

The influence of cultivar and enzyme treatment on the aroma complex of apple juice

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Abstract

This paper aims to determine the influence of a cultivar (Golden delicious and Granny Smith) and enzyme treatments (hot and cold) on the aroma complex of clear apple juice. While the composition of aromatic components of the juice was determined by Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS) technique, a panel of 24 semi trained evaluators carried out sensory analysis. There are certain differences in the identified aromatic compounds of juice produced of these two apple cultivars. The most abundant aromatic compounds of apple juice were esters and aliphatic alcohols. Juice made from Granny Smith are determined with higher content of 2-methylbutyl acetate (isoamyl acetate), hexyl acetate, hexyl butanoate, butyl butanoate, butyl acetate, pentyl acetate and butyl propanoate. It is possible to connect enzymatic treatments with some of the esters. Three esters such as 1-(1.1-Dimethylethyl)-2-methyl-1.3-propanediyl 2-methylpropanoate, methyl dihydrojasmonate and ethyl butanoate are specific for the hot enzyme treatment. Cold depectinization processes could be recommended for the juice industry because this treatment better protects aromatic compounds. The panellist preferred apple juice of Granny Smith with flavours which stand for the typical aroma of ripe apples.

Keywords: clear juice; depectinization; aroma compounds; sensory attributes.

Practical Application: Cold enzyme treatment protecting secondary plant metabolites in juice.

1 Introduction

Apple is a very suitable raw material for juice production due to its good yields, high dry matter content, relatively low cost and the possibility of using secondary products thereof in the range of highly valuable products. For the production of apple juice, it is particularly important to select appropriate cultivar (Carbone et al., 2011; Mehrabani et al., 2011; Liaudanskas et al., 2014; Begić-Akagić et al., 2014; Akagić et al., 2019) because of the specific sensory properties and biochemical processes that occur during technological processes (Begić-Akagić et al., 2011).

Apple flavour is a complex mixture of apple taste and aromatic compounds. The aroma profile of apple fruit consists of over 300 different aromatic compounds, including esters, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, terpenes and ethers (Paillard, 1990). Thus, numerous biosynthetic pathways are responsible for flavour production in apple. Volatile compounds important for aroma and flavour are synthesised from fatty acids, amino acids and carbohydrates (Rowan et al., 1999). In apple aroma, the majority of volatile compounds are esters, 78-98% of total volatiles and alcohols, 6-16% of total volatiles (Hey et al., 2007; Cheetham, 2010). Aroma esters are believed to be synthesized enzymatically from alcohols and acyl CoA via alcohol acetyltransferase (AAT). AAT catalyzes the transfer of an acyl moiety from acyl-CoA onto the corresponding alcohol to form an ester (Fellman & Mattheis, 1995). About 20 of volatile compounds are really crucial to characterize the apples aroma such as, acetaldehyde, ethyl acetate, ethyl butanoate, ethyl methyl propanoate, 2-methyl butanol, 2-methyl butyl acetate, butyl acetate, hexyl acetate, ethyl butyrate, methyl anthranilate, and ethyl 2-methyl butyrate,

hexyl butanoate, hexyl hexanoate, (E)-2-hexenal, (Z)-2-hexenal (Holland et al., 2005; Ferreira et al., 2009; Gonçalves et al., 2018).

There is a large number of factors that could affect the composition of the apple juice aroma complex such as cultivation (Roth et al., 2007), the cultivar (Young et al., 2004; Fraternali et al., 2011), post-harvest handling, processing, packing and storing (Beaulieu & Baldwin, 2002; Argenta et al., 2004; Kevers et al., 2011; Altisent et al., 2011). In the apple juice production, exposure to high temperatures, either during the enzyme treatment (hot or cold) or during pasteurization and sterilization causes a change in the primary flavours and aroma, resulting in the formation of the aroma secondary products of which is almost completely different from the aroma of fresh apples (Lea, 1999; Sharma et al., 2015). On the other hand, the assessment of apple juice quality based solely on chemical analysis is not possible. Sensory evaluation plays an integral part not to be omitted in the quality assessment of apple juice and by no means can be replaced by an assessment solely based on analytical data (Quadt et al., 2008). To the best of our knowledge no data exist regarding the aroma complex of apple juice influenced by cultivar and enzyme treatment. Based on the facts that apple cultivars such as Granny Smith and Golden Delicious are widely spread in Bosnia and Herzegovina and provide appropriate chemical and sensory properties they were selected for investigation in this paper.

