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**Abstract:** Between a vineyard and the foliage wall of an adjacent forest, 25 traps containing different *Drosophila* attractants were applied on three occasions in autumn after the grape harvest. The attractant liquid was Pinot Blanc grape juice to which pure *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* yeast had been added to initiate fermentation. The five test variants differed in only one characteristic, namely the fermentation time, which was changed in two-day steps. Nine species of the genus *Drosophila* were captured, but only two were abundant enough to allow statistical analysis of variant differences in capture frequencies. Both species, *D. suzukii* and *D. simulans*, can affect the quality of the berries and ultimately the wine even before the harvest and are therefore considered pests. The studies showed that fermenting grape juice is significantly more attractive to both species than unfermented grape juice and that the attractiveness of the attractant liquid is maximised for *D. simulans* males with a fermentation time of seven to eight days. Parallel to this experiment, an analysis of the aroma spectrum of the fermenting grape juice was carried out with a temporal resolution of one day for the first twenty days. This made it possible to identify the aroma substances that had the highest concentrations in the time frame in which the attractant was particularly attractive and whose attractant effect should therefore be investigated further.

**Keywords:** *Drosophila suzukii*; *Drosophila simulans*; *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; Pinot Blanc; grape juice; fermentation; attractant liquid; attractant trap

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## Introduction

*Drosophila suzukii* Matsamura (Diptera: Drosophilidae) is a polyphagous, commercially relevant pest of thin-skinned fruits and berries. The first reports of the fly originate from Japan, where it was observed as early as 1916 (Kanzawa 1939). In the last 15 to 20 years, the area of distribution of the insect has expanded dramatically and the fly is now present in large parts of North America and Europe, including Austria (Hauser, 2011; Cini et al., 2012). *D. suzukii* thus fulfils the definition of a neozoon as an animal that is not indigenous to a particular area and arrived there with the help of humans after 1492 AD (the year of the discovery of America) and lives or has lived here without human care (Essl & Rabitsch, 2002, modified).

The females of *D. suzukii* have a strong, serrated ovipositor with which they can slit the skin of healthy, undamaged berries and fruits and lay their eggs underneath. The larvae that develop from these eggs feed on the fruit flesh under the skin, which leads to extensive fruit decay; this also causes significant secondary damage from other pests such as further vinegar fly species, fungi and bacteria. The reproductive potential of the fly is considerable. There can be 10-15 generations per year, with each female laying an average of 380 eggs, which means that very large populations can build up in a short time under favourable climatic conditions (Walsh et al., 2011).

The host species, their varieties and the stage of ripeness influence the attractiveness for the flies, as well as the suitability for oviposition and larval development (Burrack et al., 2013). In addition to cultivated plants, many wild plant species and cultivated ornamental plants serve as hosts. Tiefenbrunner et al. (2017) observed a higher abundance of *D. suzukii* adults on forest edges compared to vineyards. The forest probably plays an important role for overwintering (Pelton et al. 2016); fly reproduction in mistletoe berries in winter and spring has already been demonstrated (Briem et al., 2016).

Observations by Saguez et al. (2013) and Van Timmeren and Isaacs (2014) indicate that the dipteran species is able to complete its life cycle on the grapevine (wine and table grapes). According to Lee et al. 2016, the probability of oviposition increases when the fruit skin resistance to ovipositor penetration force decreases and the pH increases during ripening. Ioriatti et al. (2015) investigated the infestation potential of *D. suzukii* on grape berries and found that the risk of oviposition during ripening increased with increasing sugar content and decreasing values of acidity, skin resistance and, in agreement with the latter, skin hardness. Skin hardness was identified as a critical component in the host selection of *D. suzukii* among grape varieties. The authors concluded that although grapevine berries are in most cases not an ideal host for the development of *D. suzukii*, the species poses a serious threat to grape and wine production. In line with this finding, Entling et al. (2018) identified berry skin resistance as a key factor in oviposition preference between cultivars.

Ioratti et al (2018) pointed out that the presence of *D. suzukii*, but especially the oviposition of this species, increases the concentration of acetic acid bacteria on berries exponentially. The infestation of grapes with *D. suzukii* also facilitates the proliferation of *D. melanogaster*, another diptera that spreads acetic acid bacteria by seeking out the damaged berries to lay its eggs. The same applies to the closely related *D. simulans* (the females can only be distinguished ecdonomically by a marking on the mesonotum, although the marking is only well developed in autumn animals), which is often more common in the vineyard than *D. melanogaster*. This could be due to the fact that *D. simulans* prefers more exposed habitats compared to *D. melanogaster* and is less sensitive to direct sunlight (David et al. 2004). *D. simulans* is considered to be somewhat more heat-loving and becomes rarer in Central Europe towards the north (Bächli & Burla 1985).

Attractants are often used to monitor populations in vineyards, as the sense of smell is very well developed in *Drosophila* (Vosshall et al. 2000, Couto et al. 2005, Franco et al. 2011, Saberi & Seyed-Allaei 2015). In addition to commercially available ones, mixtures of apple cider vinegar and red wine (and possibly acetone) have also been suggested. Tiefenbrunner & Tiefenbrunner 2017 compared the efficiency of different attractants that were applied in bottle traps at the boundary between forest and vineyard in autumn for a period of one week in one to three replicates. Different grape juices from *Vitis vinifera* (Traminer from two vineyards, Welschriesling and Pinot Noir) and interspecies hybrid vines (Ripatella and Delaware) were compared, as well as red wine and "Uhudler" (= wine of hybrid vines), plus alcohol (10%) and vinegar (5%). The interspecies hybrid grape juice and wine were used because of the content of methyl anthranilate, which is used as a bird repellent and may also deter *D. melanogaster* (Kain et al. 2013) and is also thought to be effective against *D. suzukii*. The trap arrangement was similar to that described in the methods section.

The authors observed that not a single individual of the 1164 *Drosophila* specimens caught in the attractant traps was found in the alcohol (10%) and vinegar (5%). The conclusion is that these substances are not attractive in the concentration used or perhaps even act as repellents. An above-average number of Drosophilidae were found in the Uhudler grape juice attractant traps, for *D. suzukii* these were comparable to the White Burgundy grape juice traps, for *D. subobscura* and *D. melanogaster/D. simulans* they even had a significantly higher attractiveness than the latter. The authors concluded that the methyl anthranilate contained in Uhudler grape juice showed no repellent effect, although Kain et al. 2013 characterised several anthranilates (ethyl-, butyl- and methyl N,N-dimethyl-) as potential repellents for *D. melanogaster*. It is also worth mentioning that Renkema et al. 2016 recognised peppermint and thyme oil as repellents for *D. suzukii*.

Grape juice or wine appeared to be about equally attractive to *D. suzukii* and *D. melanogaster*. Keesey et al. 2015, on the other hand, observed that both species prefer the odour of fermented fruit to that of fresh fruit.

Many species of the genus *Drosophila* feed on yeast cells as adults (including *D. melanogaster*, *D. simulans* and *D. suzukii*) and therefore, in connection with the observation described above, the question arises as to whether berry or fruit juice is more attractive during fermentation than before or after the fermentation process. The experiment described below is intended to clarify this.

The experiments were already carried out in 2019, but the pandemic delayed the evaluation of the results.

## Method

Location of the attractant traps and experimental set-up: To the north of Eisenstadt (Austria, Burgenland), between a very young vineyard and a forest immediately to the east of it, 25 attractant traps were applied after the autumn harvest in series at intervals of ca. half a metre along a wildlife protection fence (Figure 1). There were some wild cherries in the mixed deciduous tree population and nearby blackberries underneath a neighbouring high-voltage power line. There was a fairly high shrub layer in the immediate vicinity of the fence, so the traps were placed at a height just above this layer so that the attractant was 85 cm above the ground, with the "entrance holes" of the traps slightly higher still. The GPS coordinates of the location are N 47.857°, E 16.521°.



