



# Managing vines to influence critical chemistry profiles in sparkling wines

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#### **Project background**

- 2010 2012
  - AusIndustry and Tasmanian consortium funded viticulture and oenology projects
    - Viticulture
      - Crop load
      - Leaf removal
      - Cane or spur pruning
  - ICIP program, federal AusIndustry funding
    - Drs Richard Smart and Angela Sparrow
    - Agencies TIA, AWRI and Wine Tasmania
    - Manufacturers Flextank, Croplands
    - Tasmanian wine industry collaborators Clover Hill Wines, Frogmore Creek Wines, Jansz Tasmania, Josef Chromy Wines, Meadowbank Wines, Moorilla Wines, Pooley Wines, Brown Brothers (Tamar Ridge Estates), Tolpuddle Vineyard, Winemaking Tasmania



### **Current project**

- 2016 2020
  - Wine Australia, TIA and industry partner funded oenology projects
    - 1. Taste and analyse the 2010 and 2011 **viticultural trial wines** (5 ½ years on lees)
    - **2. Maturation** project (PhD candidate, Gail Gnoinski, UTAS)
    - 3. In-line sensing of juice quality at press (post-doc Rocco Longo)
    - **4. Phenolic regionality** (provenance) of juice for sparkling wines (Masters candidate, Hugh McCullough, Plumpton College)
  - AWRI, WineTQ, Hill-Smith Family Vineyards, Josef Chromy, Apogee Tasmania
    - Dr Jacqui McRae, Mark Solomon, Vicky Amora, Stella Kassara, Laura Bey, Alex Schulkin, Dr Leigh Francis, Dr Dimi Capone, Dr Natoiya Lloyd, Dr Luca Nicolotti, Dr Paul Smith, Dr Bob Dambergs, Louisa Rose, Jeremy Dineen, Andrew Pirie



## **Tasting**

- Research wines
  - Standard protocol winemaking
  - 30 ppm SO<sub>2</sub>
  - 5 g/L sugar
- 2010 viticultural trial wines
  - Wine 1 = control of no leaves removed during the season
  - Wine 2 = leaves removed at veraison



#### TIA



- Fruit and base wine analysis in 2010 and 2011
- Tirage in 2011 and 2012
- Cellar at 15C
- BevScan
  - In-bottle analysis
- UV-vis SPF
  - Phenolic fingerprint
- OenoFoss analysis
  - Josef Chromy
- Tasting panel
  - Expert winemakers



#### **SPF of wines**





Communication

#### Discrimination of Juice Press Fractions for Sparkling Base Wines by a UV-Vis Spectral Phenolic Fingerprint and Chemometrics

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#### **AWRI** collaboration



- Polysaccharides
  - Texture and mouthfeel, foam height
- Proteins
  - Foam stability
- Volatiles, norisoprenoids and thiols
  - Flavour and aroma
- Fermentation derived products and untargeted analysis (Metabolomics Australia)
  - Flavour and aroma



#### **Northern Tasmania leaf removal CHA**





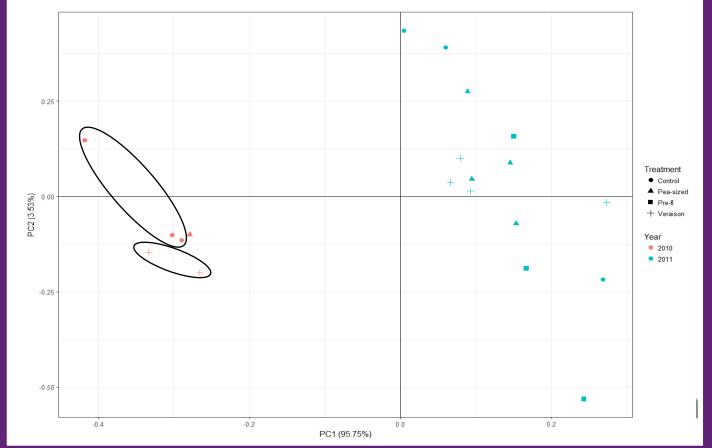


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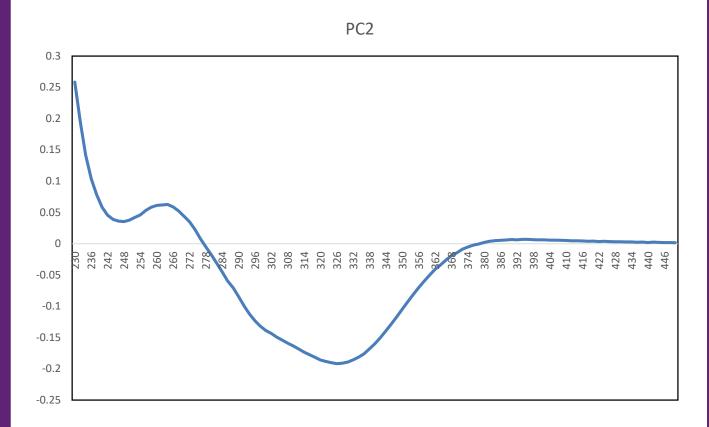
	Yield (t/ha)		TSS (°Be)		рН		TA (g/L)	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
Control	15.7	10.4	9.2	9.8	2.84	3.01 b	13.6	14.9
Pre- flowering	-	8.2	-	9.9	-	2.91 a	-	15.3
Pea-sized berries	14.0	12.4	9.2	9.7	2.84	2.96 ab	13.3	14.8
Veraison	15.1	8.4	9.1	9.7	2.79	2.95 ab	14.2	15.1

