

**EFFECT OF ACIDITY CORRECTION ON THE SOLUBILITY  
OF TARTARIC COMPOUNDS FROM WINES****G. ODĂGERIU<sup>\*1</sup>, V.V. COTEA<sup>2</sup>, G. STOICA<sup>3</sup>, M. NICULAU<sup>1</sup>**<sup>1</sup>Research Centre for Oenology – Iași Branch of Romanian Academy<sup>2</sup>University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Iași<sup>3</sup>Viticultural Research and Development Station of Iași

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**ABSTRACT** – The paper presents data concerning the effect of acidity correction on the solubility of potassium bitartrate and calcium neutral tartrate, as a result of acid addition (tartaric, malic, citric and succinic) in wines lacking acidity, for improving their organoleptic qualities. The solubility of these compounds was assessed by means of concentration ( $P_C$ ,  $P_{CT}$ ) and solubility ( $K_{ST}$ ,  $K_S$ ) products at  $-4$  °C, by the excess of KHT and CaT at  $-4$  °C and saturation theoretical temperatures of KHT and CaT. As a result of acidity correction, we have noticed its increase (at the same proportion for all the acids) and a diminution in pH according to added acid: tartaric, lactic, malic, citric and succinic. By adding tartaric acid, wine instability was created, because of potassium bitartrate, by increasing the values of concentration and solubility products, of KHT excess and theoretical saturation temperatures. In case of calcium tartrate, the same acid favoured wine stability, by diminishing the values of the constants. Adding the other acids in wine was good for the solubility of tartaric compounds, because, in all the cases, the values of constants characterizing solubility were diminished.

**Key Words:** acidity, solubility, tartaric compounds, potassium bitartrate, calcium neutral tartrate

**REZUMAT** – Efectul corecției acidității asupra solubilității compușilor tartrici din vinuri. În lucrare se prezintă date referitoare la efectul corecției acidității asupra solubilității tartratului acid de potasiu și a tartratului neutru de calciu, ca urmare a adaosului de acizi (tartric, malic, lactic, citric și succinic) în vinuri deficitare în aciditate, în vederea îmbunătățirii calităților organoleptice ale acestora. Solubilitatea acestor compuși este apreciată prin intermediul produșilor de concentrații ( $P_C$ ,  $P_{CT}$ ) și de solubilitate ( $K_{ST}$ ,  $K_S$ ), la  $-4$  °C, prin excesul de KHT și CaT la  $-4$  °C și temperaturile teoretice de saturare a KHT și CaT. În urma corecției acidității, se observă o creștere a acesteia (aproape în aceeași proporție la toți acizii) și o scăderea a valorii pH în funcție de acidul adăugat, în ordinea: tartric, lactic, malic, citric și succinic. Adaosul de acid tartric creează instabilitate vinului, datorită tartratului acid de

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*potasiu, prin creșterea valorilor constantelor produșilor de concentrații și de solubilitate, a excesului de KHT și a temperaturilor teoretice de saturare. În cazul tartratului de calciu, același acid favorizează stabilitatea vinului, prin diminuarea valorilor aceluiași constante. Adaosul celorlalți acizi în vin este benefic solubilității compușilor tartrici, deoarece, în toate cazurile, se micșorează valorile constantelor care caracterizează solubilitatea.*

**Cuvinte cheie:** aciditate, solubilitate, compuși tartrici, tartrat acid de potasiu, tartrat neutru de calciu

## INTRODUCTION

In the dry years for wine-making, when wines lacking acidity are obtained, it is necessary to correct the acidity, according to the present legislation, with one of the acids used for this purpose, respectively tartaric or citric acids. Lactic, malic and succinic acids were used in order to get theoretical information on their role on the solubility of tartaric compounds from wines. The study on the influence of acidity correction (as a result of adding tartaric, malic, lactic, succinic and citric acids) on the solubility of potassium bitartrate and neutral calcium tartrate from wines allowed us to obtain data necessary for explaining physico-chemical phenomena, which influence stability or instability during wine acidification treatments, related to the precipitation of tartaric salts.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Investigations have been conducted on a white wine obtained from Muscat Ottonel variety, which came from the viticultural centre Iași-Copou, within Iași vineyard, vintage of year 2004. Experiments were carried out during September-October 2006, at the Research Centre for Oenology of Romanian Academy, Iași Branch.

