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Influence of nitrogen status in wine alcoholic fermentation

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12 **Abstract**

13 Nitrogen is an essential nutrient for yeast during alcoholic fermentation. Nitrogen is involved
14 in the biosynthesis of protein, amino acids, nucleotides, and other metabolites, including
15 volatile compounds. However, recent studies have called several mechanisms that regulate its
16 role in biosynthesis into question. An initial focus on *S. cerevisiae* has highlighted that the
17 concept of “preferred” *versus* “non-preferred” nitrogen sources is extremely variable and
18 strain-dependent. Then, the direct involvement of amino acids consumed in the formation of
19 proteins and volatile compounds has recently been reevaluated. Indeed, studies have
20 highlighted the key role of lipids in nitrogen regulation in *S. cerevisiae* and their involvement
21 in the mechanism of cell death. New winemaking strategies using non-*Saccharomyces* yeast
22 strains in co- or sequential fermentation improve nitrogen management. Indeed, recent studies

23 show that non-*Saccharomyces* yeasts have significant and specific needs for nitrogen.
24 Moreover, sluggish fermentation can occur when they are associated with *S. cerevisiae*,
25 necessitating nitrogen addition. In this context, we will present the consequences of nitrogen
26 addition, discussing the sources, time of addition, transcriptome changes, and effect on
27 volatile compound composition.

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51 **1 Introduction**

52 The main sources of yeast assimilable nitrogen (YAN) in grape must are ammonium and
53 amino acids. Their concentrations vary depending on geographical location (Rapp and
54 Versini, 1995), climate (Ribéreau-Gayon et al., 2006), cultivar or rootstock (Schreiner et al.,
55 2017; Stines et al., 2000), and viticulture techniques (Schreiner et al., 2017; Spayd et al.,
56 1994). During alcoholic fermentation, yeast take up and metabolize YAN and other nutrients
57 to support growth and produce biomass, as well as volatile compounds (Vilanova et al.,
58 2007). YAN deficiency can sometimes lead to sluggish or stuck fermentation (Alexandre and
59 Charpentier, 1998; Bisson, 1999). Under enological conditions, a concentration of
60 approximately 140 mg N/L of YAN is necessary to complete fermentation within a reasonable
61 period of time (Beltran et al., 2005; Bely et al., 1990; Bisson, 1999; Henschke and Jiranek,
62 1993; Jiranek et al., 1995; Kemsawasd et al., 2015), depending on sugar concentration and
63 winemaking practices.

64 During alcoholic fermentation, the consumption of YAN by yeast is regulated by several
65 molecular mechanisms, which have been well described in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. The
66 most recent reviews on the subject date back to 2005 and 2012 (Bell and Henschke, 2005;
67 Ljungdahl and Daignan-Fornier, 2012) and only one review on nitrogen regulation was been
68 recently published (Zhang et al., 2018). The authors examined several studies on the role of
69 nitrogen metabolism under enological conditions. Most studies have classified YAN as
70 “preferential or non-preferential sources”, depending on the alcoholic fermentation
71 conditions, strains used, and classification method (Beltran et al., 2006; Crépin et al., 2012;
72 Gobert et al., 2017; Jiranek et al., 1995; Kemsawasd et al., 2015; Rollero et al., 2018). The
73 comparison of the studies previously cited highlighted significant differences. Such
74 differences could be due to the complexity of nitrogen regulation, which depends on substrate
75 availability, strain phenotype and matrix.

76 Recent interest in non-*Saccharomyces* (NS) yeasts in spontaneous fermentation (Combina et
77 al., 2005; Cordero-Bueso et al., 2013; Jolly et al., 2014; Liu et al., 2016) and co- or sequential
78 fermentation (Anfang et al., 2009; Ciani et al., 2010; Clemente-Jimenez et al., 2005; Englezos
79 et al., 2018; Medina et al., 2013; Padilla et al., 2017; Soden et al., 2000) add a second level of
80 complexity to nitrogen management under enological conditions. Despite the large body of
81 literature concerning the use of NS yeasts to increase the aromatic complexity of wine
82 (Azzolini et al., 2014; Escribano et al., 2018; Lambrechts and Pretorius, 2000; Liu et al.,
83 2016; Sadoudi et al., 2017, 2012; Swiegers and Pretorius, 2005), improve ethanol reduction
84 (Canonico et al., 2016; Ciani et al., 2016; Contreras et al., 2015, 2014; Englezos et al., 2016;
85 Gobbi et al., 2014; Röcker et al., 2016; Rolle et al., 2017), or act as bio-protection/control
86 agents in winemaking (Cordero-Bueso et al., 2017; Fernandes Lemos Junior et al., 2016; Qin
87 et al., 2015; Simonin et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2018), little data on nitrogen needs, sources,
88 and preferences are available and have never been reviewed (Andorrà et al., 2010; Gobert et
89 al., 2017; Kemsawasd et al., 2015). In addition, only one study (Englezos et al., 2018) has
90 highlighted specific features of one NS yeast, *Starmerrella bacillaris*, concerning the
91 management of nitrogen.

92 Aromatic complexity is an essential aspect of wine quality and largely influences consumer
93 acceptance (King et al., 2011; Lattey et al., 2010). Volatile compounds, an essential element
94 of overall wine flavor, are formed during alcoholic fermentation. The relationship between
95 nutrient availability and the production of desirable volatile compounds is one of the main
96 goals in enology and industry. Some YAN sources have been reported to be precursors of
97 volatile compounds in *S. cerevisiae* (Carrau et al., 2008; Fairbairn et al., 2017; Hazelwood et
98 al., 2008; Ribéreau-Gayon et al., 2006) and non-*Saccharomyces* (González et al., 2018)
99 principally *via* the Ehrlich pathway (González et al., 2018; Hazelwood et al., 2008). However,
100 contrary to the generally accepted view, recent studies have shown that the catabolism of

101 consumed branched amino acids (leucine, isoleucine, threonine and valine) plays an indirect
102 role in the formation of some volatile compounds in *S.cerevisiae* (Crépin et al., 2017; Rollero
103 et al., 2017). Precisely, Crépin et al. (2017) demonstrated the low contribution of the carbon
104 skeletons of consumed amino acids to the production of volatile compounds derived from α -
105 keto acids. Lipid and nitrogen metabolism are interconnected and affect the production of
106 some volatile compounds (Rollero et al., 2017, 2016). The aforementioned studies have
107 shown that there may be a direct relationship between nitrogen sources and the production of
108 volatile compounds and that it may involve more complex mechanisms than those reported to
109 date.

110 Although a large diversity of YAN content and concentration in must can be found during
111 enological processes, ammonium phosphate or ammonium sulfate are commonly added to
112 YAN deficient must. YAN supplementation directly affects biomass production and the
113 performance of alcoholic fermentation (Martínez-Moreno et al., 2012; Varela et al., 2004).
114 However, although it is clear that YAN impact volatile compounds production, the
115 mechanisms implicated seem to be indirect and need to be more investigated. It has been
116 demonstrated that the use of an amino-acid mix for must supplementation increases the rate of
117 alcoholic fermentation more than ammonium phosphate or sulfate addition, with sometimes
118 less production of undesirable volatile compounds (Fairbairn et al., 2017; Kevvai et al., 2016;
119 Martínez-Moreno et al., 2012).

120 **2 YAN metabolism in yeasts**

121 **2.1 *Saccharomyces cerevisiae***

122 **2.1.1 Transporters and general regulation in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae***

123 Although diverse yeast species are used in the first step of winemaking (Barata et al., 2012;
124 Capozzi et al., 2015; Gilbert et al., 2014), many studies have focused on the nitrogen

125 metabolism of *S. cerevisiae* (Crépin et al., 2017, 2012; Grenson et al., 1974; Hazelwood et al.,
126 2008; Jiranek et al., 1995; Mitchell, 1985; Stanbrough and Magasanik, 1995) and many
127 reviews have focused on its metabolism (Bell and Henschke, 2005; Henschke and Jiranek,
128 1993; Horák, 1997; Ljungdahl and Daignan-Fornier, 2012; Ramos et al., 2016). Here, we will
129 only provide a brief general description of *S. cerevisiae* nitrogen metabolism, with a focus on
130 recent studies. The readers can refer to the above-cited articles for an in-depth description of
131 *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* nitrogen metabolism

132 In *S. cerevisiae*, YAN is transported into the cell by various specific or non-specific
133 permeases. Ammonium, which represents a significant proportion of nitrogen sources, is
134 transported by three permeases: Mep1p, Mep2p, and Mep3p. The Mep2 protein displays the
135 highest affinity for ammonium, followed closely by Mep1p and finally Mep3p, of which the
136 affinity is much lower (Marini et al., 1997). These transporters consist of uniport systems.

137 Amino acids are assimilated by various, more or less, selective transporters. Amino-acid
138 permeases (AAPs) are active symport systems (Kotyk, 1994; Ramos et al., 2016). Among
139 them, the general amino-acid permease (Gap1) allows the transport of all amino acids. Other
140 AAPs are more selective and transport only one or a group of amino acids (Ramos et al.,
141 2016). These permeases are regulated by several mechanisms. The first is located on the
142 plasma membrane and forms a complex called Ssy1p-Ptr3p-Ssy5p (SPS). This complex
143 induces an endoproteolytic processing event in response to the extracellular amino-acid status,
144 which activates the transcription of AAP genes (Figure 1) (Andréasson and Ljungdahl, 2004;
145 Ljungdahl, 2009).

146 Nitrogen catabolite repression (NCR) is another regulatory system used by *S. cerevisiae*.
147 Currently, *GAP1*, *CAN1*, *PUT4*, *DIP5*, *UGA4* (amino acids permeases) and *MEP1*, *MEP2*,
148 *MEP3* (ammonium permease) are known to be under the control of this regulatory system

149 (Ljungdahl and Daignan-Fornier, 2012). This system leads the yeast to selectively utilize
150 preferred sources of nitrogen when they are available. Conversely, general de-repression of
151 the genes regulated by the NCR system leads the cell to nonspecifically use other sources of
152 nitrogen in the absence of a preferential nitrogen source. The classification of nitrogen source
153 preferences is not absolute and their repressive effects can vary substantially between yeast
154 strains (Magasanik and Kaiser, 2002). The expression of genes encoding NCR-sensitive
155 AAPs is regulated by complex pathways involving multiple transcription factors with
156 activating or inhibitory effects. The target of these transcription factors is the UAS_{NTR}
157 activation sequence, located upstream of the promoter of genes encoding NCR-sensitive
158 AAPs. This element consists mainly of two distinct dodecanucleotide sites with a
159 pentanucleotide consensus sequence 5'-GATATA-3'. A pair of Dal80/Uga43 proteins and
160 three Gat1, Ure2, Gln3 proteins have been identified and reported to participate in the
161 regulation of NCR-sensitive gene expression across the UAS_{NTR} element (Cunningham et al.,
162 1996). However, results from a more recent study suggests that Ure2p and GATA
163 transcription factors (Gln3, Gat1, Dal80 and Gzf3 transcription factors) are involved (Georis
164 et al., 2009). Thus, in the study of Cunningham et al. (1996), Gln3p and Gat1p were factors
165 that allowed the activation of NCR-sensitive gene transcription. The factors Dal80/Uga43 are
166 proteins that block the binding site of the Gln3 and Gat1 factors. Ure2 sequesters Gln3 and
167 Gat1 proteins in the cytoplasm. In the study of Georis et al. (2009), Gln3 and Gat1 were
168 shown to be activators of NCR-sensitive gene expression. However, there are differences at
169 the level of the repression systems. Georis et al. (2009) showed that Dal80 and Gzf3, but not
170 Uga43, were blocking proteins of the UAS_{NTR} binding site. Ure2 was shown to have the same
171 role in both studies (Figure 2).

