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#### Abstract

The purpose of this work was to assess the influence of mancozeb, zoxamide and copper oxychloride fungicide treatments on Mn, Zn, Cu, Cd and Pb concentrations in Sicilian red wines, grapes, marcs and grape stalks; the experimentation was carried out over two crop years, 2003 and 2004. Trace metals analysis was performed by derivative stripping chronopotentiometry which allowed detection of concentrations lower than 1 ng g<sup>-1</sup>. The data which was obtained gave evidence that the levels of Mn and Zn in wines from plots treated with zoxamide-mancozeb were about 3-fold higher than those observed in the control. Wines treated with Cu oxychloride had a significant increase in Cu (II) concentrations with respect to the control; in particular samples from 2004 showed a 50% increase in Cu levels. Furthermore, as shown in a previous paper, the fungicides treatments which were studied led to a moderate increase in Pb (II) and Cd (II) levels in treated samples with respect to the control. Wines from 2004 had higher Cu and Pb amounts than wines from 2003; but the concentrations of all the other metals were similar. The statistical analysis of the 28 28 data Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) and Kruskal-Wallis test confirmed that both zoxamide-30 29 mancozeb treatments and copper oxychloride treatments exerted a significant influence on Mn (II), Zn (II) Cu (II), Pb (II) and Cd (II) concentrations in wines, grapes, marcs and grape stalks samples from both the studied vintages.

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## INTRODUCTION

In recent years, great importance has been directed towards the monitoring of food products for heavy metals contamination, and the assessment of the source of food contamination. The presence of trace elements in wines, depends on many factors such as the type of soil, wine processing equipment, vinification methods (Hsia et al., 1975; Golimowsky et al, 1979 b; Karadjova et al., 2002). Nowadays, a number of different metallic compounds are used in agricultural chemicals and can, as a result, contaminate crops. Fungicides are considered to be indispensable aids in agriculture and are extensively used in vine-growing; many studies report the toxic effect of these chemicals on human health but there are few data about the influence of the use of pesticides on wine composition and particularly on metal concentrations. Trace metals in wine, including Cu, Mn and Zn are essential for human, animals, and plants and particularly Zn at low concentrations plays an important role in wine fermentation. On the other hand, Cu and Mn at high concentrations participate significantly in the destabilization of wines and in their oxidative evolution (Benítez et al., 2002). At the same time the analysis for certain elements, such as Pb and Cd, in wines is of special interest due to their toxicity in case of excessive intake (Ribérau-Gayon and Peynaud, 1976; Gennaro et al, 1986; Mc Kinnon and Scollary, 1997; Fernandez Pereira, 1998). A recent study has provided evidence that the use of some organic and inorganic fungicides - quinoxyfen, dinocap, penconazole, azoxystrobin and powder of sulphur-in wine-growing, may moderately influence the concentration of trace elements (Cd, Cu, Pb and Zn) in red and white wines (Salvo et al., 2003).

The present study has been focussed on the possible correlation between the presence of Mn (II), Zn (II), Cu (II), Cd, (II), and Pb (II), in samples of Sicilian red wines and mancozeb-zoxamide and copper oxychloride treatments that occurred during viticulture; in order to better investigate the effects of these fungicide treatments, heavy metals analysis were also performed on grapes, marcs, and grape stalks; furthermore data concerning heavy metal levels in soil near the plots were

available as background data. The experimentation was carried out over two crop years, 2003 and 2004. Ethylenebisdithiocarbamate of manganese and zinc (mancozeb)-  $[C_4H_6N_2S_4Mn]_x(Zn)_y$ belongs to a wider group of ethylenebisdithiocarbamate fungicides and is widely used in agriculture, mainly on fruits, ornamental plants and vegetables (Maroni et al., 2000). It is characterized by low acute toxicity and short environmental persistence, for this reason the total amount of mancozeb used is increasing worldwide. Zoxamide [3, 5-dichloro-N-(3-chloro-1-ethyl-1methyl-2-oxopropyl)-4-methylbenzamide] is a new fungicide for foliar use on potatoes, grapevines and vegetables to control Oomycete fungi (Egan et al., 1998). Despite the production of a wide variety of synthetic organic fungicides, copper oxychloride- CuCl<sub>2</sub>·3Cu(OH)<sub>2</sub> -still predominates the field of fungicidal plants disease control and its wide use is also due to its general low toxicity for humans (Helling et al., 2000).

The determination of Mn, Zn, Cu, Cd and Pb in grapes, grape stalks, marcs and wines was carried out by using derivative stripping chronopotentiometry (dSCP), an electro-analytical technique widely employed for trace and ultra-trace metals analysis in food and environmental matrices (Salvo et al, 2003; La Pera et al., 2003; Dugo et al., 2004; Dugo et al., 2005a; Dugo et al., 2005b; Dugo et al., 2005c; Matarese Palmieri et al., 2005). The analytical techniques conventionally used for metal determinations are both emission and absorption spectrophotometry, as well as voltammetry (Balduini et al., 1999). These methods require sample pre-treatment which enable the complete destruction of the organic matrix such as wet digestion, dry ashing and microwave oven dissolution (Reid et al., 1995). Derivative stripping chronopotentiometry allows the direct determination of heavy metals in wines without the need of a laborious sample preparation procedure but acid adjustment, as the glassy (GCMFE) is inert towards organic molecules interferences during the signal collection phase (Town and van Leewen, 2001 and 2002).