In five wine samples, equivalent quantities of tartaric, malic, lactic, succinic and citric acids, were added at rates of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 meq/L, respectively, (0.75, 1.13, 1.50, 1.88, and 2.25) g/L tartaric acid; (0.67, 1.01, 1.34, 1.68, and 2.01) g/L malic acid; (0.90, 1.35, 1.80, 2.25, and 2.70) g/L lactic acid; (0.59, 0.89, 1.18, 1.48, and 1.77) g/L succinic acid; (0.64, 0.96, 1.28, 1.60, and 1.92) g/L citric acid. Physico-chemical analyses were carried out on alcoholic concentration, total acidity, pH, total tartaric, malic, lactic, succinic, and citric acids, potassium and calcium, by using the methods shown by present national and international standards or literature (\*\* 1997, \*\* 2005). Data obtained after determining the content of potassium, calcium, alcohol, total tartaric acid and pH value were used for the calculation of wine ionic power ( $\mu$ ) and activity coefficients ( $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$ ), for monovalent ( $K^+, HT^-$ ) and bivalent ions ( $Ca^{2+}, T^{2-}$ ), and of the dissociation degree of the tartaric acid ( $\% H_2T, \% HT^-, \% T^{2-}$ ) (Odăgeriu, 2006).

Data on the content of potassium, total tartaric acid, percentage of bitartrate ion ( $\% HT^-$ ) and  $\gamma_1$  have been used for calculating the concentration product ( $P_C$ ) and the product of thermodynamic product ( $P_{CT}$ ) of bitartrate ions and potassium (Cotea, Sauciuc, 1988; Cotea, Sauciuc, 1994; Odăgeriu, 2006). The thermodynamic solubility product ( $K_{ST}$ ) of potassium bitartrate in hydroalcoholic solutions saturated with KHT (at the ionic power of

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the studied sample) for the temperature of  $-4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and solubility product ( $K_S$ ) at wine ionic power at  $-4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  were calculated according to data from literature (Cotea, Sauciuc, 1988; Cotea, Sauciuc, 1994; Renouil, Féret, 1988; Țârdea et al., 2000; Useglio-Tomasset, 1985).

Data on the content of calcium, total tartaric acid, percentage of tartrate ion ( $\% \text{ T}^{2-}$ ) and  $\gamma_2$  have been used for calculating the concentration product ( $P_C$ ) and the thermodynamic concentration products ( $P_{CT}$ ) of tartrate ions and calcium. Thermodynamic solubility product ( $K_{ST}$ ) of neutral calcium tartrate in hydroalcoholic solutions saturated with CaT (at ionic power of studied sample), for the temperature  $-4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and solubility product ( $K_S$ ) at wine ionic power, at the temperature of  $-4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  have been calculated according to ODĂGERIU (Odăgeriu, 2003; Odăgeriu, 2006).

According to solubility product ( $K_S$ ), at the ionic power of analysed wines for the temperature of  $-4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , we have calculated the quantities of potassium bitartrate and neutral calcium tartrate, found in excess (oversaturation), at the same temperature, according to ODĂGERIU (Odăgeriu, 2006).

Both in case of potassium bitartrate and of neutral calcium tartrate, we have compared thermodynamic concentration products ( $P_{CT}$ ) to thermodynamic solubility products ( $K_{ST}$ ). Our objective was to deduce saturation theoretical temperatures ( $T_{TS}$ ) of analysed wines according to data from specialty literature (Cotea, Sauciuc, 1988; Cotea, Sauciuc, 1994; Renouil, Féret, 1988; Țârdea et al., 2000; Useglio-Tomasset, 1985), according to the methodology proposed by ODĂGERIU in 2006 (Odăgeriu, 2003).

