

Malolactic Trials-
The proof is in the tasting!

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MLF Inoculation Timing Project

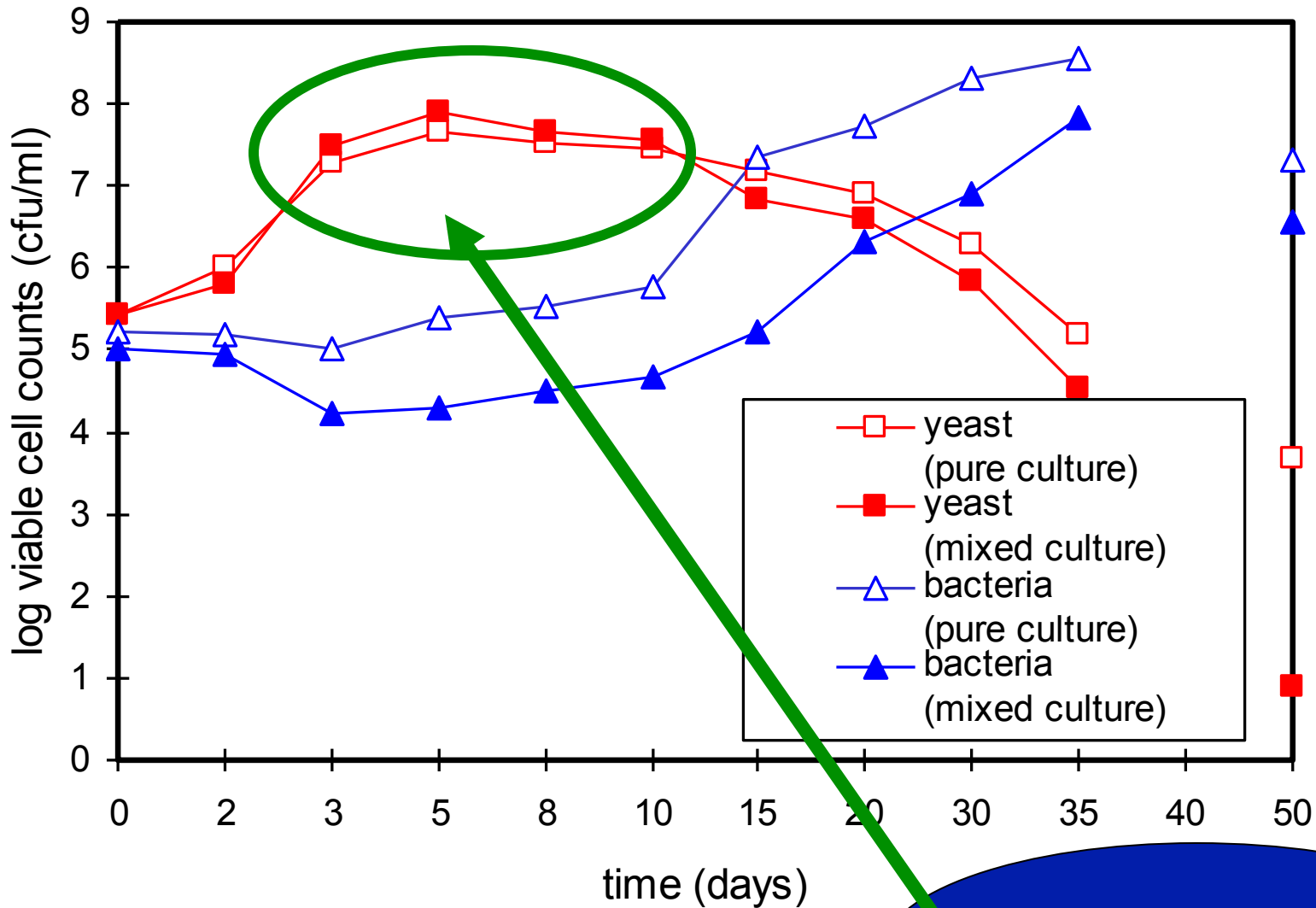
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 - Project funded by Lallemand.