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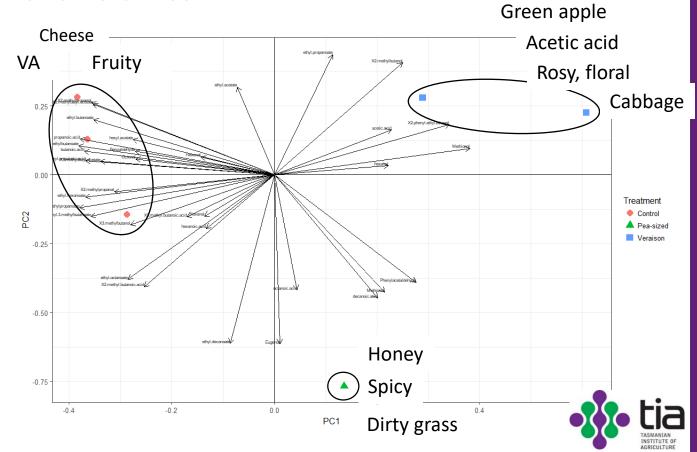
#### - UV-vis phenolic fingerprint aged sparkling wine



# Northern Tasmania leaf removal CHA – UV-vis phenolic fingerprint aged sparkling wine

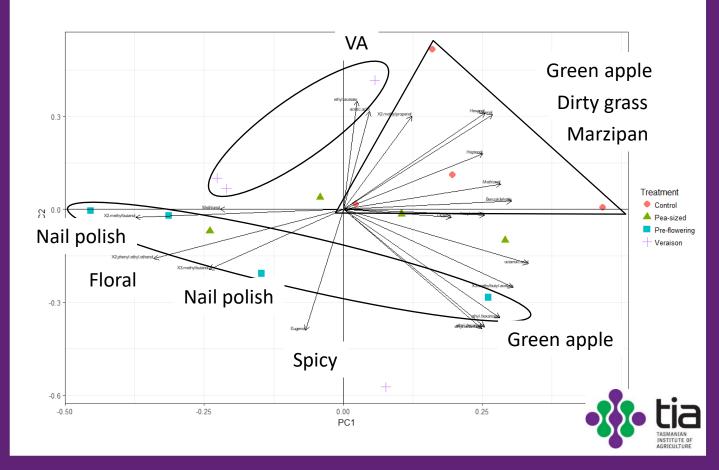


#### 2010 volatiles



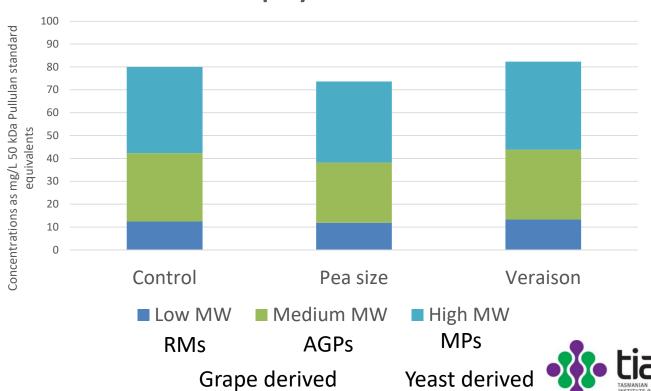
#### 2011 volatiles





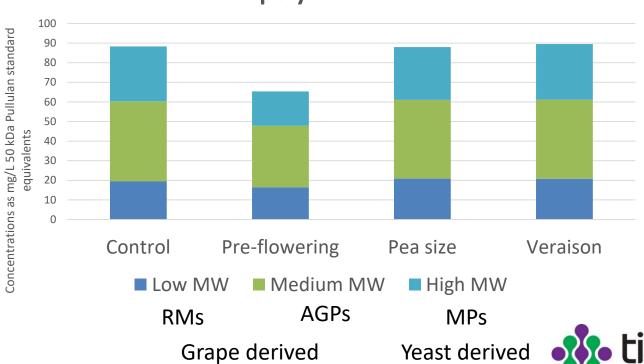


#### 2010 polysaccharides





#### 2011 polysaccharides



#### **Next steps**

- Still interpreting
  - Interpretation of wine styles
  - Preferences in base wines
  - Preferences in sparkling wines
  - Other tasting data to be attributed to compounds identified
- Other trials
  - Leaf removal PIN
  - Leaf removal different sites
  - Crop load PIN
  - Cane or spur pruning PIN and CHA



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- Wine Australia



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     Dr Luca Nicolotti
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- Josef Chromy Wines
  - Jeremy Dineen
- Apogee Tasmania
  - Andrew Pirie
- Brown Brothers
- Red Brick Road Cider