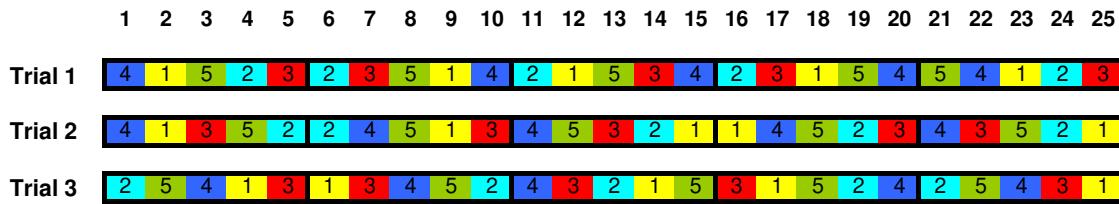
**Figure 1.** Positioning of the attractant traps at the Feiersteig site north of Eisenstadt between the forest and a vineyard and slightly above a shrub layer.

Attractant traps: Plastic bottles 15cm high and 6cm in diameter were used, into which 30 holes with a cross-section of 3mm had been drilled at a height of 8cm and 9cm respectively. Immediately before the start of the experiment, 75ml of the attractant was poured in. The traps remained in place for two to three days (they were emptied either in the late afternoon of the second or early morning of the third) per trial date, whereby three dates were used:

- 1) 02.10.2019 – 04.10.2019.
- 2) 16.10.2019 – 17.10.2019

3) 23.10.2019 – 24.10.2019

A total of five attractant variants were used in a fivefold repetition (= five blocks). Due to a possible neighbourhood effect of the traps in the series, all variants were used within a block (five adjacent traps), but the sequence of the variants was changed randomly from one block to the next (with five intensively shuffled cards). The result is shown in Figure 2.



**Figure 2.** Randomised sequence of attractant variants 1-5 in the experimental set-up.

**Attractant:** A Pinot Blanc grape juice with the basic characterisation shown in Table 1 was inoculated in a 2l Erlenmayer flask with the *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* pure culture yeast Pannonia (EGH 2, Lallemand GmbH), initiating the fermentation, which was carried out at a constant temperature of 20°C.

**Table 1.** Basic chemical/physical description of the Pinot Blanc grape juice used in the trial.

	Unit	Value
Ripeness	°Ochsle	63
	°KMW	12,6
Density		1,063
Glucose	g/l	73,5
Fructose	g/l	68,9
Titratable acid	g/l	8,6
Tartaric acid	g/l	5,8
Malic acid	g/l	4,7
Gluconic acid	g/l	1,5
Volatile acid	g/l	0,37
pH value		3,13
Freely assimilable nitrogen		245

During the first 20 days of fermentation, 50ml samples were taken daily from this Erlenmayer flask for gas chromatographic analysis. At the same time, the same grape juice was fermented with the same yeast in 300ml conical flasks, with the start of fermentation staggered by two days in order to produce the five test variants. The start of fermentation for the three test dates was as follows (Table 2):

**Table 2.** Duration of fermentation at the start of the field trial for variants 1-5.

Variant	Fermentation time at the start of the experiment	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3
1	8 days	23.09.2019	07.10.2019	14.10.2019
2	6 days	25.09.2019	09.10.2019	16.10.2019
3	4 days	27.09.2019	11.10.2019	18.10.2019
4	2 days	30.09.2019	14.10.2019	21.10.2019
5	0 days	02.10.2019	16.10.2019	23.10.2019

The weather at the time the experiment was carried out at the trial location: For a field trial, knowledge of the weather data during the trial period is of course important. The data comes from the Eisenstadt/Northeast climate station (1.39 km from the trial location) of the Central Institute for Meteorology and Geodynamics (ZAMG) and is summarised in Table 3:

**Table 3.** The most important weather data for the trial period.

	Trial 1			Trial 2		Trial 3	
	02.10.2019	03.10.2019	04.10.2019	16.10.2019	17.10.2019	23.10.2019	24.10.2019
Average air temperature (°C)	14.9	11.3	11.4	14.9	13.8	16.7	18.9
Maximum air temperature (°C)	18.3	13.7	16	19	20.5	23.5	25.2
Minimum air temperature (°C)	11.5	8.8	6.7	10.8	7.1	9.8	12.5
Relative humidity at 14 CET (%)	90	57	42	47	59	68	34
Precipitation (mm)	8.2	0	0	1.8	0	0	0
Wind speed at 14 CET (km/h)	6 - 11	20 - 28	12 - 19	6 - 11	12 - 19	12 - 19	20 - 28
Preferred wind direction	NW	W	E	NW	E	E	E
Sky cover at 14 CET (1/10)	10	9	4	6	4	10	0

During the first trial, average temperatures were between 11°C and 15°C with a range of 7°C to 18°C, it rained lightly on the first day of the trial and the humidity was correspondingly high (90%). After that there was no more precipitation and the humidity dropped to around 50%. The wind speed was moderate to slightly problematic at 6km/h to 28km/h and the cloud cover was high on the first two days (at 2pm).

At the time of the second trial, the daily mean temperature was 14°C to 15°C, with a range of 7°C to 21°C. Humidity was below 50%, there was very little precipitation, wind strength was low and cloud cover was around 50%.

On the third trial, temperatures were higher, between 17°C and 19°C, with a range of 10°C to 25°C. There was no rain on either day and humidity was only above 50% on the first day (about 70%). The wind strength was somewhat problematic on the second day (from the point of view of a very small flying animal). Cloud cover was 100% on the first trial day (at 2 pm), whereas the sky was clear on the second day.

Identification of the Drosophildae: The determination was mainly based on Bächli & Burla 1985, but Markow & O'Grady 2006 was also used. A binocular (Stemi 2000-C; Zeiss, Oberkochen, Germany) was used to recognise the characteristics described in the identification keys.

Analysis of the aroma composition of the fermenting grape juice: A gas chromatography-mass spectrometry system, quadrupole mass spectrometer from Shimadzu Austria (Korneuburg, Austria) GC/MS QP2010, Ultra, was used to analyse the volatile aroma components of the fermenting grape juice. A polar capillary column from Zebron (Aschaffenburg, Germany), ZB-WAX plus, length 60m, film thickness 0.50µm, inner diameter 0.25mm, was used as the separation column.

Analyte enrichment was performed by solid phase microextraction (SPME). An 8 ml sample was used and mixed with internal standard (3-decanol). After equilibration (40°C/5 minutes) in the autosampler from CTC Analytics (Zwingen, Switzerland), the adsorption of analyte molecules on the SPME fibre (a 2cm long C/DVB/PDMS fibre carboxene/divinylbenzene/polydimethylsiloxane, 50µm/30µm) in the gas phase (headspace analysis) was carried out for 30 minutes. This was followed by the actual analysis. The injector temperature was held at 50°C for 3 minutes before being increased by 4°C per minute to 180°C and then to 230°C at a rate of 25°C/min and then held at this temperature for a further 7.5 minutes. The entire cycle lasted 45 minutes. Helium was used as the carrier gas at a constant flow rate of 1.0 ml/min. The result of this procedure is not the concentrations of the flavour components, but their specific ion trace (mass fragment) areas (SIM areas). 68 flavour-active substances were investigated.

Statistical analysis: In order to compare the frequencies of the *Drosophila* species in the attractant traps for the different variants, ANOVA and Multiple Range Test (95% LSD) were carried out as parametric test procedures. Statgraphics Centurion Version XV (Statgraphics Technologies, Inc., Virginia, USA) offers the Levene test, among others, to check the test requirement 'homogeneity of variance'. To check whether the data are normally distributed, the skewness and excess of the sample were examined. Both must lie within a specified range that is consistent with the normal distribution.