Samples Used

- Merlot Trial
- Lot 10-133 & 132: Co-Inoculation, with and without SIY
- Lot 10-135 & 136: Sequential Inoculation, with and without SIY
- Lot 10-138: No MLF Inoculation

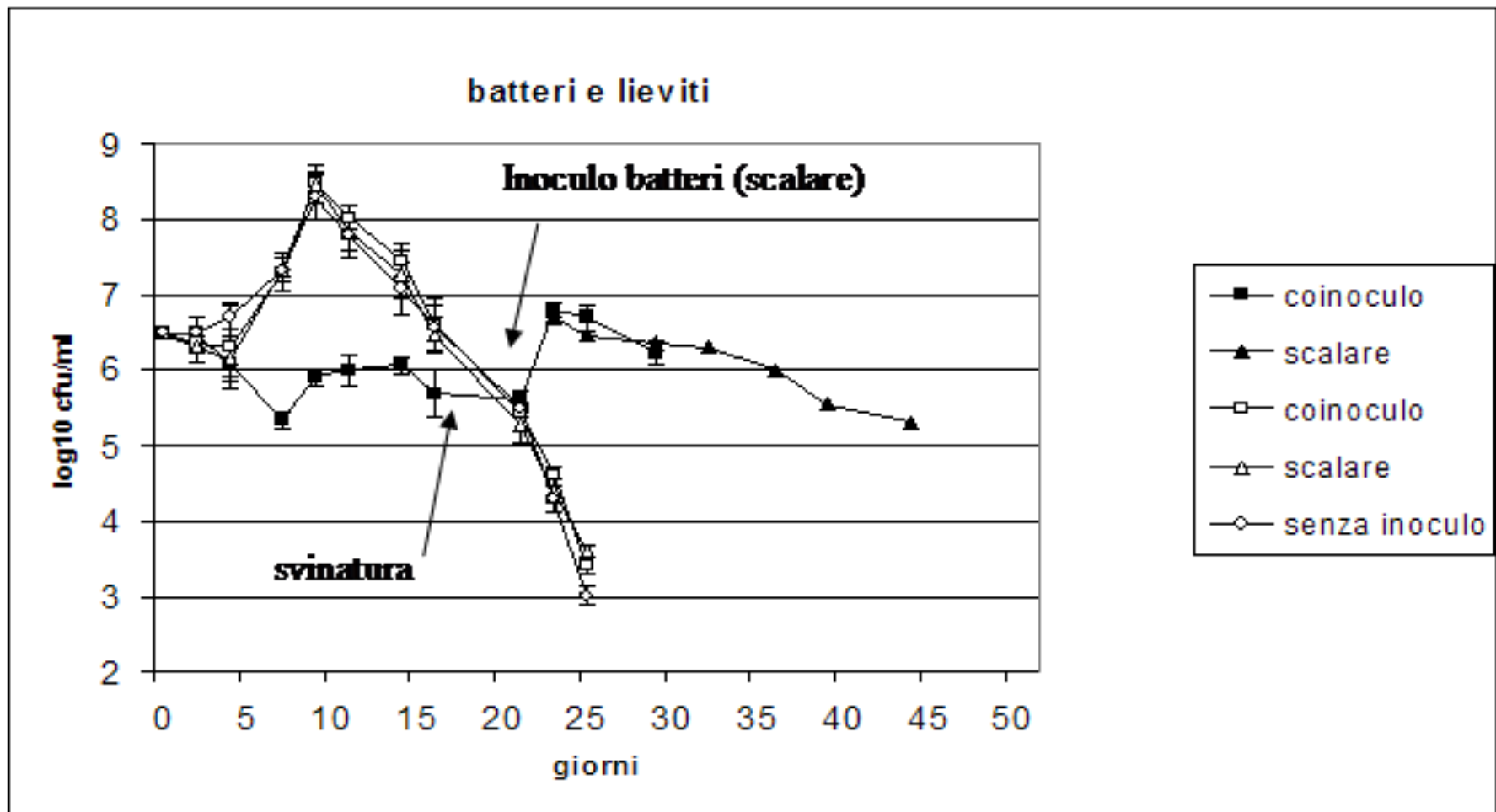
Note: 0.5 ppm Cu was added to the Merlot wines

What does the RESEARCH show?



