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26 **ABSTRACT**

27 This work investigated the suitability of the cryotolerant yeast *Saccharomyces eubayanus* to
28 ferment Chardonnay must at different temperatures (10°C, 12°C, 16°C, and 26°C) over two
29 vintages (2013 and 2014). The effect of added nitrogen was also evaluated. The strain's
30 fermentation parameters (maximum growth rate, lag phase, and asymptotic maximum) and cell
31 growth were compared to the values for two reference *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strains.
32 *Saccharomyces eubayanus* showed its best fermentation performance at low temperatures (10°C
33 and 12°C), with optimal kinetic parameters and high sugar consumption. Moreover, wines from the
34 cryotolerant yeast showed a volatile acidity reduction of approximately 50%, and a 9% increase in
35 total polyphenols, compared to the reference yeasts. At 16°C the cryotolerant and control yeasts
36 performed quite similarly, whereas at 26°C the former displayed stuck fermentation. For both
37 yeasts, at 10°C the nitrogen content did not affect maximum growth rate, whereas it did at 16°C.
38 Sensory analyses were run on the 2014 trials, showing differences in color, sweetness, and overall
39 liking among wines obtained at 10°C, whereas wines obtained at 16°C differed only in color.
40 Results demonstrate for the first time the *Saccharomyces eubayanus* suitability for low-temperature
41 fermentation in white wine production, potentially enriching yeast biodiversity in winemaking.

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43 **Keywords:** low-temperature, wine fermentation, *Saccharomyces eubayanus*, kinetic parameters,
44 sensory analysis

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49 **Introduction**

50 Sensory properties of wine depend on grape variety, technology, and secondary metabolites
51 produced by microbiota during fermentation (Andorrà, Berradre, Mas, Esteve-Zarzoso, &
52 Guillamón, 2012; Englezos, Rantsiou, Cravero, Torchio, Giacosa, Ortiz-Julien, et al., 2018; Molina,
53 Swiegers, Varela, Pretorius, & Agosin, 2007). There are two approaches to exploiting the role of
54 microbiota to improve wine's sensory characteristics. In the first approach, low temperatures are
55 applied during wine fermentation to improve the stability and excretion of volatile compounds
56 (Killian & Ough, 1979; Torija, Beltran, Novo, Poblet, Guillamón, Mas, et al., 2003), enhancing the
57 aroma complexity of white wines (Beltran, Novo, Guillamón, Mas, & Rozès, 2008; Deed, Fedrizzi,
58 & Gardner, 2017; Pérez, Assof, Bolcato, Sari, & Fanzone, 2018; Rollero, Bloem, Camarasa,
59 Sanchez, Ortiz-Julien, Sablayrolles, et al., 2015; Torija, et al., 2003). The second approach is based
60 on selecting yeasts capable of providing great complexity in terms of aroma, taste, and structure
61 (Maturano, Lerena, Mestrea, Casassa, Toro, Vazquez, et al., 2018; Patrignani, Montanari,
62 Serrazanetti, Braschi, Vernocchi, Tabanelli, et al., 2017; Pretorius, 2000). Combining both
63 approaches represents an opportunity worthy of investigation. *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is the
64 species that has been selected for the starter culture, due to its resistance to the stressful conditions
65 of fermentation (high sugar concentration, ethanol, and temperature and low pH) (Degre, 1993;
66 Reed & Nagodawithana, 1988). However, its inability to lead fermentation at low temperatures can
67 cause delayed (and, sometimes, stuck) sugar consumption. As a result, interest in cold-tolerant
68 yeasts which also improve wine characteristics such as aroma and taste has been growing. Of
69 particular interest is *Saccharomyces eubayanus* CBS 12357 (hereafter referred to as EU), isolated
70 from natural sources in Patagonia (Libkind, Hittinger, Valério, Gonçalves, Dover, Johnston, et al.,
71 2011). Studies performed on EU in the grape juice and brewing sectors showed incomplete sugar
72 consumption (Alonso-del-Real, Lairón-Peris, Barrio, & Querol, 2017; Gibson, Storgårds, Krogerus,
73 & Vidgren, 2013) owed to fermentation stressors (Origone, del Mónaco, Avila, González Flores,
74 Rodríguez, & Lopes, 2017). However, successful apple juice fermentation and cider production

75 have been reported (González Flores, Rodríguez, Oteiza, Barbagelata, & Lopes, 2017). Other
76 studies demonstrate the ability of a closely related strain, *Saccharomyces eubayanus* NPCC 1285, to
77 ferment under low-nitrogen and low-temperature (i.e. 12°C) conditions (Magalhães, Krogerus,
78 Castillo, Ortiz-Julien, Dequin, & Gibson, 2017a; Su, Origone, Rodríguez, Querol, Guillamón, &
79 Lopes, 2019). However, these studies mostly investigated on nitrogen requirements or selected new
80 interspecies hybrid strains and were often performed on synthetic must only.

81 In this study, we evaluated the potential of *Saccharomyces eubayanus* CBS 12357 (EU) to enlarge
82 yeast availability in winemaking. The evaluation consisted of fermenting Chardonnay musts at
83 different temperatures (10°C, 12°C, 16°C, and 26°C), with and without nitrogen supplement, in two
84 vintages (2013 and 2014). The performance of EU was compared to two commercial strains
85 *Saccharomyces cerevisiae bayanus* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* used in winemaking worldwide.

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87 **2. Materials and Methods**

88 **Grape and Yeast Strains**

89 The study was carried out on two vintages of Chardonnay grape must: a 2013 vintage from Cesena
90 (44°14'W, 12°15'S) and a 2014 from Riolo Terme (44°29'W, 11°71'S), both in Emilia Romagna
91 (Italy). The grapes were harvested manually and immediately transported to the winery for
92 destemming and pressing. The juice was settled at 4°C for 24 h. The 2013 must's chemical
93 characteristics were: Babo (soluble solids) 18.0 g/100g, pH 3.25, titratable acidity 8.3 g/L, and
94 assimilable nitrogen 140 mg/L (no nitrogen was added). Babo is a unit measurement to express soluble
95 solids (g/100 g). Soluble solids in must are ~95% sugars. The measurement allows to monitor the
96 fermentation by the reduction of density (from sugar to alcohol). It is the main method used in the
97 small/medium size wineries. The chemical characteristics of the 2014 must were: Babo (soluble solids
98 g/100g) 16.7, pH 3.37, titratable acidity 7.5 g/L, total sulfur dioxide 40 mg/L, and assimilable
99 nitrogen 110 mg/L (supplemented to achieve 160 mg/L before fermentation).

100 For the 2013 vintage, we compared the cryotolerant *Saccharomyces eubayanus* CBS 12357 (EU:
101 Westerdijk Fungal Biodiversity Institute, Utrecht, Netherlands) to *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
102 *bayanus* QA23 (CB: Lalvin, Canada), which optimally ferments white must between 15°C and
103 26°C. For the 2014 vintage, being the temperatures of investigation restricted at 10°C and 16°C, we
104 compared EU to *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* VIN13 (CE: Anchor, South Africa), a relatively
105 cryotolerant strain with an optimal temperature range of 12–16°C and nitrogen requirements.