If one of the two test requirements was not met, the result of the Kruskal-Wallis test was taken into account, and, alternatively, data transformation of the type  $y=\ln(x+1)$  was performed and the procedure was repeated. If this also failed to fulfil the test requirements for the parametric test procedures, a random-resample rank test was carried out in addition to the Kruskal-Wallis test to compare the variants in pairs. The analysis was used both for data pooled across all test dates (75) and for those of a single date (25 each), as well as either for the species as a whole or the single species. In the second case the analysis was carried out separately for the sexes and for both together as well.

Principal component analysis was used to investigate the flavour composition of the must at different stages of fermentation.

## Results

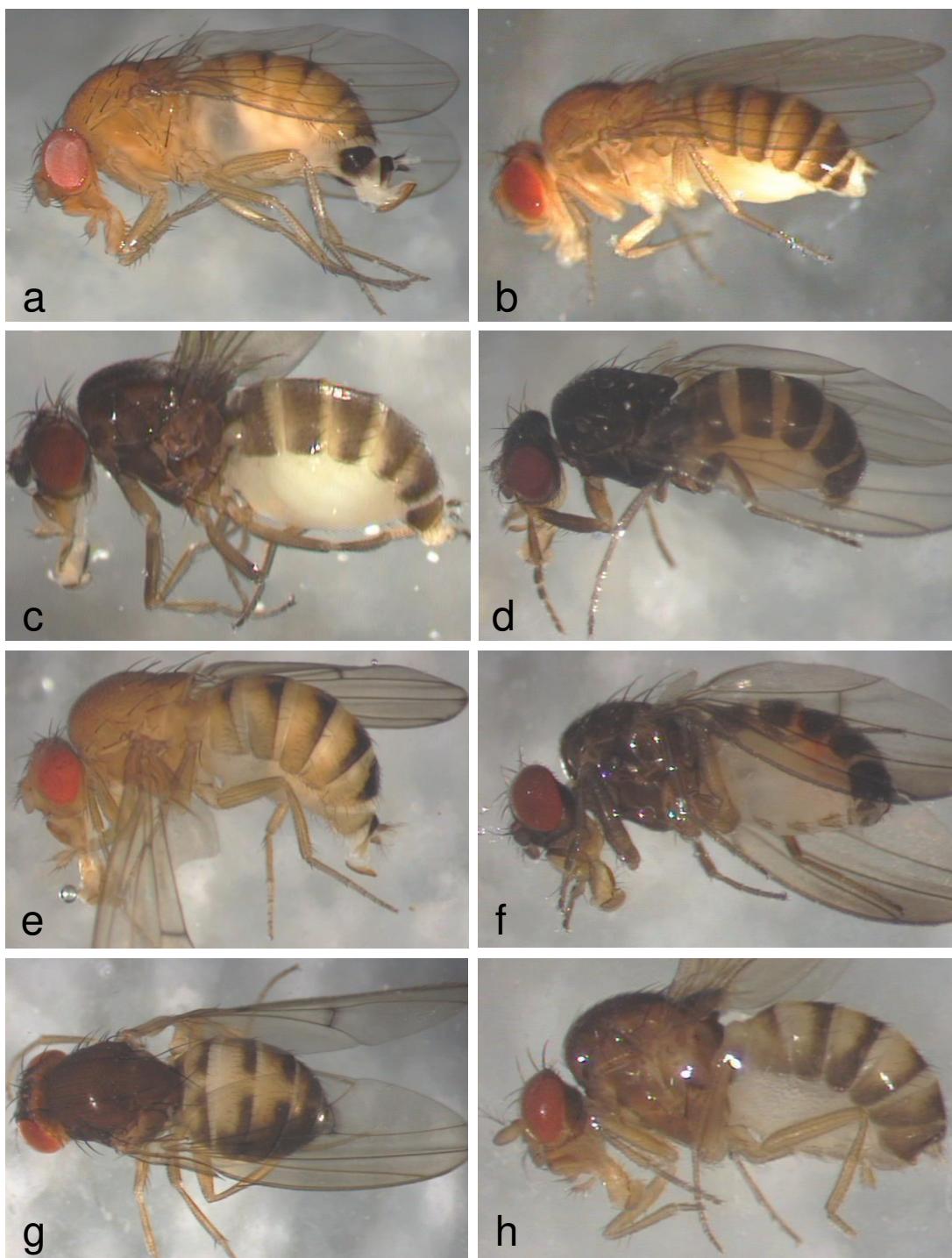
Drosophilidae species: During the first experimental period, seven species of the genus *Drosophila* were captured, *D. immigrans* (one female individual), *D. kuntzei* (3 specimens; 1 ♂, 2 ♀), *D. melanogaster* (5 ♂), *D. obscura* (2 ♂), *D. simulans* (142 specimens, 64 ♂ and 78 ♀), *D. subobscura* (10; 3 ♂, 7 ♀) and *D. suzukii* (136 individuals, of these 58 ♂ and 78 ♀).

Within the time span of the second experiment, six species were found, *D. kuntzei* (12; 3 ♂, 9 ♀), *D. melanogaster* (12; 9 ♂, 3 ♀), *D. simulans* (58; 28 ♂ and 30 ♀), *D. subobscura* (34; 15 ♂, 19 ♀), *D. suzukii* (209; 92 ♂ and 117 ♀) and *D. testacea* (5; 3 ♂, 2 ♀).

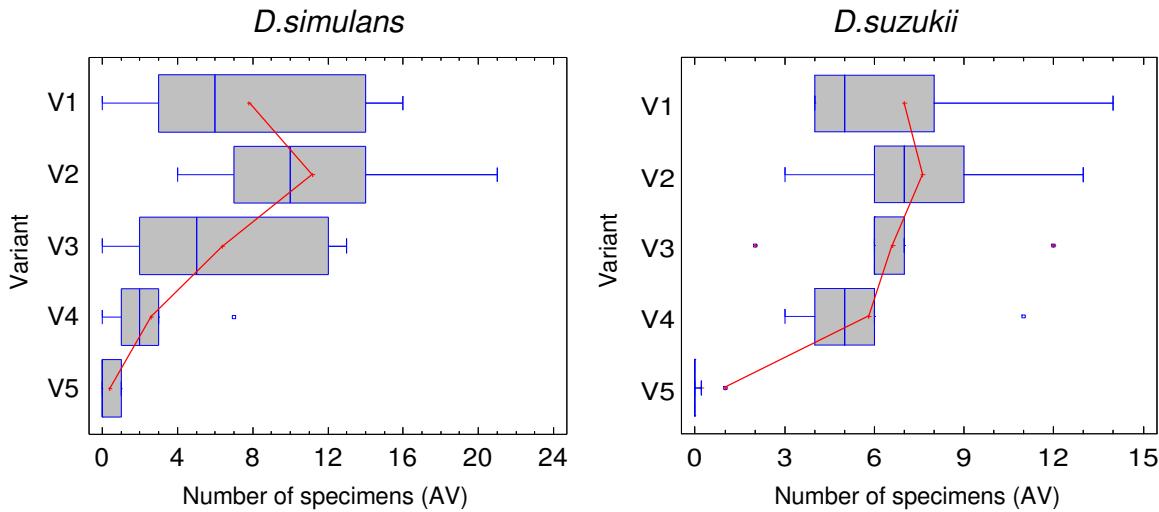
The following six species were detected in the third experiment: *D. kuntzei* (4; 3 ♂, 1 ♀), *D. melanogaster* (2; 1 ♂, 1 ♀), *D. simulans* (51; 25 ♂ and 26 ♀), *D. subobscura* (6; 6 ♀), *D. suzukii* (42; 19 ♂ and 23 ♀) and *D. tristis* (1♂). A total of nine species were caught (Figure 3).