(King and Beelmann 1986)

NO INFLUENCE OF *O. oeni* ON AF



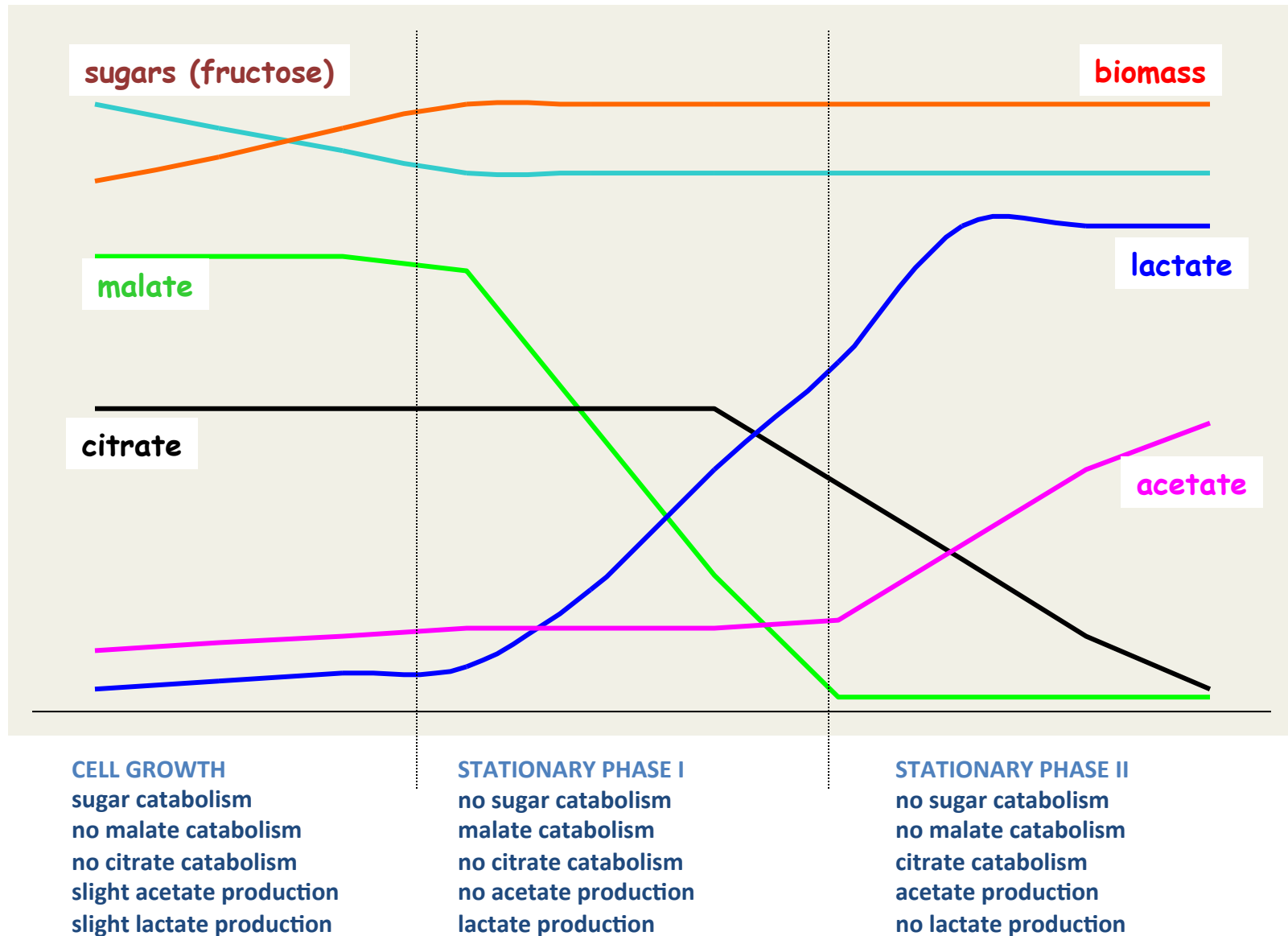