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107 **Inoculum preparation**

108 Yeasts were grown in 1-L flasks containing 300 mL YPD growth medium (1% yeast extract, 2%
109 peptone, and 2% dextrose; Thermo Fisher Scientific, Monza, Italy). The flasks were incubated
110 overnight at 28°C and shaken at 200 rpm. Before inoculation, the precultures were centrifuged at
111 6000 g for 10 min and the resulting pellet was resuspended in Chardonnay must, previously heat-
112 treated at 60°C for 15 min. A cell concentration of 6.0 Log CFU/mL was used to inoculate all
113 vinification trials.

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115 **Fermentation conditions**

116 In 2013, each strain was tested at three temperatures (12°C, 16°C, and 26°C), in either 3-L capacity
117 flasks containing 2 L (for EU: *Saccharomyces eubayanus*) or 1-L capacity flasks containing 0.65 L
118 (for CB: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae bayanus*) of must: 2 EU trials and 1 CB trial for each
119 temperature were carried, for a total of 9 trials (**Table 1**). In 2014, the temperature was either 10°C
120 or 16°C and the effect of added assimilable nitrogen (N: di-ammonium phosphate, 50 mg/L) on
121 strain fermentation performance was studied. Fermentations were performed in duplicate in 5-L
122 flasks containing 3 L of must for both EU and CE: 2 strains x 2 temperatures x 2 N conditions were
123 carried out in duplicate for a total of 16 trials (**Table 1**). The N source was added when the must
124 density was 1060 (ca. 3% alcohol). In both vintages, the must was flash-pasteurized (60°C for 15
125 min), then inoculated to a concentration of 6.0 Log CFU/mL. The flasks were equipped with Müller

126 valves for CO₂ release without oxygen intake. The fermentations, monitored daily by measuring the
127 weight loss of each flask, were considered completed when the weight was unchanged for four
128 consecutive days. Kinetic parameters (μ_{\max} : maximum specific growth rate (day⁻¹), λ : lag phase
129 period (day), and Y_{end} : asymptotic maximum (g/L)) were calculated from each fermentation curve,
130 which was created by relating weight loss (g/L) to fermentation time (days) and fitted by a non-
131 linear regression (Baranyi & Roberts, 1994). With the exception of the 2013 CB trials, which were
132 carried out singly due to the yeast's well-documented technological performance (Blanco, Mirás-
133 Avalos, Pereira, & Orriols, 2013), all of the trials were run in duplicate; data are presented as
134 average values. After fermentation, the wines were cold-settled (4°C) for a week, then racked.
135 Potassium metabisulphite was added to achieve 100 mg/L of total sulphure dioxide. After bottling,
136 wines were stored at 4°C until chemical, sensory, and aroma analyses were performed.

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138 **Sampling yeast growth kinetic**

139 Throughout the fermentation, serially diluted samples from each flask were used to inoculate YPD
140 agar plate (1% yeast extract, 2% peptone, 2% dextrose, 1.8% agar; Thermo Fisher, Monza, Italy)
141 for cell growth the number of viable yeast cells was determined by counting colony-forming units
142 (CFU/mL) after the plates were incubated at 25°C for 48 h. Starting at inoculation, one mL from
143 each flask was sampled every few days (vintage 2013: days 0, 4, 6, 11, and 18; vintage 2014: days
144 0, 1, 5, 9, 12, 15, 19, and 26). Three repetitions for each sampling were carried out on both vintages
145 for the trials without nitrogen. The kinetic parameters μ_{\max} : maximum specific growth rate (day⁻¹),
146 λ : lag phase period (day), and Y_{end} : growth/asymptotic maximum (Log CFU/mL) were calculated
147 by relating cell load (Log CFU/mL) versus time (days) and fitting a non-linear regression (Baranyi
148 & Roberts, 1994).

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150 **Wine parameters analysis**

151 The wines were analyzed for alcohol content (AC), pH, total acidity (TA), dry matter (DM), volatile
152 acidity (VA), color at 420 nm (CO), and total polyphenols at 280 nm (TP), using official European
153 methods (EU, 1990). Moreover, total ($\text{SO}_{2\text{T}}$) and free ($\text{SO}_{2\text{F}}$) sulphur dioxide (Ripper & Schmitt,
154 1896) as well as residual sugars (RS) (Lane & Eynon, 1923) were quantified.

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156 **Wine volatile molecule profiles**

157 The volatile profiles of the wines were analyzed by headspace solid phase microextraction
158 (HS-SPME, CAR/PDMS, 65 μm , SUPELCO, Bellefonte, PA), coupled with gas chromatography
159 mass spectrometry (GC-MS, Agilent 7890 A, Agilent Technologies, PA) equipped with a Varian
160 50m x 0.25 μm column (Bruker Optics Inc., Billerica, MA). The internal standard was 4-methyl 2-
161 pentanol (100 mg/L). The analysis followed the method proposed by Patrignani et al. (2017).
162 Volatile molecules were identified by referencing NIST 2.0 (US National Institute of Standards and
163 Technology) and Wiley 7 libraries.

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165 **Wine sensory analysis**

166 For the evaluation of the 2014 vintage wines, twenty-two judges (10 women, 12 men) were
167 recruited from students trained in winemaking and sensory evaluation who were enrolled in the
168 Viticulture and Enology course, University of Bologna (Cesena, Italy). The number of judges was
169 consistent with the minimum suggested for the two selected sensory tests (Lawless and Heymann
170 1998; Heymann, Machado, Torri & Robinson, 2012). First, a triangle test (ISO, 2004) was
171 performed to disclose any significant differences between replicates. Afterwards, a descriptive
172 analysis of color (intensity, likeability), aroma (flower, fruit, alcohol, overall aroma), taste (sweet,
173 sour, bitter/astringent, alcohol, overall taste), body, persistence, and overall likeability was carried
174 out (Lawless and Heymann 1998). Thirty-mL coded samples were presented in fully randomized
175 order at room temperature (20°C) in 170-mL tulip glasses (ISO, 1977) covered with plastic dishes
176 to preserve aroma. Transparent glasses for color evaluation and black glasses for other descriptors'

177 evaluation were used. Judges were allowed to rinse their mouths by drinking water between
178 samples. In the descriptive analysis, samples were scored on a 10-point scale anchored with
179 “absent” and “high” intensity. Tasting sessions took place in a facility equipped with individual
180 sensory booths illuminated with daylight lamps (ISO, 2007); two sessions were set up, with eight
181 wines assessed during each session.

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183 **Statistical analysis**

184 Values of weight loss parameters and chemical data (from analyses of vinifications carried out in
185 duplicate), and cell growth parameters (from three repetitions of trials without nitrogen
186 supplementation), are presented as mean±standard deviation (SD). The one-way and two-way
187 analyses of variance (ANOVA; significance $p \leq 0.05$), Fisher *post-hoc* test, and spider plot
188 representations of sensory profiles were performed using XLSTAT version 2011.1.05 (Addinsoft,
189 Anglesey, UK). The DMFit package (Baranyi & Roberts, 1994) was used for the regression
190 analyses of fermentation kinetics and yeast cell growth data. For the sensory triangle test, the data
191 were analyzed with 95% confidence intervals.