172 In *S. cerevisiae*, the NCR system is controlled by the target of the rapamycin pathway (TOR),
173 which is comprised of two complexes, TOR complex 1 (TORC1) and TOR complex 2

174 (TORC2). Only TORC1 is involved in the control of the NCR system. This aspect will not be
175 discussed further here, as nitrogen metabolism, including the regulation of sensing, transport,
176 and catabolism was recently extensively reviewed by Zhang et al. (2018). However, a study
177 showed that *TORC1*-mediated control of NCR is only partial (Fayyad-Kazan et al., 2016).
178 The authors investigated the regulation of the NCR system by glutamate and glutamine, major
179 nitrogen sources for biosynthesis. The results showed a negative role of the anabolic
180 glutamate dehydrogenase (Gdh1) on Gat1 and Gln3 (transcriptional activators of NCR genes)
181 activity under repressive nitrogen conditions. Thus, preferred nitrogen sources may trigger
182 NCR-sensitive gene repression or *TORC1* activation, probably through transient glutamine
183 accumulation.

184 More broadly, global gene expression is strongly influenced by the concentration of nitrogen
185 during fermentation. In synthetic must under conditions of low nitrogen, genes mainly
186 associated with protein synthesis and RNA and nucleic acid metabolism are downregulated at
187 the beginning of fermentation (24 to 48 h) (Mendes-Ferreira et al., 2007). In contrast, genes
188 involved in energy generation, carbohydrate metabolism, oxidoreductase activity, respiratory
189 chain phosphorylation, transporter activity, respiration, response to oxidative stress, oxygen,
190 and reactive oxygen species metabolism are upregulated. This expression profile is
191 sustainable, as the genes expressed at the end of fermentation are fundamentally the same as
192 those expressed early in the yeast cell response (Mendes-Ferreira et al., 2007). Under the
193 same conditions, Barbosa et al. (2015) showed that gene expression varies highly among yeast
194 strains, depending on nitrogen availability (low or high concentration), fermentation stage,
195 and the interaction of the two factors. In particular, the high fermenter yeast strain (*S.*
196 *cerevisiae* UCD522) used in this study showed high expression of 333 genes involved in
197 transport and phosphate metabolism throughout fermentation under conditions of low
198 nitrogen. In contrast, 246 genes were more highly expressed, including flocculation genes,

199 under conditions of high nitrogen (Barbosa et al., 2015). In addition, transcriptional regulation
200 can be affected by the nitrogen source. In 2006, Boer et al., evaluated the transcriptional
201 response of *S. cerevisiae* in glucose-limited chemostat culture in synthetic must.
202 Phenylalanine, leucine, methionine, and proline were used as “non-preferred” nitrogen
203 sources and asparagine and ammonium as “preferred” nitrogen sources. A group of 23 genes
204 was upregulated during growth on “non-preferred” sources. Among them, six are involved in
205 the metabolism of the “non-preferred” nitrogen sources allantoin and urea (*DAL1*, *DAL2*,
206 *DAL5*, *DUR1*, *DUR2*, *DUR3*) and five encode transporters for nitrogen-containing
207 compounds (*GAP1*, *PTR2*, *MEP2*, *MEP3* and *OPT2*). This group also included the GATA
208 factor. From these 23 genes, 14 were established as NCR targets (Boer et al., 2006).

209 **2.1.2 Classification of “preferred” and “non-preferred” nitrogen sources in**

210 *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

211 The phenotypic diversity of *S. cerevisiae* concerning YAN preferences correlates with the
212 presence of genetic variants (Cubillos et al., 2017; Gutiérrez et al., 2013a; Salinas et al.,
213 2012). Currently, three methods are used to classify YAN as “preferred” or “non-preferred”
214 nitrogen sources. The first, used since the 80’s and 90’s, considers the consumption rate,
215 specific growth rate, and kinetics of fermentation (Grenson, 1992, 1983; Henschke and
216 Jiranek, 1993; Jiranek et al., 1995). The second is based on the response of the NCR system.
217 YAN that induce the activation of transcription of permeases is considered as “preferred”
218 sources. Crépin et al. (2012) used this method to show that classification was possible
219 according to the order of assimilation of YAN by *S. cerevisiae*. The last method is based on
220 the response of the SPS system (Boer et al., 2006; Ljungdahl, 2009). YAN sources that induce
221 the activation of transcription of permeases under the control of the SPS mechanism are
222 considered to be “preferred”, as for the method based on NCR regulation.

223 Studies to classify nitrogen sources preferences have yielded varying results throughout the
224 years. Table 1 reviews all studies that have attempted to rank YAN preferences. Three YAN
225 sources (ammonium, asparagine, and glutamine) have been significantly more often classified
226 as preferred nitrogen sources, regardless of the classification method. In contrast, alanine,
227 GABA, glutamic acid, histidine, and methionine have been the least often classified. Overall,
228 17 YAN sources can theoretically be considered to be “preferred”. This comparison highlights
229 the difficulty in comparing and determining a pool of preferential YAN. Indeed, in
230 winemaking, the metabolic activity of *S. cerevisiae* can be strongly influenced by the matrix.
231 Authors have used different synthetic grape musts or real musts, coming from different grape
232 varieties. YAN assimilation may be influenced by other nutrients, such as lipids or vitamins,
233 not present at the same concentration under all conditions. Without standardization of the
234 matrix, it is difficult to draw definitive conclusions on the YAN that are preferentially
235 assimilated. In addition, multifactorial abiotic factors (discussed later in this review) need to
236 be considered when categorizing YAN. The effect of the strain is also a variable that must be
237 considered. Each strain of *S. cerevisiae* shows differences in terms of their YAN consumption
238 capacities (Brice et al., 2018; Crépin et al., 2012; Cubillos et al., 2017).

239 Several studies have focused on arginine under fermentation conditions. Although arginine is
240 not considered to be a “preferred” nitrogen source in most studies, it plays a major role in
241 nitrogen metabolism. During the first stage of fermentation, part of the amino-acid content,
242 particularly arginine, localizes to the vacuole. After the complete exhaustion of nitrogen
243 sources at the end of the growth phase, arginine stored in the vacuole is remobilized to
244 maintain the biomass concentration, particularly for low biomass-producing *S. cerevisiae*
245 strains (Crépin et al., 2014). Cheng et al. (2016) showed a relationship between the response
246 of *S. cerevisiae* to arginine and ethanol stress. They showed that the addition of 250 mg/L of
247 arginine under stressful conditions increased the cell density by 2.3-fold over that of the

248 control (Cheng et al., 2016). The same observation was made by Noti et al. (2018). They
249 demonstrated that arginine exerted a positive effect (relative to other amino acids) on the
250 growth and fermentation rate of *S. cerevisiae*. They suggested that arginine exerts this
251 beneficial effect on growth not only because of its nutritional role as a nitrogen source, but
252 also because of its effect as an osmoprotectant (Noti et al., 2018).

253 **2.1.3 Nitrogen and volatile compounds metabolism in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae***

254 The metabolic network involved in the production of volatile compounds has been well
255 mapped by Styger et al. (2011). They studied genetic factors that affect the conversion of
256 amino acids to aroma compounds, focusing on regulation of the Ehrlich pathway (Hazelwood
257 et al., 2008). They showed that the expression of a cluster of ten genes could be significantly
258 correlated with the production of specific volatile compounds. This cluster could be divided
259 into three categories encoding five dehydrogenases, three decarboxylases, and two reductases.
260 Among the dehydrogenases, *GPD2*, *ADH3*, and *OYE2* play an important role in cellular redox
261 maintenance reactions, whereas *AAD6* and *HOM2* appear to be directly involved in Ehrlich
262 reactions. In particular, *HOM2* catalyzes the second step in the common pathway for
263 methionine and threonine biosynthesis. Its expression is regulated by Gcn4 and the general
264 control of amino-acid synthesis. Other genes, including *PRO2*, which catalyzes the second
265 step of proline biosynthesis, can perform their functions directly on the pathway (Styger et al.,
266 2011). The function of the genes was verified by deletion of those that appeared to most
267 strongly affect the Ehrlich pathway. Deletion of *HOM2* led to the greatest reduction in the
268 concentration of higher alcohols and volatile acids, suggesting that *HOM2* plays a central and
269 direct role in the formation of both the higher alcohols and volatile acids. *PRO2* deletion led
270 to an increase in the levels of fatty acids in strains grown on medium supplemented with
271 branched-chain amino acids. The authors suggested that *PRO2* plays a different role in the
272 Ehrlich pathway than the other selected genes.

273 Other molecules, such as volatile thiols, also play an important organoleptic role, especially in
274 white wine. The regulation of production of two volatile thiols, 4-methyl-4-sulfanylpentan-2-
275 one (4MSP) and 3-sulfanyl- hexan-1-ol (3SH), was investigated by Thibon et al. (2008) in
276 synthetic medium. The authors demonstrated that *IRC7*, a gene encoding a putative
277 cystathionine β -lyase, was one of the main genes encoding the protein that catalyzes 4MSP
278 and 3SH release under enological conditions. They also demonstrated that transcriptional
279 regulation of *IRC7* is associated with the NCR system (Thibon et al., 2008). The NCR system
280 is also involved in the regulation of the production of another thiol, 3-mercapto-hexanol
281 (3MH), by modulating the activity of Gap1 (Subileau et al., 2008).

