

1           **MONITORING WINEMAKING PROCESS USING TYROSINE INFLUENCE IN THE**  
2                           **EXCITATION-EMISSION MATRICES OF WINE**

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12   **Abstract:** Wine samples collected during the winemaking process have been analyzed employing a  
13   previously optimized UHPLC-FD method, determining their biogenic amines and amino acids profile.  
14   The results obtained have been submitted to a statistical analysis from which it was extracted that the  
15   most influential analyte was tyrosine. Thanks to its fluorescence, a method for its determination by  
16   excitation-emission matrices has been proposed. The accuracy of the method has been checked by  
17   means of Elliptical Joint Confidence Region test. The winemaking process has been monitored with  
18   this method, obtaining a faster and cheaper way to follow the process.

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## 22 1. Introduction

23 Amino acids (AAs) are a subgroup within the organic acids that contribute to the organoleptic  
24 and nutritional properties (R. M. Callejón, Troncoso, & Morales, 2010; Robles, Fabjanowicz, Chmiel,  
25 & Płotka-Wasyłka, 2019). In particular, AAs generate volatile compounds related to aroma  
26 (Petropoulos, Metafa, Kotseridis, Paraskevopoulos, & Kallithraka, 2018; Valdés et al., 2019).  
27 Moreover, they can be used to control the evolution of acidification during winemaking (Robles et al.,  
28 2019).

29 In wine, AAs can come directly from the raw material and are metabolized by yeasts, acting as  
30 a source of nitrogen (Arrieta & Prats-Moya, 2012; R. M. Callejón et al., 2010; Valdés et al., 2019).  
31 **However**, they can also appear as yeast waste after the fermentation or be generated due to enzymatic  
32 degradation of proteins (R. M. Callejón et al., 2010). Its concentration and profile depend on several  
33 factors (R. M. Callejón et al., 2010; Petropoulos et al., 2018; Valdés et al., 2019). Within them, tyrosine  
34 is a non-essential AA that reaches the human body through the hydroxylation of phenylalanine or  
35 through the intake of food containing it (PubChem, 2020; Schenck & Maeda, 2018). **It forms part of**  
36 **many proteins, and is the precursor of some important neurotransmitters** (Fernstrom & Fernstrom,  
37 2007; PubChem, 2020). It also participates in the synthesis of melanin, catecholamines and some  
38 thyroid hormones (Slominski, Zmijewski, & Pawelek, 2012).

39 Apart from that, AAs are the precursors of biogenic amines (BAs), compounds with toxic  
40 activity that can be harmful for the human health (He et al., 2016; Meléndez, Sarabia, & Ortiz, 2016;  
41 Palomino-Vasco, Rodríguez-Cáceres, Mora-Diez, Pardo-Botello, & Acedo-Valenzuela, 2019;  
42 Papageorgiou et al., 2018). The concentration of BAs in wine could vary between a few and 50 mg L<sup>-1</sup>,  
43 and although it is important to keep this concentration as low as possible, there are no laws regulating  
44 their maximum concentration in wine. Its profile also depends on several factors (Papageorgiou et al.,  
45 2018; Peña-Gallego, Hernández-Orte, Cacho, & Ferreira, 2012; Perestrelo, Bordiga, Locatelli, Silva, &  
46 Câmara, 2020). Hence, the joint determination of AAs and BAs is interesting to both researchers and

47 industry, since they can be used as a quality or safety index, or as an ageing or authenticity indicator  
48 (R. M. Callejón et al., 2010; He et al., 2016; Palomino-Vasco, Acedo-Valenzuela, Rodríguez-Cáceres,  
49 & Mora-Diez, 2019; Robles et al., 2019).

50 AAs can be determined directly by UV, but their absorption is in a very non-specific area where  
51 almost all compounds and solvents **absorb**. Only tyrosine, tryptophan and phenylalanine present  
52 chromophore groups that allow them to be determined by fluorescence. The determination and  
53 quantification of BAs in wine is also challenging due to the complexity of the matrix and the presence  
54 of several BAs in the same sample, which **are** normally present low concentrations. **Moreover, BAs do**  
55 **not present adequate characteristics for their determination by spectrophotometric techniques due to**  
56 **their structure**. Therefore, AAs and BAs should normally be pre-concentrated and/or derivatised or  
57 determined by MS. The most commonly used methods for their determination are separative techniques  
58 (R. M. Callejón et al., 2010; Ferré, González-Ruiz, Guillarme, & Rudaz, 2019; Önal, Tekkeli, & Önal,  
59 2013; Palomino-Vasco, Acedo-Valenzuela, et al., 2019; Papageorgiou et al., 2018).

60 On another note, fluorescence spectroscopy is a non-invasive instrumental technique widely  
61 used in food matrices since it allows to obtain information about molecular structure and functions, and  
62 allows characterizing the foodstuffs. Other advantages are its sensitivity and selectivity, as well as  
63 being a quick and easy technique to use (Airado-Rodríguez, Durán-Merás, Galeano-Díaz, & Wold,  
64 2011; Azcarate, Teglia, Karp, Camiña, & Goicoechea, 2017; Raquel M. Callejón et al., 2012;  
65 Carbonaro et al., 2019; Ríos-Reina et al., 2019). Within the different ways to employ fluorescence  
66 spectroscopy, excitation-emission matrices (EEMs) are one of the best ways to obtain a lot of  
67 information about the studied system, that can then be extracted using chemometrics. PARAFAC  
68 (PARAllel FACtor analysis) is the most used second-order algorithm for matrix decomposition, and it  
69 has been used in many food samples (Airado-Rodríguez et al., 2011; Azcarate et al., 2017; Raquel M.  
70 Callejón et al., 2012).

71 Several authors have employed the AAs and/or BAs profile of wines obtained by separate  
72 techniques in combination with chemometrics for wine differentiation or monitoring along time (R. M.  
73 Callejón et al., 2010; Jiménez Moreno, Torrea Goñ, & Ancín Azpilicueta, 2003; Ordóñez, Callejón,  
74 Troncoso, & García-Parrilla, 2017; Palomino-Vasco, Rodríguez-Cáceres, et al., 2019). **However, we**  
75 **have no evidence of studies that determine the AAs and BAs profile during young wines winemaking.**  
76 **Therefore, this was the first objective of this research, employing a previously optimized**  
77 **chromatographic method. The statistical study of the obtained concentrations would give us**  
78 **information about the most influential analytes in the variance. Furthermore, and taking into account**  
79 **that some analytes are fluorescent, the second objective was the obtention of the EEMs of wine**  
80 **samples collected during winemaking. The application of chemometrics and the correlation between**  
81 **the chromatographic and the fluorescent results would result in the proposal of a simpler and more**  
82 **economical way of monitoring the winemaking which, to the best of our knowledge, has never been**  
83 **proposed.**

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## 85 **2. Materials and Methods**

### 86 **2.1 Chemicals**

87 The analytes determined in this study were putrescine (PUT), histamine (HIM), tyramine  
88 (TYM), glutamic acid (GLU), serine (SER), cadaverine (CAD), tryptamine (TRY), 2-phenylethylamine  
89 (PEA), lysine (LYS), arginine (ARG) and phenylalanine (PHE), purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (USA);  
90 agmatine (AGM), purchased from Alfa-Aesar (Germany); ethanolamine (ETA) and tyrosine (TYR),  
91 purchased from Merck (Germany); histidine (HIS), purchased from Fluka (Spain); and glycine (GLY)  
92 and tryptophan (TRP), purchased from Panreac (Spain). 1-octylamine (OCT; Fluka, Spain) was  
93 employed as internal standard in the chromatographic method. A stock solution of 10000 mg L<sup>-1</sup> of  
94 each AA and of 5000 mg L<sup>-1</sup> of each BA was prepared by solving the adequate amount of the

95 powder/liquid presentation in ultrapure water (Merck Millipore, USA). Solutions were stored at 4°C in  
96 darkness, and were daily used to prepare the working analyte solutions.