Therefore, the aim of this paper is to scan (i) the aromatic compounds in relation to enzyme treatment and cultivar, and (ii) the impact of the cultivar and enzyme treatment on the

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sensory properties of apple juice. The aroma complex of the juice was determined by GC/MS instrumental technique, and semi trained evaluators carried out evaluation of sensory properties.

2 Materials and methods

2.1 Plant material

Apple cultivars Granny Smith (GS) and Golden Delicious (GD) were picked at optimal harvest time in Gradačac orchard in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The fruits were stored in normal atmosphere at 1 °C and 90% of relative humidity for about three months until used in the experiments. The results of physical and chemical analyses of apple cultivars are shown in the Table 1.

2.2 Preparation of clear apple juice

Apple juice samples are produced of two apple cultivars Granny Smith (60 kg) and Golden Delicious (60 kg) as well as hot and cold enzyme treatments by standard procedure (Lea, 1999). All experiment was carried out in three replications. Apples were washed with cold water to remove surface dirt and microbial flora. The degradation of starch is controlled with the iodine test. The apples were crushed in laboratory apple grinder equipment. After crushing, the mixture was pressed in a manual laboratory press. To eliminate large particles, extracted juice was filtered through six layers of cheese cloth. After filtration, the row juice was divided into two lots (A, B). Granulated enzyme preparations (Lallzyme HC, France) have to be diluted in cold tap water (1:10) before they are added to the juice in lot A. The raw apple juice was hot enzyme treated (H) with 5 mg/L pectolytic enzyme at 50 °C for 2 h till pectin degradation. Pectin degradation was tested by alcohol test. After that the samples were sequentially flocculated with 550 mg/L of gelatine (DGF Stoess AG, tip A) and 1800 mg/L bentonite (Erde typ 2, Italy). The clear juice was obtained by filtration through kieselguhr. The juices were filled into hot glass bottles, and pasteurised at 80 °C 10 min. The raw apple juice in lot B was cold enzyme treated (C) with 5mg/L of pectolytic enzyme preparation at 20 °C for 8 h. until the degradation of pectin. After the enzyme treatment, the process was the same as earlier described in lot A (Brotlija et al., 2010).

2.3 Extraction and GC/MS analysis of aroma complex

The isolation of headspace volatiles was performed in duplicate for each juice sample using manual SPME fibre with

the layer of divinylbenzen/carboxene/polydimethylsiloxane (DVB/CAR/PDMS) obtained from Supelco Co. (Bellefonte, PA, USA). The fibre was conditioned prior to use according to the manufacturer instructions by inserting into the GC injector port. For each HS-SPME extraction, 8 mL of apple juice were used. The ionic strength was increased using NaCl-sat. Juice with salt (7 mL) was placed in a 15-ml amber glass vial and hermetically sealed with PTFE/silicone septa. The vial was maintained in a water bath at 60 °C during equilibration (15 min) and extraction (40 min), and it was partially submerged so that the liquid phase of the sample was in the water (modified by Steffen & Pawliszyn, 1996).

For gas chromatography was used GC 7890A Agilent Technologies (Paolo Alto, CA, USA) in combination with spectrometer MS 5975C Agilent Technologies (Paolo Alto, CA, USA). The analysis was made using a GC capillary column HP-5MS (5%-phenyl, methylpolysiloxane and a film thickness of 0.25 µm, the mobile phase and helium as the carrier gas (flow rate 1.0 mL min⁻¹), the length of column is 30 and 0.25 mm in diameter. The oven ramp was programmed to run for 2 minutes at an initial temperature of 70 °C, which was then increased for 4 °C per minute until it reached 200 °C. Solvent delay was 4.50 min, detector temperature 280 °C, injector temperature 250 °C and injection volume was 1µL. In this method, the MS acquisition parameters were: EI ionization of 70 eV, ion source temperature of 280 °C and interval of mass spectrometer recording of 30-300 mass units. Individual peaks were identified by comparing their retention indices (relative to C₈-C₃₀*n*-alkanes for HP-5MS column) against those from the literature, as well as by comparing their mass spectra with *Wiley 275 MS library* and *NIST98 (National Institute of Standards and Technology)* database. The percentages of identified components in samples of apple juice were calculated from GC peak areas.

2.4 Sensory analysis

Sensory analysis was conducted after the production of clear apple juices. An average sample was made from the three repetitions of all produced juice variants and prior to sensory evaluation the samples were refrigerated. The samples were presented using Latin Square order as a 20 mL juice in clear glass cup with 3-digit code number at 15 °C. For the cleansing the palate the still water and unsalted crackers were used. In sensory analysis applied were a scoring method and a unified grading scale. The evaluation was carried out by 24 semi trained evaluators who passed a screening test according to recommendations given in ISO 8586. They evaluated the following sensory attributes: taste, aroma, freshness, stability and the secondary impression. Each attribute was rated on the 5-point scale (1 –dissatisfactory, 5 – excellent according to Perez-Cacho et al., 2008).