282 Although many studies have shown a significant correlation between YAN and volatile
283 compounds production (Carrau et al., 2008; Fairbairn et al., 2017; Hernandez-Orte et al.,
284 2006; Hernández-Orte et al., 2006, 2004), recent studies suggest that this link may be much
285 weaker than previously thought (Crépin et al., 2017; Rollero et al., 2017). In a first part,
286 Crépin et al. (2017) showed that the main role of the catabolism of most of the consumed
287 amino acids is to supply nitrogen for the *de novo* synthesis of proteinogenic amino acids in
288 accordance with anabolic requirements. This *de novo* synthesis (provided approximately 60 to
289 80% of the demand for nearly all amino acids) achieved with the carbon backbones of
290 precursors (mainly α -keto acids) in addition to ammonium donors. In a second part, ^{13}C
291 tracer used by authors provided evidence that the carbon intermediates originated primarily
292 from the catabolism of sugars through the central carbon metabolism, while the catabolism of
293 and interconversions between amino acids accounted for a limited portion of the formation of
294 α -keto acids. Furthermore, a low contribution of the carbon skeletons of consumed amino
295 acids to the production of volatile compounds derived from α -keto acids was demonstrated
296 (Crepineet al., 2017). Rollero et al. (2017) complemented this study by investigating how
297 variations in nitrogen and lipid resources can influence the contributions of both nitrogen and

298 carbon metabolism to the production of fermentative aromas using filiation experiments with
299 ¹³C-labelled leucine and valine nitrogen sources. They showed that only a small fraction of
300 higher alcohols was synthesized using the carbon skeletons of amino acids. Moreover, the
301 quantity of YAN available before fermentation had a strong impact on both metabolic protein
302 synthesis and higher alcohol flux. Under conditions of low nitrogen (70 mg/L), the direct
303 incorporation of exogenous leucine into biomass was limited to 30%. This observation is in
304 accordance with the results of Crépin et al. (2017), which show that consumed amino acids
305 provide an intracellular nitrogen pool for *de novo* synthesis. However, under conditions of
306 moderate (250 mg/L) to high nitrogen (425 mg/L), the direct incorporation of consumed
307 leucine into biomass reached 70%. This result appears to contradict that of Crépin et al.
308 (2017). However, in this study, a low available YAN condition was tested (180 mg/L of YAN
309 for 240 g/L of glucose). Variations in the concentration of YAN appeared to influence the
310 percentage of direct incorporation of amino acids into biomass formation. Simultaneously, the
311 total production of higher alcohols changed differently, depending on nitrogen availability.
312 Rollero et al. (2017) showed that an increase of nitrogen from 70 to 250 mg/L increases the
313 synthesis of α -ketoacids via central carbon metabolism, which results in a marked increase in
314 the flux towards the formation of higher alcohols. However, at high concentration of YAN
315 (425 mg/L), intracellular α -ketoacids are, to a large extent, directed towards the synthesis of
316 amino acids at the expense of higher alcohol formation, resulting in a decrease in the
317 formation of aromas relative to the previous conditions. In opposite, it is indeed well known
318 that the production of higher alcohols is highly affected by the nitrogen concentration and
319 composition of grape must (Beltran et al., 2005; Carrau et al., 2008; Vilanova et al., 2007).
320 Nitrogen starvation increases the production of higher alcohols, probably due to the higher
321 levels of α -keto acids produced on those conditions, which cannot be transaminated and are in
322 turn converted into higher alcohols.

323 Nevertheless, the strain under study, use of synthetic medium, concentration of nitrogen
324 sources, temperature, and anaerobic and stirring conditions are all elements to consider in
325 validating the redistribution of YAN into the cell for the *de novo* synthesis of proteinogenic
326 amino acids and the consequences on the production of higher alcohols.

327 **2.2 Non-Saccharomyces yeasts**

328 Nitrogen metabolism of NS yeasts is a recent topic of interest in enology. Little data is
329 available and published studies have never been reviewed. There is also recent
330 biotechnological interest in NS yeasts in winemaking, including their needs, in particular that
331 of nitrogen. The use of NS yeasts in co- or sequential fermentation generally leads to YAN
332 consumption and competition for nitrogen sources with *S. cerevisiae*. These types of
333 fermentation can ultimately lead to sluggish or stuck fermentation (Medina et al., 2012).
334 Consequently, a better comprehensive understanding of the metabolic nitrogen requirements
335 of NS yeasts and their regulation will aid in the control of fermentation. The first studies
336 focused on preferential nitrogen sources of NS yeasts (Andorrà et al., 2010; Gobert et al.,
337 2017; Kemsawasd et al., 2015). As for *S. cerevisiae*, the term “preferential” is questionable
338 for NS yeasts. The difficulty in identifying “preferential” sources lies in that it depends on the
339 strain, fermentation method and classification method (Andorrà et al., 2010; Gobert et al.,
340 2017; Kemsawasd et al., 2015). Available studies provide a first overview of “preferential”
341 nitrogen sources, mainly according to the capacity of NS yeasts to assimilate nitrogen and its
342 rate of consumption. No molecular classification based on the regulation of nitrogen
343 assimilation, such as the NCR or SPS systems (known in *S. cerevisiae*) is currently available.
344 Currently, only one study indicated the presence of the NCR mechanism in *Hanseniaspora*
345 *vineae* (Lleixà et al., 2019). Table 2 shows the first proposed classification of the various
346 “preferential” nitrogen sources according to NS yeast strain, although such a comparison is
347 not evident. Six NS yeasts have been studied: *H. uvarum*, *L. thermotolerans*, *M. pulcherrima*,

348 *S. bacillaris*, *T. delbrueckii*, and *P. membranifaciens*. Most publications have reported
349 glutamine as the preferred nitrogen source for *H. uvarum*, *L. thermotolerans*, *M. pulcherrima*,
350 and *T. delbrueckii* and leucine for *H. uvarum*, *L. thermotolerans*, and *M. pulcherrima*.
351 However, Gobert et al. (2017) showed a significant effect of fermentation temperature on the
352 assimilation and consumption rates of nitrogen sources. For example, leucine was classified
353 as a “preferred” source at 28°C for *M. pulcherrima*, whereas it was classified as an
354 “intermediate” source at 20°C. This effect has also been observed for *S. cerevisiae* (Beltran et
355 al., 2006). No studies are available to explain this phenomenon, but the recent study of
356 Englezos et al. (2018) on NS yeast *S. bacillaris* provides a first answer. Surprisingly, the
357 strains studied showed poor assimilation of amino acids during alcoholic fermentation relative
358 to that of ammonium, which was entirely consumed. In addition, the production of several
359 amino acids, such as alanine, glutamic acid, glycine, and valine was observed, whereas
360 precedent studies have never reported such production. These results showing the ability of *S.*
361 *bacillaris* to preferentially consume ammonium suggest less efficient SPS-dependent
362 regulation (based on the *S. cerevisiae* model) of amino-acid permeases or an inhibitory
363 mechanism mediated by ammonium. A significant proportion of YAN can be assimilated by
364 NS yeast strains before the predominance of *S. cerevisiae* in the fermentation process. As a
365 consequence, the growth and fermentation kinetics of *S. cerevisiae* may be negatively
366 affected (Gobert et al., 2017; Kemsawasd et al., 2015; Medina et al., 2012; Rollero et al.,
367 2018; Wang et al., 2015). In particular, Gobert et al. (2017) showed that NS yeasts can
368 consume between 66 and 215 mg/L of YAN, depending on the species. Of course, the rate of
369 consumption can vary, depending on the winemaking methods (spontaneous fermentation, co-
370 inoculation, sequential fermentation, temperature, aeration) and matrix (YAN must
371 composition). Thus, nitrogen deficiencies need to be prevented by nitrogen supplementation
372 to cover the needs of *S. cerevisiae* in the must for optimal alcoholic fermentation.

373 **3 Factors that influence YAN assimilation**

374 **3.1 Sugar - nitrogen balance**

375 Sluggish or stuck fermentations can be prevented by nitrogen supplementation when using
376 deficient must. Several studies have been performed to determine the optimal nitrogen
377 concentration in must to guarantee complete fermentation (Alexandre and Charpentier, 1998;
378 Bely et al., 1990; Bisson, 1999; Henschke and Jiranek, 1993; Jiranek et al., 1995; Mendes-
379 Ferreira et al., 2004). It is generally accepted that 120 at 140 mg N/L is sufficient (Bely et al.,
380 1990) to complete the fermentation of 200 g/L of sugar. However, the needs may be higher,
381 depending on winemaking practices (Mendes-Ferreira et al., 2004). The ratio of nitrogen to
382 carbon sources during fermentation needs to be balanced to ensure good metabolic activity of
383 the yeast. Several studies have associated nitrogen deficiency with a high turnover rate of
384 sugar transporters in nitrogen-deficient must, resulting in a loss of sugar uptake capacity by
385 the cells (Bisson, 1999; Salmon, 1989). Varela et al. (2004) showed that the rate of carbon
386 uptake in “normal” fermentation was 3.6-fold higher during the exponential phase and 10-fold
387 higher during the late stationary phase than for “sluggish” fermentation. The authors found
388 that nitrogen deficiency affects the glucose transporter turnover rate and the expression of at
389 least one: *HXT1* (low-affinity glucose transporter). Surprisingly, under conditions in which
390 sugar uptake is low, they showed that adding biomass from sluggish cultures (from another
391 tank) not only reduced the time to finish a problematic fermentation but was also less likely to
392 affect the quality of the resulting wine. The higher the concentration of biomass, the quicker
393 the fermentation was completed, even if the cells were grown in nitrogen-deficient medium
394 (Maisonave et al., 2013; Varela et al., 2004). Biomass formation coupled with macro- and
395 micronutrients, including YAN, appear to be essential parameters involved in the mechanism
396 of sluggish fermentation.

397 **3.2 *S. cerevisiae* strain effect**

398 In 2012, Crépin et al. showed that the kinetics of YAN consumption were strongly strain-
399 dependent. Fourteen *S. cerevisiae* strains were tested in synthetic medium. The maximum
400 rate of nitrogen consumption was between 16.8 and 27.8 mg N/L/h, which represented 40% of
401 the variability in terms of the kinetics of nitrogen consumption. More recently, Lemos Junior
402 et al. (2017) estimated the YAN needs of seven *S. cerevisiae* vineyard strains in synthetic
403 must using three different YAN concentrations (70 mg N/L, 150 mg N/L, and 300 mg N/L).
404 The authors showed no significant differences in fermentation kinetics at 150 and 300 mg N/L
405 for all but one strain. However, there was a strong decrease in the rate of fermentation at 70
406 mg N/L. Thus, the fermentation kinetics appears to strongly correlate with the *S. cerevisiae*
407 strain in conventional winemaking. In addition, although YAN supplementation reduced the
408 duration of fermentation in this study, a concentration of 300 mg N/L appears to be the lower
409 limit required for the maximum rate of fermentation. Brice et al. (2018) evaluated the diverse
410 nitrogen needs of *S. cerevisiae* by determining the specific quantity of nitrogen consumed in
411 an environment containing excess nitrogen, eliminating the nitrogen limitation/starvation
412 factor that is generally observed during the fermentation processes. The authors demonstrated
413 that the differences in the capacity of the strains to consume YAN were a result of differences
414 in their ability to uptake specific nitrogen sources. The differences between the strains tested
415 in this study to import nitrogen sources could be explained by mutations in the coding
416 sequences that modulate the activities of the permeases or differences in the expression
417 pattern of genes encoding these transporters.