97 For the derivatization reaction, a boric acid/sodium borate buffer (0.6 M; pH 10.50) was weekly  
98 prepared by diluting the adequate amount of boric acid (Merck, Germany) in ultrapure water (Merck  
99 Millipore, USA), and adjusting the pH with NaOH (Panreac, Spain). A solution of 0.4 mg of o-  
100 phthalaldehyde (OPA; Sigma-Aldrich, USA) in 10.0 mL of MeOH (Panreac, Spain) was also weekly  
101 prepared. Then, the derivatization reagent was prepared by mixing in a 5.0 mL volumetric flask 1.6 mL  
102 of the OPA solution and 1.2 mL of 2-mercaptoethanol (Sigma-Aldrich, USA). The flask was filled up  
103 to the mark with the aforementioned boric acid/sodium borate buffer. Before its use, the derivatization  
104 reagent was filtered (0.22 µm membrane nylon filters; Teknokroma, Spain).

105 Mobile phase employed for the chromatographic separation was composed with acetonitrile  
106 UHPLC-grade (Sigma-Aldrich, USA), methanol UHPLC-grade (Panreac, Spain) and a TRIS buffer,  
107 which was prepared by the dilution of the adequate amounts of Trizma® base (2-amino-2-  
108 (hydroxymethyl)-1,3-propanediol; Sigma-Aldrich, USA) and tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane  
109 hydrochloride (Acros, Spain) to obtain a concentration of 0.10 M and a pH of 8.30. Mobile phase was  
110 filtered (0.22 µm membrane nylon filter; Teknokroma, Spain), and ultrasonicated before its use.

111 Synthetic wine employed was prepared by dissolving the adequate amount of L-(+)-tartaric acid  
112 (Scharlau, Spain) to get a 3.0 g L<sup>-1</sup> concentration, in a 13% (v/v) EtOH (Panreac, Spain) aqueous  
113 solution. pH was adjusted to 3.50 employing NaOH (Panreac, Spain).

114 Polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVPP; Sigma-Aldrich, USA) was employed to remove the  
115 polyphenols of the wine samples.

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## 117 **2.2 Winemaking samples**

118 Wine samples were generously donated by the experimental winery of the University of  
119 Extremadura during the winemaking process of a ‘Tempranillo’ grape young wine.

120 Samples were daily collected in the winery; and stored at -20°C and in **dark** until analysis.  
121 Information about the winemaking process was given by the winemaker, who informed when the  
122 different fermentations began according to the typical analyses of the winery (i.e. density control or  
123 alcohol content).

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### 125 ***2.3 Instrumentation and software***

126 For the chromatographic analysis of the samples, an Agilent Model 1260 Infinity High  
127 Performance Liquid Chromatograph (Agilent Technologies Inc., USA) equipped with an online  
128 degasser, quaternary pump (G1311B), column oven compartment (G1316A), autosampler (G1329B),  
129 UV-VIS diode-array detector (G1315D) and fluorescence detector (G1321B) was employed.  
130 ChemStation software was used for data treatment and instrument control. The analytical separation  
131 was carried out in a Zorbax Eclipse XDB-C18 analytical column (100 x 4.6 mm; 1.8 µm; Agilent  
132 Technologies Inc., USA).

133 For the obtention of the fluorescence EEMs, a Cary Eclipse Varian spectrofluorometer (Agilent  
134 Technologies Inc., USA) connected by a GPIB488 card to a PC was employed. The instrument was  
135 equipped with two Czerny-Turner monochromators, a constant xenon light source and a  
136 photomultiplier tube as detector. Measurements were made in a 1.0 cm quartz cell. Cary Eclipse's own  
137 software was used for equipment control and data acquisition.

138 Central composite experimental design was carried out employing The Unscrambler v9.7  
139 (CAMO Software, Japan). Statistical analyses were performed using XLSTAT software (Addinsoft,  
140 France). EEM\_corr routine for MATLAB (Chiappini, Alcaraz, Goicoechea, & Olivieri, 2019) was  
141 freely downloaded from <https://fcb.web1.unl.edu.ar/laboratorios/ladaq/download/>. Multivariate data  
142 analyses were done employing MatLab R2016B (The MathWorks Inc., USA) and the MVC2 routine  
143 (Olivieri, Wu, & Yu, 2009), available at [www.iquir-conicet.gov.ar/descargas/mvc2.rar](http://www.iquir-conicet.gov.ar/descargas/mvc2.rar).

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## 145 **2.4 Chromatographic determination**

146 The chromatographic determination of the analytes was carried out following an automatic  
147 UHPLC-FLD method previously proposed by our investigation group (Palomino-Vasco, Acedo-  
148 Valenzuela, et al., 2019). Briefly, it employed a fully automated derivatization reaction, making use of  
149 an injection program that mixes the reagents sequentially before injecting them into the column.  
150 Separation was performed at 50°C, with a flow rate of 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, and the fluorescent derivatives  
151 were monitored at 356/445 nm. The peak area/internal standard area ratio was used as analytical signal.  
152 Both the conditions of the automatic injection and the gradient used for the separation of the derivatives  
153 are summarized in Tables in the aforementioned article. Also, all the information about the  
154 establishment of the calibration curves as well as the analysis of real samples is extensively explained  
155 in it.

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## 157 **2.5 Fluorometric determination**

158 The fluorescence EEMs of the analytes were obtained by increasing the excitation wavelength  
159 from 200 to 320 nm at 5 nm steps; and recording the emission spectra from 275 to 450 nm, every 1 nm.  
160 Excitation and emission slits were both set at 5 nm, and photomultiplier voltage was set at 600 V. All  
161 the measurements were made at room temperature.

162 For the establishment of the three-dimensional model, a central composite experimental design  
163 was employed, with a total of 16 samples. Also, four validation samples were incorporated. Twenty-six  
164 real wine samples were analysed.

165 Calibration and validation samples were prepared by the dissolution of the adequate aliquots of  
166 the stock analyte solutions with synthetic wine to a final volume of 10.0 mL. For the obtention of the  
167 EEMs of the real wine samples, a 10% (v/v) dilution in synthetic wine was employed. PVPP cleaning  
168 was made after the dilution and prior to the analysis. For this procedure, 0.5 g of PVPP were added to  
169 10.0 mL of the diluted sample in a Falcon tube; and sonicated for 5 min to homogenate. Then, the tubes

170 were centrifuged for 2 min at 3000 rpm, to separate the phases. Cleaned wine was transferred to the  
171 quartz cell to its measurement.