2.5 Statistical analysis

The results of sensory evaluation were analysed through descriptive statistics while the mean of all variants were analysed through ANOVA to establish statistically significant impact of tested factors (cultivar and enzyme treatment) on sensory properties, using the SPSS 16 program. Principal component analysis (PCA), using STAT box software (version 6.7, GRIMMER

Table 1. The physical and chemical characteristics of apple cultivars.

The physical-chemical characteristics	Cultivar	
	Granny Smith	Golden Delicious
Total acidity (g/kg)	3.69 ± 0.27	0.89 ± 0.16
Total dry matter (g/100g)	14.25 ± 0.8	16.66 ± 1.240
Reducing sugar (g/100g)	7.84 ± 0.061	11.62 ± 0.139
L-ascorbic acid (mg/100g)	0.68 ± 0.141	0.39 ± 0.134
Total phenols (g GAE/kg)	0.722 ± 0.044	0.612 ± 0.033
Pectin content (g/100g)	0.557 ± 0.025	0.691 ± 0.038

SOFT, France) has been used to discriminate between enzyme treatments and cultivars in relation to volatile compounds.

3 Results and discussion

In this part of the paper the results of aroma complex instrumental analysis are presented, as well as sensory profile of Granny Smith and Golden Delicious apple juice made through hot and cold enzyme treatment. Fifty-nine aromatic compounds were identified in analysed apple juices and included 17 esters, 12 aliphatic alcohols, 8 terpenes, 7 acids, 5 aldehydes, 3 ketones and 7 other compounds (Table 2). A common feature of all apple juices obtained is the predominance of esters and aliphatic alcohols. It is in accordance with composition of other fruit juice: apricot, peach and pear (Riu-Aumatell et al., 2004). As it can be seen in Table 2 the most abundant esters are butanoate (7 esters) and acetic ester types (5 esters), propanoate (2 esters) and then decanoate, dodecanoate and jasmonate.

More compounds were found in the analysed apple juice samples than in other studies for fresh and processed apple (Komthong et al., 2007; Nikfardjam & Maier, 2011; Schmutzer et al., 2014; Espino-Díaz et al., 2016). This may be due to the different fruit properties (cultivars, ripening stage, growing conditions, origin), and to the distinct treatments used for juice extraction (depectinization – hot and cold). Different methods for aroma analysis give various results, too. There are certain differences in the identified aromatic compounds of these two apple cultivars (Table 2). This corresponds to earlier claims that there are large differences in terms of aroma and flavour of different cultivars (López et al., 1998; Mehinagic et al., 2004; Thielen et al., 2006; Fraternali et al., 2011; Iaccarino et al., 2019). Juices produced from both apple cultivars by hot enzyme treatment show a decrease in aromatic components in relation to cold ones: the Granny Smith cultivar under a hot enzyme treatment shows a decrease of 9.18% and Golden Delicious of 8.80%. According to Gasperi et al. (2009) treatments of apple juice such as CO₂ pasteurisation and N₂O reduce the concentrations of many aromatic compounds: overall depletions of 35% for carbon dioxide and 26% for nitrous oxide were observed. The dataset (total amount of all chemical group x juice samples) was submitted to PCA (Figure 1). PCA was implemented in order to obtain an overview of the samples' classification pattern in relation to the total amount of all investigated aromatic compounds. PCA model with two components was computed on the total set of samples and explained sufficiently the 93% of the dataset variance as displayed in Figure 1. It is clear that juice samples are divided in two clusters based on the enzyme treatments while apple cultivar didn't show any base for distinguishing total aroma compounds in juices. Juices obtained by hot enzyme treatment are determinate by higher total amount of aliphatic alcohols and aldehydes and especially with much higher total amount of ketones and terpenes than the juices obtained by cold enzyme treatment.