# Materials and methods

## **Apparatus**

Metals analysis were carried out by using a PSA ION 3 potentiometric stripping analyzer (Steroglass, S. Martino in Campo, Perugia, Italy). The analyzer was equipped with a conventional three-electrodes cell. The plating process with mercury of the glassy carbon working electrode, the reference and the auxiliary electrodes, have been described in previous papers (Salvo et al., 2003; La Pera, et al. 2003; Dugo et al. 2005 a, b, c; Matarese Palmieri et. al 2005; Dugo et al., 2004 b)

## Reagents

All glassware was rinsed with 10% (v/v) nitric acid. Ultra-pure water (18.2 Mohm cm<sup>-1</sup>) was obtained from a Pure Lab RO and a Pure Lab UV system (USF, Ransbach-Baumbach, Germany). Ultra pure hydrochloric acid (34-37%), Hg (II) (1000 mgL<sup>-1</sup>, 1M in hydrochloric acid) and Cd (II), Cu (II), Pb (II), Zn (II), and Mn (II) (1000 mgL<sup>-1</sup>, 0.5 N in nitric acid) standard solutions were purchased from Panreac Quimica (Barcelona, Spain). Glucose, fructose, gallic acid, tartaric acid and potassium tartrate used to prepare the model wine solution (14%v/v aqueous ethanol, 2 gL<sup>-1</sup> fructose, 2 gL<sup>-1</sup> glucose, 1 gL<sup>-1</sup> gallic acid, saturated with potassium hydrogen tartrate and adjusted to pH 3.5 with tartaric acid), were purchased from Sigma Aldrich (Milwakee, WI, USA). Supel-ENVI carbon columns were obtained from Supelco (Bellefonte, PA, USA)

# Wines characteristics and pesticides treatments

Trials were conducted in five plots located in the Sicilian wine-producing zone of Etna; grapevines were from the Nerello Mascalese variety. Plots were investigated over two crop years 2003 and 2004. Plots B-C were characterized by the use of mancozeb and zoxamide and they differed for the 58 113 time elapsed from the last fungicide treatment and the grape harvesting ( $\Delta t$ ); plots D-E by the use of copper oxychloride and they also differed for the  $\Delta t$ , and plot A was characterized by the use of water and represented the control plot (Table 1). All the studied plots measured between 0.25-0.5

ha. Pesticides were used at the doses recommended by the manufacturer and the treatments were applied by the wine farmers with a manual sprayer. In all the considered crop years (2003 and 2004), the grapes were harvested in the period from Aug. 25 to Sept.10. Newly cropped Vitis vinifera were crushed and de-stemmed, then spiked with SO<sub>2</sub> (5 g/hL), selected yeasts (30 g/hL) and let to ferment for 10 days at 28°C, making three fullings a day. The wine was drawn from the vat and the marcs were crushed by a hydraulic press. After 4 weeks the lees were removed and the wine was spiked with SO<sub>2</sub> (2 g/hL). Subsequently the wine was spiked again with SO<sub>2</sub> (2 g/hL) and bottled in dark bottles at 4°C for the duration of the experimentation. Each sample was separately fermented and bottled, following the protocol mentioned above. From each investigated plot, both in 2003 and 2004, representative samples of grapes (about 10 kg), grape-stalks (about 1.4 kg), marcs (about 0.5 Kg), and wines (7.5 L) were delivered to the laboratory and stored at -10°C.

#### **Pedoclimatic conditions**

The vineyards lay on calcareous soil (300 m asl) that contains on average 37% of sand, 36 % of silt, 27% of clay and 4.5 % of organic matter; water contents at 10–20 cm depths were 30.1% by volume. Heavy metal concentrations of soil and groundwater samples collected in different points of each plot before the first pesticides application both in 2003 and 2004, determined in an external laboratory by ICP-AES, were available as background data (Table 2). In the studied area the climate is arid and the low rainfall results in a lack of water except in the winter months. The environmental conditions were recorded by an AD-2 automatic weather station from April to September; during the experiments, the minimum and maximum average temperatures were 12-35 °C in 2003 and 12.6-35.5 °C in 2004. The average precipitation rate over the studied area was 665 mm/year in 2003 and 600 mm/year in 2004; in particular the rainfall was 0.7 mm in spring and 0.1 mm in summer on 1 rainy day in 2003 and 0.55 mm in spring and 0.0 mm in summer on 1 rainy day in 2004.