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### 173 **3. Results and discussion**

#### 174 ***3.1 Chromatographic determination of the analytes during the winemaking process***

175 All the samples collected during the winemaking process were chromatographed and compared,  
176 and **only those corresponding to the most significant changes or corresponding to important milestones**  
177 **were analysed** (i.e. start of the alcoholic or malolactic fermentation). Thus, the analytes concentrations  
178 of seven days of the process were obtained (Table 1). The samples were analysed employing the  
179 methodology aforementioned (section 2.4). Because the presence of matrix effect, it was decided to  
180 analyse the samples using the standard addition method in combination with the internal standard  
181 method, employing the peak area/internal standard area ratio as analytical signal. **The quality**  
182 **parameters of this methodology, as well as the recovery values in real samples that demonstrate that the**  
183 **values obtained are accurate and real, can be found in the article where this method is optimised**  
184 **(Palomino-Vasco, Acedo-Valenzuela, et al., 2019).**

185 As it can be seen in Table 1, most analytes undergo hardly any changes during the winemaking  
186 process. The analytes that varied the most were TYR (whose concentration was the highest in general  
187 and, moreover, increased with the passing of the days) and ARG (whose concentration in the must was  
188 high, but decreased greatly after the start of alcoholic fermentation, remaining constant the rest of the  
189 days). **Although studies found in the literature do not reach a clear consensus on the behaviour of the**  
190 **evolution of each AA during winemaking, some authors have found similar results regarding the**  
191 **increase in TYR concentration throughout the days of fermentation (Izquierdo Cañas, García Romero,**  
192 **Gómez Alonso, Fernández González, & Palop Herreros, 2008; Lorenzo et al., 2017). These studies**  
193 **propose that this increase may be caused by the presence of alcoholic fermentation lees, as well as by**  
194 **yeast autolysis, which generates several protein degradation products, including AAs. Furthermore, it is**



195 also suggested that the prophylaxis of acid-lactic bacteria with carboxylase activity during malolactic  
196 fermentation may influence the increase in TYR concentration. On the other hand, in the case of the  
197 ARG, other authors do seem to agree, and several have reported a significant decrease in its  
198 concentration along time (Izquierdo Cañas et al., 2008). Thus, the values obtained during this study  
199 seem to be in accordance with those found in the literature.

200 It can also be noted that on 10<sup>th</sup> day (start of malolactic fermentation) there was a slight increase  
201 in the concentration of TRP, as well as another slight increase on 25<sup>th</sup> day. However, in general, except  
202 in the case of TYR and ARG, the initial and final concentrations of all analytes were very similar. On  
203 the other hand, LYS was detected on all the samples, but in concentrations below the LOQ, and HIM,  
204 TYM, TRY and PEA were not detected in any samples. This can be an indication of the good quality of  
205 the wine, since the content of BAs is very low and, in addition, neither HIM or TYM, which are the  
206 two most harmful BAs for the human beings, were present.

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### 208 ***3.2 Statistical analysis of the chromatographic data***

209 Since there was no great variability in the data obtained except for TYR and ARG, it was  
210 decided to study it statistically to check whether these were indeed the most influential analytes during  
211 the winemaking process, which could simplify its monitorization.

212 Firstly, a Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was carried out. Covariance matrix was  
213 employed because data was dimensionally homogenous and presented similar mean values. This type  
214 of PCA assigns more weight to those variables with greater variance. For those concentrations found  
215 below the LOD or LOQ, the missing value was replaced by the corresponding LOD/2 or LOQ/2.

216 It was obtained that two principal components explained 93.0% of the variance. The loadings  
217 graph is showed in Figure 1A. PC1 explained 82.0% of variance, and was principally constituted by the  
218 positive contribution of TYR (82.1%) and the negative contribution of ARG (16.4%). On the other  
219 hand, PC2 explained 11.0% of variance, and was principally constituted by the positive contribution of

220 ARG (81.8%), TYR (16.4%) and TRP (1.4%). Taking this information into account, it can be said that  
221 the analyte that have the most weight in the data variance and, therefore, have the greatest influence on  
222 the winemaking process is TYR, followed far behind by ARG and TRP.

223 Figure 1B shows the scores graph obtained for the different samples. Considering the  
224 information obtained by the winemaker when the samples were collected, some stages of the  
225 winemaking process can be seen into the graph. Thus, the initial must (day 0) is the most different  
226 sample (highest concentration of ARG); the 3<sup>rd</sup> day started the alcoholic fermentation (drastic reduction  
227 of ARG concentration); the 10<sup>th</sup> day started the malolactic fermentation; and then, the samples post-  
228 malolactic fermentation presented an increasing TYR concentration.

229 It can therefore be said that one way of monitoring the winemaking process would be to control  
230 the concentration of TYR in the samples, as its concentration raised during the winemaking process,  
231 and it is the most influential analyte **as shown in the statistical analysis, since it explains the 82.1%**  
232 **variance within the Principal Component 1, which accounts for 82.0% of the explanation of the total**  
233 **variance.**

234 In order to contrast the information obtained through PCA, it was decided to carry out a cluster  
235 analysis, both non-hierarchical and hierarchical. In the case of the non-hierarchical analysis, the k-  
236 means methodology was selected. Although it was not possible to separate the samples into different  
237 groups, the class profile obtained made it clear that the most influential analyte was TYR (**Figure 1C**).  
238 On the other hand, Ward's method was selected as the hierarchical methodology. In this case, three  
239 different classes were obtained (**Figure 1D**). The first class included the initial samples (days 0 and 3),  
240 which corresponded with the must and the alcoholic fermentation start. The second class consisted  
241 exclusively of the 10<sup>th</sup> day, which corresponds to the start of malolactic fermentation. Finally, the last  
242 class is made up of the remaining samples, which are those collected after the start of malolactic  
243 fermentation. The class profile obtained with this method (**Figure 1E**) presented the same information  
244 as the previous one, TYR being the most influential analyte. However, in this case, ARG presented

245 some importance in class 1 (where it was produced the drastic reduction of the ARG concentration),  
246 and TRP was important in class 2 (the slight increase in its concentration that was aforementioned in  
247 section 3.1).

### 248 **3.3 Fluorometric approach to the problem**

249 Bearing in mind the information obtained of the statistical analysis, and taking into account that  
250 TYR presents fluorescence, a new approach to the monitoring of the winemaking process was  
251 proposed. For that reason, the following experiences were made for determining the best conditions for  
252 the fluorometric measurements.

253 Firstly, and employing conventional mode, EEMs of the fluorometric analytes were registered  
254 between 250 and 500 nm (each 1 nm), exciting between 200 and 320 nm (each 5 nm), with a voltage of  
255 600 V and the slits opened 5 nm. It was checked that TYR, TRP and PHE, and their respective biogenic  
256 amines (TYM, TRY and PEA), were fluorescent (aqueous medium, no pH adjustment). The most  
257 fluorescent analytes were TYR and TYM, followed by TRP and TRY. PHE and PEA presented a lot  
258 lower fluorescence. It was also checked that each biogenic amine presented the same  $\lambda_{ex}/\lambda_{em}$  as its  
259 precursor amino acid, although each pair of analytes presented the maximum fluorescence at different  
260  $\lambda_{ex}/\lambda_{em}$ . So, TYM and TYR presented the maximum fluorescence at 276/356 nm; TRY and TRP  
261 presented it at 274/301 nm; and PHE and PEA presented it at 257/280 nm. Taking into account that  
262 TRY, TYM and PEA were not detected in any wine sample, and that the concentrations of PHE ranged  
263 between 0.1 – 0.2 mg L<sup>-1</sup> and its low fluorescence, only TYR and TRP were finally selected as analytes  
264 for the fluorometric method.

265 Synthetic wine was registered in these conditions to check that no fluorescence (except light  
266 dispersion) was observed. No fluorescence of wine sample was observed due the internal filter effect.  
267 The same was observed when front-face mode was used, and therefore, dilution of wine samples was  
268 necessary to observe fluorescence.