Higher content of aldehydes in the juice samples obtained with hot enzyme treatments was probably affected by increasing fatty acids oxidation due to higher temperature applied. Also, the increase in aldehydes occurs due to Strecker's degradation during heating of the matrix (Weenen & van der Ven, 2001). The content

of esters reduces during hot enzyme treatment in relation to cold ones (HGS -2.8% and CGS-34.6% -Table 2) because the esters break down due to elevated temperature. Azhu Valappil et al. (2009) found that thermally treated apple cider lost 30% of their original ester and aldehyde contents during storage. In contrast to the hot enzyme treatments, cold enzyme treatments is classified with higher amount of total esters, acids and other investigated aroma compounds (1-methoxy-4-methylbenzene (*p*-methylanisole), 2-phenylethanol, methyl chavicol (estragole), 4-vinylphenol, chavicol). Aroma of apple juice is strongly correlated with trans-2-hexenal, hexanol and butanol, and it is in the negative correlation with ethanol and ethyl acetate (Lea, 1999). On the other hand, Hey et al. (2008) reported that sole parameters cannot be used for the determination of apple juice quality because the manifold apple varieties and technological steps lead to a variation in single aroma compounds and their particular relations. The steps such as pasteurization can produce undesirable quality changes such as loss of colour and flavour in addition to reducing the nutritional quality of juice (Vikram et al., 2005).

As the most dominant compounds in juices the group of esters and higher alcohols will be discussed in more detail. In order to determine the differentiation between apple cultivar and enzyme treatments in ratio to esters content principal component analysis was performed. An overview of the similarities and differences amongst the four juice samples on the basis of apple cultivar (Golden Delicious while Granny Smith) and enzyme treatment used (cold and hot) was shown in Figure 2. Distributions of juice samples are determined by the content of individual esters, shows segregation in accordance with applied enzyme treatments as well apple cultivar. Figure 2a better displays samples differentiation based on applied enzyme treatments while Figure 2b shows better distinguish juice samples in relation to apple cultivars. As it can be seen in Figure 2a, the majority of esters are located on the above part of plot where the juices with cold enzyme treatment are located.

According to Ferreira et al. (2009) and Gonçalves et al. (2018) compounds such as ethyl acetate, ethyl butyrate and methyl anthranilate are really crucial to characterize the apples aroma, means that cold treatment gives better yield in ester content in compare to hot enzyme treatment. Also, it can be seen that are some differences between apple cultivar used in cold treatment. Juices made from Golden Delicious in cold enzyme treatment stand out by ethyl acetate, methyl butanoate, methyl 2-methylbutanoate, ethyl 2-methylbutanoate, ethyl decanoate, ethyl dodecanoate and propyl butanoate. On the other hand, juice made from Granny Smith are determinated with higher content of 2-methylbutyl acetate (isoamyl acetate), hexyl acetate, hexyl butanoate, butyl butanoate, butyl acetate, pentyl acetate and butyl propanoate. According to Wolter et al. (2010) quantitatively dominant esters in apple are 2-methylbutyl acetate and hexyl acetate, which, because of their comparison to ethyl 2-methyl butyrate and ethyl butyrate higher odour threshold values, make a comparatively low qualitative contribution to the apple-juice aroma. The remaining three esters: 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-propanediyl-2-methylpropanoate, methyl dihydro- jasmonate and ethyl butanoate are presented on Figure 2b. Those three esters are

Table 2. Volatile headspace compounds of clear juice of apple cultivars Granny Smith and Golden Delicious obtained by hot and cold enzyme treatments.

Compound	RI	Granny Smith		Golden Delicious	
		Area percentage (%)		Area percentage (%)	
		HGS ^{c)}	CGS ^{d)}	HGD ^{e)}	CGD ^{f)}
Esters					
Ethyl acetate	< 900	-	-	-	3.8
Methyl butanoate	< 900	-	-	-	0.1
Methyl 2-methylbutanoate	< 900	-	-	-	0.1
Ethyl butanoate	< 900	0.8	0.2	-	0.4
Butyl acetate	< 900	-	7.3	2.9	1.4
Ethyl 2-methylbutanoate	< 900	-	-	-	0.2
2-Methylbutyl acetate (isoamyl acetate)	< 900	-	2.1	0.9	1.6
Propyl butanoate	< 900	-	-	-	0.1
Butyl propanoate	908	-	0.4	-	-
Pentyl acetate (amyl acetate)	914	-	0.5	-	-
Butyl butanoate	996	-	4.6	1.6	-
Hexyl acetate	1015	-	16.3	5.0	5.4
Hexyl butanoate	1194	-	2.4	-	-
Ethyl decanoate	1398	-	-	-	1.5
Ethyl dodecanoate	1597	-	-	-	2.1
1-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-propanediyl 2-methylpropanoate [†]	1599	2.0	0.8	-	1.0
Methyl dihydrojasmonate*	1658	-	-	1.5	0.4
Total		2.8	34.6	11.9	18.1
Aldehydes					
Hexanal	< 900	-	-	1.0	-
<i>trans</i> -Hex-2-enal	< 900	-	-	0.6	-
Nonanal	1106	1.6	-	0.5	-
Decanal	1208	1.7	0.4	0.5	-
4-Methylbenzaldehyde	1290	-	0.8	-	-
Total		3.3	1.2	2.6	0.0
Aliphatic Alcohols					
Butan-1-ol	< 900	0.8	2.8	3.0	2.8
2-Methylbutan-1-ol (Isoamyl alcohol)	< 900	13.5	2.6	1.2	4.4
Hexan-1-ol	< 900	14.0	25.1	17.4	19.4
Heptan-1-ol	970	-	-	-	0.2
3-(Methylthio)-propan-1-ol*	980	-	-	0.7	-
6-Methylhept-5-en-2-ol	994	10.2	2.4	2.6	2.5
Octan-3-ol*	997	2.0	0.3	-	1.0
Octan-1-ol	1073	-	-	1.3	1.4
(<i>Z</i>)-Dec-3-en-1-ol*	1254	-	0.9	0.5	0.7
Octane-1,3-diol**	1266	-	-	10.8	1.1
Decan-1-ol	1276	-	-	-	2.2
Dodecan-1-ol	1478	-	-	-	0.8
Total		40.5	34.1	37.5	36.5