A sufficient number of individuals for a statistical analysis was only available for the two species *D. simulans* and *D. suzukii*, which, apart from *D. melanogaster*, are also the species of greatest importance for wine production. For *D. simulans*, the first test date is particularly important, as more individuals were caught here than in the other two combined. The sex ratio is relatively balanced, with slightly more females caught overall. Most individuals of *D. suzukii* were collected on the second date and the females clearly predominated. However, almost the same number of individuals of *D. suzukii* were caught on the first date as of *D. simulans*. *D. suzukii* is therefore the most common species in the traps overall, but not necessarily in the habitat, as the attractant traps were presumably differently appealing to the different species. The comparison of the arithmetic mean in Figure 4 suggests for the two most common species that the number of individuals caught and thus presumably the attractiveness of the attractant increases with increasing fermentation time up to the eighth day, after which there tends to be a decrease.

However, the figures also show that the range of variation is quite high and the difference between the median and arithmetic mean is often significant, which indicates that the data are often not normally distributed. A precise statistical analysis is therefore required, the results of which are presented in the supplement and summarised in the following. Females and males should also be analysed separately, because although both are searching for food, males are also actively searching for females and mated females for laying sites, i.e. different preferences may exist.



**Figure 3.** *Drosophila* species found during the experiment: a) *D. suzukii* ♀; b) *D. melanogaster* ♀ (indistinguishable from *D. simulans* ♀ in this perspective); c) *D. obscura*; d) *D. subobscura*; e) *D. immigrans*; f) *D. tristis*; g) *D. kuntzei*; h) *D. testacea*.



**Figure 4.** Number of individuals of *D. simulans* and *D. suzukii* at the first experiment (box and whiskers diagram), presented against the trial variant. Red line: arithmetic mean ( $n=5$ ). The blue box shows the median and the quartiles.

- Entirety of species ("pooled" data)

Comparison of the variants for all species and all dates: A total of five replicates per variant, five variants and three dates are available, i.e. the sample consists of 75 data and 15 per variant. In variant 5 (V5) an average of 2.53 individuals were collected, in variant 4 (V4) an average of nine and in the others an average of more than 11.6 specimens. According to ANOVA, there is a highly significant difference between the variants (Supplement 1), the Multiple Range Test (95% LSD) recognises two homogeneous groups, V5 on the one hand and all others on the other, i.e. V5 differs from all other variants at the significance level of 0.05.

The mean number of males per variant is of course lower, 1.2 for V5, between 4.13 and 4.87 for V1, V3 and V4. V2 has the most males per sample with an average of 7.13. In general, there is a highly significant difference between the variants (ANOVA), with V5 differing significantly from all others, as well as V2 from V4.

The mean value of captured females for V5 is 1.33, for V4 five and for all others 6.8 or more. ANOVA shows a highly significant difference and the Multiple Range Test shows that V5 differs significantly from all other variants. A total of 735 individuals were caught.

Comparison of the variants for all species at the first date: the sample size here is 25. The mean number of individuals per sample is less than one for V5, nine for V4 and more than 13.8 for all others, with V2 representing the highest value with an average of more than 20 specimens per sample. With  $p=0.0$ , ANOVA recognises an extremely clear difference between the variants, with V5 differing significantly from all other variants, V2 additionally from V4.

In V5 no males of *Drosophila* sp. were caught, in V4 on average 3.8, in V3 about five, in V4 seven and in V2 10.6. According to ANOVA ( $p=0.0$ ) the variants differed highly significantly from each other, V5 significantly from all others, furthermore V2 from V3 and V4 (Multiple Range Test).

V5 traps contained on average less than one female, V4 on average 5.4, V3 and V1 8.6 and V2 ten individuals. The variants differed highly significantly (ANOVA  $p=0.0004$ ), although only V5 stood out clearly from the others (multiple mean comparison for transformed data).

A total of 299 individuals were collected on the first date.

Comparison of the variants for all species at the second date: The sample size is 25. On average, three specimens were caught in the V5 traps on this date, and 15 to more than 16 in the others. ANOVA and multiple mean comparison show that V5 differs highly significantly from all other variants. This difference between the variants also remains when males and females are considered separately. 330 individuals were caught on the second date in all samples.

Comparison of the variants for the species as a whole on the third date: 25 sample values are available. The lowest average number of individuals on this date was not found in V5 (four specimens), but in V4 (2.2 individuals), although the highest number was again found in V2 (6.2 individuals on average). According to ANOVA, however, this difference is not significant ( $p=0.055$  for transformed data). This contradicts the Multiple Range Test, which found a significant difference between V1 and V2, V2 and V4, and V3 and V4.

The discrepancy in the test results is also evident if only the males are considered. According to ANOVA,  $p=0.28$  (for transformed data  $p=0.14$ ), i.e. clearly not significant, while the Multiple Range Test recognises a significant difference between V2 and V4.

As far as the females are concerned, however, there is no contradiction in the evaluation of the two test methods; there is no significant difference between the variants.

On the third date, a total of 106 individuals belonging to the genus *Drosophila* were found in all samples.

- *Drosophila simulans*

Of this species, 142 specimens were caught on the first test date, 58 on the second and 51 on the third (total: 251).

Comparison of the variants for *D. simulans* and all dates ("pooled" data): The sample size is 75, with variant 5 having the lowest mean number of individuals (0.8) and V2 the highest, with more than an average of six specimens per sample. V4 is slightly below V3 and V1 in terms of the mean number of individuals. ANOVA indicates a very significant difference between the variants ( $p=0.0016$  for transformed data). V5 differs significantly from V1 to V3, and additionally V2 from V4.

As the data concerning the males of this species are neither normally distributed nor homogeneous in variance (not even the transformed ones), the Kruskal-Wallis test is used here. The variants accordingly differ significantly ( $p=0.001$ ). The random-resample rank test for the pairwise comparison indicates significant differences for V1 vs. V5 ( $p=0.011$ ), V2 vs. V3 ( $p=0.021$ ), V2 vs. V4 ( $p=0.01$ ) and V2 vs. V5 ( $p=0.0$ ). Here, too, V2 (particularly high values) and V5 (particularly low) are clearly different from the others.

The variants also differ significantly with regard to the females (ANOVA  $p=0.033$  for transformed data). Significant differences are found after the Multiple Range Test for all variants compared to V5 with the exception of V4.

Comparison of the variants for *D. simulans* at the first date: The sample size is 25 for five variants. The mean number of individuals caught per trap differs greatly between the variants; it is less than one specimen in V5 and more than eleven specimens in V2 (Figure 3). The difference is significant (ANOVA  $p=0.011$  for transformed data). The Multiple Range Test recognises significance between V5 and V1 to V3 on the one hand and between V2 and V4 on the other.

Not a single male was caught in the V5 traps, whereas an average of 6.6 were caught in those of V2. The variants differed significantly in terms of frequency (ANOVA for transformed data  $p=0.0018$ ). Pair differences that are statistically significant are found for V5 and V1 to V3 on the one hand, and for V2 and V3 or V4 on the other.

In contrast, the capture frequencies of the females in the variants are not significantly different (ANOVA for transformed data  $p=0.06$ ), although here too there is a discrepancy with the Multiple Range Test, which calculates significant differences for the pairs V5 vs. V1, V5 vs. V2 and V5 vs. V3. As more females were caught (78) than males (64), the less pronounced difference in the females is certainly not due to insufficient capture numbers.

Comparison of the variants for *D. simulans* on the second date: Considerably fewer *D. simulans* were caught in the second trial (58) than in the first (142) and the conditions for a statistical evaluation are correspondingly less favourable. The diversity of the variants is less pronounced and the average number of individuals caught only varies between 0.4 for V5 and 3.2 for V1 and V4. There is no significant difference for the total number of individuals, neither for the transformed nor for the original data after ANOVA, although for the former the Multiple Range Test for V1 vs. V5, as well as for V4 vs. V5 recognises significance.