269 Wine dilutions were made with MilliQ water and synthetic wine to search for differences, and it  
270 was decided to use synthetic wine to help buffer the samples. Also, tests were made to find the best  
271 dilution, trying to maintain the greater quantity of wine and obtaining the less internal filter, finally  
272 choosing 10% dilution. After dilution, it was studied how the cleaning of the wine with PVPP affected,  
273 and it was found that PVPP eliminated both polyphenols and part of the internal filter from the sample.

274 Finally, the instrumental conditions were adjusted and measurements were made in the range of  
275 275 - 450 nm (every 1 nm), with the sample being excited every 5 nm between 200 and 320 nm. No  
276 changes in voltage or slits opening were necessary.

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### 278 ***3.4 Establishment of the fluorometric calibration and validation with the chromatographic data***

279 Once the conditions of the fluorometric measurements were optimized, a central composite  
280 experimental design was proposed to establish the calibration data test. TRP concentrations ranged  
281 between 0.16 – 1.00 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, and TYR concentrations ranged between 0.19 – 2.00 mg L<sup>-1</sup> (taking into  
282 account the concentrations found by the chromatographic method and the dilution of the samples).  
283 Three more samples were added that presented only one analyte or any of them. Also, four validation  
284 samples were prepared with analytes concentrations different from those employed in the calibration  
285 data set. On the other hand, the wine samples analysed by UHPLC-FLD were also fluorometrically  
286 measured and, taking as nominal concentrations the concentrations obtained by the chromatographic  
287 method, acted as a second validation set.

288 After obtaining the EEMs, the *EEM\_corr* routine (Chiappini et al., 2019) was used to eliminate  
289 Rayleigh dispersion. PARAFAC was then applied to determine the number of components and to  
290 predict the concentrations of the samples. Both the test samples and the previously analysed wine  
291 samples were employed as validation files, obtaining that three components explained the system, by  
292 both the CORCONDIA and the model fit criteria. For the determination of the number of components,  
293 all modes were restricted to non-negative, since neither concentrations nor spectra can take negative

294 values. The three-dimensional spectra of the components obtained are represented in **Figure 2**. The first  
295 one (C1) corresponds to TRP, while the third one (C3) corresponds to TYR. The second one (C2) must  
296 be some unknown component in the wine.

297 Then, the concentrations of the validation samples were predicted and the results were  
298 compared with the nominal values. **Also, eleven replicates with the analyte's concentration values of**  
299 **one of the test samples were prepared and predicted, to obtain the values of repeatability. In the**  
300 **optimized conditions, a relative standard deviation (RSD) of 0.87% and 0.75% was obtained for TYR**  
301 **and TRP measurements, respectively.**

302 The prediction of the test samples was good for both analytes. However, in the wine validation  
303 set, the prediction was only good for TYR values, which was checked employing the Elliptical Joint  
304 Confidence Region test or EJCR (**Figure 3**) (Mandel & Linnig, 1957), taking into account the applied  
305 dilution. Nominal values or chromatographic concentrations, as appropriate, as well as the percentage  
306 recovery are shown in the Table 2. Predicted values for TRP in wine samples were outside the  
307 calibration range and the predictions were not good, so no data is presented. **The reason why the**  
308 **prediction of TRP in real samples is not good, although it is in test samples, may be that TRP has lower**  
309 **fluorescence intensity than TYR. This fact, together with its low concentrations in the wine samples (as**  
310 **can be seen in the values obtained by chromatography in Table 1), may have caused very low signals**  
311 **for its correct quantification. Furthermore, the emission wavelength of TRP is inside the UV zone (i.e.:**  
312 **301 nm), while TYR emission wavelength (i.e.: 356 nm) is closer to the visible zone, so its signal may**  
313 **have been affected by more constituents of the wine matrix, which could have influenced the signal or**  
314 **generated more internal filtering.**

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### 316 ***3.5 Monitoring of the winemaking process by EEMs***

317 Although the prediction of TRP in real wine samples is not good, the monitoring of the  
318 winemaking process could be carried out by quantifying TYR concentration, since it generated good

319 results in accordance with the chromatographically obtained values and, moreover, it is the most  
320 influential analyte according to the statistical study, as previously mentioned (section 3.2).

321 It was therefore decided to measure fluorometrically all the samples collected during the  
322 winemaking process. The results are showed in Figure 4. The concentration of TYR undergoes a  
323 progressive increase from the initial must until approximately the start of malolactic fermentation (day  
324 10<sup>th</sup>), almost doubled at this point. In the following days, TYR concentration varied between 5.21 -  
325 7.68 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, presenting ups and downs with respect to the value assumed by the polynomial of grade  
326 three which approximately explains its behaviour (red line in Figure 4). These variations can be  
327 explained by two reasons. First, wine is a live system, in which the yeasts themselves are responsible  
328 for homogenizing the sample inside the vat, since during the malolactic fermentation the winery staff  
329 do not touch the wine. For this reason, the sample is not completely homogenized, and there may be  
330 more variations than expected. Secondly, it must be taken into account that there are two opposite  
331 processes that take place at the same time and that affect the concentration of TYR: on the one hand,  
332 the yeasts consume TYR and part of it is transformed into TYM; on the other hand, the proteolysis and  
333 autolysis of the yeasts results in more TYR.

334 Regarding the slight increase of TYR concentration in the last day, other authors (Lorenzo et  
335 al., 2017) have studied how different parameters of winemaking (i.e.: temperature and alcoholic  
336 degree) affect the concentrations of different AAs and BAs. In all the conditions they tested, the TYR  
337 concentration after the malolactic fermentation was higher than that found after the alcoholic  
338 fermentation, and they concluded that the final concentrations of the analytes depended on these  
339 conditions. In our case, the rebound is not as pronounced, but the differences in the type of grapes,  
340 temperature, alcoholic degree, yeast strains, etc. must be taken into account. In any case, this rebound  
341 on the last day could be used as an indicator that fermentation is over and it is time to transfer the wine  
342 to the bottles.

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344 **4. Conclusions**

345 The determination and quantification of amino acids and biogenic amines in wine samples  
346 collected during the winemaking process have been carried out by UHPLC-FLD. Then, a statistical  
347 analysis of the data was carried out (PCA and Cluster Analysis), from which it was concluded that the  
348 most influential analyte of data variance was TYR.

349 Thanks to the fluorescence of TYR, a method has been developed for its determination and  
350 quantification by means of EEMs. An attempt has been made to determine TRP (a less influential but  
351 also fluorescent analyte) together, but the quantification did not obtain good results. However, the  
352 results for TYR concentration have been validated with the chromatographic methodology by means of  
353 the ellipse test. The monitoring of TYR concentration throughout the winemaking process allowed to  
354 determine the start and the end of malolactic fermentation. Therefore, EEMs could be used as a much  
355 faster and cheaper method for monitoring the winemaking process through TYR concentration  
356 monitoring.