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193 **3. Results and Discussion**

194 *3.1. 2013 Vintage*

195 *3.1.1. Fermentation Kinetics and Yeast Cell Growth*

196 At each temperature (12°C, 16°C, and 26°C), the fermentation kinetics (represented by daily weight
197 loss) and the cell growth data for the two strains (EU and CB) were fitted by non-linear regression
198 (see **Figure 1**). Both curves were considerably affected by temperature. At 12°C, EU showed less
199 weight loss and a higher cell load than CB (**Figure 1a**), whereas at 26°C the CB strain recorded
200 more weight loss than EU, but similar cell load (**Figure 1c**). The EU strain’s cell numbers were
201 lower at 26°C than at 12°C, which could be related to impaired cell membrane functionality caused
202 by a decrease of unsaturated fatty acids and an accumulation of ethanol (Torija, et al., 2003;

203 Beltran et al., 2008; Pérez et al., 2018). The sensitivity of *Saccharomyces eubayanu* to ethanol has,
204 in fact, been shown to increase with temperature (Magalhães et al., 2017a). At the intermediate
205 temperature of 16°C, the cell loads were similar and the weight losses achieved the minimum
206 difference (**Figure 1b**).

207 In both strains (see **Figure 1**), the stationary phase began after 23 days at 12°C and after 12 days at
208 16°C. At 26°C, EU stopped losing weight after seven days due to sluggish/stuck fermentation and
209 there was a slight decrease in yeast viability after 11 days; however, CB did not stop losing weight
210 until the 21st day.

211 For cell growth, all quantitative parameters achieved good fit (see R^2 values, **Table 2**). The lowest
212 value for the μ_{\max} of EU (0.32 day⁻¹) was recorded at 26°C and for that of CB (0.20 day⁻¹) at 12°C;
213 the highest μ_{\max} value for EU (0.43 day⁻¹) occurred at 12°C and for CB (0.50 day⁻¹) at 16°C. These
214 results support the findings that characterize EU as cryotolerant (Libkind et al., 2011; Peris et al.,
215 2016). No lag phase was detected in any trial, perhaps due to the three-day interval between the first
216 two samplings. For the EU strain, the asymptotic maximum (Y_{end}) was proportional to μ_{\max} , with
217 higher values at 12°C (7.7 Log CFU/mL) and lower values at 26°C (7.1 Log CFU/mL), confirming
218 the suitability of this yeast for low-temperature fermentation.

219 For weight loss, wide differences were found in the quantitative parameters, depending on the
220 growth temperature (**Table 2**). A direct proportional relationship between μ_{\max} and temperature was
221 observed for EU; in fact, the former rose from 3.6 to 15.1 day⁻¹ when the latter increased from 12°C
222 to 26°C. However, at 26°C, the Y_{end} was low (59.1 day⁻¹) due to stuck fermentation (**Table 2**). At
223 16°C, the μ_{\max} of the EU strain (8.2 day⁻¹) was similar to that of CB (9.9 day⁻¹), which demonstrated
224 higher Y_{end} at any temperature. At 12°C, EU fermentation was characterized by a lower μ_{\max} (3.6
225 day⁻¹) and Y_{end} (79.7 g/L) compared to CB. However, EU adapted quickly to the low growth
226 temperature, while CB showed a 1.3-day lag phase.

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228 *3.1.2. Wine Characteristics*

229 The final compositions of the EU and CB wines are shown in **Table 3**. No significant differences
230 were found for free sulphur dioxide or pH. However, all EU wines, regardless of temperature, had
231 more residual sugars (range: 6.0–15.6 vs 1.0–1.3 g/L) and consequently, lower alcohol content
232 (range: 10.0–10.7 vs 11.9–13.0 %) than CBs. Highest residual sugar and lowest alcohol content
233 occurred in one of the two 26°C replicates due to stuck fermentation. Low temperature determined
234 a significant decrease in volatile acidity (VA) in EU wines compared to CB wines. At all
235 temperatures, the color intensity was lower for EU than CB wines.

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237 3.2. 2014 Vintage

238 3.2.1. Fermentation Kinetics and Yeast Cell Growth

239 The combined effects of temperature (10°C, 16°C) and nitrogen supplementation were compared
240 for the EU strain and a commercial *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain (CE) (**Figure 2**).

241 Interestingly, the weight loss and cell load were similar at both temperatures for the EU strain;
242 however, at 16°C the fermentation was faster and the stationary phase was reached five days earlier.
243 Compared to the commercial yeast CE, at 10°C the EU strain showed faster sugar consumption
244 (correlated with a higher cell load) and entered the stationary phase earlier (**Figure 2a**). At 16°C,
245 the two yeasts' weight losses were similar (**Figure 2b**)—as in the 2013 vintage; however, EU
246 entered the stationary phase after ten days, two days before CE. The maximum cell load was not
247 affected by temperature for either strain, but EU reached a higher population than CE. Note that the
248 nitrogen supplement did not affect weight loss for any fermentations, indicating that the must's
249 initial nitrogen concentration (110 mg/L) was enough to permit suitable development of both
250 yeasts: specifically, nitrogen was not a limiting factor.

251 For cell growth, the maximum growth rate (μ_{\max}) and the asymptotic maximum (Y_{end}) were
252 significantly higher for EU at both temperatures (**Table 2**). In particular, the highest μ_{\max} was
253 recorded for EU at 10°C (2.8 day⁻¹) and 16°C (2.9 day⁻¹), whereas CE was almost 3.5 slower
254 regardless of temperature. Satisfactory model fitting (R^2) was achieved for every model.

255 Weight loss (Table 2), quantified by μ_{\max} and Y_{end} , was unaffected by strain or nitrogen supplement
256 at 10°C, whereas at 16°C nitrogen did increase the μ_{\max} , but not the Y_{end} , of both strains. Thus,
257 nitrogen would improve the maximum growth rate of EU at 16°C, but not at 10°C, confirming its
258 suitability for low temperatures. A decrease in the amount of ammonium required for low-
259 temperature fermentation has previously been reported (Beltran et al., 2008; Pérez et al., 2018);
260 possible causes include a diminution of permease activity due to decreased membrane fluidity or a
261 change in nitrogen catabolite repression. For CE strain at 10°C a lag phase (λ) of 1.1 and 1.3 days
262 with or without nitrogen supplementation, respectively, was recorded.

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264 3.2.2. Wine Characteristics

265 At both temperatures, the alcohol content, pH, and dry matter were similar for both yeasts (Table
266 4); however, volatile acidity, a parameter related with impaired wine quality, was almost twice as
267 high for CE. For both UE and CE, the free sulphur dioxide content was similar, while total sulphur
268 dioxide was higher in EU, probably due to its combination with aldehydes (Frivik & Ebeler, 2003).
269 Total polyphenols were significantly predominant in all EUs, regardless of temperature; previous
270 research has reported yeast-specific variations in polyphenol concentrations (Le Bourvellec &
271 Renard, 2012; Nguela, Poncet-Legrand, Sieczkowski, & Vernhet, 2016). At 10°C, the total acidity,
272 residual sugars, and color were similar. In EUs, residual sugars were higher at 16°C than at 10°C,
273 confirming the yeast's ability to ferment better at low temperatures. The color of EU was also
274 higher at the highest temperature. Nitrogen had no effect on any parameter at either temperature.