Sample preparation

Wine samples were directly analyzed after acidification to pH 2 with 5 M HCl and filtration trough a Carbon column as described in previous studies (Salvo et al, 2003; Dugo et al, 2005 b). Grapes from each plot were beaten by a blender equipped with titanium blades to avoid metal contamination, until a homogeneous juice was obtained. An aliquot of 2 mL of the juice was placed into a teflon beaker with 4.0 mL of 37% HCl and 6.0 mL of ultrapure water and extracted as described in a previous paper (Dugo et al., 2005 a; Dugo et al., 2004 b). Marcs and grape-stalks from each plot were separately dried at 110 C° to constant weight in order to measure their moisture contents. An aliquot of 1 g of dried samples was dissolved in 10.0 mL of 35% HCl and extracted at 80 °C as discussed in previous studies concerning metal analysis in vegetable matrices (Dugo et al, 2005 c, Matarese Palmieri et. al 2005).

# 50 Derivative chronopotentiometric stripping analysis

Cd (II), Cu (II), Pb (II) and Zn (II) were determined simultaneously in wine, grapes, grape-stalks and marcs as described in a previous papers (Salvo et al, 2003, Dugo et al, 2005 b, c; Matarese Palmieri et. al 2005); Mn (II) was determined separately by placing 500  $\mu$ L of acidified wine (or acid extract of grapes, marc, grape-stalks) in the electrochemical cell together with 1 mL of 0.5 M ammonia-ammonium chloride buffer (pH 9.5), 10.0 mL of ultrapure water and 1.0 mL of 1000  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> Hg (II) standard solution as oxidant agent, and de-oxygenating for 5 min by N<sub>2</sub> purging. The best electrochemical conditions were optimized by fixing the electrolysis potential at -1700 mV, the final acquisition potential and the cleaning potential respectively at –500 mV and –1500 mV, and varying the electrolysis time as afterwards described; the solution was stirred at 1000 rpm; the manganese peak was registered around –1460 mV (Dugo et al., 2005 c). The quantitative analysis of metals was done by the multiple-point standard additions method. Optimum precision and accuracy were obtained with two additions of appropriate aliquots of standard solution of Mn (II) in order to double the sample peak area, and performing the measurements five times for each addition (La Pera, et al. 2003; Dugo et al, 2005 a, b, c; Matarese Palmieri et. al 2005; Renman and Jagner,

1997). Calibration curve with correlation coefficients > 99.5% were obtained. The linear concentration range was 0-10000 µgL<sup>-1</sup>. Under optimized electrochemical conditions, the analysis lasted 25 minutes.

#### Method performance: sensitivity, accuracy and repeatability

169 Method performances for Cu, Cd, Mn, Pb and Zn chronopotentiometric analysis in wines and vegetables have been reported in previous papers (Salvo et al, 2003; La Pera, et al. 2003; Dugo et al, 2005 a, b, c; Matarese Palmieri et. al 2005; Dugo, et al.2004).

#### 21 172 Statistical methods

The statistical elaboration of the data was performed by two softwares: SPSS for Windows (version 25<sub>174</sub> 12.0; 2003) and STATISTICA package for Windows (version 6.0, 2000). The non parametric test 28 175 of Kruskal-Wallis and Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) were performed grouping wines, grapes, marcs and grape stalks according to the pesticide treatments applied; data expressing <sup>32</sup> 177 concentrations of Mn, Zn, Cu, Pb and Cd in wines, marcs, grapes and grape-stalks samples from 35 178 2003 and 2004 vintages were processed. In order to define statistically the difference between samples submitted to a specific fungicide treatment (A, B, C, D, E), the data were elaborated using <sup>39</sup><sub>40</sub>180 a multivariate non-parametric Analysis of Variance and subsequently a Linear Discriminant Analysis in order to distinguish samples coming from one of the five treatment groups according to a simple statistical model (Dugo et al., 2005 b). The choice to perform a non-parametric analysis 47 183 was related to the fact that the distribution of Mn, Zn, Pb, Cd and Cu levels did not seem to meet the necessary conditions required to apply a simple Analysis of Variance (ANOVA), because there 51 185 52 was not a homogeneity of variance between samples coming from different groups. Moreover 54 186 samples belonging to different treatments did not show a normal distribution over the same group. Therefore the five variables (Mn, Zn, Pb, Cd and Cu concentrations expressed in mg/L), were 59<sup>188</sup> submitted to the non-parametric test of Kruskal-Wallis to verify the significances of differences between the control and treated samples. This procedure tested the hypothesis that n independent samples came from populations having the same distribution.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