RI-retention indices on HP-5MS column. * - compound tentatively identified. ^{a)} GS = Granny Smith cultivar. ^{b)} GD = Golden Delicious. ^{c)} HGS = hot enzyme treatment of Granny Smith cultivar. ^{d)} CGS = cold enzyme treatment of Granny Smith cultivar. ^{e)} HGD = hot enzyme treatment of Golden Delicious. ^{f)} CGD = cold enzyme treatment of Golden Delicious.

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Compound	RI	Granny Smith		Golden Delicious	
		Area percentage (%)		Area percentage (%)	
		HGS ^{c)}	CGS ^{d)}	HGD ^{e)}	CGD ^{f)}
Ketones					
Nonan-2-one	1094	1.0	-	-	-
<i>trans</i> - β -Damascenone	1387	6.9	0.6	7.5	2.6
2-Hydroxy-5-isopropyl-4-methyl - acetophenone	1426	-	-	2.6	-
Total		7.9	0.6	10.1	2.6
Terpenes					
<i>trans</i> -Linalool oxide	1076	3.3	0.5	0.8	0.9
α -Terpinolene	1085	4.0	0.3	0.9	1.3
<i>cis</i> -Linalool oxide	1091	1.7	-	-	0.4
Linalool	1102	2.7	-	-	0.5
Menthol	1179	2.4	-	1.4	-
Terpinen-4-ol	1181	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.6
Linalyl propionate	1193	12.3	-	3.0	-
Geranyl acetone	1457	1.0	-	0.8	0.4
Total		29.1	2.6	8.4	5.1
Acids					
Hexanoic acid	980	-	0.6	-	0.8
2-Ethylhexanoic acid	1123	0.8	-	0.7	0.1
Octanoic acid	1178	-	1.8	1.2	2.0
Nonanoic acid	1278	-	0.6	3.2	-
Decanoic acid	1375	-	5.5	2.7	8.7
Dodecanoic acid	1569	-	4.0	-	4.4
Hexadecanoic acid	1966	-	-	-	1.2
Total		0.8	12.5	7.8	17.2
Others					
1-Methoxy-4-methylbenzene (<i>p</i> -methylanisole)	937	0.7	-	-	-
2-Phenylethanol	1116	-	-	-	1.5
Methyl chavicol (estragole)	1199	-	1.6	0.5	1.9
4-Vinylphenol	1225	-	6.1	-	7.3
Chavicol	1260	-	0.4	2.8	-
Eugenol	1361	-	-	1.3	-
4-Methyl-2,6-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)- phenol	1476	-	-	-	0.7
Total		0.7	8.1	4.6	11.4

RI-retention indices on HP-5MS column. * - compound tentatively identified. ^{a)} GS = Granny Smith cultivar. ^{b)} GD = Golden Delicious. ^{c)} HGS = hot enzyme treatment of Granny Smith cultivar. ^{d)} CGS = cold enzyme treatment of Granny Smith cultivar. ^{e)} HGD = hot enzyme treatment of Golden Delicious. ^{f)} CGD = cold enzyme treatment of Golden Delicious.

more specific for the hot enzyme treatments. In scope of hot treatment two apple cultivars are differentiated in relation to the content of methyl dihydrojasmonate which is more specific compound for the Golden Delicious while Granny Smith is determinate with 1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-propanediyl-2-methylpropanoate and ethyl butanoate. Some differences among cultivars are results of differences in the degree of ethyl ester enhancement. These may be because of

differential activity or synthesis of alcohol acyl CoA transferase (AAT) or alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH), separate iso-forms of AAT and ADH each with their own substrate specificity and then variation in alcohol precursors in different cultivars, or their combinations (Dixon & Hewett, 2000).