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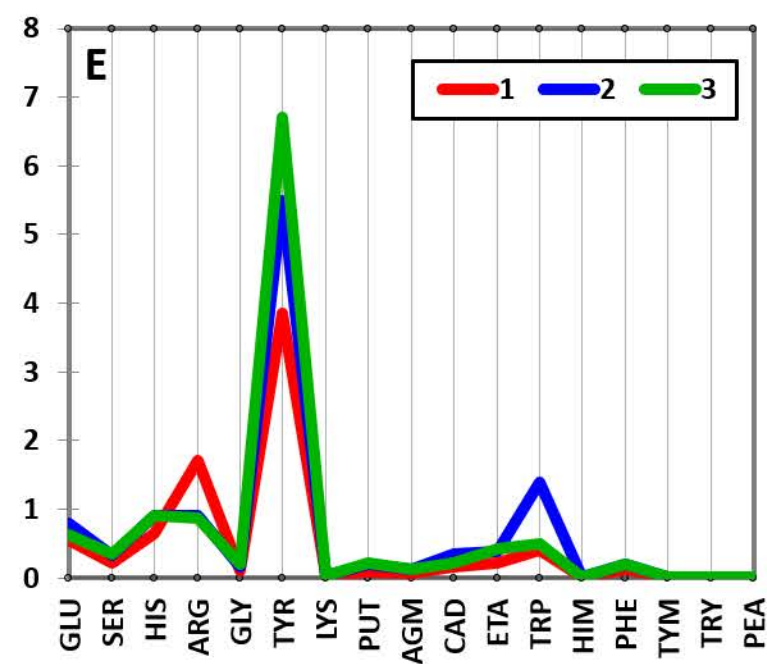
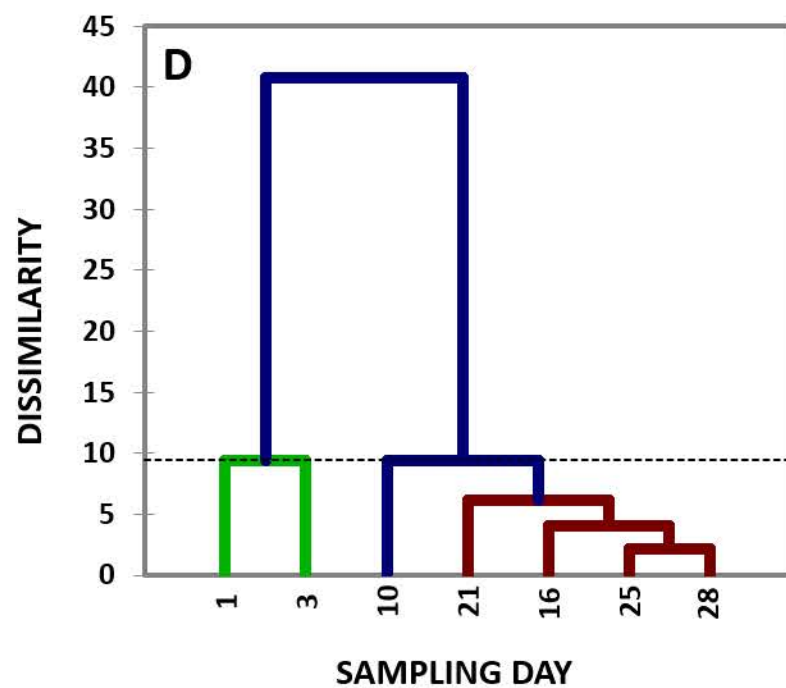
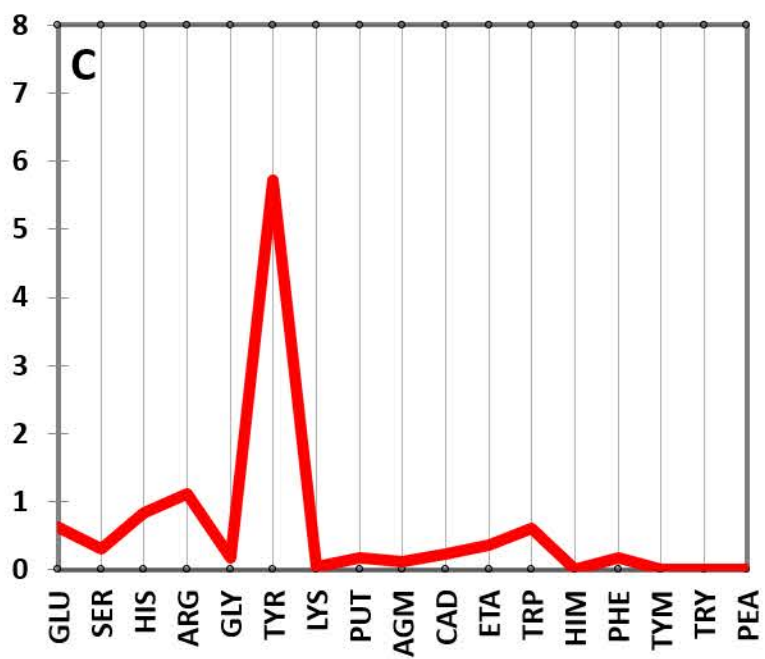
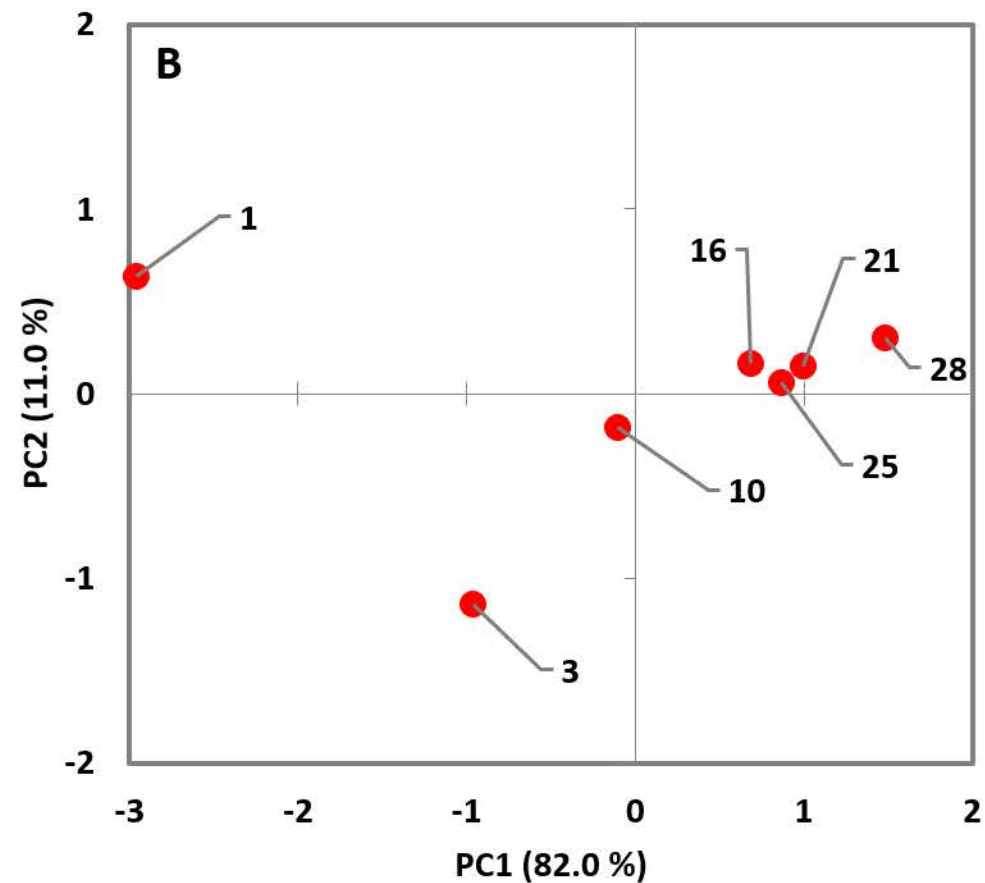
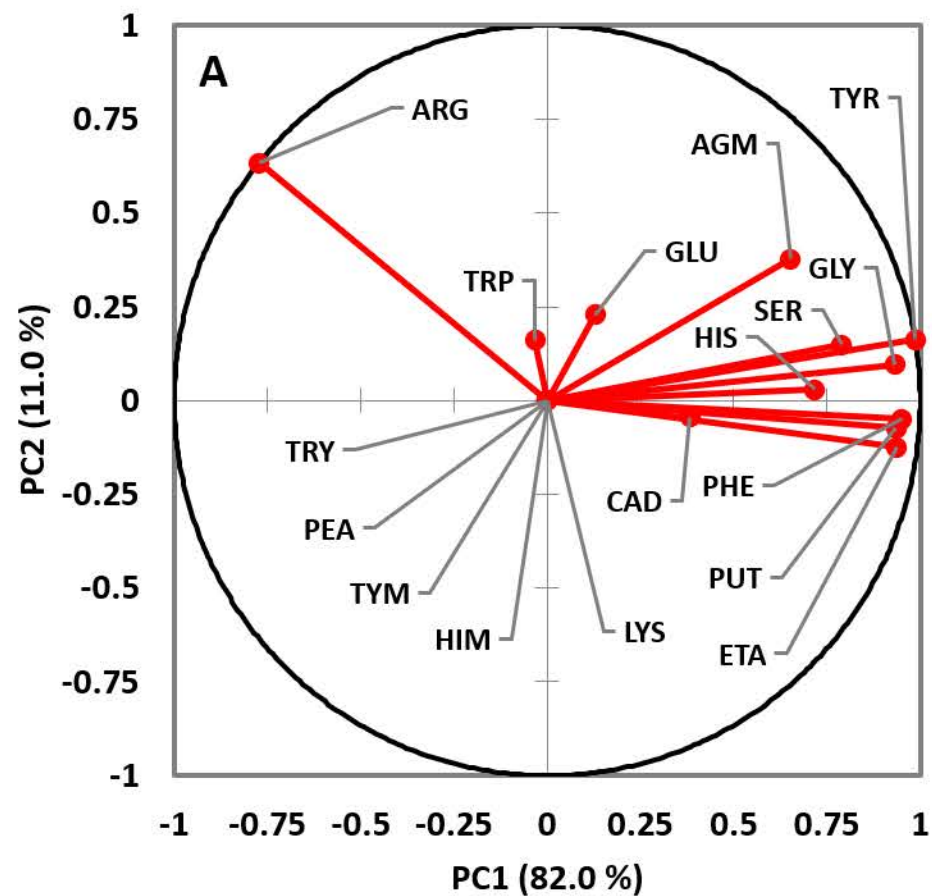
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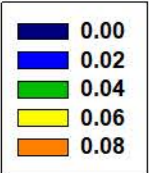
**Figure 1.** Statistical analysis of the concentrations of biogenic amines and amino acids obtained by UHPLC-FD. Representation of the loadings graph (A) and the scores graph (B) obtained after Principal Component Analysis. The numbers identifying the samples correspond to the days on which the samples were collected. Class profile obtained by k-means method (C); and dendrogram (D) and class profile (E) obtained by Ward's method, obtained after Cluster Analysis.