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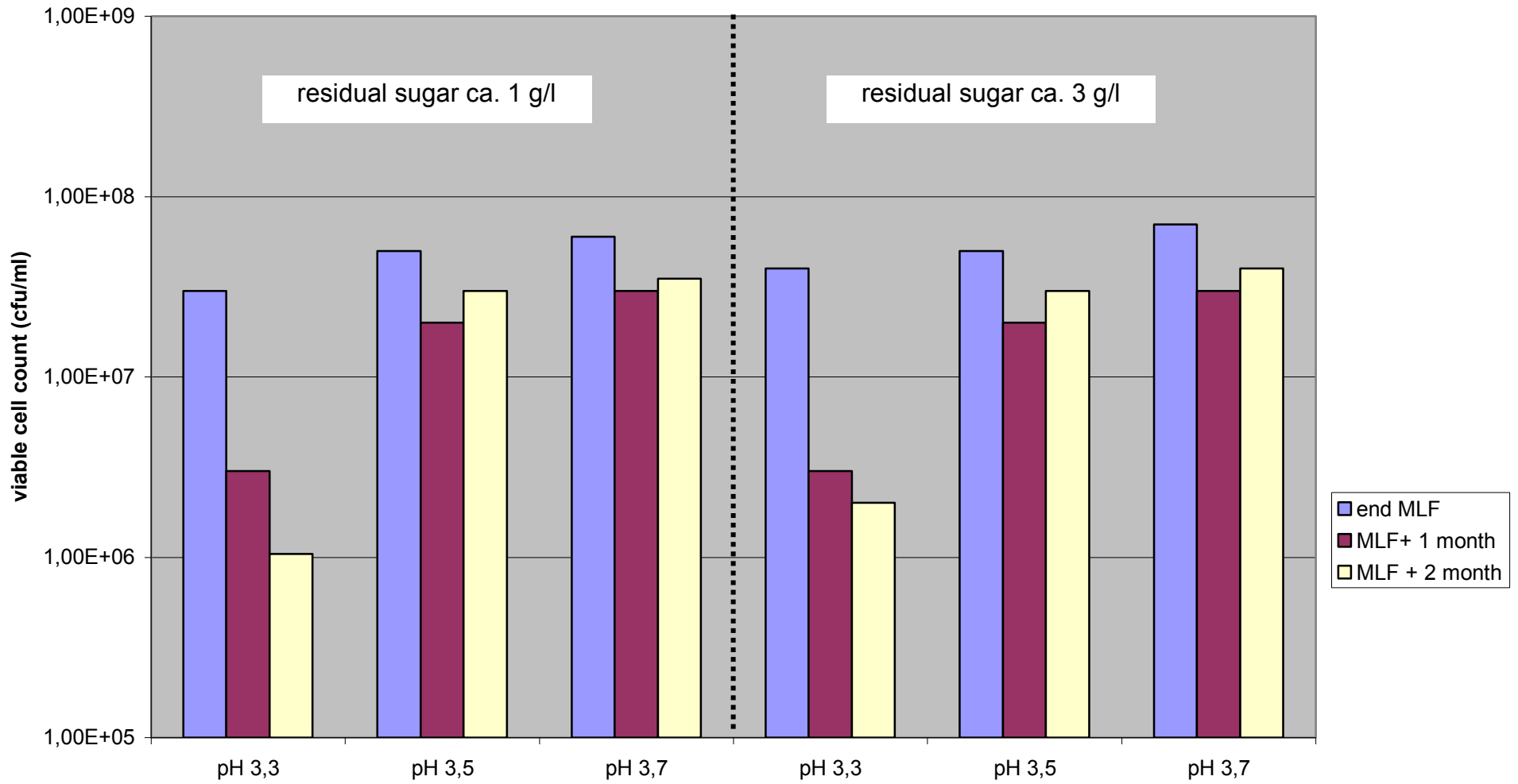
(February 2007, pp 71-77)