For potassium bitartrate (KHT) and neutral calcium tartrate (CaT), the relative deviations ( $\delta_r$ ) are presented in (%), with which we have changed total acidity, pH, concentration ( $P_C$ ,  $P_{CT}$ ) and solubility ( $K_S$ ,  $K_{ST}$ ) products, KHT and CaT excess and theoretical saturation temperatures ( $T_{TS}$ ) of analysed wine samples.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Data concerning the main wine composition characteristics after acidity correction are presented in tables 1–5. According to data shown in tables, the control wine had the following values: 11.50% vol. alcohol; 4.69 g/L  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_6$  total acidity; 0.70 g/L  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}_2$ ; 3.80 pH; 1.28 g/L total tartaric acid; 0.98 g/L malic acid, 0.51 g/L lactic acid; 0.55 g/L succinic acid; 0.16 g/L citric acid; 1030 mg/L potassium and 92 mg/L calcium.

In wine samples, where correction was carried out with tartaric acid (*Table 1*), total acidity has increased from 4.69 to  $5.49 \div 7.08$  g/L  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_6$  ( $17.06 \div 50.96\%$ ), pH has decreased from 3.80 to  $3.57 \div 3.25$  ( $-6.05 \div -14.47\%$ ) and total tartaric acid has increased from 1.28 to  $2.03 \div 3.53$  g/L.

According to data presented in *Table 2*, in wine samples at which correction was done with malic acid, the total acidity has increased from 4.69 to  $5.53 \div 7.13$  g/L  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_6$  ( $17.91 \div 52.03\%$ ), pH has decreased from 3.80 to  $3.63 \div 3.40$  ( $-4.47 \div -10.53\%$ ), and malic acid has increased from 0.98 to  $1.65 \div 2.99$  g/L.

**Table 1**  
Main characteristics of wine composition in case of correction with tartaric acid

No.	Wine sample	Quantity of added acid		Total acidity		pH		Total tartaric acid g/L
		meq/L	g/L	g/L C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	$\delta_r$ (%)		$\delta_r$ (%)	
1	Control	–	–	4.69	0.00	3.80	0.00	1.28
2	V <sub>11</sub>	10	0.75	5.49	17.06	3.57	-6.05	2.03
3	V <sub>12</sub>	15	1.13	5.90	25.80	3.47	-8.68	2.41
4	V <sub>13</sub>	20	1.50	6.29	34.12	3.39	-10.79	2.78
5	V <sub>14</sub>	25	1.88	6.70	42.86	3.31	-12.89	3.16
6	V <sub>15</sub>	30	2.25	7.08	50.96	3.25	-14.47	3.53

**Table 2**  
Main characteristics of wine composition in case of correction with malic acid

No.	Wine sample	Quantity of added acid		Total acidity		pH		Total malic acid g/L
		meq/L	g/L	g/L C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	$\delta_r$ (%)		$\delta_r$ (%)	
1	Control	–	–	4.69	0.00	3.80	0.00	0.98
7	V <sub>21</sub>	10	0.67	5.53	17.91	3.63	-4.47	1.65
8	V <sub>22</sub>	15	1.01	5.95	26.87	3.56	-6.32	1.99
9	V <sub>23</sub>	20	1.34	6.34	35.18	3.50	-7.89	2.32
10	V <sub>24</sub>	25	1.68	6.75	43.92	3.44	-9.47	2.66
11	V <sub>25</sub>	30	2.01	7.13	52.03	3.40	-10.53	2.99

Correction with lactic acid (*Table 3*) has influenced the increase in total acidity from 4.69 to 5.56 ÷ 7.15 g/L C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (18.55 ÷ 52.45%), pH diminution from 3.80 to 3.61 ÷ 3.39 (-5.00 ÷ -10.79%), and augmentation of own content from 0.51 to 1.41 ÷ 3.21 g/L.