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276 3.2.3. Quantification of Volatile Compounds

277 The EU wines presented a high concentration of total alcohols and esters, whereas the CE wines
278 had a high content of volatile acids (Table 5); moreover, the concentration was unaffected by
279 fermentation temperature or nitrogen supplement. No significant interaction between strain and
280 nitrogen was detected; this result is supported by a previous study (Magalhães et al., 2017a)

281 performed on Sauvignon blanc wine produced with the interspecies hybrid *Saccharomyces*
282 *cerevisiae* x *Saccharomyces eubayanus*. The differences in detected volatile compounds for EU and
283 CE yeasts fermenting at 10°C and 16°C are reported in **Table 5**. The yeast had a significant effect
284 on the synthesis of most of the compounds, whereas nitrogen addition (N) and interactions
285 (YS*TM, TM*N, YS*N) affected to a less extent. Among the detected compounds with sensory
286 thresholds available in the literature, sixteen were present with an odor activity value (OAV:
287 concentration divided by sensory threshold) ≥ 1 . In the EU wines, 2-phenethyl alcohols (rose aroma)
288 reached the highest OAV value compared to other aromatics, regardless of the temperature. Among
289 esters, the ethyl nonanoate (nut, rose) was detected in EU wine only, with a higher OAV in the wine
290 fermented at 16°C. The ethyl decanoate (fruit, grape) displayed an opposite trend in EU and CE
291 wine at both temperatures. Ethyl myristate (floral) was detected only in EU wine produced at 10°C,
292 whereas methyl myristate (floral, orris) was produced at the highest concentrations by both yeasts at
293 16°C. As expected from manufacturer information, CE wines reached high concentrations of ethyl
294 hexanoate (apple, pineapple) and octanoic acid (fruit) with OAV in the interval 6237–10471.
295 Isoamyl octanoate, (fruit) was found only in EU and CE wines at 10°C. At 10°C the EU strain
296 produced less ethyl acetate (which has negative aroma characteristics) than the CE strain.
297 Interestingly, EU wines were also characterized by a higher concentration of phenethyl acetate
298 (rose) than CE wines at both temperatures; this aromatic compound is considered a marker in
299 fermentation performed with *Saccharomyces eubayanus* (Magalhães et al., 2017a; Magalhães,
300 Krogerus, Vidgren, Sandell, & Gibson, 2017b). Isoamyl acetate (banana, fruit) was the dominant
301 compound for CE wines at both temperatures; this result was expected, since the strain has been
302 genetically selected to prioritize ester production (reaching highest level at 16°C). For EU wines,
303 the concentrations of this compound were comparable to CE wines at 10°C (regardless the nitrogen
304 supplementation) and at 16°C without nitrogen supplementation, supporting previous findings that
305 high isoamyl acetate production occurs at low temperatures (Killian & Ough, 1979; Molina et al.,
306 2007).

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308 *3.2.4. Sensory Analysis*

309 A preliminary discriminatory triangle test demonstrated that the replicates were not significantly
310 different. Consequently, one replicate of each wine was randomly selected for sensory descriptive
311 analysis; the results are represented as spider plots. At 10°C (**Figure 3a**), the highest color intensity
312 scores, positively correlated to color liking, were obtained in CE wines. These wines also scored
313 higher than EUs for sweetness and overall liking. There were no significant differences for the
314 remaining olfactory and taste descriptors.

315 At 16°C (**Figure 3b**), CE wines were again scored higher than EUs for color liking. Unlike at 10°C,
316 the sweetness was similar for both wines. Moreover, overall liking and all other sensory descriptors
317 were not significantly different; the EU wines were comparable to the CEs. However, the fruit notes
318 differed: the exotic fruit notes (banana, apple) were the key sensory aromas of CE wines, whereas
319 the EUs were scored higher for floral notes (e.g., rose). This result reflects the predominant OAVs.

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322 **4. Conclusions**

323 *Saccharomyces eubayanus* demonstrated an ability to adapt to low-temperature fermentation
324 environments, obtaining the best kinetic parameters at 10°C and 12°C, whereas at 26°C stuck
325 fermentation are possible. At 16°C it performed similarly to *Saccharomyces cerevisiae/bayanus*
326 commercial yeasts.

327 From a biotechnological point of view, wines obtained using this cryotolerant yeast showed good
328 chemical characteristics in fermentation carried at 10°C, 12 and 16°C, whereas the main differences
329 were disclosed for sensory characteristics, especially in fermentation carried out at the lowest
330 temperature (10°C). Nitrogen addition slightly boosted the maximum growth rate at 16°C, but did
331 not affect the wines' other kinetic parameters or chemical characteristics, thus demonstrating this

332 yeast's low nitrogen requirement. In *Saccharomyces eubayanus* wines a higher concentration of
333 volatile compounds, responsible for floral and white fruit notes, were detected.

334 In conclusion, *Saccharomyces eubayanus* adapted to the stress of low temperatures and started
335 fermentation quickly. For most of the available commercial yeasts, 10–12°C is an extremely low
336 fermentation temperature range.

337 The chemical and sensory characteristics of the obtained wines make this yeast worthy of further
338 investigation for production of wine with low pH and light color, such as base wine for sparkling
339 wines. This development would expand the biodiversity of winemaking yeasts capable of producing
340 quality wines.

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448 **FIGURE CAPTIONS**

449 **Figure 1**–Cell growth and weight loss for 2013 vintage: (a) 12°C, (b) 16°C, and (c) 26°C. Error bars
450 represent the standard deviation. EU: *Saccharomyces eubayanus* CBS 12357; CB: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*
451 *bayanus*; A: 2013 vintage; C: cell growth; W: weight loss; F: fitting curves.

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454 **Figure 2**–Time course experiments at (a) 10°C and (b) 16°C in 2014 vintage. Error bars represent the
455 standard deviation. EU: *Saccharomyces eubayanus* CBS 12357; CE: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; 10, 16:
456 growth temperature; N: nitrogen supplement; B: 2014 vintage; C: cell growth; W: weight loss; F: fitting
457 curves.

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460 **Figure 3**–Sensory profile of EU and CE wines produced at (a) 10°C and (b) 16 °C in 2014. EU:
461 *Saccharomyces eubayanus* CBS 12357; CE: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; 10, 16: growth temperatures (°C); N:
462 nitrogen supplement; B: 2014 vintage; T: sensory taste; O: sensory olfaction; * $p \leq 0.10$; ** $p \leq 0.05$; *** $p \leq$
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Table 1 – Yeasts and fermentation conditions in vintages 2013 and 2014.