Although esters are the main flavour contributors they do not confer a distinct apple flavour by itself. This requires a

range of other compounds, such as alcohols, acids, aldehydes. Aliphatic alcohols presented the most abundant group of aromatic compounds in all apple juice samples (Table 2). In order to find the relationship between apple juice and aliphatic alcohol distributions PCA was applied. Inspection of Figure 3 shows better samples differentiation in relation to apple variety. Juice made from Golden Delicious apple cultivar is more specified

with Octane-1,3-diol, 3-(methylthio)-propan-1-ol, Octan-1-ol, Decan-1-ol, Dodecan-1-ol, Heptan-1-ol aliphatic alcohols then juices made from Granny Smith cultivar.

Butan-1-ol is present in the same content in both apple cultivars but it is more specified for cold treatment. Juices made from Granny Smith are slightly separated from juice made of Golden Delicious on the basis of Hexan-1-ol, (Z)-Dec-3-en-1-ol, 2-Methylbutan-1-ol (Isoamyl alcohol), Octan-3-ol, 6-Methylhept-5-en-2-ol. Distribution of juice samples made from Granny Smith is determined by sum of peak area of aliphatic alcohols, shows also segregation in accordance with applied enzyme treatments. Hot enzyme treatment for Granny Smith is completely determinate with 2-Methylbutan-1-ol (Isoamyl alcohol), Octan-3-ol, 6-Methylhept-5-en-2-ol. Among the many alcohols detected in HGS treatment, these three aliphatic alcohols are represented with 63.46% of total alcoholic area (Table 2). Opposite, the cold enzyme treatment in juice produced by Granny Smith apple cultivar is slightly determinate with Hexan-1-ol (25.1% peak area) and (Z)-Dec-3-en-1-ol. Apple juices are mainly characterised by flavour compounds responsible for fruity, ripe, and sweet aroma impressions, such as 1-butanol, 2-methyl-1-butanol, ethyl butyrate, and ethyl-2-methylbutyrate (Mehinagic et al., 2004). Considering obtained results, Granny Smith (hot enzyme treatment) is the alcohol type in accordance with Drawert's classification while Granny Smith (cold enzyme treatment) is the ester type as well Golden Delicious cultivar according to Paillard, 1990. As in the conducted study the predominant compounds in cold treatment were esters this is similar with previous work (López et al., 1998). Dirinck &

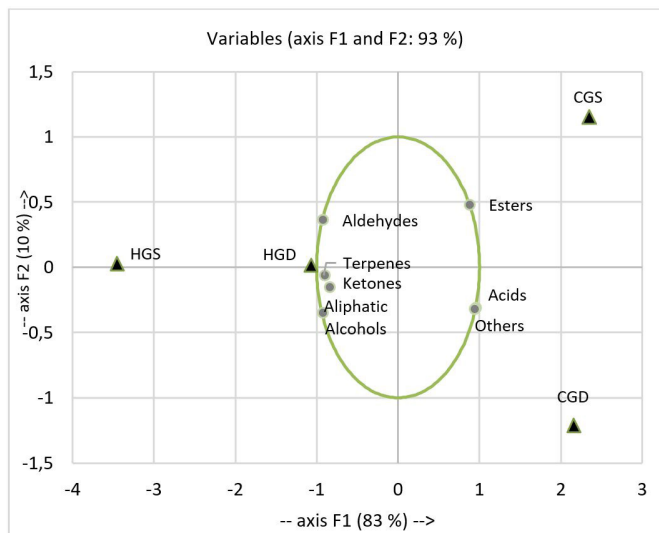


Figure 1. PCA biplot of the PCA performed on the total amount of chemical group and juice samples obtained by applying the two enzyme treatments on two apple cultivars (HGS-hot enzyme treatments of Granny Smith, CGS-cold enzyme treatments of Granny Smith; HGD- hot enzyme treatments of Golden Delicious, CGD - cold enzyme treatments of Golden Delicious.)