Metabolism of sugars and organic acids during MLF

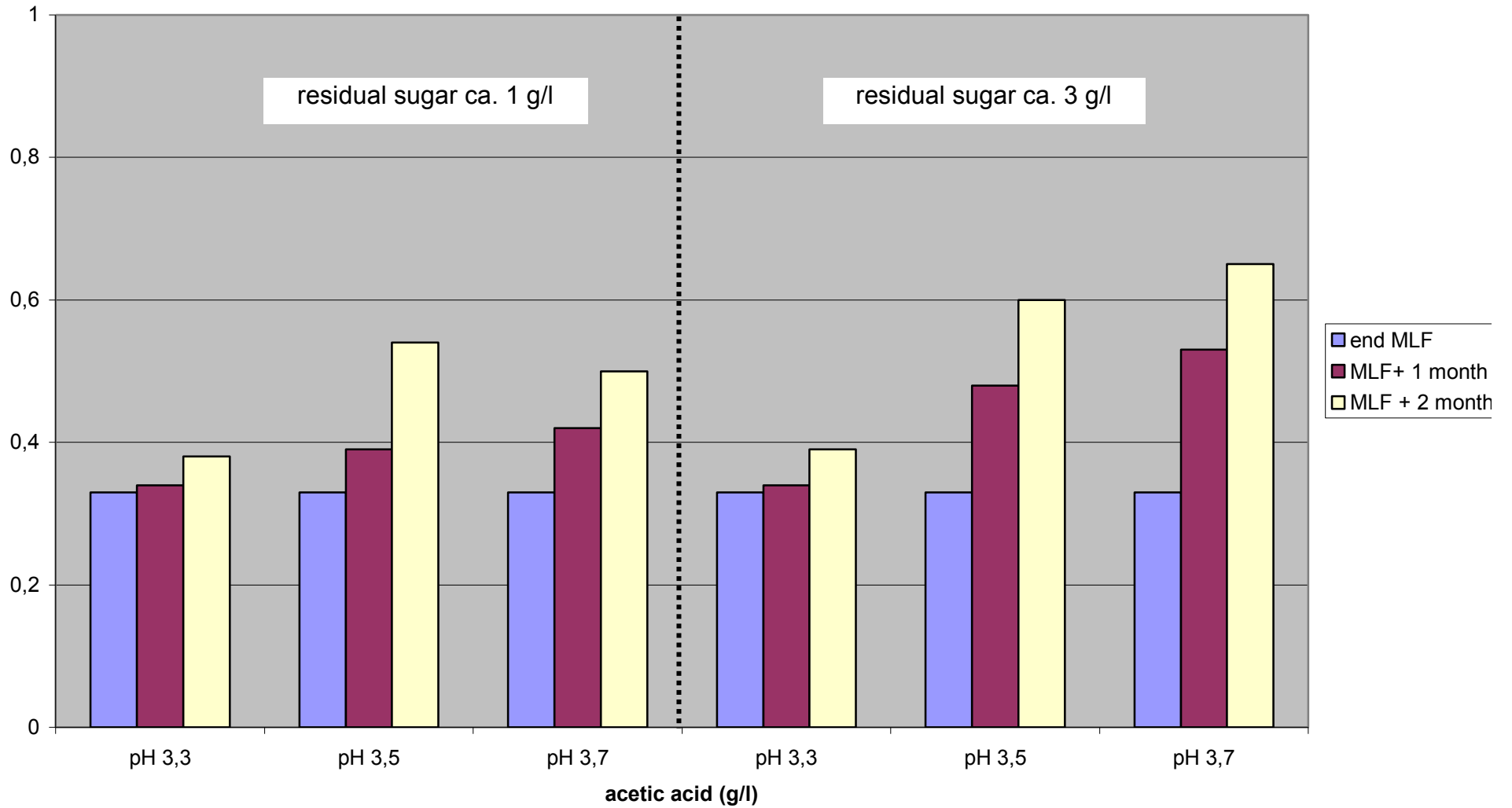


A sugar metabolism could only be detected after consumption of the organic acids (malic and citric)!

Survival and growth of a complex *O. oen* population after MLF at different pH and res. glucose levels



Evolution of acetic acid in a Pinot Noir after MLF: - influence of pH and residual sugar levels



Environmental Factors that Impact Malolactic Fermentation

	Good	Moderate	Difficult	Extreme
Alcohol (% vol)	<13	13 - 15	15 - 17	>17
pH	>3.4	3.1 - 3.4	2.9 - 3.1	<2.9
Free SO₂ (mg/L)	<8	8 - 12	12 - 15	>15
Total SO₂ (mg/L)	<30	30 - 40	40 - 60	>60

Merlot Trial Tasting

- Fruit: Merlot was procured from Alan Hunt at Yates Cellars,
- picked 10/6/10
- Juice Sample
 - Brix: 20.1 pH: 3.52 TA: 10.6 g/L Malic: 2.2 g/L Lactic: 0.2 g/L
 - Grapes were crushed, placed in 30-gallon temperature-controlled fermenters
 - 50 ppm SO₂ was
 - Fermentations were inoculated with Duo Merlot yeast.
 - Temperature maintained between 68F-90F
 - Oct 18 Wines were pressed off, fermentations were at 20 °C until completion of MLF.