Vintage	Trial	Must (L)	Yeast	Temperature (°C)	SO ₂ at crushing (mg/L)	N supplement (mg/L)
2013	EU-12A	2.00	<i>S. eubayanus</i>	12	none	none
	CB-12A	0.65	<i>S. cerevisiae bayanus</i>	12	none	none
	EU-16A	2.00	<i>S. eubayanus</i>	16	none	none
	CB-16A	0.65	<i>S. cerevisiae bayanus</i>	16	none	none
	EU-26A	2.00	<i>S. eubayanus</i>	26	none	none
	CB-26A	0.65	<i>S. cerevisiae bayanus</i>	26	none	none
2014	EU-10B	3.00	<i>S. eubayanus</i>	10	50	none
	EU-10NB	3.00	<i>S. eubayanus</i>	10	50	50
	CE-10B	3.00	<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	10	50	none
	CE-10NB	3.00	<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	10	50	50
	EU-16B	3.00	<i>S. eubayanus</i>	16	50	none
	EU-16NB	3.00	<i>S. eubayanus</i>	16	50	50
	CE-16B	3.00	<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	16	50	none
	CE-16NB	3.00	<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	16	50	50

Legend: EU: *Saccharomyces eubayanus* CBS12357; CB: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae bayanus* QA23; CE: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* VIN13; N: di-ammonium phosphate addition in the must before fermentation; A, B: refer as for vintage 2013 and 2014, respectively.

Table 2–ANOVA of parameters for cell growth and weight loss obtained by non-linear model.

		Strain/ Temperature	μ_{\max} (day ⁻¹)	λ (day)	Y_{end} (*Log CFU/mL – g/L)	R^2
Vintage 2013	Cell Growth	EU-12AC	0.43±0.00 _a	nd	7.7±0.1 _a	0.9875±0.00
		CB-12AC	0.20±0.04 _b	nd	7.3±0.1 _{ab}	0.9768±0.01
		EU-16AC	0.38±0.05 _a	nd	7.6±0.3 _{ab}	0.9746±0.00
		CB-16AC	0.50±0.19 _a	nd	7.6±0.3 _{ab}	0.9773±0.03
		EU-26AC	0.32±0.02 _{ab}	nd	7.1±0.0 _b	0.9250±0.00
		CB-26AC	0.38±0.05 _a	nd	7.5±0.2 _{ab}	0.9532±0.00
	Weight Loss	EU-12AW	3.6±0.2 _c	nd	79.7±2.0 _a	0.9897±0.00
		CB-12AW	5.4	1.3	101.8	0.9870
		EU-16AW	8.2±0.4 _b	nd	77.3±3.5 _a	0.9425±0.00
		CB-16AW	9.9	nd	95.1	0.9809
		EU-26AW	15.1±0.7 _a	nd	59.1±0.2 _b	0.9430±0.03
		CB-26AW	7.9	nd	154.9	0.8684
Vintage 2014	Cell Growth	EU-10BC	2.8±0.0 _a	nd	8.6±0.0 _a	0.9762±0.02
		CE-10BC	0.8±0.1 _b	nd	8.3±0.1 _b	0.9224±0.00
		EU-16BC	2.9±0.1 _a	nd	8.7±0.0 _a	0.9898±0.00
		CE-16BC	0.8±0.1 _b	nd	8.4±0.0 _b	0.8958±0.03
	Weight Loss	EU-10BW	5.6±0.4	nd	71.2±0.5	0.9677±0.00
		CE-10BW	4.7±0.9	1.3±1.3	69.7±1.2	0.9857±0.00
		EU-10NBW	5.3±0.1	nd	73.3±0.4	0.9594±0.00
		CE-10NBW	4.1±1.0	1.1±1.1	65.0±8.2	0.9912±0.00
		EU-16BW	9.3±0.0 _c	nd	74.9±0.2 _c	0.9805±0.00
		CE-16BW	9.4±0.1 _c	nd	79.6±0.4 _a	0.9963±0.00
		EU-16NBW	10.1±0.0 _a	nd	76.2±1.0 _{bc}	0.9840±0.00
		CE-16NBW	9.9±0.0 _b	nd	79.1±1.2 _{ab}	0.9915±0.00

Legend: μ_{\max} : maximum growth rate; λ : lag phase duration; Y_{end} : growth/asymptotic maximum; R^2 : coefficient of determination. Values are given as mean±SD for the replicated trials, which are coded as follows: EU: *Saccharomyces eubayanus* CBS 12357; CE: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; CB: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae bayanus*; N: nitrogen supplement; 10 ,12, 16, 26: growth temperature (°C); A: vintage 2013; B: vintage 2014; C: cell growth; W: weight loss; nd: not detected; CFU: colony-forming unit Value followed by different letters in the same column are significantly different according to the *Fisher* LSD test (α : 0.05). * Data were expressed as Log CFU/mL for cell count, whereas are expressed as g/L for weight loss.

Table 3–Qualitative parameters (mean±SD) in wines fermented at 12, 16 and 26°C with EU (*Saccharomyces eubayanus*) or CB (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae bayanus*) in the 2013 vintage.

Wine	SO _{2F} (mg/L)	SO _{2T} (mg/L)	AC (%)	VA (g/L)	pH	CO (AU)	RS (g/L)
EU-12A	13±0.6	54±0.6 _a	10.7±0.1	0.36±0.03 _c	3.4±0.0	0.075±0.0 _b	6.6±2.8
CB-12A	14	45	13.0	0.6	3.4	0.081	1.0
EU-16A	11±3.2	41±3.8 _{ab}	10.7±0.2	0.49±0.01 _b	3.4±0.0	0.058±0.0 _c	6.0±2.2
CB-16A	12	27	12.5	0.5	3.5	0.210	1.3
EU-26A	12±0.6	33±4.5 _c	10.0±0.3	0.76±0.01 _a	3.4±0.0	0.097±0.0 _a	15.6±13.0
CB-26A	10	23	11.9	0.6	3.5	0.147	1.1

Legend: SO_{2F}: free sulphur dioxide; SO_{2T}: total sulphur dioxide; AC: alcohol content; VA: volatile acidity; CO: color at 420 nm; RS: residual sugars. Trials are coded as follows: EU: *Saccharomyces eubayanus* CBS 12357; CB: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae bayanus*; 12, 16, 26: growth temperature (C°); A: vintage 2013. Value followed by different letters in the same column are significantly different according to the Fisher LSD test (α : 0.05).

Table 4–Wine characteristics (mean±SD) in fermentations carried out by *Saccharomyces eubayanus* or *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* at 10°C and 16°C with or without nitrogen supplementation in vintage 2014.