**Table 3**  
Main characteristics of wine composition in case of correction with lactic acid

No.	Wine sample	Quantity of added acid		Total acidity		pH		Total lactic acid g/L
		meq/L	g/L	g/L C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	$\delta_r$ (%)		$\delta_r$ (%)	
1	Control	–	–	4.69	0.00	3.80	0.00	0.51
12	V <sub>31</sub>	10	0.90	5.56	18.55	3.61	-5.00	1.41
13	V <sub>32</sub>	15	1.35	5.97	27.29	3.54	-6.84	1.86
14	V <sub>33</sub>	20	1.80	6.37	35.82	3.48	-8.42	2.31
15	V <sub>34</sub>	25	2.25	6.76	44.14	3.43	-9.74	2.76
16	V <sub>35</sub>	30	2.70	7.15	52.45	3.39	-10.79	3.21

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Correction with succinic acid (*Table 4*) has influenced the increase in total acidity from 4.69 to 5.50 ÷ 7.04 g/L C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (17.27 ÷ 50.11%), pH diminution from 3.80 to 3.73 ÷ 3.63 (-1.84 ÷ -4.47%), and augmentation of own content from 0.55 to 1.14 ÷ 2.32 g/L.

**Table 4**  
**Main characteristics of wine composition in case of correction with succinic acid**

No	Wine sample	Quantity of added acid		Total acidity		pH		Total succinic acid g/L
		meq/L	g/L	g/L C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	δ <sub>r</sub> (%)		δ <sub>r</sub> (%)	
1	Control	–	–	4.69	0.00	3.80	0.00	0.55
17	V <sub>41</sub>	10	0.59	5.50	17.27	3.73	-1.84	1.14
18	V <sub>42</sub>	15	0.89	5.92	26.23	3.70	-2.63	1.44
19	V <sub>43</sub>	20	1.18	6.03	28.57	3.68	-3.16	1.73
20	V <sub>44</sub>	25	1.48	6.66	42.00	3.65	-3.95	2.03
21	V <sub>45</sub>	30	1.77	7.04	50.11	3.63	-4.47	2.32

In wine samples, at which correction was done with citric acid (*Table 5*), the total acidity has increased from 4.69 to 5.49 ÷ 7.07 g/L C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (17.06 ÷ 50.75%), pH has decreased from 3.80 to 3.65 ÷ 3.41 (-3.95 ÷ -10.26%), and citric acid has increased from 0.16 to 0.80 ÷ 2.08 g/L.

**Table 5**  
**Main characteristics of wine composition in case of correction with citric acid**

No	Wine sample	Quantity of added acid		Total acidity		pH		Total citric acid g/L
		meq/L	g/L	g/L C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	δ <sub>r</sub> (%)		δ <sub>r</sub> (%)	
1	Control	–	–	4.69	0.00	3.80	0.00	0.16
22	V <sub>51</sub>	10	0.64	5.49	17.06	3.65	-3.95	0.80
23	V <sub>52</sub>	15	0.96	5.89	25.59	3.58	-5.79	1.12
24	V <sub>53</sub>	20	1.28	6.29	34.12	3.52	-7.37	1.44
25	V <sub>54</sub>	25	1.60	6.62	41.15	3.47	-8.68	1.71
26	V <sub>55</sub>	30	1.92	7.07	50.75	3.41	-10.26	2.08

Data presented in *tables 1–5* have shown that after correction, total acidity had the same increase (51.00%), and pH has decreased, as follows: -14.47% (sample 6, in case of adding tartaric acid); -10.79% (sample 16, in case of adding lactic acid); -10.53% (sample 11, in case of adding malic acid); -10.26% (sample 26, in case of adding citric acid); -4.47% (sample 21, in case of adding succinic acid).

Concentration products (P<sub>C</sub>, P<sub>CT</sub>) of potassium bitartrate (KHT) and neutral calcium tartrate (CaT) in wine samples, obtained after the correction with acids, are presented in *Table 6*. For the control wine, which molar concentration was of

26.341 $\times 10^{-3}$  mol/L, the concentration product ( $P_C$ ) of potassium ions ( $K^+$ ) and bitartrate ( $HT^-$ ) had the value of 146.61 $\times 10^{-6}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup>. For the same value of molar concentration in potassium, it has increased from 229.81 $\times 10^{-6}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup> (56.75 %) to 335.36 $\times 10^{-6}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup> (128.74%). In case of samples, at which correction was done with tartaric acid, in the other samples, the value has remained approximately equal to the one of the control wine.