## Derivative stripping chronopotentiometry for the analysis of metals in enological samples

Growing concern about heavy metals food contamination has led to increasing needs to develop 13195 sensitive analytical techniques capable to detect trace and ultra-trace concentrations of metals in a 15196 variety of alimentary matrices. Derivative stripping chronopotentiometry has been recognised as a 17 18<sup>197</sup> powerful tool for measuring trace metals in food samples. Its remarkable sensitivity is attributed to 20198 the concentration step during which the metals are accumulated onto the working electrode. Under 22 <sub>199</sub> 23 optimized analytical conditions, detection limits lower than 1 ng g<sup>-1</sup> have been obtained for the 24 25<sup>200</sup> studied metals in different food matrices; the analytical performances of SCP tested on certified 27201 reference materials are reported in the cited literature (La Pera, et al. 2003; Dugo et al, 2005 a, b, c; <sup>29</sup>202 Matarese Palmieri et. al 2005; Renman and Jagner, 1997). Sample preparation played an important 32<sup>203</sup> role in ensuring the accuracy of determination, because metals were present in very low 34204 concentrations in complex matrices such as wine, grape, marcs and stalks. Interferences from 36 37 205 organic molecules are minimized in SCP, hence a simple and rapid sample pre-treatment based on 39206 concentrated hydrochloric acid extraction at 80°C was required which enabled the extraction of the 41 207 metals in less than 1 h. Wine may be analysed after acidification to pH 2, followed by filtration 43 44<sup>208</sup> through a carbon column, without the need for sample pre-treatment. A speciation study performed 46209 on a certified reference wine has shown that at pH<3 heavy metals are present in the soluble form 48 210 49 (Azenha and Vasconcelos, 2000; Karadjova et al., 2002). A recovery test carried out on a model 50 51 211 wine spiked at different levels with Cu (II), Mn (II), Zn (II), Cd (II) and Pb (II) standard solutions, 53212 acidified to pH 2 with HCl and filtered trough a carbon column. The obtained recovery factors (95-<sup>55</sup>213 56 99%) provided evidence that metal loss did not occur during sample pre-treatment. Comparative 57 58 214 analysis between filtered and unfiltered red wine discussed in a previous paper, demonstrated that 60215 metal quantification was not affected by the filtration procedure and a higher analytical response 216 was achieved by passing the wine sample trough the carbon column prior to the

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chronopotentiometric measures. (Dugo et al, 2005b); the repeatability of the chronopotentiometric method, expressed as RSD%, was  $1.1\pm0.1\%$  for Cd ,  $2.0\pm0.3\%$  for Cu,  $1.5\pm0.2\%$  for Pb,  $3.0\pm0.1\%$ for Mn and  $1.0\pm0.1\%$  for Zn (La Pera and Dugo, 2005). A previous study reports parallel analysis of red and white wine samples by graphite furnace atomic absorption spectroscopic and the obtained results agreed within 5% (Salvo et al., 2003). SCP coupled high sensitivity and resolution, rapid sample preparation with low costs of the equipment; moreover the small dimensions of the analyzer allowed its transport for in situ analysis. For all these features, SCP is well suited for routine analysis.

# 5 Influence of fungicide treatments on Cu, Cd, Mn, Pb and Zn levels

26 *Results from untreated plots* 

In control wines samples from 2003 (plot A), metal levels decreased in the order Zn>Mn>Cu>Pb>Cd, whereas in samples from the following crop year in the order Zn  $\cong$ Mn  $\cong$ Cu>Pb>Cd (Table 3). Mn, Cu and Zn were the most abundant metals in grape-stalks from 2003 and 2004, followed by Cd and Pb (Table 4). As it was observed for wine samples, in grapes from 2003 metals concentrations decreased in the order Zn>Cu>Mn>Pb>Cd, whereas in samples from the following crop year in the order Cu>Zn>Mn > Cd > Pb (Table 5). Furthermore, at vintaging both in 2003 and 2004 grapes from untreated plots did not show any fungal infection since weather conditions, characterized by high temperatures and reduced rainfall were unfavourable for fungal development. In marcs samples from both vintages, metal concentrations decreased in the order Cu>Mn>Zn, Cd and Pb levels in the controls were lower than the instrumental detection limits (Table 6). Cadmium levels in soil from plot A sampled in 2003 were higher then those found in the other plots; this might have resulted in an increased cadmium concentration in grape-stalks and grapes grown in the control vineyard.

