II.2.1.7 Tanin addition

Definition :

Addition of tannin to must.

Objectives :

a) To facilitate the subsequent stabilisation of wines by partial precipitation of excess proteinaceous matter in musts;

b) to facilitate the fining of musts in conjunction with protein-type fining agents and prevent over-fining;

c) to contribute to the antioxidant and antioxidasic protection of compounds of the must;

d) to promote the expression of colour in red wines obtained from musts to which tannins have been added.

Prescription :

a) To facilitate rapid incorporation into must, tannins may be added immediately after harvesting;

b) the tannins used should comply with the prescriptions of the International Oenological Codex.

Recommendation of the OIV:

Admitted