The test requirements are not met for the males, not even for the transformed data, and therefore only the Kruskal-Wallis test is meaningful. According to this test, the variants differ significantly from each other ( $p=0.0022$ ). The random-resample rank test shows significant differences for V5 and all other variants, with the exception of V2;  $p=0.055$  for this pair and  $p=0.016$  for all others.

Although approximately the same number of females (30) as males (28) were caught, none of the tests showed a significant difference between two variants for females. The Multiple Range Test therefore only recognises one homogeneous group, V1-V5.

Comparison of the variants for *D. simulans* at the third date: even fewer individuals of this species were caught at this time than at the previous dates, namely only 51. The differences are nevertheless somewhat more pronounced, with an average of 0.6 individuals caught in V5 traps and four in V2 traps. According to ANOVA, the discrepancy is significant ( $p=0.036$  for the original data). It is primarily V2 that differs significantly from all others with the exception of V3.

However, if the sexes are analysed separately, ANOVA finds no significant differences between the variants. For the males, the Multiple Range Test between the variants V2 and V4 recognises significance, for the females both for V2 vs. V4 and for V2 vs. V5.

- *Drosophila suzukii*

Of this species, 136 specimens were caught on the first trial date, 209 on the second and 42 on the third (total: 387).

Comparison of the variants for *D. suzukii* and all dates ("pooled" data): In V5 traps there are on average about one and a half animals, in all others about six. V2 is not the variant with the most animals. ANOVA for the transformed data shows that there is a significant difference between the variants ( $p=0.003$ ), with only variant five standing out from all others according to the Multiple Range Test.

With regard to the males of this species, the test results are inconsistent, as on the one hand ANOVA for the transformed data (the original data do not fulfil all test requirements) does not detect any significant differences between the variants ( $p=0.052$ ), but on the other hand the Multiple Range Test shows statistical differences, namely between V5 vs. V1 to V3.

The situation is clearer for the females. A significant difference is confirmed for both the original and the transformed data (for the latter more clearly:  $p=0.0036$ ). Once again, it is variant five that differs from all others.

Comparison of the variants for *D. suzukii* at the first date: At the time of the first experimental repetition, V2 dominated in terms of the mean number of individuals per trap with 7.6 individuals, although not very clearly, and V5 with 0.2 individuals (maximum: 1) showed the lowest density, followed by V4 with 5.8 (Figure 4, right). The test requirements for parametric test procedures are not met for either the original data or the transformed data, so that only the Kruskal-Wallis test is meaningful. The result is a moderate significance of  $p=0.015$ . This analysis was supplemented by a non-parametric pairwise comparison (random-resample rank test), according to which V5 differs significantly from all other variants, but there are no significant differences beyond this.

Not a single male was found in the fifth variant and accordingly this also differs significantly from all others. There are no further statistic differences. The significance value of ANOVA for the transformed data is  $p=0.0001$ .

With regard to the frequency of females, only the Kruskal-Wallis test is meaningful because neither the original nor the transformed data are normally distributed. The variants accordingly differ significantly ( $p=0.02$ ). A rank test (random-resample) was carried out for the pair comparison and showed that the variants V1 to V4 differ significantly from V5 (least V4 vs. V5:  $p=0.016$ , otherwise  $p=0.008$ ). Although the differences between the variants are somewhat less pronounced in the females, this is not a consequence of the capture numbers, which reached 78 specimens for the females but only 58 individuals for the males.

Comparison of the variants for *D. suzukii* on the second date: Variant 5 had an average of only two individuals, whereas with the exception of variant 2 (eight specimens), the others had more than ten. For the transformed data, there is a very significant difference between the variants when males

and females are considered together (ANOVA  $p=0.0019$ ). V5 differs significantly from all other variants (Multiple Range Test 95% LSD), there are no other significant differences.

When analysing the males alone, there are contradictions in the results between the test methods. ANOVA shows that there are no significant differences between the variants, whereas the Multiple Range Test shows a statistically significant difference between V3 and V5.

For the females, ANOVA shows a highly significant difference between the variants ( $p=0.0004$  for the transformed data), with only V5 differing significantly from the rest of the variants (Multiple Range Test).

Comparison of the variants for *D. suzukii* on the third date: Regardless of whether males and females are analysed together or separately, no significant difference can be found between the variants for *D. suzukii* on the third date. This may be at least partly due to the small number of only 42 individuals caught.

The following Table 4 summarises the results of the statistical analyses.

**Table 4.** Results of the statistical analyses of the difference in capture numbers between the attractant variants V1 to V5. The text was kept grey if only the Multiple Range Test showed a significant difference, but not ANOVA (or the Kruskal-Wallis test). Bold letters were chosen for the variant whose traps contained more individuals on average than those of the other variant(s). Empty fields symbolise a lack of significant differences. A more detailed description of the analysis procedure can be found in the Supplement.

		All Species	<i>D. simulans</i>	<i>D. suzukii</i>
All dates	♂ & ♀	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4</b>	V5 vs. <b>V1-V3, V2 vs. V4</b>	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4</b>
	♂	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4, V2 vs. V4</b>	<b>V1</b> vs. V5; <b>V2</b> vs. V3-V5	V5 vs. <b>V1-V3</b>
	♀	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4</b>	V5 vs. <b>V1-V3</b>	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4</b>
Date 1	♂ & ♀	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4, V2 vs. V4</b>	V5 vs. <b>V1-V3; V2 vs. V4</b>	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4</b>
	♂	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4, V2, V3 vs. V4</b>	V5 vs. <b>V1-V3; V2 vs. V3-V4</b>	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4</b>
	♀	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4</b>	V5 vs. <b>V1-V3</b>	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4</b>
Date 2	♂ & ♀	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4</b>	V5 vs. V4; V5 vs. <b>V1</b>	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4</b>
	♂	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4</b>	V5 vs. <b>V1; V5 vs. V3-V4</b>	V3 vs. V5
	♀	V5 vs. <b>V1-V4</b>		V5 vs. <b>V1-V4</b>
Date 3	♂ & ♀	V2 vs. V1, V4; V3 vs. V4	<b>V2</b> vs. V1; <b>V2</b> vs. V4-V5	
	♂	V2 vs. V4	V2 vs. V4	
	♀		V2 vs. V4-V5	

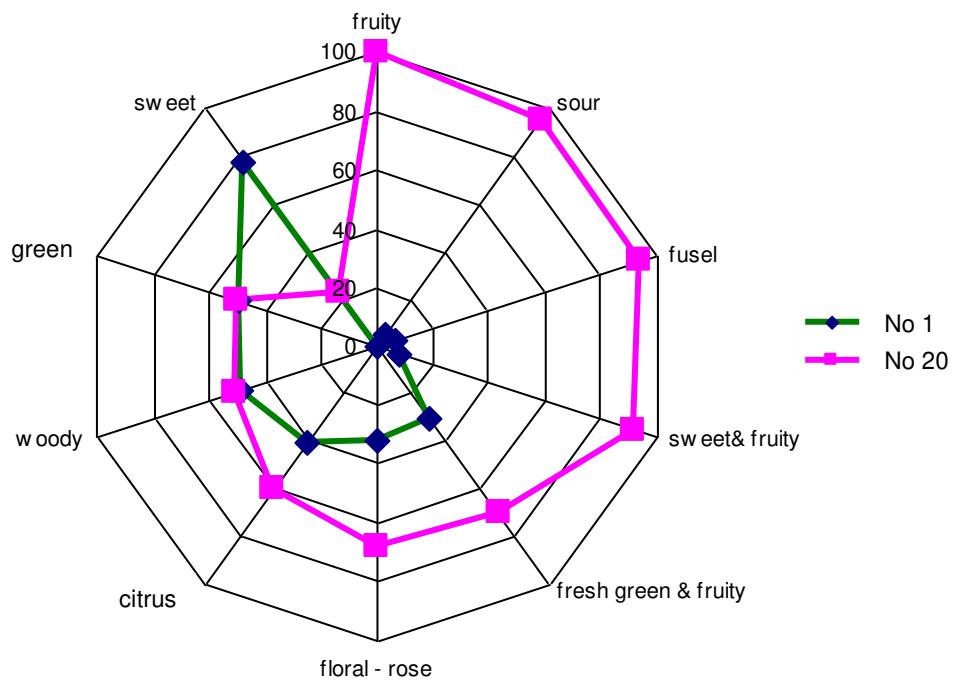
It is possible that the males of *D. simulans* and the females of *D. suzukii* react more strongly to the difference between the variants, but further investigations are certainly necessary to clarify this. V5 is the grape juice that is still unfermented or at the beginning of fermentation. For *D. simulans*, but possibly not for *D. suzukii*, V2 seems to be particularly attractive, at least for the males of this species. In this variant, the grape juice was transferred on the seventh day after fermentation began at 20°C in the laboratory, to the field, where it remained for one and a half days, albeit at lower temperatures. At this point, the fermenting liquid no longer smells distinctly of grape juice and stormy fermentation has usually already begun. In any case, it follows from what has been discussed so far that if grape juice is used as an attracting liquid, wine yeast should be added to it and it should not be applied right at the start of fermentation unless the trap remains in the field for a long time.