Wine	AC (%)	TA g/L	pH	VA (g/L)	CO (AU)	SO _{2F} (mg/L)	SO _{2T} (mg/L)	DM g/L	TP mg/L	RS (g/L)
EU–10B	10.3±0.0	7.9±0.1	3.8±0.0	0.25±0.0 _b	0.107±0.0	12±1.3	92±3.8 _a	23±0.6	240±1.3 _a	1.9±0.1
CE–10B	10.0±0.2	7.3±0.1	3.8±0.0	0.51±0.0 _a	0.106±0.0	18±2.6	51±4.5 _b	23±1.7	222±1.1 _b	1.9±0.1
EU–10NB	10.2±0.0	7.9±0.4	3.8±0.0	0.25±0.0 _b	0.107±0.0	13±0.6	94±3.2 _a	23±0.3	239±1.1 _a	1.8±0.0
CE–10NB	10.2±0.0	7.3±0.2	3.8±0.0	0.49±0.1 _a	0.091±0.0	19±0.1	46±0.6 _b	21±0.0	225±0.7 _b	2.0±0.0
EU–16B	10.1±0.1	7.0±0.1 _{ab}	3.7±0.0	0.30±0.0 _b	0.173±0.0 _a	13±2.5 _{ab}	83±1.3 _a	22±0.1	270±3.1 _a	3.9±0.1 _a
CE–16B	10.5±0.0	6.8±0.0 _b	3.7±0.0	0.51±0.0 _a	0.107±0.0 _b	19±1.9 _{ab}	36±3.8 _b	22±0.2	237±3.7 _b	1.5±0.2 _b
EU–16NB	10.1±0.1	7.2±0.1 _a	3.7±0.0	0.30±0.0 _b	0.151±0.0 _{ab}	12±0.1 _b	80±3.2 _a	22±0.1	269±0.9 _a	3.4±0.3 _a
CE–16NB	10.5±0.2	6.7±0.0 _b	3.7±0.0	0.49±0.0 _a	0.108±0.0 _b	22±0.0 _a	30±1.9 _b	22±0.4	241±1.6 _b	1.8±0.1 _b

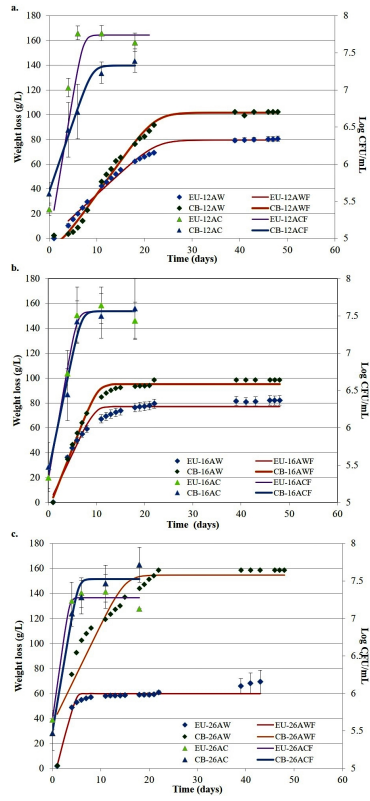
Legend: AC: alcohol content; TA: titratable acidity; VA: volatile acidity; CO: color at 420 nm; SO_{2F}: free sulphur dioxide; SO_{2T}: total sulphur dioxide; DM: dry matter; TP: total polyphenols; RS: residual sugars. Each value is the mean of two independent vinifications. Trials are coded as follows: EU: *Saccharomyces eubayanus* CBS 12357; CE: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; N: nitrogen supplement; 10, 16: growth temperature; B: vintage 2014. Value followed by different letters in the same column are significantly different according to the Fisher LSD test (α : 0.05).

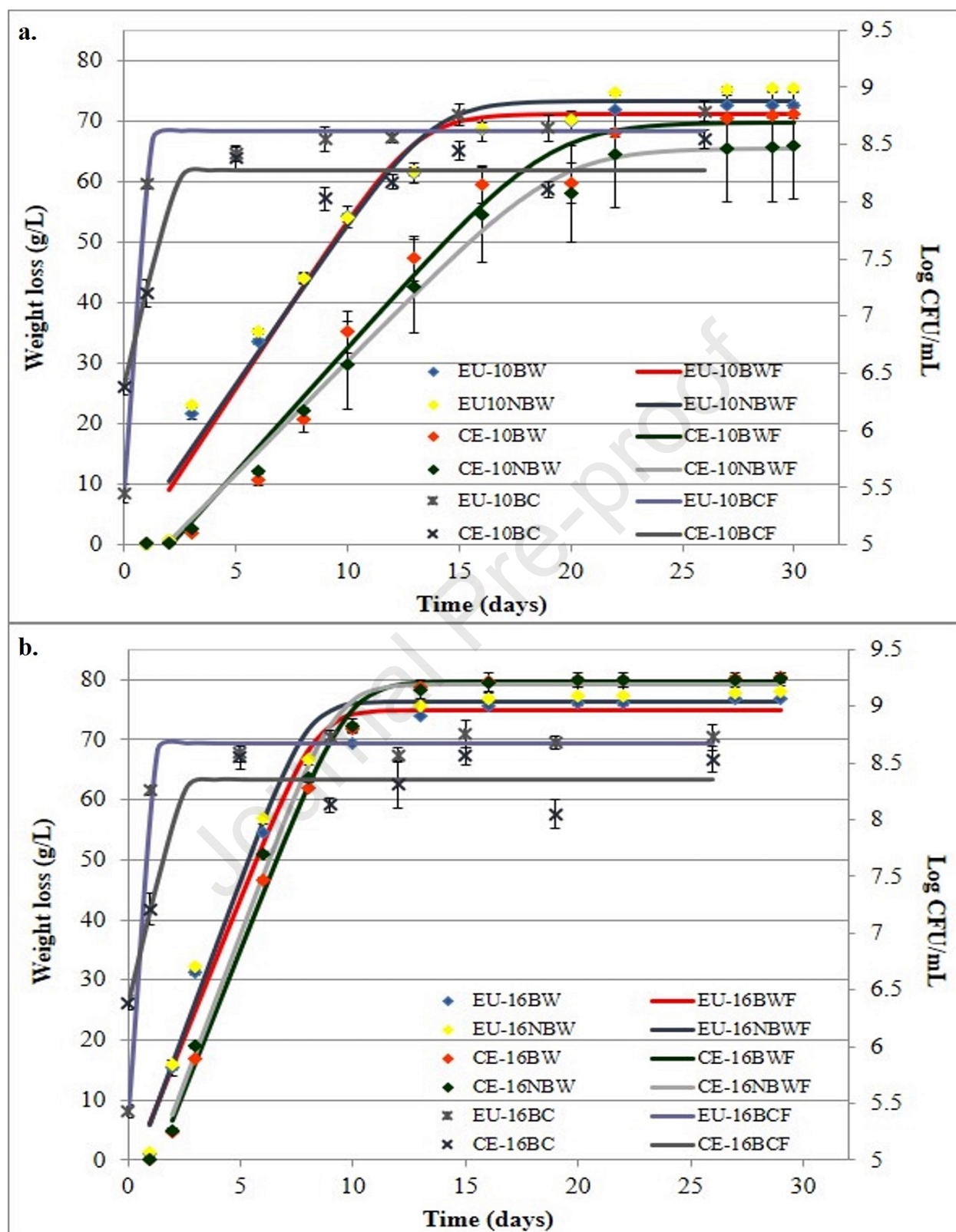
Table 5–Volatiles composition, one way ANOVA and interactions (yeast strain, temperature, nitrogen supplement) of EU and CE white wines (mg/L) produced during 2014 harvest (mean value±SD of two vinifications) at different fermentation temperatures (10°C and 16°C) with or without nitrogen (N) supplement.