Results from plots treated with mancozeb-zoxamide

As Table 3 reports, Mn and Zn levels in 2003 wines from zoxamide-mancozeb treatments (plot B 243 and C) were about 3 fold and 2 fold higher than those observed in the control samples, respectively; 244 the  $\Delta t$  parameter did not greatly influence the concentration of these elements. Mn levels in 2004 245 wines from zoxamide-mancozeb treatments (plot B and C) were about 3-fold higher than those observed in the control samples; the  $\Delta t$  parameter seemed to exert a significant influence on Zn level as the metal concentration was 3.5 fold higher than that observed in the control in samples harvested 14 days after the last treatment (plot B) and 6.5 fold higher in samples harvested 28 days after the last treatment (plot C). Moreover the studied treatments lead to a significant increase of Pb and Cd concentrations (an average of 150% over the control) in wines from 2003, meanwhile only a slight enhancement in Pb levels in samples from 2004 was observed. As given in Table 4, Mn levels in 2003 grape-stalks from plots B and C were from 2.4 to 6.5-fold higher than those observed in the control and from 5.6 to 6.8-fold higher in 2004 grape-stalks; in particular, samples harvested 28 days after the last treatment showed the highest values. Zn levels were from 1.5 to 2.6-fold higher with respect to the control in grape-stalks from 2003 and from 4 to 6 higher in 2004 samples; in particular, samples harvested 14 days after the last treatment showed the highest values. Pb and Cd concentrations in 2003 grape-stalks from zoxamide-mancozeb treatments were from 5 to 7 fold higher than those observed in the blanc, whereas samples from 2004 showed a slight increase of Pb concentration as compared to the control and a great enhancement of Cd levels (7 to 11 fold higher with respect to the blanc). As Table 5 reports, the  $\Delta t$  parameter seemed to exert a significant influence on Mn level in grapes from both the crop years: samples from 2003 harvested 14 days after the last treatment (plot B) presented Mn concentrations 11 fold higher with respect to the control, whereas samples harvested 28 days after the last treatment (plot C) 4-fold higher than the control; on the contrary samples from 2004 harvested in the plot B showed Mn levels 2-fold higher with respect to the blanc, whereas samples harvested in the plot C presented Mn levels 4-fold higher than the blanc. A similar profile was observed for Zn levels, particularly for grapes from 2004. 267 Furthermore a remarkable influence of the treatments over Pb and Cd levels, particularly in grapes

268 from 2003 was noticed. Mn and Zn levels in 2003 and 2004 marcs from plots B and C were from 2 269 to 4-fold higher than those observed in the controls; treated samples from 2004 showed an increase 8 270 of Pb levels with respect to the control, whereas no significant influence of the treatments on Cd <sup>10</sup>271 levels in marcs was noticed (Table 6).

#### 15273 Results from plots treated with copper-oxychloride

17 18<sup>274</sup> Cu levels in wines from 2003 were very much lower with respect to those observed in the following 19 20 275 crop year; moreover Cu concentrations in 2003 wines from all the plots were very similar, whereas 22<sub>276</sub> 23 a significant influence of copper-oxychloride treatments was noticed in wines from 2004 (plots D 24 25<sup>277</sup> and E) that showed a Cu amount increased by 50% with respect to the control; moreover copper-27278 oxychloride applications lead to a moderate increase of Pb and Cd concentrations in wines from <sup>29</sup>279 both the crop years (Table 3). Copper-oxychloride treatments greatly influenced Cu levels in grape-32<sup>280</sup> stalks from 2003 and 2004 that presented concentrations from 4 to 50-fold higher than those 34281 detected in the control; samples harvested 28 days ( $\Delta t$ ) after the last treatment (plot E) showed the 36 37 282 highest Cu amounts. In particular, copper-oxychloride applications seemed to exert a remarkable 39283 effect on Pb levels in grape-stalks which are 24-fold higher than that of the control in samples from 41 284 42 2003, nevertheless this effect was not observed in samples from the following crop year (Table 4). 43 44 285 As was already observed for wines, grapes samples from 2003 presented lower Cu concentrations 46286 than those detected in samples from 2004; the influence of copper-oxychloride treatments over Cu 48 49<sup>287</sup> concentrations in grapes from both the vintages was particularly evident since treated samples 51 288 presented values 3-4 fold higher than those of the controls (Table 5). A significant influence of Cu 53289 oxychloride treatments over Cu levels in marcs from both the crop years was noticed since samples <sup>55</sup><sub>56</sub>290 from plots D and E had concentrations 3-5 fold higher than the control; moreover treated samples 58291 from 2004 showed an increase of Pb levels with respect to the control, whereas no significant 60292 influence of the treatments on Cd levels in marcs was noticed (Table 6).

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#### 294 Statistical analysis

295 As shown in Tables 3-6, all the four types of enological matrices (wines, marcs, grapes and grape-296 stalks) presented a significant difference through the five treatments. This is explained by the calculated significance levels (p) from Kruskal-Wallis test, that resulted  $\leq .001$  for all of the five variables considered independently over the two years. This result suggests that the studied fungicide treatments greatly influenced the concentrations of the Mn, Zn, Pb, Cd and Cu in the wines, marcs, grapes and grape-stalks samples from both the vintages. The concentrations of Mn, Zn, Pb, Cd and Cu have been further studied using *Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)* in order to create a model that, through some classification functions, could separate samples in relation to the particular treatment used. LDA was performed separately on wines, marcs, grapes and grape-stalks samples from the two crop years. The results have shown a very good degree of classification (100%) of the samples according to the functions created in every analysis. Scatterplots (Figures 1-4) of discriminant functions, that explained on average the 93% of the total variance over the samples, have shown a good separation of the five groups representing various fungicide treatments applied to grapevines. Generally it can be observed (overall for the wine samples) a little proximity between samples belonging to treatments "B" with those from the treatment "C"; and between samples from treatments "D" and "E". This means that these groups of treatments influence in a common way the concentrations of metals in the samples. Moreover any classification function can be represented as a linear combination of the five variables, providing a good statistical model to characterize the treatments. For example, the two classification functions regarding wines from 2003 can be described by the following equations:

Root1 = -2,420Mn -5,477Zn +53,807Cu -76,533Pb -230,871Cd +10,013; Root2 = 2,995Mn -0,379Zn +472,674Cu -117,649Pb +190,004Cd -22,525; 60318

where Root1 is strongly negatively correlated with the Zn level and Root2 is positively correlatedwith the Cu level.