Thermodynamic concentration product ( $P_{CT}$ ) of potassium bitartrate, calculated according to concentration product ( $P_C$ ) and activity coefficient ( $\gamma_1 = 0.422$ ) of potassium ions and bitartrate, in analysed wine samples had lower values than the concentration product, comprised between 95.27 $\times 10^{-6}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup> in control (sample 1) and 217.91 $\times 10^{-6}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup> (sample 6).

Concentration product ( $P_C$ ) of calcium ions ( $Ca^{2+}$ ) and tartrate ( $T^{2-}$ ) had the value of 407.24 $\times 10^{-8}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup> for the control. For the value of 2.295 $\times 10^{-3}$  mol/L of calcium molar concentration, it has diminished in all analysed samples according to added acid: 145.12 $\times 10^{-8}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup> (-64.36%) in the sample 16; 149.36 $\times 10^{-8}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup> (-63.32%) in the sample 11; 153.69 $\times 10^{-8}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup> (-62.26%) in the sample 26; 262.54 $\times 10^{-8}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup> (-35.53%) in the sample 6; 275.50 $\times 10^{-8}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup> (-32.35%) in the sample 21.

Thermodynamic concentration product ( $P_{CT}$ ) of neutral calcium tartrate, calculated according to activity coefficient ( $\gamma_2 = 0.806$ ) of calcium ions and tartrate, in analysed wine samples had lower values than the concentration product. These values were comprised between 72.60 $\times 10^{-8}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup> in control (sample 1) and 25.87 $\times 10^{-8}$  mol<sup>2</sup>/L<sup>2</sup> (sample 16).

Table 6

**Concentration products ( $P_C$ ,  $P_{CT}$ ) of potassium bitartrate (KHT) and neutral calcium tartrate (CaT) in wine samples, obtained after acid correction**

No	Wine sample	Potassium bitartrate (KHT)				Neutral calcium tartrate (CaT)			
		$[HT^-] \times 10^3$ mol/L	$P_C \times 10^6$		$P_{CT} \times 10^6$ mol <sup>2</sup> /L <sup>2</sup>	$[T^{2-}] \times 10^3$ mol/L	$P_C \times 10^8$		$P_{CT} \times 10^8$ mol <sup>2</sup> /L <sup>2</sup>
			mol <sup>2</sup> /L <sup>2</sup>	$\delta_r$ (%)			mol <sup>2</sup> /L <sup>2</sup>	$\delta_r$ (%)	
1	Control	5.57	146.6	0.00	95.3	1.77	407.2	0.00	72.6
<b>Tartaric acid correction</b>									
2	V <sub>11</sub>	8.72	229.8	56.75	149.3	1.64	375.9	-7.70	67.0
3	V <sub>12</sub>	10.00	263.4	79.69	171.2	1.49	342.3	-15.96	61.0
4	V <sub>13</sub>	11.07	291.7	98.94	189.5	1.37	315.2	-22.60	56.2
5	V <sub>14</sub>	11.94	314.6	114.6	204.4	1.23	282.8	-30.57	50.4
6	V <sub>15</sub>	12.73	335.4	128.7	217.9	1.14	262.5	-35.53	46.8
<b>Malic acid correction</b>									
7	V <sub>21</sub>	5.57	146.7	0.06	95.3	1.20	275.5	-32.35	49.1
8	V <sub>22</sub>	5.49	144.5	-1.43	93.9	1.01	231.0	-43.28	41.2
9	V <sub>23</sub>	5.38	141.7	-3.38	92.1	0.86	197.2	-51.57	35.2
10	V <sub>24</sub>	5.24	138.0	-5.89	89.7	0.73	167.3	-58.92	29.8

