producing yeast strains |
| <i>Wine maturation</i> | Surlì Natural or Stab SLI | Surlì Natural: inactivated yeast Stab SLI: Inactivated yeast + PVPP + oak tannin | 20-30 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of dissolved oxygen • Removal of catechins • Reduction of wine redox potential |
| | Claril HM | PVI/PVP, activated chitosan | 30-50 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of iron and copper • Removal of catechins |
| | Combistab AF | PVPP, pea protein, silica | 20-40 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of catechins • Removal of iron |
| | Tan SLI | Ellagic tannin from untoasted American Oak | 0.5-1 g/hL (racking, filtration, clarification, etc.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of dissolved oxygen • Reduction of wine redox potential |
| | Stab Micro | Activated chitosan | 5 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of spoilage microbes • Removal of catechins • Removal of iron and copper |
| <i>Bottling</i> | Tan SLI | Ellagic tannin from untoasted American oak | 0.5-2 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of dissolved oxygen |
| | Citrostab rH | PMS, ascorbic acid, citric acid, gallic tannin | 10-50 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of dissolved oxygen • Prevention of pinking |



RED VINIFICATION

| Vinification phase | Product | Composition | Dosage | Effects |
|--|-------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <i>On the grapes or after crushing</i> | AST | PMS, ascorbic acid, gallic tannin | 100-150 g/ton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of dissolved oxygen • Antimicrobial activity |
| | Tan Antibotrytis or Tan Rouge | <p>Tan Antibotrytis: Mixture of gallic, digallic and ellagic tannins</p> <p>Tan Rouge: Condensed tannin extracted from exotic wood species, chestnut tannin and Tara tannin</p> | 100 g/ton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of dissolved oxygen • Blocks the radicals |
| | Stab Micro M | Activated chitosan | 50-100 g/ton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of spoilage microbes • Removal of catechins • Removal of iron and copper |
| <i>Fermentation</i> | ES 488 or WS | Selected dry yeast | 20-40 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low SO₂ producing yeast strains |
| <i>Wine maturation</i> | Surlì Natural or Stab SLI | <p>Surlì Natural: Inactivated dry yeast</p> <p>Stab SLI: Inactivated yeast + PVPP + oak tannin</p> | 20-30 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of dissolved oxygen • Removal of catechins • Reduction of wine redox potential |
| | Claril HM | PVI/PVPP, activated chitosan | 30-50 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of iron and copper • Removal of catechins |
| | Tan SLI | Ellagic tannin from untoasted American oak | 1-2 g/hL (racking, filtration, clarification, etc.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of dissolved oxygen • Reduction of wine redox potential |
| | Stab Micro | Activated chitosan | 5 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of spoilage microbes • Removal of catechins • Removal of iron and copper |
| <i>Bottling</i> | Tan SLI | Ellagin tannin from untoasted American Oak | 1-2 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of dissolved oxygen |
| | Citrostab rH | PMS, ascorbic acid, citric acid, gallic tannin | 10-50 g/hL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of dissolved oxygen |