On the whole the statistical analysis of the data has evidenced that wines, grapes, grape-stalks and marcs from both the crop years treated with zoxamide-mancozeb and with copper oxychloride showed a significant increase of Mn (II), Zn (II) and Cu (II) concentrations with respect to the control; the effect of time elapsed between the last application of fungicides and the harvesting ( $\Delta$ t) on the concentration of Mn, Zn, Pb, Cd and Cu in wines, grapes, grape-stalks and marcs has not been yet elucidated as heavy metal levels in treated samples irregularly increased in a  $\Delta$ t-dependent manner. Furthermore Mancozab-zoxamide and copper-oxychloride treatments lead to a moderate increase of Pb (II) levels in treated wines, grape-stalks, grapes and marcs with respect to the control. As shown in a previous paper (Salvo et al, 2003), the increase of Cd and Pb levels in treated samples could be the result of the presence of trace concentrations of these contaminants in the chemicals used for the treatments.

## 34 Inter-seasonal variations

Pesticide treatments were the variables that mostly influenced metal levels in the enological 44 336 matrices from 2003 and 2004 vintages. Therefore, in order to estimate inter-seasonal variations due 46 337 47 to the environmental conditions, only the control plots have been considered. Tables 3-6 give 48 49<sup>338</sup> evidence that Cu and Pb levels in 2004 wines, grapes, and marcs were much higher than those 51 3 39 found in 2003, whereas Mn and particularly Zn levels in 2003 wines, grapes, grape-stalks and marcs 53 340 were higher than those found in 2004. As Table 2 reports, these results are related to metal levels in 55 56 341 the soil/groundwater sampled in the control plots in both the crop years. The relationship between 58342 metal levels in the enological matrices and in soil/groundwater system may explain the observed <sup>60</sup>343 inter-seasonal variations. It must be added that it is very difficult to asses all the factors including,

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pollution, volcanic emissions, harvesting and storage that that may influence metal levels in foodplants grown in the same zone in two different crop years.

## 347 Nutritional evaluation

Zinc, copper and manganese are essential micronutrients since they are co-factors of many enzymes, a low dietary intake of these microelements may cause severe deficiency syndromes; on the other hand at high concentrations these trace elements may have toxic effects. For this reason Recommended Daily Allowances (RDAs) have been established by the Food and Drug Administration; for a 70 kg adult they were 18 mg Zn/day, 5 mg Mn/day, 3 mg Cu/day (La Pera and Dugo, 2005). Considering the concentration ranges of Zn (0.4-3 mgL<sup>-1</sup>), Mn (0.5-1.6 mgL<sup>-1</sup>) and Cu (0.05-1 mgL<sup>-1</sup>) found in this study and a 0.25 L daily wine consumption, the RDA % were respectively of 0.5-4 %, 2-8 % and 0.3-8 %. Moreover Cu and Zn levels were always below the legal limits established by the Italian Republic, 1.0 and 5.0 mgL<sup>-1</sup> respectively (Italian Republic, 1986). Toxic elements such as Cd and Pb, present in foodstuff mainly as a result of a contamination process, were found in the studied treated and untreated wines in concentrations well below the legal limits established by the European Community (0.2 mg Pb  $L^{-1}$  and 0.1 mg Cd  $L^{-1}$ ) (European Community, 2001). The nutritional evaluation of the obtained data has shown that a moderate daily consumption of treated wines from both the crop years, provides a Cu, Mn and Zn intake below the RDA and that Pb and Cd levels are within the legal limits; therefore a correct use of these fungicides in wine-growing does not represent a risk for human health.

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1 **Table 1**. Fungicide treatments applied for each plot.

PLOT	Fungicide	N. applications	Frequency of applications (days)	Δt (days)*
Α	$H_2O$	4	7	28
В	200g/hL of Zoxamide 8.3% and Mancozeb 66.7%	4	7	14
С	200g/hL of Zoxamide 8.3% and Mancozeb 66.7%	4	7	28
D	350g/hL of Cu oxychloride 50%WP**	4	7	14
Ε	350g/hL of Cu oxychloride 50%WP	4	7	28

\* $\Delta t$  (days): time elapsed from the last fungicides treatment and the grape harvesting

\*\*WP= wet powder

**Table 2**.Heavy metal concentrations (as well as pH) in soil (mgkg<sup>-1</sup> d.w.) and groundwater ( $\mu$ gL<sup>-1</sup>)

6 samples collected in different points of the studied plots. Each result is the mean of three replicates.