Table 4 also shows that the trial date had an influence on the test result, with the third date being the least significant. If this is weather-related, it is not due to the temperature, as this was highest on the third date, while the total capture numbers were lowest. The cloud cover was highest during the first date, which may have had a positive effect, as did the light precipitation. The wind may also have played a role, albeit an ambivalent one; at higher speeds, the navigation of the very small animals may be impaired, but on the other hand, if the wind is blowing in the right direction, the aromatic substances are dispersed further with the air and can thus attract them over greater

distances. On the first trial date, the prevailing wind direction in the early afternoon and evening was from north-west to south-east or from west to east, i.e. towards the herbaceous vegetation and foliage which was mainly east of the traps; as was the case on the first day of the second trial date, but not on the following day, when the wind had blown from east to west and thus the aromatic substances towards the open area of the vineyard edge. On the third date, the wind was generally from the east, i.e. away from the tall vegetation at the edge of the forest. The wind speed was generally moderate (Table 3), up to 28km/h. It was lowest on the second date.

In addition to the weather during the experimental period, other factors can also influence the attractiveness, e.g. malfermentation in the attractant or changing preferences of successive generations over the course of the year, which could perhaps be caused by the decreasing day length.

**The aroma composition of the fermenting grape juice:** 68 volatile substances were selected for the aroma analysis of the Pinot Blanc grape juice as well as the wine and the intermediate stages produced during fermentation and used in the field trials (Table 5). In chemical terms, these are aldehydes, terpenes, ketones, ethers, alcohols, carboxylic acids, methyl and ethyl esters, acetic acid and other esters. In Table 5, they are classified according to the odour perception that they trigger in isolation in the majority of humans - almost nothing is known about the perception of *Drosophila*. The samples were taken daily for 20 days, numbered consecutively (No. 1 is the unfermented grape juice) and analysed as described in the methods section. The change in the flavour spectrum before and after fermentation was reconstructed according to Table 5 and is shown in Figure 5.



**Figure 5.** Aroma representation of Pinot Blanc grape juice (no. 1) and the wine after 20 days of fermentation (no. 20).

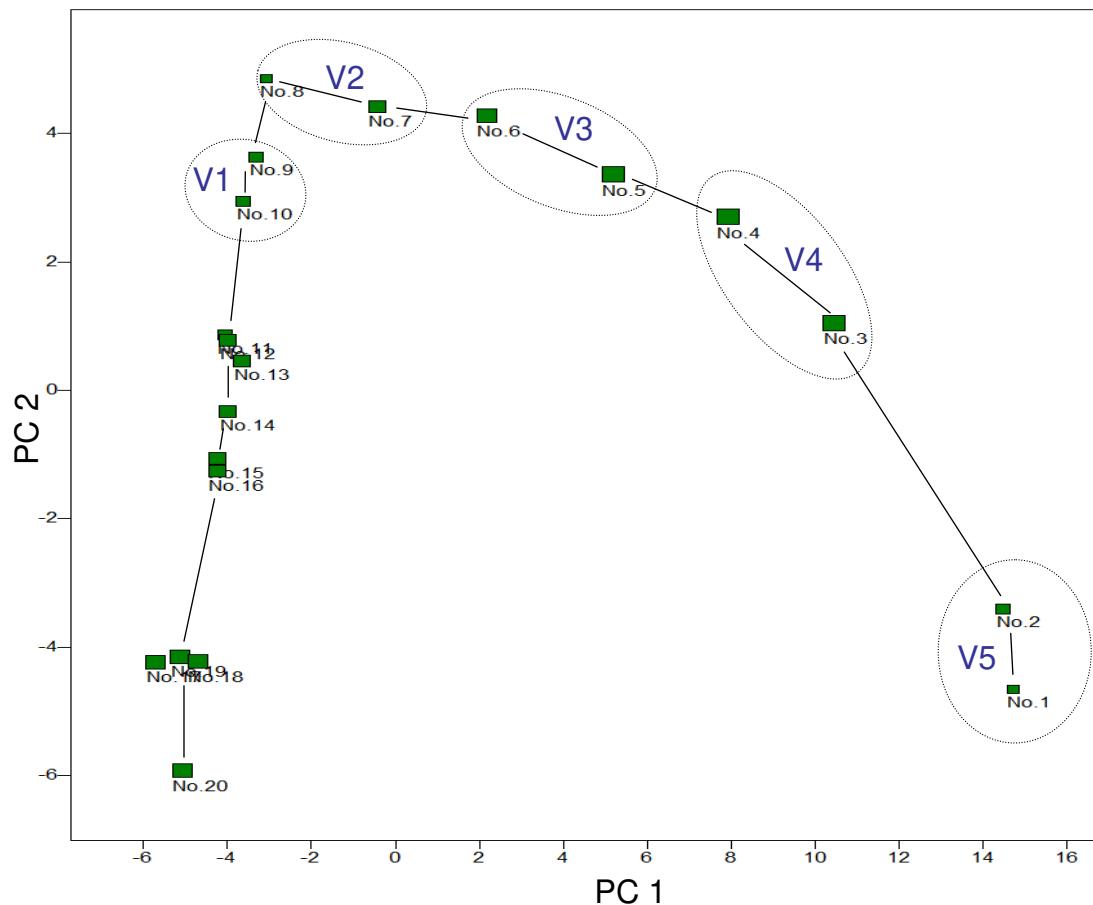
As can be seen, the flavour develops into greater variety, with fruity notes in particular, but a less desirable component is also present ("fusel").