**Figure 2.** PARAFAC components obtained, represented as three-dimensional spectra. Component 1 (C1) corresponds to TRP and component 3 (C3) corresponds to TYR. Component 2 (C2) corresponds to an unknown component of the wine samples.

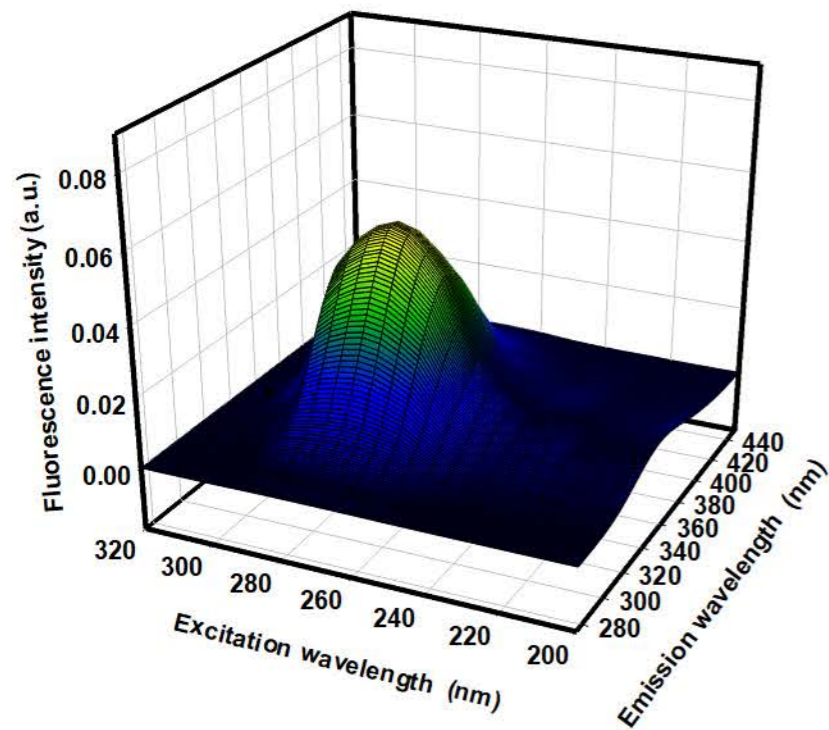
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**Figure 4.** Variation in TYR concentration (expressed in units of  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ ) over the days of the winemaking process (black points). In red, the polynomial function of grade 3 that approximately explains the concentration trend.