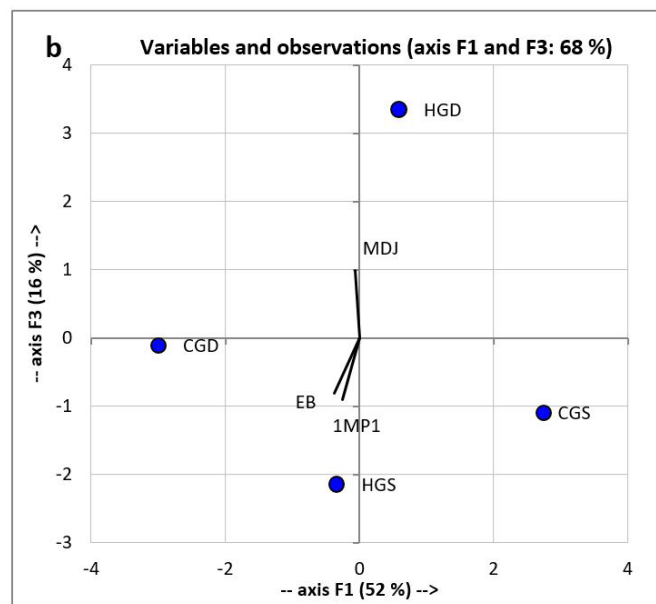
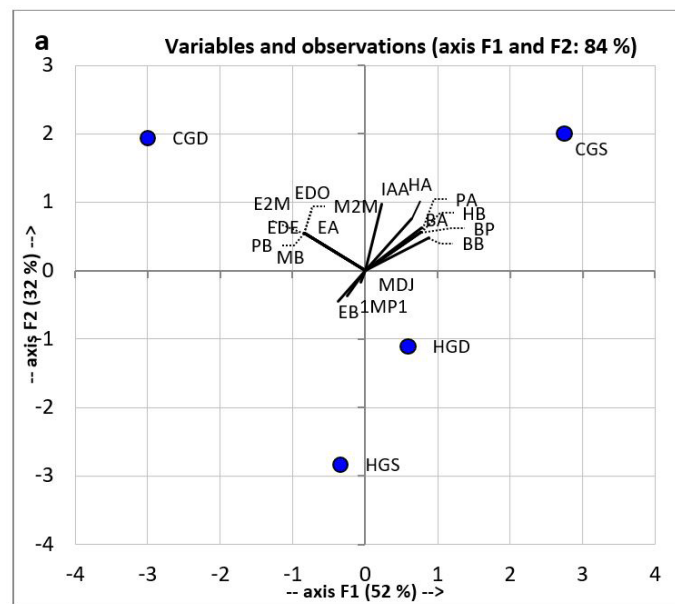


Figure 2. PCA biplot of the amount of esters in different juice samples on (a) PC1 versus PC2 and (b) PC1 versus PC3. Individual esters are distributed in relation to the sum of peak area of esters. HGS- hot enzyme treatments of Granny Smith, CGS-cold enzyme treatments of Granny Smith; HGD- hot enzyme treatments of Golden Delicious, CGD - cold enzyme treatments of Golden Delicious. EA-ethyl acetate, MB-methyl butanoate, M-2-M-methyl 2-methylbutanoate, EB-ethyl butanoate, BA-butyl acetate, E-2-M-ethyl 2-methylbutanoate, IAA-2-Methylbutyl acetate (isoamyl acetate), PB-propyl butanoate, BP- butyl propanoate, PA- pentyl acetate, BB- butyl butanoate, HA-hexyl acetate, HB-hexyl butanoate, EDE-ethyl decanoate, EDO- ethyl dodecanoate, 1-MP-1-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-propanediyl 2-methylpropanoate, MDJ-methyl dihydrojasmonate

Schamp (1989) found that Granny Smith cultivar has high concentration of ethyl butanoate and hexan-1-ol these results in relation to hexane-1-ol are in agreement with the obtained ones above reported.

Many authors are worked on developing sensory profile of apple juice (Okayasuand & Naito, 2001; Heil & Ara, 2008; Wolter et al., 2010; Šimunek et al., 2013; Lilishentseva & Smolyar, 2019; Mendes da Silva et al., 2019). All of them agree that it is important to incorporate essential sensory characteristic with cultivar or manner of juice production. In this work the five main sensory attributes were evaluated: taste, flavour, freshness, persistence and aftertaste. The results are present as average access of 24 semi trained assessors (Table 3). Statistical analysis showed that the cultivar is a statistically significant factor for the sensory quality of apple juice, while neither enzyme treatment (hot or cold) nor interaction between tested factors reported any statistically significant effect on the sensory attributes (Table 3). As Cheetham (2010) states much more

basic flavour characteristics are variety dependent, as with acid apple varieties (Cox) as compared to sweeter varieties of lower acidity (Jonagold).