Pros and Cons of Early Inoculation

PROS

- Time Savings
- No Alcohol
- Temperature
- Flavor Implications

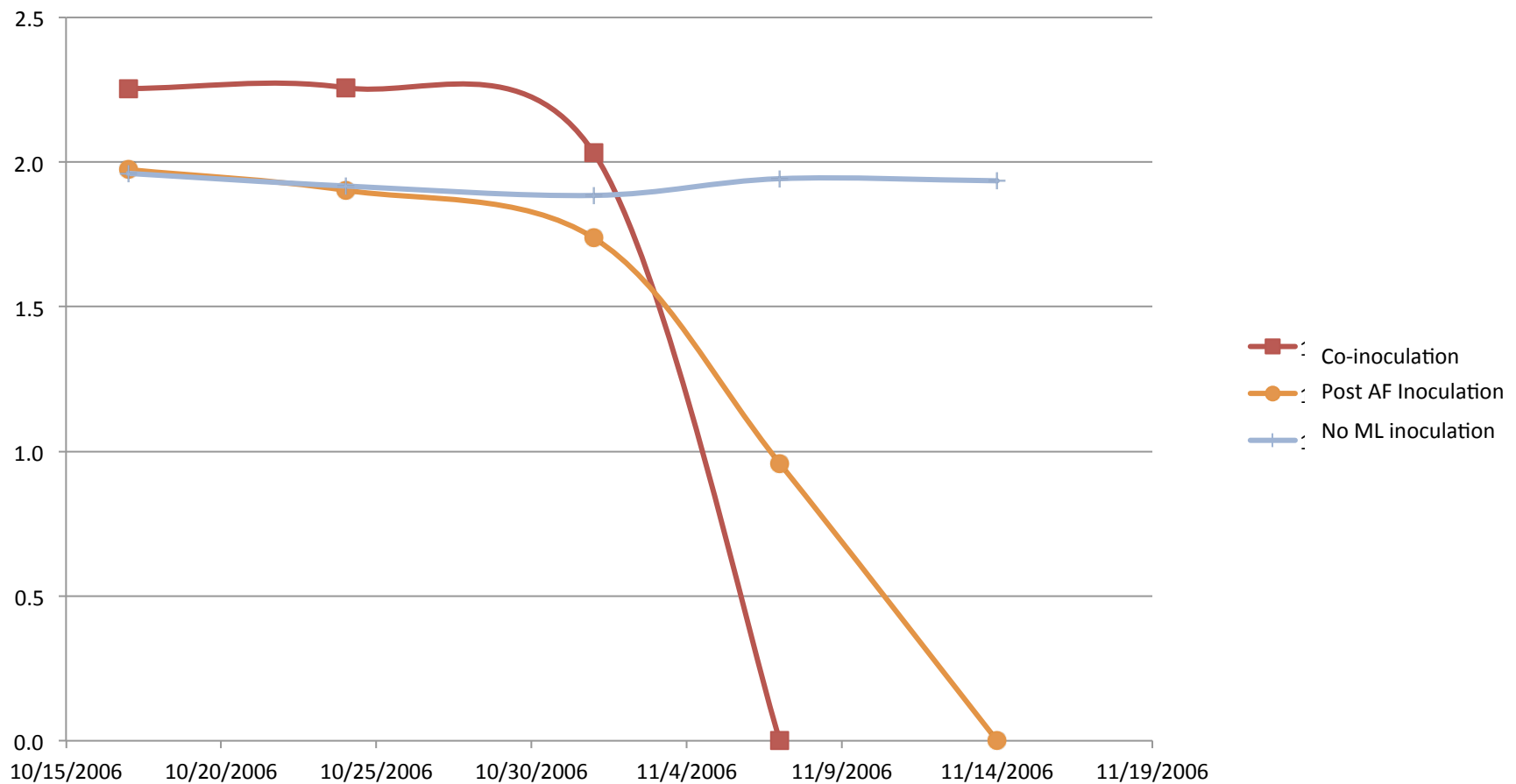
CONS

- Watch for SO₂
- Yeast Compatibility
- VA Production from Metabolism of Sugars
 - (not with V22, homofermentative strain)

Table of compatibility with MLF

Level of compatibility	5 ++	4 +	3 +-	2 -	1 --	No information
Yeast strains	QA23	2056	EC1118		ALB	C1108
	ICV D254	DV10	PM	SIMI White	V1116 (K1)	C or R7
	71B	R2	ICV D21	2323	WAM	FC9
	AMH	M2	BDX	2226	Opale	
	W15	W	BRL97	RHST	Enoferm M1	T73
	VRB	QD145	SLO	T306		
	CSM	6U	Cross evolution	2056		Syrah
		CY3079	BGY	RA17		M69
		GHM	MCS	BM45		CGC62
		RC212	RQ15	BM4x4		CK
		ICV D80	228	BA11		
		VN	ICVD47			MCS
		43				SVG
		ICV GRE				
		RHST				
		Rhone 4600				
		CM				
		CS2				
		299				
		NEM				
	PMA					
	BC					
	CEG					

Malate Depletion using Duo Merlot Culture



Merlot Trial

Finished Wine – Duo-Merlot

	No MLF	Co-inoculation	Post AF Inoculation
pH	3.6 - 3.81	3.83	3.73
Total Acidity	7.2 – 6.7 g/L	5.9g/L	6.4g/L
Malic Acid	1.9g/L	ND	ND
Lactic Acid	0.2g/L	2.9g/L	2.4g/L
Volatile Acidity	0.21g/L	0.29g/L	0.24g/L
Date Completed MLF	--	11/8/2010	11/15/2010

Wine Tasting

	Wine Treatment ?		Aroma	Mouthfeel	Flavors	Bitterness/ astringency (tannins)	Aftertaste
1	Merlot						
2	Merlot						
3	Merlot						
4	Merlot						
5	Merlot						

Thank you!

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