418 **3.3 Importance of lipids**

419 Lipids, another nutrient present in must, affect nitrogen metabolism and this topic is reviewed
420 here for the first time. The major fatty acids found in must were variable depending on studies
421 (Gallander and Peng, 1979; Yunoki et al., 2005). However, palmitic, stearic, arachidic,
422 behenic, linoleic and linolenic acids are predominant. Phytosterols are also present in grape

423 berries, predominantly β -systerol. Although lipids (sterols and fatty acids) have been shown to
424 play a key role in maintaining membrane integrity and viability during alcoholic fermentation,
425 no link has yet been reported between lipid and nitrogen assimilation. In 2013, Tesnière et al.
426 evaluated the consequences of nutritional lipid/nitrogen imbalances on wine yeast survival
427 during alcoholic fermentation. The authors showed that yeast cell death during lipid-limited
428 fermentation (using ergosterol as lipid source) was strongly influenced by the nitrogen content
429 of the medium, with high nitrogen availability leading to high rates of cell death. Several
430 amino acids were implicated as toxic precursors: arginine, glutamate, and glutamine. These
431 observations correlated with the presence of the TOR-associated protein Tco89. High viability
432 during lipid-limited fermentation was restored when the gene encoding this protein was
433 deleted. This study highlights a relationship between the *TORC1* nitrogen signaling pathway
434 and lipid limitation during alcoholic fermentation. Similarly, a study by Rollero et al. (2016)
435 highlighted the role of lipid management in nitrogen metabolism. The addition of phytosterols
436 to low-nitrogen medium influenced the consumption of various nitrogen sources. In
437 particular, the nitrogen sources were most rapidly depleted at the lowest lipid concentration,
438 especially valine, phenylalanine, and leucine. Consistent with these results, in nitrogen-rich
439 medium, phytosterol addition (8 mg/L) increased the consumption rate of nitrogen sources, in
440 particular tyrosine, tryptophan, glutamine, and ammonium. However, this was not true for all
441 tested strains. In the same study, one strain consumed nitrogen more rapidly when the must
442 contained a low concentration of phytosterols (2 mg/L). This effect may be explained by
443 changes in the plasma membrane due to the incorporation of phytosterols. Indeed, the
444 phospholipid composition of the membrane can be influenced and could affect transporter
445 activity, particularly that of the arginine permease Can1p and Gap1p (Lauwers and André,
446 2006; Malinska et al., 2003).

447 **3.4 Temperature**

448 Temperature influences the expression of several genes involved in nitrogen metabolism,
449 particularly that of several transporters. For example, *GAP1* is 5.2-fold down-regulated at
450 12.5°C relative to 25°C (Deed et al., 2015). However, the transcription of several other genes,
451 such as *ARO9* and *ARO10* (involved in catabolism of phenylalanine and methionine and
452 catabolism of multiple amino acids) is induced (Deed et al., 2015; Romagnoli et al., 2012). In
453 2006, Beltran et al. showed that *S. cerevisiae* grown at a low temperature (13°C) consumed
454 less nitrogen than at 25°C. Indeed, the consumption of ammonium was 79 mg/L at 25°C and
455 59 mg/L at 13°C and that of amino acids 67 mg/L at 25°C and 59 mg/L at 13°C. The
456 expression of *GAP1* and *MEP2* was not affected by the difference in temperature during
457 fermentation, except at the end of the fermentation at 13°C, at which point the gene
458 expression levels were higher (Beltran et al., 2006).

459 **3.5 Oxygen**

460 Under anaerobiosis, yeast growth normally requires oxygen in order to favour the synthesis of
461 sterols and unsaturated fatty acids. However, in such conditions, superfluous oxygen
462 consumption by yeast cells is observed. The superfluous oxygen consumed by the yeast cells
463 appeared not to be related to classical respiration, but mainly to the operation of several
464 mitochondrial alternative respiration pathways, which were linked to the cell cytochrome
465 contents (Salmon et al., 1998). It was calculated that approximately 124 μmol oxygen/g
466 biomass were necessary for the synthesis of unsaturated fatty acids (Verduyn et al., 1990). In
467 2000, Blateyron and Sablayrolles showed that the combined additions of oxygen and DAP
468 during the fermentation was more efficient to avoid a sluggish fermentation than a DAP
469 addition alone. Authors justified that nitrogen had an immediate effect on the kinetics of
470 fermentation by reactivating protein synthesis, particularly sugar transporters, while adding
471 oxygen mainly influenced the kinetics at the end of fermentation, by synthesizing unsaturated
472 fatty acids and sterols and thus increasing the yeast's resistance to ethanol. However, the

473 precedent section showed that lipids and nitrogen metabolisms were interconnected (Rollero
474 et al., 2016; Tesnière et al., 2013). Thus, oxygen by participating in lipid synthesis, influence
475 indirectly nitrogen assimilation by the yeast. This observation was confirmed in a recent study
476 where in low lipids condition in a must, the oxygen addition inducing the biosynthesis of
477 ergosterol and unsaturated fatty acid by yeasts promoting nitrogen assimilation (Ochando et
478 al., 2016). Therefore oxygen plays an important role in the regulation of assimilation of
479 nitrogen.

480 **4 Management of nitrogen addition**

481 **4.1 Ammonium salts and biotin**

482 During winemaking, ammonium sulfate, ammonium phosphate, or diammonium phosphate
483 are most commonly added. Ammonium salts are generally supplemented with biotin. This
484 vitamin, among others, is required by the urea carboxylase involved in the catabolism of
485 arginine (Cooper, 1982), one of the most abundant amino acids in must (Bell and Henschke,
486 2005; Boulton et al., 1996; Bouzas-Cid et al., 2017; Rapp and Versini, 1995).

487 Biotin also plays a role as a cofactor for pyruvate carboxylase, which catalyzes the
488 transformation of pyruvate to oxaloacetate. Oxaloacetate is a precursor of both α -ketoglutarate
489 and aspartic acid, the key intermediates of nitrogen assimilation, and the synthesis of other
490 nitrogenous compounds (Cooper, 1982; Ljungdahl and Daignan-Fornier, 2012). Although
491 biotin has been reported to be involved in nitrogen metabolism and is largely used in industry,
492 only one study has investigated the influence of nitrogen and biotin interactions on the
493 performance of *S. cerevisiae* in alcoholic fermentation (Bohlscheid et al., 2007). Two strains
494 of *S. cerevisiae* were tested in synthetic must with different biotin (0, 1, and 10 $\mu\text{g/L}$) and
495 YAN (60 and 250 mg/L) concentrations. Both strains exhibited poor growth and very low
496 fermentation rates without biotin. An increase in nitrogen concentration resulted in higher
497 fermentation rates, whereas adjusting biotin from 1 to 10 $\mu\text{g/L}$ had no effect. Based on this

498 single study, coupled biotin/nitrogen sources appear to be essential for fermentation with
499 nitrogen addition. However, only a low concentration of biotin appears to be necessary (1
500 $\mu\text{g/L}$).

501 **4.2 Consequences of nitrogen addition on fermentation parameters**

502 It is generally agreed that at least 120–140 mg N/L YAN is required for satisfactory
503 fermentation kinetics and final product quality (Bely et al., 1990; Henschke and Jiranek,
504 1993). However, several studies have shown that the needs can be higher (Coleman et al.,
505 2007; Martínez-Moreno et al., 2012; Mendes-Ferreira et al., 2004) and can reach 267 mg N/L
506 YAN to ferment 200 g/L glucose. Taillandier et al. (2007) showed that there is an optimal
507 requirement that varies from 0.62 to 0.91 mg N/g of sugar, depending on the strain of *S.*
508 *cerevisiae*. However, the authors found no correlation between sugar assimilation rates and
509 nitrogen requirement (Taillandier et al., 2007). Thus, in the context of nitrogen addition, the
510 yeast strain, matrix, time of addition and nitrogen sources appear to be critical elements for
511 the optimization of enological parameters. We have collected the main conclusions of the
512 studies concerning nitrogen addition in Table 3. This overview highlights the contradictory
513 nature of the results.

514 Most studies included ammonium salts as the principal supplementary YAN source. In must
515 or synthetic must, ammonium chloride addition generally decreases the fermentation time and
516 increases the fermentation rate (Jiménez-Martí et al., 2007; Martínez-Moreno et al., 2014;
517 Torrea et al., 2011; Vilanova et al., 2007). Nevertheless, this is not always true (Martínez-
518 Moreno et al., 2012). No trends are observable concerning biomass production and growth
519 rate (Table 3). The addition of ammonium sulfate to must appeared to decrease the
520 fermentation time and increase the fermentation rate and biomass in all cases (Bely et al.,
521 2003; Hernández-Orte et al., 2006; Mendes-Ferreira et al., 2004). Only the growth rate

522 parameter was divergent (Hernandez-Orte et al., 2006; Mendes-Ferreira et al., 2004). More
523 data are available concerning DAP addition to must. In four studies, DAP addition decreased
524 the fermentation time and increased the fermentation rate (Carrau et al., 2008; Miller et al.,
525 2007; Seguinot et al., 2018; Ugliano et al., 2008). In contrast, three studies showed no effect
526 on the same parameters (Adams and van Vuuren, 2010; Hernández-Orte et al., 2004;
527 Vilanova et al., 2012). Data concerning biomass production and growth rates are surprisingly
528 limited. Only one study showed an increase in biomass after DAP addition to must (Seguinot
529 et al., 2018), whereas two others showed no significant effect (Carrau et al., 2008; Hernández-
530 Orte et al., 2004). Hernández-Orte et al. (2004) evaluated the impact of DAP addition to must
531 on yeast growth rate. They observed an increase, but it is impossible to make a generalization
532 based on a single study. All of this data shows that ammonium salts have not the same effect.
533 This might be explained by the diversity of the matrix and *S. cerevisiae* strains used. Testing
534 the effects of all ammonium salts on different *S. cerevisiae* strains in a single conventional
535 synthetic medium could be a good approach to evaluate nitrogen addition impact.

536 Amino-acid addition to must as a source of nitrogen supplementation has become increasingly
537 common. The effect varies widely, as for ammonium salts. In general, no impact on
538 fermentation time has been reported (Garde-Cerdán and Ancín-Azpilicueta, 2008; Hernández-
539 Orte et al., 2004; Martínez-Moreno et al., 2012) except for Miller et al. (2007). Neutral
540 (Garde-Cerdán and Ancín-Azpilicueta, 2008; Hernández-Orte et al., 2004; Miller et al., 2007),
541 decrease (Martínez-Moreno et al., 2012) or increase (Seguinot et al., 2018) effects on
542 fermentation rate can be observed. The results concerning the effect on biomass production
543 were also contradictory (Hernández-Orte et al., 2004; Martínez-Moreno et al., 2012; Seguinot
544 et al., 2018) as for growth rate (Hernández-Orte et al., 2004; Martínez-Moreno et al., 2012).
545 Coupled with ammonium chloride or DAP, amino acid addition appears to decrease
546 fermentation time while increasing fermentation rate (Arias-Gil et al., 2007; Beltran et al.,

547 2005; Torrea et al., 2011) and probably biomass production (Beltran et al., 2005) and growth
548 rate (Torrea et al., 2011). As ammonium salts, the variability of the results might be linked to
549 the diversity of the matrix and *S. cerevisiae* strains used (Fairbairn et al., 2017).