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		$[HT^-] \times 10^3$ mol/L	$P_c \times 10^6$		$P_{CT} \times 10^6$ mol <sup>2</sup> /L <sup>2</sup>	$[T^{2-}] \times 10^3$ mol/L	$P_c \times 10^8$		$P_{CT} \times 10^8$ mol <sup>2</sup> /L <sup>2</sup>
			mol <sup>2</sup> /L <sup>2</sup>	$\delta_r$ (%)			mol <sup>2</sup> /L <sup>2</sup>	$\delta_r$ (%)	
11	V <sub>25</sub>	5.13	135.1	-7.87	87.8	0.65	149.4	-63.32	26.6
<b>Lactic acid correction</b>									
12	V <sub>31</sub>	5.55	146.2	-0.27	95.0	1.14	262.2	-35.61	46.8
13	V <sub>32</sub>	5.45	143.7	-2.01	93.4	0.96	219.3	-46.15	39.1
14	V <sub>33</sub>	5.34	140.5	-4.15	91.3	0.81	186.8	-54.13	33.3
15	V <sub>34</sub>	5.21	137.3	-6.37	89.2	0.71	162.7	-60.06	29.0
16	V <sub>35</sub>	5.10	134.3	-8.40	87.3	0.63	145.1	-64.36	25.9
<b>Succinic acid correction</b>									
17	V <sub>41</sub>	5.60	147.6	0.66	95.9	1.52	348.9	-14.32	62.2
18	V <sub>42</sub>	5.60	147.6	0.68	95.9	1.42	325.7	-20.03	58.1
19	V <sub>43</sub>	5.60	147.5	0.59	95.8	1.35	310.8	-23.69	55.4
20	V <sub>44</sub>	5.58	147.1	0.33	95.6	1.26	289.3	-28.97	51.6
21	V <sub>45</sub>	5.57	146.7	0.06	95.3	1.20	275.5	-32.35	49.1
<b>Citric acid correction</b>									
22	V <sub>51</sub>	5.58	147.1	0.33	95.6	1.26	289.3	-28.97	51.6
23	V <sub>52</sub>	5.52	145.3	-0.91	94.4	1.06	243.1	-40.30	43.4
24	V <sub>53</sub>	5.42	142.7	-2.66	92.7	0.91	208.0	-48.91	37.1
25	V <sub>54</sub>	5.31	139.9	-4.56	90.9	0.79	181.8	-55.36	32.4
26	V <sub>55</sub>	5.16	135.8	-7.36	88.3	0.67	153.7	-62.26	27.4

KHT excess at temperature  $-4^\circ\text{C}$  and theoretical saturation temperature ( $T_{TS}$ ) of potassium bitartrate (KHT) in wine samples obtained after acid correction are shown in *Table 7*.

Both at control and the other wine samples, KHT excess at temperature  $-4^\circ\text{C}$  was calculated according to solubility product at wine ionic power ( $K_S$ ), and according to molar concentrations (in mol/L) of total tartaric acid [TT] and potassium  $[K^+]$ . The value of  $24.49 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol}^2/\text{L}^2$  of the solubility product at wine ionic power ( $K_S$ ) was estimated according to thermodynamic solubility product ( $K_{ST}$ ) of potassium bitartrate, which value was  $15.91 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol}^2/\text{L}^2$ .

Correlated to solubility product ( $K_S$ ) of studied wines, at temperature  $-4^\circ\text{C}$ , KHT excess had values, which increased, in case of samples where correction was done with tartaric acid. It has increased from 1246.8 mg/L (control) to 2078.3 mg/L (sample 2), respectively, 3398.3 mg/L (sample 6); at the other samples, its value diminished in proportion of  $0.02 \div -2.07\%$ .

Theoretical saturation temperature ( $T_{TS}$ ) of potassium bitartrate has increased in case of tartaric acid correction (from  $17.20^\circ\text{C}$  at control to  $30.43^\circ\text{C}$  in case of sample 6), and remained almost constant (deviation of  $\pm 1$  unit) in case of the other samples.