**Table 5.** Aroma substances and the description of their flavours as isolated components.

	Substance	Aroma cluster	Aroma description (The Good Scents Company)
1	2-Ethylhexan-1-ol	citrus	citrus fresh floral oily sweet
2	beta-Citronellol	citrus	floral leather waxy rose bud citrus
3	2-Phenylethyl acetate	floral - rose	floral rose sweet honey fruity tropical
4	beta-Damascenone	floral - rose	rose, floral
5	Phenylmethanol	floral - rose	floral rose phenolic balsamic
6	2-Phenylethyl alcohol	floral - rose	floral rose dried rose flower rose water
7	Hexanal	fresh green & fruity	fresh green fatty aldehydic grass leafy fruity sweaty
8	Octanal	fresh green & fruity	fruity
9	Octan-1-ol	fresh green & fruity	waxy aldehydic rose fresh orris orange peel fatty peely
10	Nonanal	fresh green & fruity	waxy aldehydic rose fresh orris orange peel fatty peely
11	Decanal	fresh green & fruity	sweet aldehydic waxy orange peel citrus floral
12	Undecanal	fresh green & fruity	sweet aldehydic waxy orange peel citrus floral
13	Propyl acetate	fruity	solvent celery fruity fusel raspberry pear
14	Isobutyl acetate	fruity	sweet fruity ethereal banana tropical
15	Butyl acetate	fruity	ethereal solvent fruity banana
16	Isopentyl acetate	fruity	sweet fruity banana solvent
17	Hexyl acetate	fruity	fruity green apple banana sweet
18	2-Ethylhexyl acetate	fruity	
19	Methyl salicylate	fusel	ethereal fusel oil fruity alcoholic
20	2-methylpropan-1-ol	fusel	ethereal winey cortex
21	Butan-1-ol	fusel	fusel oil sweet balsam whiskey
22	Isopentanol	fusel	fusel oil alcoholic whiskey fruity banana
23	Heptan-1-ol	fusel	waxy green orange aldehydic rose mushroom
24	Nonan-2-ol	fusel	waxy green creamy citrus orange cheese fruity
25	Decan-1-ol	fusel	fatty waxy floral orange sweet clean watery
26	(Z)-Hex-3-en-1-yl acetate	green	fresh green sweet fruity banana apple grassy
27	(E)-Hex-3-en-1-yl acetate	green	sharp fruity green banana pear
28	Nonan-2-one	green	fresh sweet green weedy earthy herbal
29	Hex-2-en-1-ol	green	fresh green cut grass foliage vegetable herbal oily
30	(Z)-Hex-3-en-1-ol	green	fresh green cut grass foliage vegetable herbal oily
31	(E)-Hex-3-en-1-ol	green	fresh green cut grass foliage vegetable herbal oily
32	3-Methylpentan-1-ol	green	intensely green bitter earthy fatty
33	Hexan-1-ol	green	fusel cognac wine cocoa green fruity
34	Hex-1-en-3-ol	green	ethereal fusel oil fruity alcoholic sweet green
35	Heptyl acetate	green	fresh green rum ripe fruit pear apricot woody
36	Acetic acid	sour	sharp pungent sour vinegar
37	Hexanoic acid	sour	sour fatty sweat cheese
38	Octanoic acid	sour	fatty waxy rancid oily vegetable cheesy
39	Decanoic acid	sour	unpleasant rancid sour fatty citrus
40	Furfural	sweet	sweet woody almond fragrant baked bread
41	2,2,6-Trimethyl-6-vinyltetrahydro-2H-pyran	sweet	
42	Butyrolactone	sweet	creamy oily fatty caramel
43	Ethyl Acetate	sweet & fruity	ethereal fruity sweet weedy green
44	Ethyl but-2-enoate	sweet & fruity	pungent chemical diffusive sweet alliaceous caramel rum
45	Ethyl 4-hydroxybutanoate	sweet & fruity	fruity juicy fruit pineapple cognac
46	Ethyl butanoate	sweet & fruity	fruity sweet apple pineapple tutti frutti
47	Ethyl 3-methylbutanoate	sweet & fruity	sweet green fruity vegetable
48	Ethyl (Z)-hex-2-enoate	sweet & fruity	sweet fruity pineapple green metallic fresh
49	Ethyl (Z)-hex-3-enoate	sweet & fruity	sweet fruity pineapple waxy green banana
50	Ethyl hexanoate	sweet & fruity	fruity wine waxy sweet apricot banana brandy pear
51	Ethyl octanoate	sweet & fruity	fruity fatty
52	Ethyl dec-9-enoate	sweet & fruity	sweet waxy fruity apple grape oily brandy
53	Ethyl decanoate	sweet & fruity	sweet waxy fruity apple grape oily brandy
54	Ethyl dodecanoate	sweet & fruity	sweet waxy fruity apple grape oily brandy
55	Ethyl tridecanoate	sweet & fruity	sweet waxy violet orris
56	Ethyl tetradecanoate	sweet & fruity	honey sweet
57	Ethyl pentadecanoate	sweet & fruity	mild waxy fruity creamy milky balsam
58	Ethyl hexadecanoate	sweet & fruity	fruity
59	Acetophenon	sweet & fruity	fruity banana apple pineapple green
60	Isopentyl hexanoate	sweet & fruity	fruity banana apple pineapple green
61	Isobutyl caprylate	sweet & fruity	sweet oily fruity green soapy pineapple coconu
62	Isopentyl octanoate	sweet & fruity	sweet oily fruity green soapy pineapple coconu
63	Decan-3-one	sweet & fruity	fruity pineapple banana strawberry spicy oily
64	Ethyl heptanoate	sweet & fruity	waxy green sweet orange aldehydic vegetable herbal
65	Methyl octanoate	sweet & fruity	dry woody fresh amber cedar roasted peanut
66	2-Methoxy-4-vinylphenol	woody	pepper woody earth musty sweet
67	Terpinen-4-ol	woody	floral fruity earthy woody
68	Vitispiran	woody	

Figure 6 shows the multivariate analysis (PCA) of the development of the aroma composition of the fermenting grape juice. The large difference between the second and third day along the second principal component (PC2) is striking. More relevant, however, is the change along PC1, which remains high from the second to the eighth day (PC1 explains 67.2% of the variance in the data, PC2

only 17.7%). After that, the aroma changes only slowly. On days one and two of fermentation, the attractor liquid corresponds to experimental variant 5, days three and four V4, five and six V3, seven and eight V2 and finally nine and ten V1.



**Figure 6.** Principal component analysis; the characters are the SIM areas of the 68 aroma components, the objects are the fermenting grape juice, numbered according to the day of sampling (e.g. sample no. 4 was taken and analysed on the fourth day after fermentation began). V1-V5: Attractor liquid of the test variants.

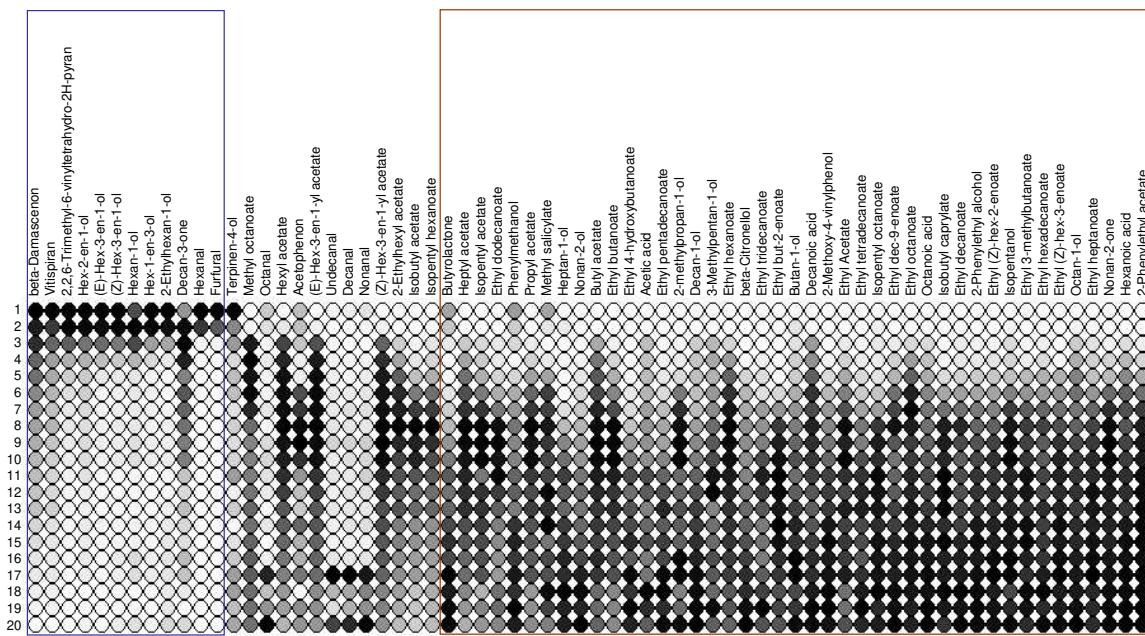
In the following two figures, the aroma components were sorted according to their significance for the positioning of the fermenting grape juices along PC1 and PC2. The fermenting grape juices are positioned along PC1 according to the equation:

$$y_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{1i} x_i \quad (1)$$

where  $x_i$  corresponds to the SIM area of the  $i$ -th aroma substance ( $n$  is the number of components) and for each component it applies that a larger SIM area also corresponds to a larger aroma concentration.  $y_1$  is the value of grape juice on the PC1 axis. The larger the amount of the constant  $a_{1i}$  calculated by the PCA algorithm, the more important the substance is for positioning. The sign provides additional information as to whether the SIM area of the component in the fermenting grape juice is relatively high or low. The same applies to  $y_2$ , the positioning along PC2.