550 The addition of nitrogen during the stationary growth phase does not have the same
551 consequences on enological parameters as its addition to must; it decreases the fermentation
552 time and increases the fermentation rate, regardless of the study and nitrogen source (Bely et
553 al., 2003; Hernández-Orte et al., 2006; Jiménez-Martí et al., 2007; Martínez-Moreno et al.,
554 2014; Seguinot et al., 2018), with two exceptions for which there were no significant (Adams
555 and van Vuuren, 2010) or opposite effect (Beltran et al., 2005). Generally, nitrogen addition
556 during the stationary growth phase has no significant effect on growth rate (Hernandez-Orte et
557 al., 2006; Martínez-Moreno et al., 2014), excepted in the study of Hernandez-Orte et al.
558 (2006) in which it increased. Half of the published studies showed no significant effect on
559 biomass production (Beltran et al., 2005; Bely et al., 2003; Hernandez-Orte et al., 2006),
560 whereas the other half showed an increase, regardless of the nitrogen source (Hernandez-Orte
561 et al., 2006; Martínez-Moreno et al., 2014; Seguinot et al., 2018).

562 Overall, it appears to be very complicated to compare the effect of YAN addition on essential
563 fermentation parameters: maximum cell biomass, growth rate, fermentation time and
564 fermentation rate. Indeed, the time of nitrogen addition, sources, the use or not of NS yeasts,
565 the strain of *S. cerevisiae* used, the initial sugar concentration, temperature and the YAN
566 already present in the must appear to influence the fermentation profile. This has led to
567 several contradictions, depending on the experiments (Table 3). For example, Albers et al.
568 (1996) showed that the addition of an amino-acid mixture to must resulted in greater
569 maximum cell biomass than the addition of ammonium sulfate. However, in 2005, Beltran et
570 al. showed that ammonium was the preferred nitrogen source for biomass production. The

571 timing of addition can also affect biomass production. In 2006, Hernandez-Orte et al. showed
572 that ammonium sulfate added at the beginning of fermentation significantly increased the
573 maximum biomass. However, the results were compared to those obtained with nitrogen
574 deficient synthetic medium. Thus, it is difficult to conclude whether the addition of an amino
575 acid mixture to the must has a better potential to increase biomass formation (Albers et al.,
576 1996) than ammonium sulfate added during the first part of fermentation (Hernandez-Orte et
577 al., 2006). In addition, Hernandez-Orte et al. (2006) reported that adding ammonium sulfate to
578 synthetic must always resulted in lower volatile acidity. Similar results were reported by Bely
579 et al. (2003). However, ammonium sulfate added in excess increased the production of
580 volatile acidity. Although this phenomenon is strain-dependent, it is difficult to draw
581 conclusions on the effect of ammonium sulfate addition on volatile acidity without
582 considering the amount added. The link between sugar and nitrogen metabolism has been
583 established. However, comparing recent to previous studies using different sugar
584 concentrations to compare the effect of nitrogen addition may not be informative. For
585 example, Albert et al. (1996) used 20 g/L of sugar, whereas Taillandier et al. (2007) used 240
586 g/L and Bely et al. (2003) 360 g/L. Comparing the effect of nitrogen addition between these
587 studies without considering the initial sugar concentration may be misleading. A
588 multiparametric approach appears to be essential to resolve these issues. A compilation of
589 similarly represented data would provide a first comprehensive view of the impact of nitrogen
590 addition on fermentation. This would show if there are identifiable trends or if the effect of
591 strain is predominant.

592 **4.3 Consequences of nitrogen addition on volatile compounds produced by *S.*** 593 ***cerevisiae***

594 Table 4 provides the first overview of studies concerning the impact of nitrogen addition on
595 volatile compounds and glycerol produced by *S. cerevisiae*.

596 The addition of ammonium chloride (Jiménez-Martí et al., 2007; Martínez-Moreno et al.,
597 2014, 2012; Torrea et al., 2011; Vilanova et al., 2007) or ammonium sulfate (Bely et al.,
598 2003; Hernandez-Orte et al., 2006) before fermentation appears to decrease higher alcohol
599 production. The impact on the production of other metabolites is less clear (Hernandez-Orte et
600 al., 2006; Jiménez-Martí et al., 2007; Martínez-Moreno et al., 2014; Torrea et al., 2011;
601 Vilanova et al., 2007). The preceding paragraph underlines that there is more data concerning
602 DAP than for other ammonium salts. No significant trends have been reported concerning
603 higher alcohol production (Carrau et al., 2008; Hernández-Orte et al., 2004; Seguinot et al.,
604 2018; Ugliano et al., 2008; Vilanova et al., 2012). For ester production, only Hernandez-Orte
605 et al. (2004) reported no effect, whereas other studies (Carrau et al., 2008; Miller et al., 2007;
606 Seguinot et al., 2018; Ugliano et al., 2008; Vilanova et al., 2012) reported a general increase.
607 The same trend was found for fatty acids, except in the study of Vilanova et al. (2012).
608 Concerning the effect of nitrogen addition on volatile acidity, a decrease (Vilanova et al.,
609 2012) or a neutral effect were reported (Ugliano et al., 2008). For glycerol, two studies
610 showed no significant effect (Seguinot et al., 2018; Vilanova et al., 2012), whereas Ugliano et
611 al. (2008) reported an increase. DAP addition also affects hydrogen sulfide production. The
612 addition of DAP to Shiraz must fermented with *S. cerevisiae* led to greater hydrogen sulfide
613 formation than non-supplemented fermentation. Moreover, DAP addition induced prolonged
614 formation of hydrogen sulfide during the latter stage of fermentation, which was associated
615 with higher hydrogen sulfide content in the final wines (Ugliano et al., 2009). Other volatile
616 sulfur compounds were also present in significantly higher concentrations in the wine,
617 including sulfides, disulfides, mercaptans and mercaptoesters (Ugliano et al., 2009). Once
618 again, the strain effect seems to be involved. The study of the effect of ammonium salts on the
619 production of volatile compounds on a large panel of *S. cerevisiae* strains could be relevant to
620 identify possible trends.

621 The addition of amino acids before fermentation also leads to significantly different
622 outcomes. Most studies have shown a decrease in higher alcohol production (Hernández-Orte
623 et al., 2004; Seguinot et al., 2018), except one in which an increase was reported (Garde-
624 Cerdán and Ancín-Azpilicueta, 2008). Similar contradictions were reported in ester
625 production (Garde-Cerdán and Ancín-Azpilicueta, 2008; Miller et al., 2007; Seguinot et al.,
626 2018). All available studies reported no significant difference in fatty-acids (Garde-Cerdán
627 and Ancín-Azpilicueta, 2008; Hernández-Orte et al., 2004) or glycerol production (Martínez-
628 Moreno et al., 2012; Seguinot et al., 2018). Only one study reported a decrease in volatile
629 acidity (Garde-Cerdán and Ancín-Azpilicueta, 2008). Coupled with ammonium salts, amino-
630 acid addition appears to increase fatty acids production (Arias-Gil et al., 2007; Torrea et al.,
631 2011) excepted for Beltran et al. (2005). For other metabolites, only Beltran et al. (2005) and
632 Torrea et al. (2011) reported an increase in ester production and volatile acidity, whereas there
633 was no significant effect on glycerol production and a decreased production of higher
634 alcohols. In addition, the addition of DAP coupled with amino acids appears to drastically
635 reduce the production of hydrogen sulfide (Barbosa et al., 2012). This study, in which the
636 authors evaluated three strains of *S. cerevisiae*, showed that methionine, in particular,
637 suppressed hydrogen-sulfide production under all conditions.

638 Less data are available concerning nitrogen addition during the stationary growth phase. A
639 decrease in higher alcohol production has been reported, regardless of YAN source, except for
640 amino-acid addition alone (Jiménez-Martí et al., 2007; Seguinot et al., 2018). Ammonium
641 chloride addition during the stationary growth phase appears to generally decrease ester
642 production (Jiménez-Martí et al., 2007; Martínez-Moreno et al., 2014) and increase volatile
643 acidity and glycerol production (Martínez-Moreno et al., 2014). The two studies concerning
644 ammonium sulfate addition during the stationary growth phase reported no significant effect
645 on ester production (Bely et al., 2003; Hernandez-Orte et al., 2006), whereas fatty acid

646 production was decreased. The results concerning volatile acidity are contradictory (Bely et
647 al., 2003; Hernandez-Orte et al., 2006). Only DAP appears to increase ester production, in
648 contrast to other ammonium salts. However, there is no significant effect on glycerol
649 concentration (Seguinot et al., 2018). The results obtained after amino-acid addition during
650 the stationary growth phase are also contradictory about ester concentration (Jiménez-Martí et
651 al., 2007; Seguinot et al., 2018). Finally, only Jimenez-Marti et al. (2007) evaluated the
652 impact of the addition of ammonium chloride coupled with amino acids during the stationary
653 growth phase.

654 The addition of amino acids at the beginning of the stationary phase significantly increases
655 the production of isoamyl acetate relative to the control or DAP addition (Seguinot et al.,
656 2018). In the same study, the authors assessed the influence of these parameters on the
657 production of the higher alcohol propanol. Propanol is considered to be a marker of nitrogen
658 availability in must (Mouret et al., 2014). After the complete consumption of YAN, the
659 production of propanol restarted immediately upon the addition of nitrogen during the
660 stationary phase and stopped again when no more YAN remained in the medium. Propanol
661 production is strongly dependent on the nature of the added nitrogen source (inorganic or
662 organic). Mouret et al. (2014) showed that DAP addition induced greater production of
663 propanol than amino-acid addition, in particular after addition during the stationary phase. In
664 this study, final propanol production increased 4.3-fold after DAP addition during the
665 stationary phase *versus* a two-fold increase after the addition of amino acids. It would be
666 interesting to study the metabolic fluxes impacted by nitrogen addition in detail, especially the
667 production of propanol from threonine, in order to explain the link between production
668 differences observed and nitrogen sources.

669 The data concerning the impact of YAN addition on volatile compound and glycerol
670 production by *S. cerevisiae* highlight several contradictions, as for enological parameters. The
671 highly variable results cast doubt on the direct link between YAN sources and volatile
672 compounds production. This was confirmed by the recent study of Fairbairn et al. (2017) in
673 which the addition of a single amino acid resulted in the predictable production of volatile
674 compounds. The authors proved a linear correlation between amino-acid concentration and
675 the concentration of aromatic compounds directly derived from this amino acid. However,
676 linear correlations were lost and volatile compounds production became unpredictable with
677 the use of more complex nitrogen sources (mix) (Fairbairn et al., 2017). The diversity of
678 methods used, including different matrices, fermentation condition, and strains leads to the
679 lack of consensus, requiring reconsideration of how to approach the issue.