Table 7

**KHT excess at temperature  $-4^{\circ}\text{C}$  and theoretical saturation temperature ( $T_{\text{TS}}$ ) of potassium bitartrate (KHT) in obtained wine samples after acid correction**

No.	Wine sample	KHT excess at temperature $-4^{\circ}\text{C}$		Theoretical saturation temperature ( $T_{\text{TS}}$ )	
		(mg/L)	$\delta_r$ (%)	( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	$\delta_r$ (%)
1	Control	1246.8	0.00	17.20	0.00
<b>Tartaric acid correction</b>					
2	V <sub>11</sub>	2078.3	66.69	23.79	38.31
3	V <sub>12</sub>	2463.4	97.58	26.06	51.51
4	V <sub>13</sub>	2810.0	125.38	27.85	61.92
5	V <sub>14</sub>	3126.8	150.79	29.23	69.94
6	V <sub>15</sub>	3398.3	172.56	30.43	76.92
<b>Malic acid correction</b>					
7	V <sub>21</sub>	1247.0	0.02	17.21	0.06
8	V <sub>22</sub>	1242.0	-0.38	17.01	-1.10
9	V <sub>23</sub>	1235.4	-0.91	16.75	-2.62
10	V <sub>24</sub>	1226.4	-1.64	16.40	-4.65
11	V <sub>25</sub>	1219.0	-2.23	16.13	-6.22
<b>Lactic acid correction</b>					
12	V <sub>31</sub>	1245.9	-0.07	17.17	-0.17
13	V <sub>32</sub>	1240.1	-0.54	16.93	-1.57
14	V <sub>33</sub>	1232.7	-1.13	16.64	-3.26
15	V <sub>34</sub>	1224.7	-1.77	16.34	-5.00
16	V <sub>35</sub>	1217.0	-2.39	16.05	-6.69
<b>Succinic acid correction</b>					
17	V <sub>41</sub>	1248.9	0.17	17.29	0.52
18	V <sub>42</sub>	1249.0	0.15	17.29	0.52
19	V <sub>43</sub>	1248.7	0.08	17.28	0.47
20	V <sub>44</sub>	1247.8	0.02	17.25	0.29
21	V <sub>45</sub>	1247.0	0.08	17.21	0.06
<b>Citric acid correction</b>					
22	V <sub>51</sub>	1247.8	0.08	17.25	0.29
23	V <sub>52</sub>	1243.7	-0.25	17.08	-0.70
24	V <sub>53</sub>	1237.9	-0.71	16.85	-2.03
25	V <sub>54</sub>	1231.2	-1.25	16.59	-3.55
26	V <sub>55</sub>	1221.0	-2.07	16.20	-5.81

CaT excess at temperature  $-4^{\circ}\text{C}$  and theoretical saturation temperature ( $T_{\text{TS}}$ ) of neutral calcium tartrate (CaT) in wine samples, obtained after acid correction, are shown in *Table 8*.

Both in control and the other wine samples, CaT excess at temperature of  $-4^{\circ}\text{C}$  was calculated according to solubility product at wine ionic power ( $K_s$ ), and molar concentrations (in mol/L) of total tartaric acid [TT] and calcium [ $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ]. Value of  $33.21 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol}^2/\text{L}^2$  of solubility product at wine ionic power ( $K_s$ ), was



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estimated according to thermodynamic solubility product ( $K_{ST}$ ) of neutral calcium tartrate, which value was  $5.92 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol}^2/\text{L}^2$ .