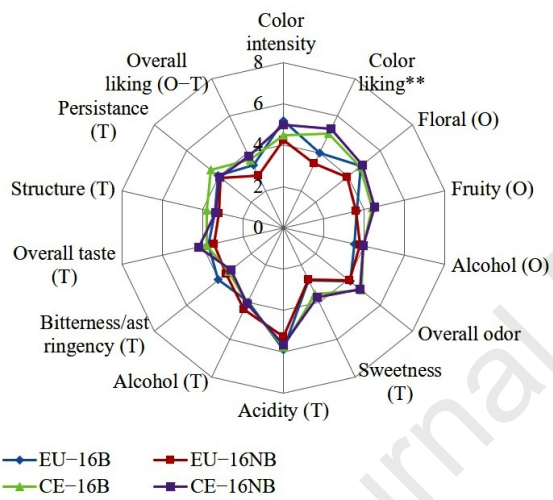
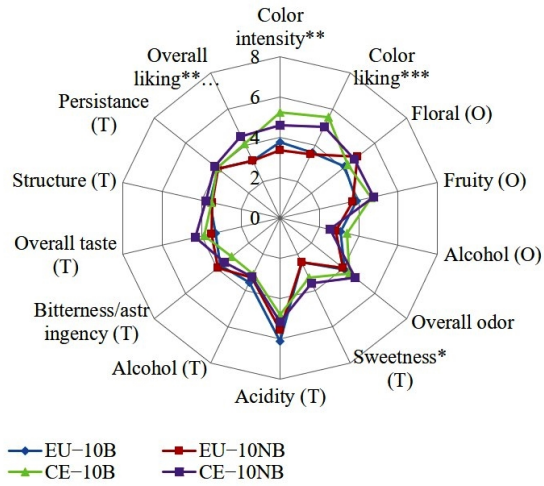
Compound (mg/L)	Wine								<i>p</i> -value for each variable						
	EU-10B	CE-10B	EU-10NB	CE-10NB	EU-16B	CE-16B	EU-16NB	CE-16NB	ST	TM	YS	N	YS*TM	TM*N	YS*N
Alcohols															
1-Butanol	0.4±0.4	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.5±0.4	0.6±0.4	0.6±0.3	0.0±0.0	150 [^]	0.246	0.414	0.421	0.903	0.914	0.791
<i>t</i> -3-Hexen-1-ol**	0.0±0.0 _c	0.3±0.1 _a	0.0±0.0 _c	0.4±0.0 _a	0.1±0.0 _{bc}	0.4±0.1 _a	0.2±0.0 _{ab}	0.2±0.0 _{ab}	0.4 [#]	0.388	0.001	0.960	0.201	0.555	0.466
2-Methyl-1-propanol	3.0±0.2 _a	1.3±0.5 _b	2.2±0.8 _{ab}	1.7±0.2 _{ab}	2.2±0.1 _{ab}	3.1±0.4 _a	2.3±0.2 _{ab}	2.8±0.5 _a	40 [§]	0.131	0.503	0.774	0.020	0.872	0.560
3-Methyl-1-butanol	19.3±19.3	0.0±0.0	0.1±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.2±0.1	0.0±0.0	30 [#]	0.347	0.338	0.350	0.347	0.341	0.350
3-Methyl-1-pentanol***	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	0.3±0.0 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	0.3±0.1 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	0.3±0.0 _a	0.1±0.0 _b	0.8–1.2 [~]	0.017	0.000	0.050	0.161	0.101	0.095
2-Phenethyl alcohol***	211±13 _b	51±5 _c	204±9 _b	36±5 _c	225±13 _{ab}	38±4 _c	240±6 _a	46±4 _c	1.4 [§]	0.067	< 0.0001	0.967	0.044	0.074	0.534
Total	234±85	52±20	207±83	38±15	228±92	42±15	244±98	49±19		0.385	0.019	0.541	0.398	0.208	0.864
Esters															
Diethyl malonate***	2.2±0.5 _a	0.1±0.0 _b	2.2±0.2 _a	0.2±0.1 _b	2.8 ±0.3 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	2.4±0.4 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	n.a	0.510	< 0.0001	0.694	0.157	0.563	0.650
Ethyl 4-decenoate*	15.0±8.0 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	5.0±2.0 _{ab}	0.0±0.0 _b	2.0±0.5 _b	6.2±2.0 _{ab}	1.8±0.9 _b	8.3±3.0 _{ab}	n.a	0.880	0.410	0.475	0.019	0.295	0.282
Ethyl acetate	13.6±5.2 _b	33.7±3.8 _a	13.6±0.3 _b	21.4±3.8 _{ab}	15.2±0.5 _b	30.3±3.9 _{ab}	16.2±1.0 _{ab}	13.1±8 _b	198 [±]	0.621	0.025	0.085	0.318	0.814	0.072
Ethyl butyrate	2.2±0.2	3.3±0.1	1.9±0.1	3.4±0.0	2.0±0.2	3.9±0.1	1.8±0.1	1.7±1.7	0.02 [#]	0.441	0.039	0.178	0.650	0.247	0.420
Ethyl decanoate***	110±25 _a	7.5±2.6 _b	86.3±37.7 _a	7.0±0.6 _b	72.9±1.9 _a	10.8±2.5 _b	81.5±4.5 _a	14.0±4.3 _b	0.2 [§]	0.496	< 0.0001	0.780	0.272	0.438	0.697
Ethyl hexanoate***	14.0±0.0 _d	52.4±8.4 _a	10.3±3.9 _d	40.2±1.8 _{ab}	17.9±0.2 _{cd}	36.6±4.3 _b	19.5±1.5 _{cd}	31.2±8.4 _{bc}	0.005 [#]	0.380	< 0.0001	0.152	0.015	0.364	0.256
Ethyl laurate	2.5±2.0	2.2±1.8	20.2±20.2	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.9±0.7	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	n.a	0.266	0.360	0.492	0.320	0.443	0.332
Ethyl myristate***	24.6±2.3 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	25.5±0.4 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	4.0 [~]	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.667	< 0.0001	0.667	0.667
Ethyl nonanoate*	44.9±4.6 _{ab}	0.0±0.0 _b	49.0±0.3 _{ab}	0.0±0.0 _b	67.5±1.5 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	71±0.6 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	12 [~]	0.106	0.011	0.287	0.848	0.351	0.4121
Ethyl octanoate	0.0±0.0	52.3±4.6	9.0±9.0	20.2±2.0	31.7±31.7	44.9±0.1	46.3±5.9	35.7±35.7	0.005 [§]	0.133	0.192	0.715	0.226	0.558	0.199
Heptyl acetate***	0.0±0.0 _c	0.2±0.1 _a	0.0±0.0 _c	0.2±0.1 _{ab}	0.0±0.0 _c	0.0±0.0 _c	0.1±0.2 _b	0.0±0.0 _c	0.32 [~]	0.004	0.004	0.530	< 0.0001	0.035	0.035
Hexyl acetate	0.7±0.7	1.9±0.8	0.8±0.9	2.5±0.3	2.0±1.0	0.2±0.0	0.5±0.5	0.3±0.1	1.5 [^]	0.222	0.731	0.746	0.059	0.340	0.388
Hexyl formate	3.7±0.4	5.2±1.2	3.6±0.0	4.1±0.1	3.4±0.5	3.5±0.1	4.3±0.1	3.2±0.3	n.a	0.140	0.424	0.677	0.059	0.221	0.141
Isoamyl acetate*	19.6±0.7 _b	38.0±4.1 _{ab}	26.9±8.6 _b	43.5±0.5 _{ab}	17.9±1.4 _b	40.3±7.8 _{ab}	19.5±0.6 _b	80.7±34.7 _a	0.002–0.043 [~]	0.463	0.015	0.199	0.251	0.479	0.376
Isoamyl formate	35.7±35.7	53.9±13.1	54.6±13.8	36.9±0.2	30.9±30.9	51.6±4.5	0.0±0.0	50.6±2.2	n.a	0.388	0.208	0.585	0.215	0.539	0.912
Isoamyl hexanoate	2.2±0.7	10.7±10.7	1.9±0.5	0.0±0.0	0.4±0.1	0.0±0.0	0.3±0.0	0.0±0.0	n.a	0.221	0.601	0.324	0.511	0.335	0.364
Isoamyl laurate***	1.6±0.2 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	1.5±0.3 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	n.a	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.755	< 0.0001	0.755	0.755
Isoamyl octanoate*	7.5±1.4 _{ab}	5.7±5.7 _{abc}	9.6±0.7 _a	0.0±0.0 _c	0.0±0.0 _c	0.0±0.0 _c	1.6±1.6 _{bc}	0.0±0.0 _c	0.125 [§]	0.007	0.066	0.750	0.150	0.417	0.160
Isobutyl acetate	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.3±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.2±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.1±0.1	0.065–0.88 [~]	0.898	0.039	0.274	0.955	0.226	0.355