680 Such considerations are supported by the study of Crépin et al. (2017) who demonstrated that.
681 YAN is mainly catabolized and involved in the *de novo* synthesis of proteinogenic
682 compounds but not in the formation of volatile compounds. Nonetheless, YAN addition has
683 consistently influenced volatile compounds production. Thus, these data suggest that there
684 may be another indirect mechanism involving YAN sources and sugar metabolism for the
685 production of volatile compounds.

686 **4.4 Sensory profile impact**

687 The role of nitrogen during wine fermentation has been extensively studied, particularly the
688 effect of nitrogen on the production of volatile compounds. Surprisingly, few studies
689 evaluated its impact of nitrogen addition on wine sensory profiles wines. In Shiraz wines,
690 where DAP was added to a final YAN concentration of 250 or 400 mg/L in must, the scores
691 for the descriptors “confectionary”, “red fruit”, and “dark fruit” are higher for the high-
692 nitrogen fermentations. These descriptors are strongly positively associated with acetate esters

693 and medium chain fatty acids ethyl esters (Ugliano et al., 2010). Along with DAP became the
694 clear influence on perceived fruitiness, the other major effect of nitrogen addition was a
695 suppression of the perceived intensity of descriptors such as “cheese”, “earth”, and “yeast”
696 (Ugliano et al., 2010). In the same way, wines from Airen musts supplemented with DAP
697 become more “citric” and less sulphurous, independently of the yeast strain used (Hernández-
698 Orte et al., 2004). In another study, a mix of amino acids addition (phenylalanine, aspartic
699 acid, threonine and alanine) in Merlot must affect sulphured, vegetal, fusel, floral, lactic and
700 reduction notes. The least altered notes were spices and sweet fruits (Hernández-Orte et al.,
701 2006, 2004). In their study, Torrea et al. (2011) have shown that the addition of either organic
702 or inorganic nitrogen influence differently the formation of yeast volatile compounds.
703 Consequences of ammonium nitrogen addition are an increase in ethyl acetate and acetic acid
704 while a mix of amino acids and ammonium nitrogen led to a higher production of acetate and
705 medium chain fatty acids ester. From a sensorial point of view, addition of nitrogen sources to
706 reach 320 mg N/l in must led to wines rated higher in intensity for most of the fruity and floral
707 attributes. However, the type of nitrogen added has no significant effect on the sensorial
708 profile. Yet, sensory properties of wines from musts supplemented with amino acids seem to
709 depend on the yeast strain. No study describes sensory impact about nitrogen addition coupled
710 with lipids and/or vitamins.

711 **4.5 Transcriptome changes in response to nitrogen addition**

712 The expression of several genes that reflects nitrogen limitation under enological conditions
713 has been shown to predict nitrogen deficiency, including that of *CARI*, an arginase that
714 catabolizes arginine to ornithine and urea (Carrasco et al., 2003); *ACAI*, which is important
715 for carbon source utilization (Jiménez-Martí et al., 2007); *FSP2*, an alpha-glucosidase; *RGS2*,
716 a negative regulator of glucose-induced cAMP signalling; *AQY1*, a spore-specific water
717 channel; *AGXI*, an alanine glyoxylate aminotransferase (Backhus et al., 2001); *DAL4*,

718 allantoin permease; *GAPI*, general amino acid permease (Gutiérrez et al., 2013b); and *ICYI*,
719 which affects the consumption of ammonium during fermentation (Martínez et al., 2014).
720 However, the studies focused mainly on the impact of low nitrogen medium on the
721 transcriptional activity of *S. cerevisiae*. Little data is currently available concerning the impact
722 of nitrogen addition. Table 5 provides the first comparison between gene families up- and
723 downregulated after YAN addition before fermentation. Under low nitrogen conditions, the
724 addition of DAP to synthetic grape juice medium during fermentation downregulated the
725 expression of genes associated with ribosomal proteins, the small nucleolar ribonucleoprotein
726 complex, the nucleolus, and RNA processing (Mendes-Ferreira et al. 2007). In contrast, genes
727 involved in the functions of the cell wall, glucose metabolism, protein folding, energy
728 pathways, alcohol metabolism, and glycolysis were upregulated (Mendes-Ferreira et al.,
729 2007). Similarly, Barbosa et al. (2015), evaluated the consequences of the transcriptomic
730 response of various *S. cerevisiae* strains to DAP addition to synthetic must before
731 fermentation. Surprisingly, genes involved in ribosomal protein and RNA processing were
732 upregulated, which is opposite of the results of Mendes-Ferreira et al. (2007). In addition,
733 genes involved in flocculation were the most highly over-represented category in the
734 annotation of the most highly expressed genes during high-nitrogen fermentation, in
735 particular, *FLO10*, which participates in the fermentation stress response (FSR). Thus,
736 Barbosa et al. (2015) suggested that such overexpression is an adaptation of the yeast to stress
737 conditions and allows the yeast to conserve a good capacity of fermentation. In contrast to
738 that of Mendes-Ferreira et al. (2007), the study of Barbosa et al. (2015) demonstrated that the
739 addition of DAP before fermentation leads to the upregulation of the expression of genes
740 involved in ribosomal protein and RNA processing.

741 The addition of ammonium sulfate during fermentation, when yeast are in nitrogen starvation,
742 leads to global transcriptome changes. Tesnière et al. (2017) showed that 30 minutes after

743 ammonium sulfate replenishment, a set of 1,410 genes enriched for those related to RNA
744 processing, ribosome biogenesis, translation, and amino-acid biosynthesis was upregulated.
745 At the same time, 1,564 genes related to protein catabolic processes (ubiquitin-dependent and
746 vacuolar protein degradation), stress responses, and oxidation-reduction processes were
747 downregulated. Under similar conditions, DAP addition downregulated genes including those
748 involved in RNA processing and ribosomal protein synthesis (Mendes-Ferreira et al., 2007).
749 This contradiction was not noted by Tesnière et al. (2017). Conway et al. (2012) also
750 evaluated the impact of the addition of ammonium sulfate coupled with amino acids. In this
751 study, they obtained contradictory results compared to Mendes-Ferreira et al., (2007) (Table
752 5). Thus, it appears that the transcriptional activity related to RNA processing is affected
753 depending on the ammonium salts. However, it is difficult to compare the two conditions as
754 the strains and medium and fermentation parameters were different.

755 As already discussed, amino acids are another potential supplementary nitrogen source. High
756 nitrogen concentrations, including that from exogenous amino-acids and ammonium, can
757 unbalance the general composition of the must, particularly under conditions of high nitrogen
758 content and low micronutrients. In 2017, Duc et al. showed that, among the seven
759 micronutrients evaluated in this study (ergosterol, oleic acid, pantothenic acid, nicotinic acid,
760 thiamin, biotin, and inositol), four trigger yeast cell death when the yeast are in growth-
761 restricting amounts in a nitrogen-rich medium. Two (ergosterol, oleic acid) are lipid growth
762 factors, conditional to anaerobic growth, and the other two vitamins (pantothenic acid and
763 nicotinic acid). They showed that the *TORC1/SCH9* signaling pathway was a key complex in
764 this effect. Indeed, the authors observed that decreasing *TORC1/SCH9* signaling restored
765 high cell viability under several micronutrient-limited fermentation conditions. Viability was
766 also restored by *SCH9* deletion under conditions of oleic acid, ergosterol, and pantothenic
767 acid starvation. Global gene expression experiments showed that two clusters distinguish the

768 conditions that preserve viability from those that lead to a high rate of cell death. The first
769 included genes involved in mitochondrial respiration, electron transport processes, the TCA
770 cycle, membrane transport, and detoxification. The second included genes involved in
771 nitrogen catabolism, purine metabolism, and membrane transport, including that of nitrogen
772 substrates. Significant differences in gene expression were specifically observed in these
773 clusters under conditions of high nitrogen content and limited-micronutrients (Duc et al.,
774 2017).

775 The addition of amino acids alone as a nitrogen source to must also affects global gene
776 expression (Liu et al., 2017). L-valine, L-leucine, and L-isoleucine added in a non-limiting
777 nitrogen medium resulted in the up- or downregulation of 25 genes during fermentation.
778 Some genes were upregulated throughout fermentation, including: *ACT1*, a structural protein
779 involved in cell polarization; *PDA1*, which catalyzes the direct oxidative decarboxylation of
780 pyruvate to acetyl-CoA; *SER1*, required for serine and glycine biosynthesis; *FOX2*, a
781 multifunctional enzyme of the peroxisomal fatty acid beta-oxidation pathway; *MEP2*,
782 ammonium permease; *BAP3*, which is involved in the uptake of cysteine, leucine, isoleucine,
783 and valine; *THR4*, a conserved protein that catalyzes the formation of threonine from O-
784 phosphohomoserin; *AGX1*, which catalyzes the synthesis of glycine from glyoxylate; *STL1*, a
785 glycerol proton symporter of the plasma membrane; and *GAP1*, general amino acid
786 permease), whereas others genes were upregulated only during the exponential growth phase,
787 including *GIP1*, a meiosis-specific regulatory subunit of the Glc7p protein phosphatase; *DIT2*,
788 N-formyltyrosine oxidase; *RCK1*, a protein kinase involved in the oxidative stress response;
789 *SPO1* a meiosis-specific prospore protein; and *MEK1*, meiosis-specific serine/threonine
790 protein kinase. The addition of this mix of amino acids also up-regulated the expression of
791 *SUT1*, which positively regulates sterol uptake genes under anaerobic conditions; *RRI2*, a
792 subunit of the COP9 signalosome complex; and *CIN5*, a basic leucine zipper transcription

793 factor of the yAP-1 related to the environmental stress response. Surprisingly, the expression
794 of few genes related to the biosynthesis of volatile compounds was also affected. Among 412
795 genes, only the expression of *AAD3*, *AAD4*, *AAD14*, *ADH2*, and *PDC5*, involved in the
796 biosynthesis of aroma substances, was significantly up-regulated (Liu et al., 2017).

797 **5 Concluding remarks**

798 From grape to wine, the role of nitrogen in winemaking is complex. This review focuses on
799 fermentation and highlights new considerations concerning the impact of nitrogen on yeast
800 metabolism and how biotic, abiotic, and exogenous addition can influence enological
801 parameters. Here, the review of recent studies showed that YAN preferentially consumed by
802 NS yeast strains during the first stage of fermentation vary and other factors, such as
803 competition can be involved. There are no studies that explain why some YAN sources are
804 preferentially consumed by NS yeasts. Moreover, the effect on the expression of genes
805 involved in nitrogen regulation of *S. cerevisiae* in the presence of NS yeasts is still
806 unexplored. The vast majority of studies have referred to “preferred” or “non-preferred” YAN
807 sources, but a close examination in this review shows that this categorization varies widely,
808 even if the same parameters of comparison were used. An exploration of genetic variation
809 appears to be necessary to obtain a better understanding of the preferential assimilation of
810 YAN. Much genetic data are available for *S. cerevisiae*. In contrast, current genetic data for
811 NS yeast are too limited to develop significant research on nitrogen regulation. Enological
812 nitrogen addition using amino acids is being increasingly performed, but the impact on *S.*
813 *cerevisiae* in terms of fermentation parameters and volatile compound production is not clear.
814 Indeed, recent studies show that only 5% of amino acids present in the must are directly
815 involved in the synthesis of volatile compounds. Moreover, transcriptomic analysis has shown
816 that the addition of nitrogen does not lead to the significant overexpression of genes involved
817 in volatile compound production. Thus, the significant modification of the volatile compound

818 profiles in wine caused by the addition of amino acids needs to be further investigated.
819 Deciphering the link between nitrogen metabolism and volatile compound synthesis will
820 provide useful information to monitor the fermentative aroma profile of wine.