**Table 8**

**CaT excess at temperature  $-4^\circ\text{C}$  and theoretical saturation temperature ( $T_{TS}$ ) of neutral calcium tartrate (CaT) in wine samples obtained after acid correction**

No.	Wine sample	CaT excess at temperature $-4^\circ\text{C}$		Theoretical saturation temperature ( $T_{TS}$ )	
		(mg/L)	$\delta_r$ (%)	( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	$\delta_r$ (%)
1	Control	385.6	0.00	44.98	0.00
<b>Tartaric acid correction</b>					
2	V <sub>11</sub>	386.9	0.35	42.71	-5.05
3	V <sub>12</sub>	383.9	-0.43	40.15	-10.74
4	V <sub>13</sub>	380.8	-1.23	37.99	-15.54
5	V <sub>14</sub>	375.9	-2.51	35.26	-21.61
6	V <sub>15</sub>	372.3	-3.45	33.47	-25.59
<b>Malic acid correction</b>					
7	V <sub>21</sub>	364.6	-5.45	34.63	-23.01
8	V <sub>22</sub>	352.4	-8.61	30.51	-32.17
9	V <sub>23</sub>	339.7	-11.91	27.08	-39.80
10	V <sub>24</sub>	324.4	-15.85	23.72	-47.27
11	V <sub>25</sub>	312.6	-18.91	21.54	-52.11
<b>Lactic acid correction</b>					
12	V <sub>31</sub>	361.3	-6.29	33.44	-25.66
13	V <sub>32</sub>	348.4	-9.65	29.36	-34.73
14	V <sub>33</sub>	334.9	-13.14	25.95	-42.31
15	V <sub>34</sub>	321.6	-16.58	23.17	-48.49
16	V <sub>35</sub>	309.5	-19.74	21.00	-53.31
<b>Succinic acid correction</b>					
17	V <sub>41</sub>	378.1	-1.93	40.67	-9.58
18	V <sub>42</sub>	374.5	-2.88	38.84	-13.65
19	V <sub>43</sub>	371.8	-3.56	37.63	-16.34
20	V <sub>44</sub>	367.6	-4.66	35.82	-20.36
21	V <sub>45</sub>	364.6	-5.45	34.63	-23.01
<b>Citric acid correction</b>					
22	V <sub>51</sub>	367.8	-4.66	35.82	-20.36
23	V <sub>52</sub>	358.1	-7.64	31.68	-29.57
24	V <sub>53</sub>	344.1	-10.74	28.21	-37.28
25	V <sub>54</sub>	332.4	-13.79	25.39	-43.55
26	V <sub>55</sub>	315.7	-18.11	22.08	-50.91

In correlation with solubility product ( $K_S$ ) of analysed wines, at temperature of  $-4^\circ\text{C}$ , CaT excess had values which have decreased in all the samples, according to added acid. It diminished from 385.6 mg/L (control) to 309.5 mg/L at sample 16 (-19.74%), 312.6 mg/L at sample 11 (-18.91%), 315.7 mg/L at sample 26 (-18.11%), 364.6 mg/L at sample 21 (-5.45%), and 372.3 mg/L at sample 5 (-3.45%).

Theoretical saturation temperature ( $T_{TS}$ ) of neutral calcium tartrate had lower values compared to the control, in all the studied samples. For the control,  $T_{TS}$  had the value of 44.98°C. It has decreased according to added acid, at 21.00°C, in case of sample 16 (-53.31%); 21.54°C in case of sample 11 (-52.11%); 22.08°C in case of sample 26 (-50.91%); 33.47°C in case of sample 6 (-25.59%) and 34.63°C in case of sample 21 (-23.01%).

## CONCLUSIONS

As a result of corrections, total acidity had the same increase value, of almost 51%, and pH has decreased in the following order: 14.47 % (sample 6, in case of adding tartaric acid); 10,79 % (sample 16, in case of adding lactic acid); -10.53 % (sample 11, in case of adding malic acid); -10.26 % (sample 26, in case of adding citric acid) and 4.47 % (sample 21, in case of adding succinic acid).

Adding tartaric acid gives instability to wine, because of potassium bitartrate, by increasing the values in constants of concentration and solubility products, KHT excess and saturation temperatures. In case of neutral calcium acid, the same acid favours wine stability, by diminishing the values of the same constants.

Adding the other acids (malic, lactic, citric, and succinic acids) in wine is good for the solubility of tartaric acids, because, in all the cases, the values of constants characterizing solubility diminish.

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