Plot	pН	Mn	Zn	Cu	Pb	Cd
				2003		
A s*	7.9	100.2±11.3	85.4±7.2	11.1±1.3	$1.0\pm0.2$	1.5±0.1
A g*	7.3	198.2±15.6	67.1±8.8	5.9±0.5	$0.1\pm0.0$	$0.2\pm0.0$
Bs	8.0	95.5±19.1	73.2±8.4	$10.5 \pm 1.1$	1.5±0.5	1.0±0.3
Вg	7.4	177.5±25.9	58.3±5.5	5.0±0.5	0.2±0.0	< 0.1
C s	7.9	103.4±16.3	78.8±5.1	8.9±0.9	1.6±0.4	1.3±0.3
Сg	7.2	212.2±25.3	66.3±7.1	3.8±0.3	$0.2\pm0.0$	$0.1\pm0.0$
D s	7.9	89.0±9.6	81.4±9.4	9.1±0.9	1.3±0.7	1.6±0.2
D g	7.3	161.1±14.3	$70.0\pm5.9$	4.1±0.3	0.1±0.0	$0.1\pm0.0$
E s	7.8	106.7±13.5	75.6±8.3	11.7±1.9	1.3±0.6	1.0±0.2
Εg	7.5	224.0±21.5	$62.5 \pm 5.8$	$6.0\pm0.6$	0.1±0.0	<0.1
				2004		
A s	8.0	80.2±10.0	74.3±7.2	13.2±1.0	1.7±0.3	1.1±0.1
Ag	7.5	68.5±6.1	49.9±5.1	7.3±0.6	$0.2\pm0.0$	<0.1
B s	8.1	85.5±9.4	83.0±8.5	15.2±2.0	1.9±0.7	1.0±0.3
Вg	7.5	62.3±5.5	$54.2\pm5.9$	8.5±0.6	$0.2\pm0.0$	<0.1
C s	7.8	103.0±11.2	94.2±7.3	$10.5 \pm 1.5$	2.0±0.2	1.9±0.3
Сg	7.3	70.0±6.9	$58.6 \pm 4.8$	$7.0\pm0.5$	$0.2\pm0.0$	$0.1\pm0.0$
D s	7.9	101.7±8.5	82.8±8.8	8.5±0.9	2.1±0.5	1.4±0.2
D g	7.4	69.8±6.3	55.6±6.1	7.0±0.6	0.2±0.0	< 0.1
E s	7.9	78.9±7.5	67.4±6.7	8.2±1.1	1.8±0.6	1.0±0.2
Eg	7.3	75.2±7.0	41.5±3.9	6.3±0.4	$0.1\pm0.0$	0.1

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7 \*s=soil, g=groundwater

Table 3 Metal concentrations (mean±st.dev) in wines subjected to different pesticide treatments, as

indicated in Table 1; five samples from each plot were analysed in triplicate (mean±st.dev).

Significances of differences between blank and treated samples are also reported as chi-square ( $\chi^2$ ) 

and p values from Kruskal- Wallis test\*

\*the treatments number was considered as the grouping variable; the freedom degrees were 4

year			2003		
	Mn	Zn	Cu	Pb	Cd
PLOT	( <b>mgL</b> <sup>-1</sup> )	( <b>mgL</b> <sup>-1</sup> )	$(\mu g L^{-1})$	(µgL <sup>-1</sup> )	(µgL <sup>-1</sup> )
Α	$0.5 \pm 0.1$	1.4±0.2	43.5±2.0	$10.4 \pm 10.1$	5.5±1.0
В	$1.7\pm0.1$	3.0±0.1	50.2±1.3	31.3±5.2	9.3±4.2
С	$1.2\pm0.2$	2.6±0.2	47.3±3.4	18.4±1.5	13.5±3.9
D	$0.5 \pm 0.1$	0.5±0.1	57.2±2.7	13.0±1.5	$2.2 \pm 1.0$
Ε	$0.6 \pm 0.1$	0.5±0.0	44.0±2.1	19.3±1.4	6.3±1.0
$\chi^2$	19.579	21.840	19.818	20.427	18.298
<i>p</i> <	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
			2004		
Α	0.5±0.0	0.4±0.0	552.2±92.1	117.1±25.5	< 0.5
В	$1.5 \pm 0.1$	$1.4\pm0.1$	335.4±16.4	190.4±21.9	< 0.5
С	$1.7\pm0.2$	2.6±0.3	760.4±14.4	<0.1	< 0.5
D	$0.3\pm0.1$	$0.7\pm0.0$	1112.1±84.5	32.6±7.3	< 0.5
Ε	$0.6 \pm 0.0$	1.1±0.1	1100.0±73.3	152.2±6.3	< 0.5
$\chi^2$	21.948	22.995	21.940	22.564	0.0
<i>p</i> <	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1
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**Table 4**. Metal concentrations in grape-stalks subjected to different pesticide treatments; five 16 samples for each plot were analysed in triplicate (mean±st.dev). Significances of differences 17 between blank and treated samples are also reported as chi-square ( $\chi^2$ ) and p values from Kruskal-18 Wallis test