821 Future studies that will lead to a better comprehension of YAN dynamics, from grape to wine,
822 interconnected with other pathways (vitamins and lipids), will help to explain the production
823 of volatile compounds and allow better control of fermentation by avoiding sluggish
824 fermentation, providing new tools to winemakers. Most of the studies examining the link
825 between nitrogen and volatile compound production were carried out in synthetic must. Given
826 the complexity of the composition of must it will be necessary to include real must in future
827 studies aiming to understand the influence of nitrogen on fermentation kinetics and aroma
828 production.

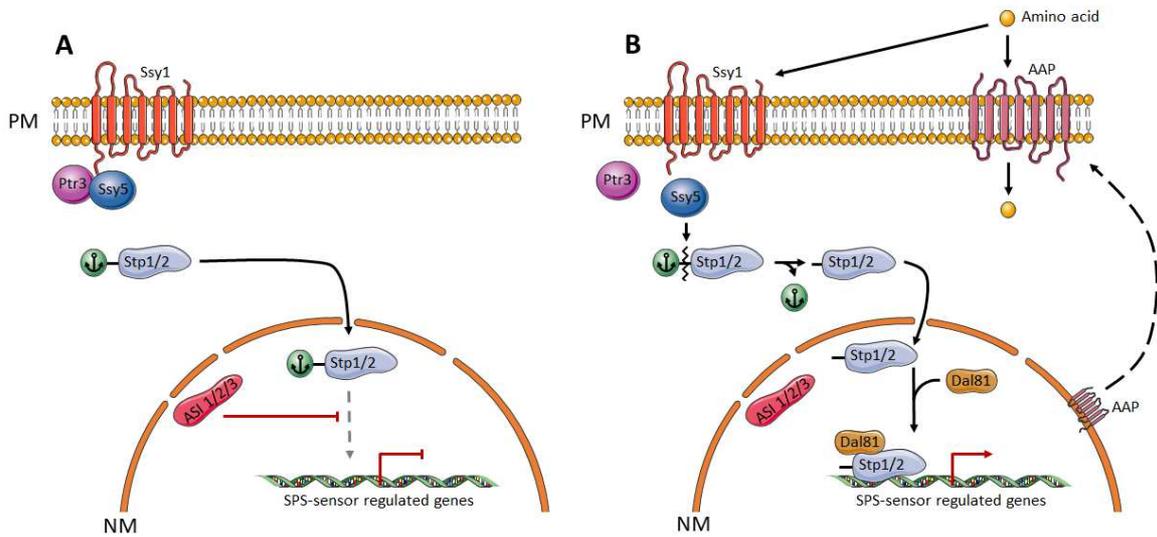
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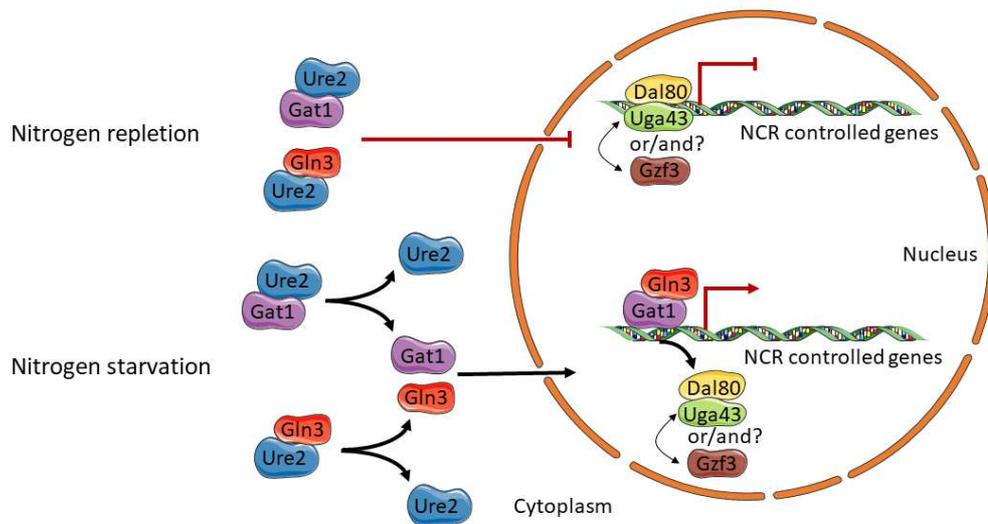
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835 7 **Figures**



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837 **Figure 1.** (A) The non-induced resting state in the absence of inducing amino acids. In the
838 absence of inducing amino acids, low levels of AAPs are present in the plasma membrane
839 (PM). NM, nuclear membrane. (B) The induced state in the presence of extracellular amino
840 acids. The derepressed AAP gene expression leads to increased levels of AAP in the PM and
841 enhanced rates of amino acid uptake (adapted from Ljungdahl et al. (2009)).



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843 **Figure 2.** Translocation into the nucleus of Gat1p/Gln3p complex depending on nitrogen
 844 status. In nitrogen repletion condition, Gat1p and Gln3p are sequestered by Ure2p in the
 845 cytoplasm. Dal80p and/or Gzf3p block the UAS_{NTR} binding site. In nitrogen starvation
 846 condition, Ure2p releases Gat1p and Gln3p and the complex migrates into the
 847 nucleus. Dal80p/Uga43p and/or Gzf3p release the UAS_{NTR} binding site and Gat1p/Gln3p
 848 complex activates the transcription of NCR controlled genes.

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850 **8 Tables**

851 **Table 1.** Nitrogen compounds considered to be “preferred” nitrogen sources in *S. cerevisiae*.

| Amino acids | References |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Alanine | 8 |
| Ammonium | 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13 |
| Arginine | 2, 3, 8 |
| Asparagine | 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 |
| Aspartate | 3, 8 |
| Aspartic acid | 4, 12 |
| GABA | 8 |
| Glutamine | 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13 |
| Glutamate | 8, 11, 13 |
| Glutamic acid | 4 |
| Histidine | 2 |
| Isoleucine | 3, 12 |
| Leucine | 2, 3, 12 |
| Lysine | 3, 9, 12 |
| Methionine | 3 |
| Serine | 2, 3, 9, 10, 12 |
| Threonine | 2, 3, 9, 10, 12 |

852 1: (Grenson, 1992), 2: (Henschke and Jiranek, 1993), 3: (Jiranek et al., 1995), 4: (Albers et al.,
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854 (Ljungdahl and Daignan-Fornier, 2012), 9: (Crépin et al., 2012), 10: (Pinu et al., 2014), 11:
855 (Tesnière et al., 2015), 12: (Gobert et al., 2017), 13: (Brice et al., 2018).

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858 **Table 2.** Nitrogen compounds considered to be “preferred” nitrogen sources in NS yeasts
 859 depending on the conditions of fermentation.

| Amino acids | NS yeasts | Condition of fermentation | Ref. |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Alanine | Hu, Mp, Sb, Td | Grape juice 20°C | 2, 3 |
| | | Grape juice 28°C | |
| | | Synthetic medium 25°C | |
| Ammonium | Mp, Td | Synthetic medium 25°C | 2 |
| Arginine | Lt, Hu, Td | Synthetic medium 25°C | 2 |
| Asparagine | Lt, Pm, Td | Grape juice 28°C | 2, 3 |
| | | Synthetic medium 25°C | |
| Aspartic acid | Hu, Lt | Synthetic medium 25°C | 2 |
| Cysteine | Hu | Must 20°C stirring | 1 |
| Glutamic acid | Hu, Lt, Mp | Synthetic medium 25°C | 1, 2 |
| | | Must 20°C stirring | |
| Glutamine | Hu, Lt, Mp, Td | Grape juice 20°C | 1, 2, 3 |
| | | Grape juice 28°C | |
| | | Synthetic medium 25°C | |
| | | Must 20°C stirring | |
| Glycine | Sb, Pm | Grape juice 20°C | 1, 3 |
| | | Must 20°C stirring | |
| Histidine | Mp, Pm | Grape juice 20°C | 3 |
| Isoleucine | Lt, Mp, Td | Grape juice 28°C | 2, 3 |
| | | Synthetic medium 25°C | |
| Leucine | Hu, Lt, Mp | Grape juice 28°C | 1, 2, 3 |
| | | Synthetic medium 25°C | |
| | | Must 20°C stirring | |
| Lysine | Mp, Sb, Pm | Grape juice 20°C | 3 |
| | | Grape juice 28°C | |
| Methionine | Hu, Mp | Grape juice 28°C | 1, 3 |
| | | Must 20°C stirring | |
| Phenylalanine | Hu, Lt | Synthetic medium 25°C | 2 |
| Serine | Lt, Pm | Grape juice 28°C | 3, 2 |
| Threonine | Mp, Pm | Grape juice 20°C | 3, |
| Tryptophan | Sb | Must 20°C stirring | 1 |
| Tyrosine | Lt | Synthetic medium 25°C | 2 |
| Valine | Hu | Synthetic medium 25°C | 2 |

860 Abbreviations of NS yeasts: Hu: *H. uvarum*, Lt: *L. thermotolerance*, Mp: *M. pulcherrima*, Sb:
 861 *S. bacillaris*, Pm: *P. membranifaciens* and Td: *T. delbrueckii*. References 1: (Andorrà et al.,
 862 2010), 2: (Kemsawasd et al., 2015), 3: (Gobert et al., 2017)

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Table 3. Comparison between the impact of the timing of addition and nitrogen source on fermentation.