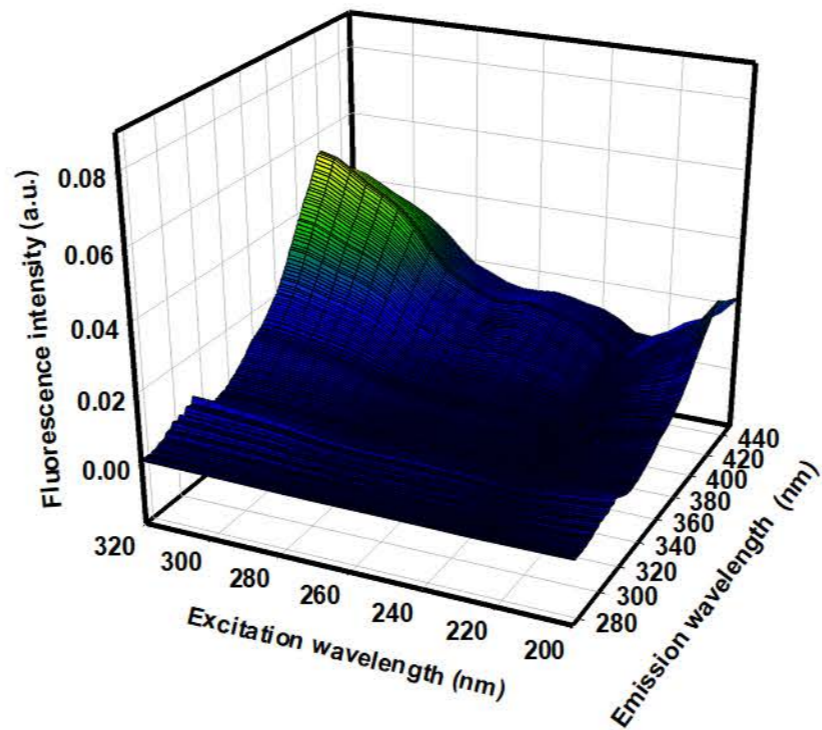




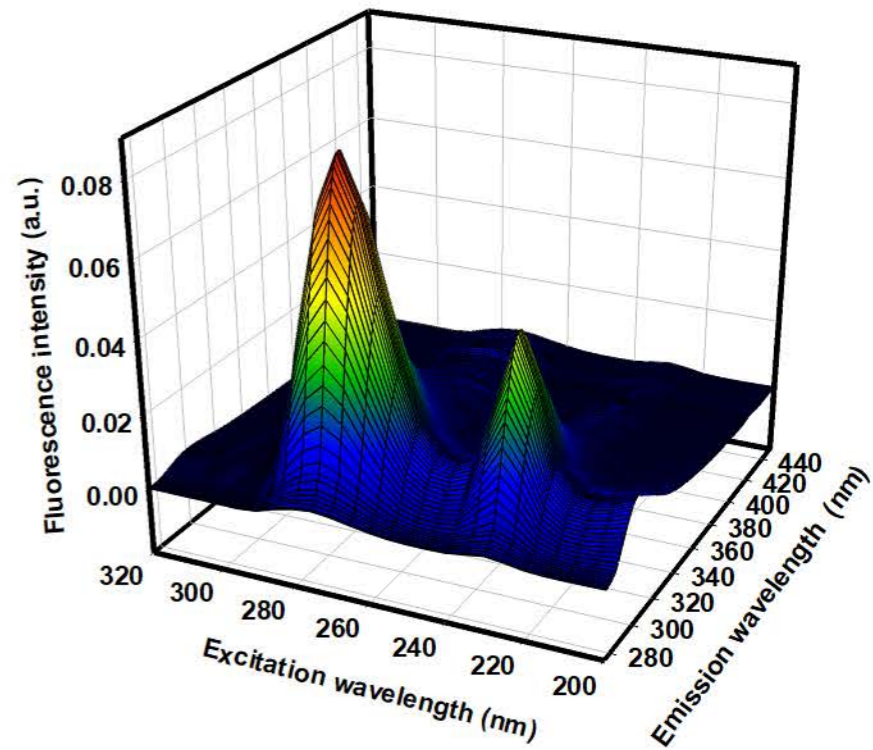
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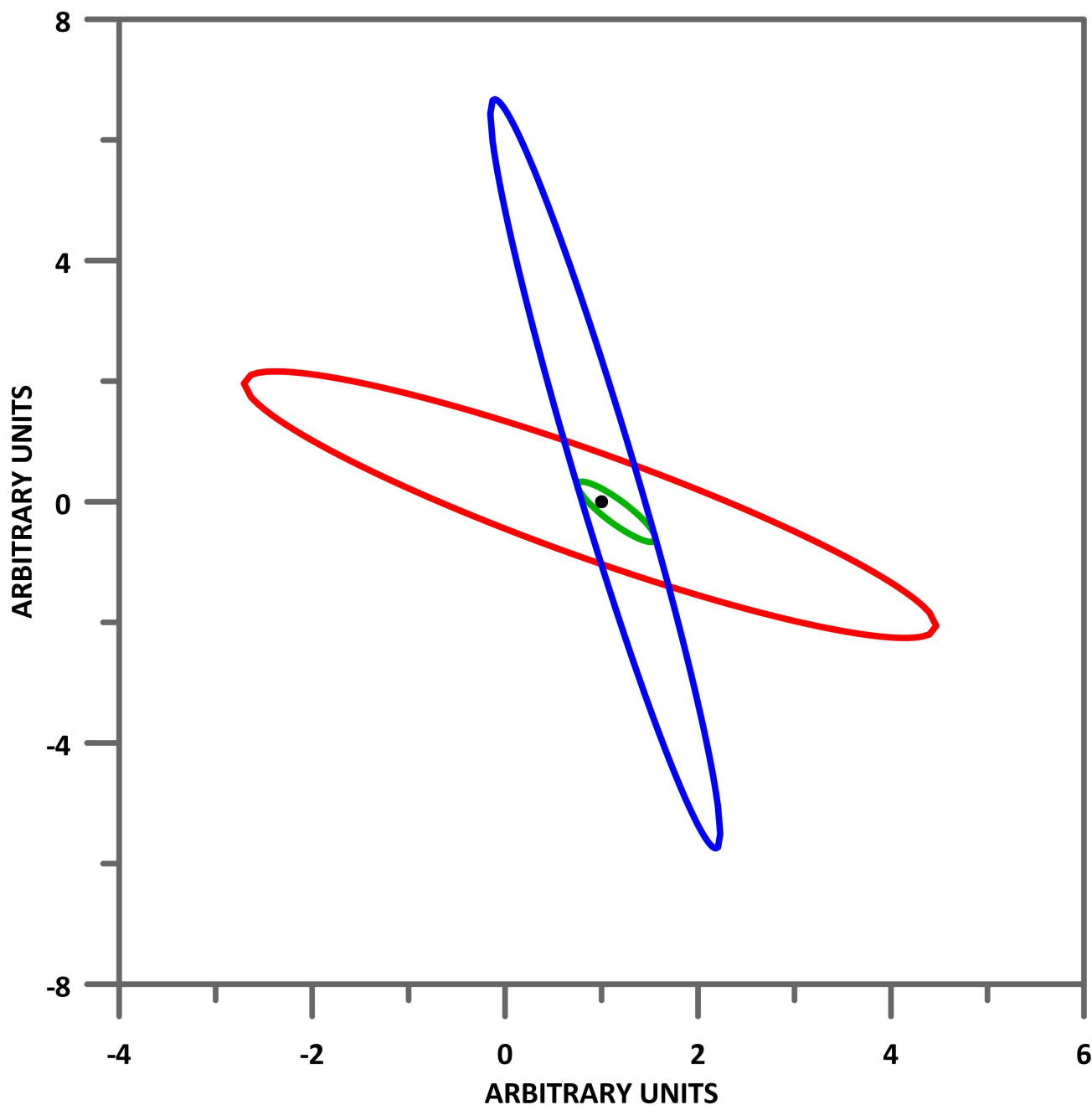