year			2003		20
	Mn	Zn	Cu	Pb	<b>Cd</b> 21
PLOT	$(mgL^{-1})$	$(mgL^{-1})$	$(mgL^{-1})$	$(\mu g L^{-1})$	(µgL <sup>-1</sup> )22
Α	7.4±1.2	17.3±1.4	6.44±0.75	8.3±1.2	17.2±1. <b>2</b> 3
В	$18.8 \pm 1.0$	47.2±2.0	8.84±1.47	55.1±1.4	86.1±2. <b>2</b> 4
С	48.4±1.6	$26.2 \pm 1.0$	$11.2 \pm 1.2$	58.4±2.9	73.9±2. <b>5</b> 5
D	$10.4 \pm 1.5$	$15.6 \pm 1.4$	196±12	191.1±11.0	62.1±1.36
Ε	4.5±0.6	16.2±1.2	314±12	192.8±2.5	$17.4 \pm 2.5_{7}$
$\chi^2$	22.900	19.483	22.390	21.986	23.52928
<i>p</i> <	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000 29
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Α	7.0±0.2	5.0±0.4	28.08±0.92	87.0±9.1	11.1±1.3 <sub>1</sub>
В	39.8±5.9	29.0±4.2	24.5±2.3	92.3±8.6	82.2±11.
С	47.7±3.2	19.2±1.3	54.7±4.5	103.0±12.1	126.8±80,1
D	$7.6 \pm 0.8$	$4.4 \pm 0.4$	124.0±13.4	164.8±13.4	$67.2\pm7.4$
Ε	15.6±1.7	6.4±0.7	177.0±15.1	<0.1	<0.1 25
$\chi^2$	21.629	22.250	22.900	19.672	21.71826
<i>p</i> <	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	$0.000\frac{30}{27}$
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**Table 5**. Metal concentrations in grapes subjected to different pesticide treatments; five samples for 44 each plot were analysed in triplicate (mean±st.dev). Significances of differences between blank and 45 treated samples are also reported as chi-square ( $\chi^2$ ) and p values from Kruskal- Wallis test

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B         23.3±4.1         61.8±10.0         5.40±1.29         196.1±46.4         143.2±20           C         8.0±1.8         27.0±6.0         12.9±1.8         22.3±9.5         76.1±18           D         4.3±1.4         24.2±6.7         12.9±2.1         265.4±28.1         40.2±9.9           E         3.3±0.5         15.1±1.7         9.78±1.92         288.0±22.3         52.9±10.4 $\chi^2$ 21.494         19.080         19.947         21.492         22.825           p <	Α	$2.2\pm0.7$	24.2±3.3	$3.60 \pm 0.77$	<0.1	<0.1
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	<i>p</i> <	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

**Table 6**. Metal concentrations in marcs subjected to different pesticide treatments; five samples for each plot were analysed in triplicate (mean±st.dev). Significances of differences between blank and treated samples are also reported as chi-square ( $\chi^2$ ) and p values from Kruskal- Wallis test

year			2003		
	Mn	Zn	Cu	Pb	Cd
PLOT	$(mgL^{-1})$	$(mgL^{-1})$	( <b>mgL</b> <sup>-1</sup> )	$(\mu g L^{-1})$	(µgL <sup>-1</sup> )
Α	7.4±1.6	2.5±0.3	31.2±3.7	<0.1	<0.5
В	19.3±2.8	$7.2\pm0.7$	56.1±6.9	<0.1	31.3±7.2
С	33.2±4.0	9.1±1.5	51.4±2.9	<0.1	80.0±6.1
D	3.9±0.7	8.7±0.5	161.7±10.1	<0.1	<0.5
E	$12.2 \pm 1.7$	4.6±0.4	150.3±12.6	<0.1	<0.5
$\chi^2$	23.077	21.150	21.267	23.622	23.529
<i>p</i> <	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
			2004		
Α	5.6±0.92	3.0±0.5	32.2±4.8	<0.1	< 0.5
В	$10.7 \pm 2.0$	4.7±0.7	33.2±3.6	71.1±2.2	< 0.5
С	$12.4 \pm 1.2$	$10.9 \pm 1.4$	31.7±2.9	42.3±6.4	63.4±8.3
D	$5.5 \pm 0.9$	0.6±0.1	86.1±7.4	46.8±7.1	<0.5
E	2.8±0.8	9.2±0.9	93.5±3.7	<0.1	< 0.5
$\chi^2$	21.186	22.457	17.935	22.401	23.622
<i>p</i> <	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000

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