| | Time of addition | N Source | Biomass | Growth rate | Fermentation time | Fermentation rate | Ref. |
|--------------------------------|------------------|----------|---------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Must | | AC | ↗ | ↗ | ↘ | ↗ | 7, 14 |
| | | AC | nd | nd | ↘ | ↗ | 9 |
| | | AC | ↘ | ↘ | → | ↘ | 15 |
| | | AC | → | → | ↘ | ↗ | 17 |
| | | AS | ↗ | nd | ↘ | ↗ | 1 |
| | | AS | ↗ | → | ↘ | ↗ | 3 |
| | | AS | ↗ | ↗ | ↘ | ↗ | 5 |
| | | DAP | → | ↗ | → | → | 2 |
| | | DAP | nd | nd | ↘ | ↗ | 8, 12 |
| | | DAP | → | nd | ↘ | ↗ | 10 |
| | | DAP | nd | nd | → | → | 13, 16 |
| | | DAP | ↗ | nd | ↘ | ↗ | 18 |
| | | AA | → | ↗ | → | → | 2 |
| | | AA | nd | nd | ↘ | → | 8 |
| | | AA | nd | nd | → | → | 11 |
| | | AA | ↘ | ↘ | → | ↘ | 15 |
| | | AA | ↗ | nd | ↘ | ↗ | 17 |
| | | AC + AA | ↗ | ↗ | ↘ | ↗ | 14 |
| | | AC + AA | ↗ | nd | ↘ | nd | 4 |
| | | DAP + AA | nd | nd | ↘ | ↗ | 6 |
| Stationary growth phase | | AC | → | → | ↘ | ↗ | 7 |
| | | AC | ↗ | → | ↘ | ↗ | 17 |
| | | AS | → | nd | ↘ | ↗ | 1 |
| | | AS | ↗ | ↗ | ↘ | ↗ | 3, 5 |
| | | DAP | nd | nd | → | → | 13 |
| | | DAP | ↗ | nd | ↘ | ↗ | 18 |
| | | AA | → | → | ↘ | ↗ | 7 |
| | | AA | ↗ | nd | ↘ | ↗ | 18 |
| | | AC + AA | → | → | ↘ | ↗ | 7 |
| | | AC + AA | → | nd | ↗ | nd | 4 |

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868 Beltran et al. (2005), 5: Hernandez-Orte et al. (2006), 6: Arias-Gil et al. (2007), 7: Jiménez-
869 Marti et al. (2007), 8: Miller et al. (2007), 9: Vilanova et al. (2007), 10: Carrau et al. (2008),
870 11: Garde-Cerdan et al. (2008), 12: Ugliano et al. (2008), 13: Adams et al. (2010) 14: Torrea
871 et al. (2011), 15: Martinez-Moreno et al. (2012), 16: Vilanova et al. (2012), 17: Martinez-
872 Moreno et al. (2014), 18: Seguinot et al. (2018). nd: no data. Abbreviations: N, nitrogen; AC,
873 ammonium chloride; AS, ammonium sulfate; DAP, diammonium phosphate; AA, amino
874 acids. Upward arrows (↗) indicate an increase of the corresponding parameter relative to
875 control, neutral arrows (→) no significant effect, and downward arrows (↘) a decrease.
876 Several studies that concern the impact of nitrogen addition during fermentation are
877 intentionally not mentioned in the table (Albers et al., 1996; Barbosa et al., 2012, 2009;
878 Manginot et al., 1998). In these studies, the impact of increasing the nitrogen concentration
879 was evaluated, but no data for controls without nitrogen addition were available. The
880 experimental conditions in reference to the studies (matrix, initial sugar concentration, initial
881 nitrogen concentration and nature) are described in the table 6.

882 **Table 4.** Impact of the addition of YAN sources on volatile compounds and glycerol
 883 produced by *S. cerevisiae*.

| Time of addition | N Source | Higher alcohols | Esters | Fatty acids | Volatile acidity | Glycerol | Ref. |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------------|--------|-------------|------------------|----------|------|
| Must | AC | ↘ | ↘ | nd | nd | nd | 6 |
| | AC | ↘ | ↗ | → | → | → | 8 |
| | AC | ↘ | ↗ | ↗ | ↗ | → | 12 |
| | AC | nd | nd | nd | nd | → | 13 |
| | AC | nd | ↘ | nd | ↗ | ↗ | 15 |
| | AS | nd | nd | nd | ↘ | → | 1 |
| | AS | ↘ | → | ↗ | ↘ | nd | 4 |
| | DAP | ↘ | → | ↗ | nd | nd | 2 |
| | DAP | nd | ↗ | nd | nd | nd | 7 |
| | DAP | ↘ | ↗ | ↗ | nd | nd | 9 |
| | DAP | → | ↗ | ↗ | ↘ | ↗ | 11 |
| | DAP | ↘ | ↗ | → | → | → | 14 |
| | DAP | ↗ | ↗ | nd | nd | → | 16 |
| | AA | ↘ | → | → | nd | nd | 2 |
| | AA | nd | ↘ | nd | nd | nd | 7 |
| | AA | ↗ | ↗ | → | ↘ | nd | 10 |
| | AA | nd | nd | nd | nd | → | 13 |
| | AA | ↘ | ↗ | nd | nd | → | 16 |
| | AC + AA | ↘ | ↗ | ↗ | ↗ | → | 12 |
| | AC + AA | ↘ | ↗ | → | nd | → | 3 |
| DAP + AA | nd | nd | ↗ | nd | nd | 5 | |
| Stationary growth phase | AC | ↘ | ↘ | nd | nd | nd | 6 |
| | AC | nd | ↘ | nd | ↗ | ↗ | 15 |
| | AS | nd | nd | nd | ↗ | → | 1 |
| | AS | ↘ | → | ↘ | ↘ | nd | 4 |
| | DAP | ↘ | ↗ | nd | nd | → | 16 |
| | AA | ↗ | ↘ | nd | nd | nd | 6 |
| | AA | → | ↗ | nd | nd | → | 16 |
| | AC + AA | ↘ | ↘ | nd | nd | nd | 6 |
| | AC + AA | ↗ | ↘ | → | nd | ↘ | 3 |

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 886 Orte et al. (2006), 5: Arias-Gil et al. (2007), 6: Jiménez-Martí et al. (2007), 7: Miller et al.

887 (2007), 8: Vilanova et al. (2007) 9: Carrau et al. (2008), 10: Garde-Cerdan et al. (2008), 11:
888 Ugliano et al. (2008), 12: Torrea et al. (2011), 13: Martinez-Moreno et al. (2012), 14:
889 Vilanova et al. (2012), 15: Martinez-Moreno et al. (2014), 16: Seguinot et al. (2018), nd: no
890 data. Abbreviations: N, nitrogen; AC, ammonium chloride; AS, ammonium sulfate; DAP,
891 diammonium phosphate; AA, amino acids. Upward arrows (↗) indicate an increase in the
892 concentration of the corresponding metabolite relative to control, neutral arrows (→) no
893 significant effect, and downward arrows (↘) a decrease. Several studies that concern the
894 impact of nitrogen addition during fermentation are intentionally not mentioned in the table
895 (Albers et al., 1996; Barbosa et al., 2012, 2009; Manginot et al., 1998). In these studies, the
896 impact of increasing the nitrogen concentration was evaluated, but no data for controls
897 without nitrogen addition were available. The experimental conditions in reference to the
898 studies (matrix, initial sugar concentration, initial nitrogen concentration and nature) are
899 described in the table 6.

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901 **Table 5.** Influence of YAN status on the transcriptional activity of gene families in *S.*
 902 *cerevisiae* during alcoholic fermentation.

| N Source & condition | Gene family upregulated | Gene family downregulated | Ref. |
|---|---------------------------------|---|------|
| AS Supplemented versus non-supplemented | RNA processing | Protein catabolic processes | 4 |
| | Ribosome biogenesis | Stress response | |
| | Amino-acid biosynthesis | Oxidation-reduction processes | |
| DAP High versus low level | Cell wall functions | Ribosomal proteins | 1 |
| | Glucose metabolism | Small nucleolar ribonucleoprotein complex | |
| | Protein folding | Nucleolus and RNA processing | |
| | Energy pathways | | |
| | Alcohol metabolism | | |
| DAP High versus low level | Glycolysis | | 2 |
| | Flocculation | nd | |
| | Ribosomal proteins | nd | |
| | RNA processing | nd | |
| AA Supplemented versus non-supplemented | Autophagy | nd | 3 |
| | Biosynthesis of aroma compounds | nd | |
| | Yeast growth | nd | |
| | Environmental stress response | nd | |

903 1: Mendes-Ferreira et al. (2007), 3: Barbosa et al. (2015), 3: Liu et al. (2017), 4: Tesnière et
 904 al. (2017), nd: no data. Abbreviations: AS, ammonium sulfate; DAP, diammonium phosphate;
 905 AA, amino acids. The experimental conditions in reference to the studies (matrix, initial sugar
 906 concentration, initial nitrogen concentration and nature) are described in the table 6.

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Table 6. Experimental conditions used in the tables 3, 4 and 5.

| References | Table 3 | Table 4 | Table 5 | Matrix | Initial sugar concentration (g/L) | Initial nitrogen concentration (mg/L) | Nature of nitrogen source |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Bely et al. (2003) | 1 | 1 | | Must | 320 to 370 | 92 | Naturally present in must |
| Hernandez-Orte et al. (2004) | 2 | 2 | | Must | nd | 175 | Naturally present in must |
| Mendes-Ferreira et al. (2004) | 3 | | | GJM | 200 | 66 | AS |
| Beltran et al. (2005) | 4 | 3 | | SM | 200 | 60 or 300 | AC + AA |
| Hernandez-Orte et al. (2006) | 5 | 4 | | SM | 210 | 270 | AS + AA |
| Arias-Gil et al. (2007) | 6 | 5 | | Must | nd | 285 | Naturally present in must + DAP |
| Jiménez-Martí et al. (2007) | 7 | 6 | | SM | 200 | 60 to 300 | AS + AA |
| Mendes-Ferreira et al. (2007) | | | 1 | GJM | 200 | 66 to 267 | DAP |
| Miller et al. (2007) | 8 | 7 | | Must | 213 | 2095 | Naturally present in must |
| Vilanova et al. (2007) | 9 | 8 | | CDGJ | 225 | 117 | AC + AA |
| Carrau et al. (2008) | 10 | 9 | | CDGJ | 120 | 75 to 400 | DAP + AA |
| Garde-Cerdan et al. (2008) | 11 | 10 | | Musts | nd | 285 to 1173 | Naturally present in must |
| Ugliano et al. (2008) | 12 | 11 | | Musts | 215 | 87 to 312 | Naturally present in must |
| Adams et al. (2010) | 13 | | | Must | nd | 361 | Naturally present in must |
| Torrea et al. (2011) | 14 | 12 | | Must | 200 | 160 | Naturally present in must |
| Martinez-Moreno et al. (2012) | 15 | 13 | | SM | 200 to 280 | 0 to 220 | AC or AA or AC + AA |
| Vilanova et al. (2012) | 16 | 14 | | Must | nd | 250 | Naturally present in must |
| Martinez-Moreno et al. (2014) | 17 | 15 | | SM | 240 | 100 to 200 | AC + AA |
| Barbosa et al. (2015) | | | 3 | GJM | 200 | 67 to 670 | DAP |
| Liu et al. (2017) | | | 4 | SM | 200 | 300 | AC+AA |
| Tesnière et al. (2017) | | | 5 | YNB | 20 | 0 | Ammonium (source unspecified) |
| Seguinot et al. (2018) | 18 | 16 | | SM | 200 | 100 | AC + AA |

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Abbreviations: GJM, grape must modified; SM, synthetic must; CDGJ, chemically defined grape juice; YNB, yeast nitrogen base.

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