Methyl myristate**	2.4±2.0 _c	0.0±0.0 _c	9.6±9.6 _{bc}	0.0±0.0 _c	25.6±3.4 _{ab}	7.2±7.2 _c	25.9±5.6 _a	14.5±2.3 _{abc}	n.a	0.002	0.016	0.317	0.238	0.974	0.982
Methyl octanoate***	0.0±0.0 _d	0.0±0.0 _d	0.0±0.0 _d	0.0±0.0 _d	0.1±0.0 _{cd}	0.2±0.0 _{ab}	0.1±0.0 _{bc}	0.2±0.1 _a	0.20–0.87 [~]	< 0.0001	0.014	0.267	0.014	0.267	0.859
Octyl acetate***	0.3±0.2 _{cd}	1.4±0.4 _{ab}	0.8±0.1 _{bc}	1.6±0.3 _a	0.4±0.0 _{cd}	0.0±0.0 _d	0.4±0.1 _{cd}	0.0±0.0 _d	0.023–0.047 [~]	0.000	0.088	0.222	0.001	0.282	0.422
Phenethyl acetate***	144±5.8 _a	29.9±1.9 _b	140±12.3 _a	21.3±0.1 _b	109±1.5 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	134±32.4 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	0.25 [#]	0.023	< 0.0001	0.727	0.783	0.291	0.409
Phenethyl formate	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.1±0.1	0.0±0.0	0.2±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.27 [~]	0.016	0.016	0.325	0.016	0.325	0.325
Phenethyl hexanoate***	62.2±13.1 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	72.0±6.5 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	15.8±15.8 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	n.a	0.000	< 0.0001	0.795	0.000	0.273	0.795
Phenethyl octanoate	1.9±1.9	0.0±0.0	6.6±4.6	0.0±0.0	1.7±1.7	0.3±0.3	4.2±0.8	0.0±0.0	n.a	0.739	0.066	0.335	0.675	0.724	0.296
Total	511±36	299±19	551±34	203±14	419±27	237±16	482±33	203±18		0.108	0.024	0.606	0.232	0.268	0.104
Acids															
Acetic acid*	0.0±0.0 _b	2.4±0.1 _{ab}	0.0±0.0 _b	2.8±0.4 _{ab}	2.2±1.2 _{ab}	5.4±0.2 _a	2.4±1.1 _{ab}	5.7±0.2 _a	10–552 [~]	0.008	0.005	0.781	0.679	0.964	0.860
Decanoic acid**	6.5±1.0 _a	4.9±4.9 _{ab}	8.3±0.7 _a	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	0.0±0.0 _b	1.0 [§]	0.005	0.094	0.578	0.094	0.578	0.231
Hexanoic acid	0.0±0.0	4.3±1.2	0.0±0.0	2.3±2.3	0.0±0.0	1.3±0.8	0.1±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.42 [§]	0.091	0.019	0.264	0.083	0.780	0.242
Nonanoic acid	0.0±0.0	1.4±0.7	0.0±0.0	1.1±0.1	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.3±0.3	0.5±0.3	3–9 [~]	0.092	0.017	0.557	0.026	0.260	0.879
Octanoic acid***	4.4±0.4 _d	61.9±14.3 _a	8.3±0.60 _{cd}	52.0±3.9 _{ab}	31.6±1.2 _{bc}	55.6±11.5 _a	38.8±5.7 _b	60.0±5.9 _a	0.50 [§]	0.015	< 0.0001	0.779	0.019	0.395	0.423
Total	11±3	75±26	17±4	58±23	34±14	62±24	42±17	66±26		0.261	0.075	0.971	0.218	0.440	0.394
Miscellaneous															
<i>n</i> -Nonanal	0.5±0.5	1.6±1.4	0.0±0.0	0.0±0.0	0.2±0.1	0.0±0.0	0.4±0.0	0.1±0.1	0.001–0.008 [~]	0.438	0.690	0.311	0.346	0.180	0.483
Thiophene 2–acetic acid, dodec–9–ynyl ester**	2.8±2.2 _{bc}	0.0±0.0 _c	7.4±2.5 _{ab}	0.0±0.0 _c	9.1±1.9 _a	0.0±0.0 _c	8.7±1.7 _a	0.0±0.0 _c	n.a	0.137	0.000	0.385	0.137	0.305	0.385

Legend: EU: *Saccharomyces eubayanus* CBS 12357; CE: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; 10, 16: growth temperature (°C); N: nitrogen supplement; B: vintage 2014. ST: Sensory threshold; n.a: not available; TM: temperature (10 and 16°C); YS: Yeast strain (EU and CE); The subscript letters represent the results of Fisher's LSD *post hoc* comparison tests: for values with the same letter, different wines have significantly different means; * $p \leq 0.10$; ** $p \leq 0.05$; *** $p \leq 0.001$. Number in bold indicate p -value in the range: $0.001 \leq p \leq 0.100$; § (Ferreira, López, & Cacho, 2000), ^ (Etiévant, 1991); # (Guth, 1997); ~ (Burdock, 2005); ± (Cliff & Pickering, 2006).







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- Nitrogen requirements of commercial and cryotolerant strains were similar.
- *S. eubayanus* wines were characterized by 2-phenethyl alcohols (rose aroma) whereas *S. cerevisiae* by ethyl hexanoate (apple, pineapple).
- The cryotolerant yeast *S. eubayanus* is a valuable alternative to conventional yeast in the production of base wine for sparkling wines.

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