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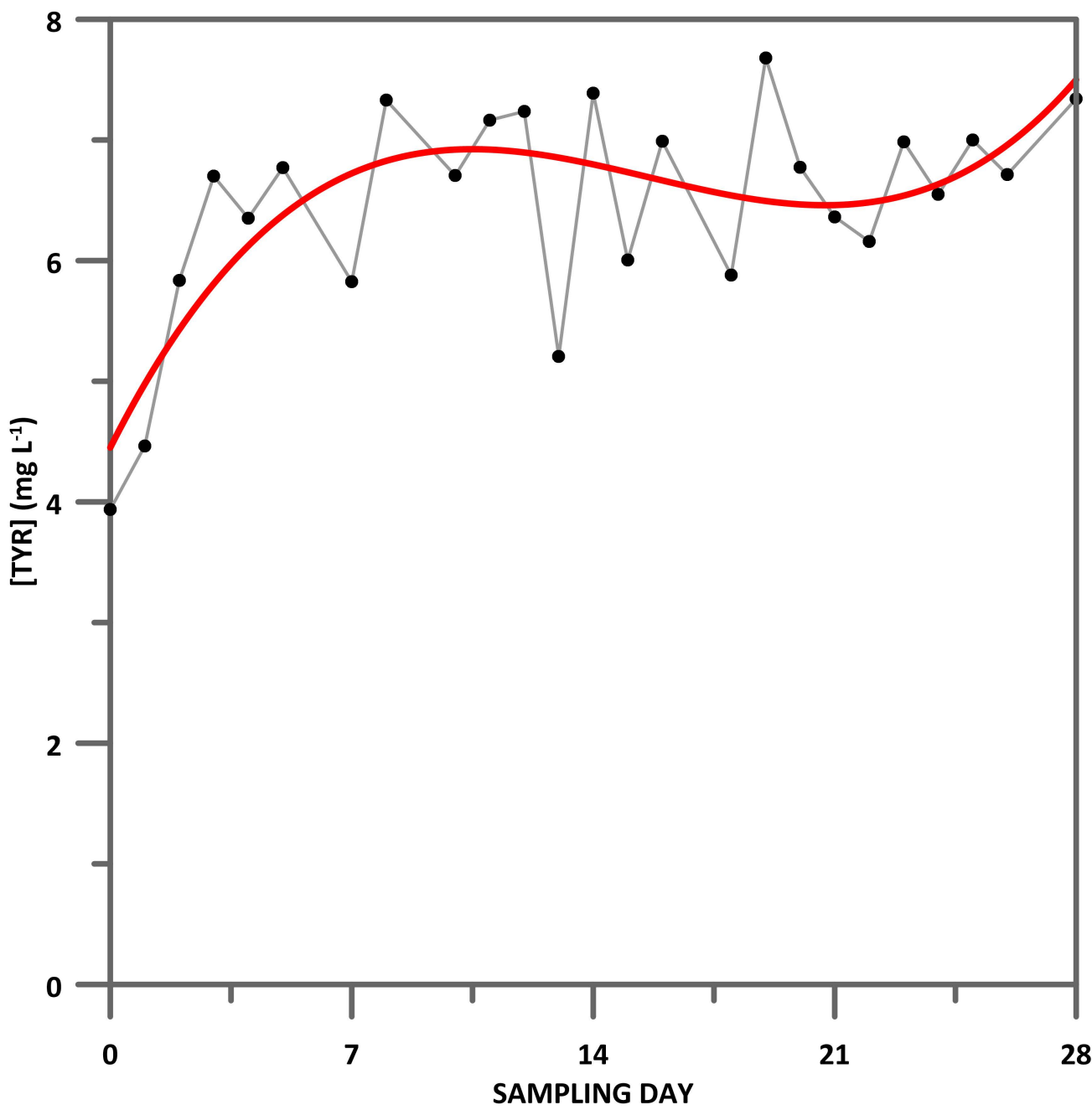


C3: Tyrosine









**Table 1.** Analytes concentrations (standard deviation) chromatographically obtained for seven different days of winemaking sampling. LOD and LOQ stand for Limit of Detection (calculated by Long-Winfordner method) and Limit of Quantification (calculated as 3.3 times LOD), respectively, and are referred to those obtained in the validation of the UHPLC-FD method (Palomino-Vasco, Acedo-Valenzuela, Rodríguez-Cáceres, & Mora-Diez, 2019). All the concentrations are expressed in mg L<sup>-1</sup>.

DAY	GLU	SER	HIS	ARG	GLY	TYR	LYS	PUT	AGM	CAD	ETA	TRP	HIM	PHE	TYM	TRY	PEA
0	0.6 (0.2)	0.20 (0.06)	0.6 (0.1)	2.9 (0.3)	0.08 (0.01)	3.3 (0.3)	<LOQ	0.05 (0.01)	0.08 (0.02)	0.16 (0.03)	0.14 (0.02)	0.6 (0.1)	<LOD	0.10 (0.04)	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
3	0.5 (0.1)	0.23 (0.08)	0.7 (0.1)	0.5 (0.1)	0.12 (0.01)	4.4 (0.4)	<LOQ	0.14 (0.03)	0.06 (0.02)	0.18 (0.03)	0.31 (0.04)	<LOQ	<LOD	0.15 (0.07)	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
10	0.8 (0.1)	0.32 (0.08)	0.9 (0.2)	0.9 (0.2)	0.17 (0.04)	5.5 (0.7)	<LOQ	0.19 (0.03)	0.13 (0.04)	0.34 (0.04)	0.39 (0.06)	1.4 (0.2)	<LOD	0.2 (0.1)	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
16	0.7 (0.1)	0.26 (0.08)	1.0 (0.2)	1.0 (0.2)	0.17 (0.02)	6.4 (0.8)	<LOQ	0.24 (0.04)	0.10 (0.05)	0.23 (0.04)	0.39 (0.06)	0.5 (0.1)	<LOD	0.2 (0.1)	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
21	0.5 (0.2)	0.4 (0.1)	0.8 (0.2)	0.9 (0.2)	0.22 (0.05)	6.7 (0.5)	<LOQ	0.22 (0.04)	0.10 (0.03)	0.16 (0.03)	0.48 (0.04)	<LOQ	<LOD	0.2 (0.1)	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
25	0.7 (0.3)	0.4 (0.1)	1.0 (0.2)	0.8 (0.2)	0.21 (0.03)	6.5 (0.8)	<LOQ	0.20 (0.02)	0.16 (0.03)	0.26 (0.03)	0.45 (0.04)	0.8 (0.1)	<LOD	0.2 (0.1)	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
28	0.6 (0.1)	0.34 (0.07)	0.8 (0.2)	0.8 (0.2)	0.19 (0.05)	7.2 (0.9)	<LOQ	0.20 (0.03)	0.15 (0.03)	0.25 (0.03)	0.40 (0.05)	0.51 (0.07)	<LOD	0.2 (0.1)	<LOD	<LOD	<LOD
<b>LOD</b>	0.21	0.08	0.10	0.03	0.3	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.12	0.03	0.10	0.03	0.01	0.02
<b>LOQ</b>	0.68	0.26	0.32	0.09	0.10	0.18	0.07	0.03	0.10	0.05	0.02	0.41	0.08	0.35	0.09	0.03	0.08

**Table 2.** Nominal and predicted concentrations of TYR (SD) and TRP (SD), expressed in mg L<sup>-1</sup>, as well as percentage of recovery, in test samples and in wine samples collected during the winemaking process.

	TYR			TRP		
Test sample	Nominal concentration	Predicted concentration	Recovery (%)	Nominal concentration	Predicted concentration	Recovery (%)
1	0.75	0.66 (0.02)	88.6	0.75	0.50 (0.05)	66.3
2	1.90	1.99 (0.03)	105.0	0.20	0.21 (0.07)	103.5
3	0.25	0.15 (0.03)	60.7	1.00	1.3 (0.1)	124.7
4	1.50	1.61 (0.03)	107.4	0.40	0.30 (0.06)	75.1
	MEAN RECOVERY (%)		90.4	MEAN RECOVERY (%)		92.4
Day of sampling	UHPLC-FLD concentration	Predicted concentration	Recovery (%)			
0	3.3 (0.3)	3.7 (0.3)	112.1			
3	4.4 (0.4)	6.5 (0.2)	147.7			
10	5.5 (0.7)	6.5 (0.2)	118.2			
16	6.4 (0.8)	6.8 (0.2)	106.3			
21	6.7 (0.5)	6.1 (0.2)	91.0			
25	6.5 (0.8)	6.8 (0.2)	104.6			
28	7.2 (0.9)	7.1 (0.2)	98.6			
	MEAN RECOVERY (%)		111.2			