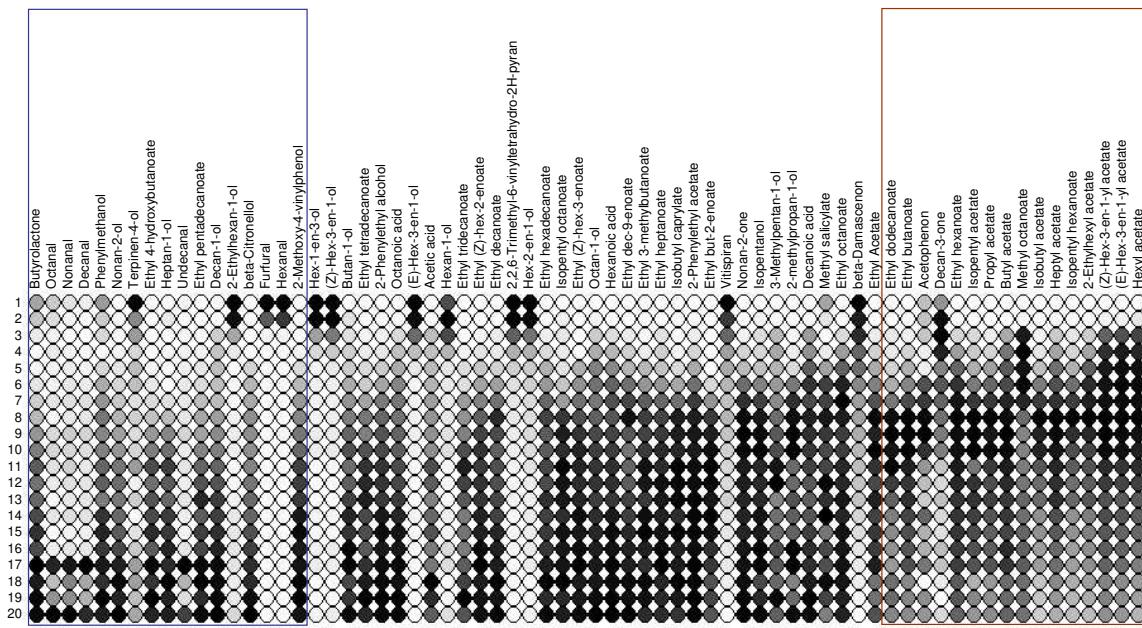
According to the statistical analysis summarized in Table 4, variant V5 (days 1 and 2 of fermentation) shows the lowest attractiveness for both *D. simulans* and *D. suzukii* males as well as females. It is therefore unlikely that the aromatic substances contained in the blue rectangle in Figure 7 are particularly attractive to these species. These are hexanols and hexenols,  $\beta$ -damascenone, vitispiran, decanone, hexanal and furfural. However, almost any of the substances included in the

red rectangle could, individually or in combination, have an attracting effect on the two *Drosophila* species. In this context, it would of course be interesting to know how attractive the wine, i.e. the grape juice that had finished fermenting, would have been compared to the grape juice that was still fermenting. The Pinot Blanc wine was not included in the experiment, but a study by Tiefenbrunner & Tiefenbrunner in 2017 showed that the wine has no greater appeal than the still unfermented grape juice and it follows that aroma components not typical for the wine but for fermenting grape juice are likely important.



**Figure 7.** Aromagram of the fermenting grape juices (1-20) in comparison. The substances are sorted according to the value for  $a_{1i}$  (see text). Substances for which  $a_{1i} > 0.1$  are highlighted in blue, and those aroma components for which  $a_{1i} < -0.1$  in red. Within a column, all values are minimum-maximum-scaled, i.e. the lowest value is represented by a white circle, the highest by a black one. All others are shaded gray. The aromagram does not provide any information about the absolute values and the SIM areas of two components cannot be compared.

It is easier to deal with the statistical statement that *D. simulans* males seem to particularly prefer variant V2 (seventh and eighth day of fermentation) and that, according to Figure 4, the frequency of the two *Drosophila* species seems to increase in the traps with attractant liquid that fermented for a longer period of time until the state of V2 has been reached (although the latter is not statistically proven). This clearly suggests that the aroma components that are most attractive are those that are particularly highly concentrated between day 3 and day 8, but especially around the seventh and eighth day of fermentation. The corresponding fermenting grape juices have particularly high values along the PC2 axis, which is why it makes sense to look at an aromagram sorted accordingly. There is also another reason for this, namely plausibility: species that feed on yeast such as *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and closely related species should be particularly strongly attracted to yeast activity and this is higher in fermenting grape juice than in both unfermented grape juice and wine. Figure 8 shows an aromagram sorted by PC2.



**Figure 8.** Aromagram of the fermenting grape juices in comparison. The sorting takes place according to the value for  $a_{2i}$  (in analogy to Eq. 1). Substances for which  $a_{2i} > 0.1$  are highlighted in red, while those aroma components for which  $a_{2i} < -0.1$  are highlighted in blue. See also text of Figure 6.

A particularly promising aroma component in the sense discussed is hexyl acetate (Acetic acid, hexyl ester) (Figure 7, right in the red framed area), a substance that triggers a pleasant, sweet, fruity, pear-like odour sensation in most people. It was maximally concentrated around the eighth day of fermentation. The same applies to 3-hexenyl acetate (3-hexen-1-ol, acetate), an ester also found in leaves and berries with fungicidal (but obviously not against yeasts) and bactericidal effects. The substance smells of green fruits (Table 5). It also reached its maximum concentration on the eighth day of fermentation, which also applies to 2-ethylhexyl acetate. However, this carbon ester is not particularly volatile and therefore less suitable as an attractant. A concentration peak around the eighth day also has isopentyl hexanoate, a substance that smells like banana, heptyl acetate (acetic acid, heptyl ester), which also smells pleasantly of fruit, and isobutyl acetate (banana aroma).

Some other aroma components also have their maximum concentration around the eighth to tenth day of fermentation (red framed area in Figure 8) and should therefore not be neglected in further investigations. Because of their slightly later peak, they are perhaps better suited to explain the preference for V2 by *D. simulans* than a general attractiveness within the period from the third to the eighth day of fermentation. However, there is then a need to explain why the attractiveness does not remain longer.

Further investigations could consist of presenting the substances described as suitable in the previous text individually or in combination in the field at different times and in several concentration levels in the experimental setup used here. This has already happened insofar as 50 substances were examined that only partially correspond to those listed in Table 5. The greatest attractiveness for *D. suzukii* in this experiment showed geranyl acetate, which was not examined in this publication. However, this result is not statistically significant.

Another aspect that should also be investigated in this context is the interaction between the perception of aroma substances and CO<sub>2</sub>. Carbon dioxide can trigger both attraction and aversion in *Drosophila* (Faucher et al. 2006, 2013; Jones et al. 2007; van Breugel et al. 2018) and, at least in the vicinity of the traps, it could enhance the attraction effect of the volatile fermentation products.

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