That is consistent with these sensory results, where are the all sensory attributes of juice samples made from Granny Smith cultivar evaluated as better. Sample produced by cold enzyme treatment get insignificant higher sensory scores as compared to hot enzyme treatment (HGS total sensory scores 17.51 and CGS- 18.17). These scores may be due to the fact that cold enzyme treatment is classified with higher amount of total esters than hot one (Table 2). These amount of ester obviously was not enough for sensory significant difference between samples. Authors Lo Scalzo et al. (2001) found that the apple juice, which was made from concentrate, consisted of mainly aroma compounds responsible for sensory evaluation impressions, such as 'fresh, green, citrus and shampoo-like' probably caused by technological processes, such as evaporation and pasteurisation, which gave rise to these aroma compounds. Also, it is clear that Granny

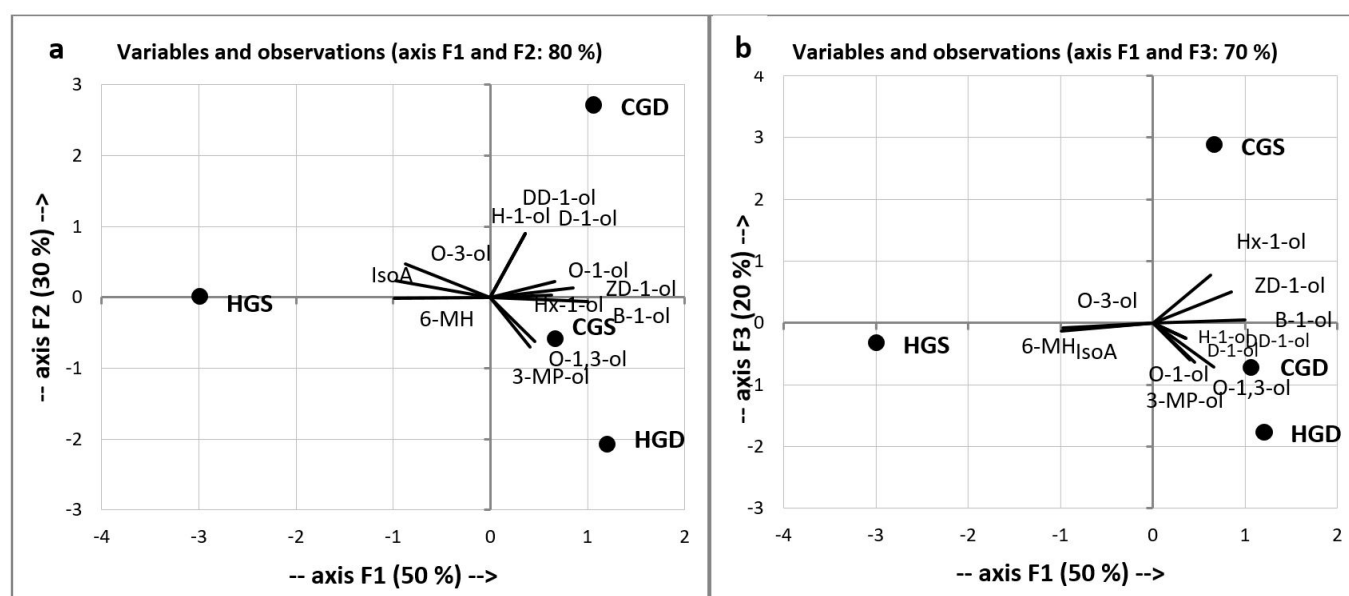


Figure 3. PCA biplot of the amount of aliphatic alcohols in different juice samples on (a) PC1 versus PC2 and (b) PC1 versus PC3. Individual aliphatic alcohols are distributed in relation to the sum of peak area of alcohols. HGS-hot enzyme treatments of Granny Smith, CGS-cold enzyme treatments of Granny Smith; HGD- hot enzyme treatments of Golden Delicious, CGD - cold enzyme treatments of Golden Delicious. B-1-ol-butane-1-ol, IsoA- 2-Methylbutan-1-ol (Isoamyl alcohol), Hx-1-ol-Hexan-1-ol, H-1-ol-Heptan-1-ol, 3-MP-ol-3-(methylthio)-propan-1-ol 6-MH-6-Methylhept-5-en-2-ol, O-3-ol-Octan-3-ol, O-1-ol-Octan-1-ol, ZD-1-ol-(Z)-Dec-3-en-1-ol, O-1,3-ol-Octane-1,3-diol, D-1-ol-Decan-1-ol, DD-1-ol-Dodecan-1-ol.

Table 3. Sensory profile of clear apple juice.

Sensory attributes	Samples								
	HGS ^{a)}	HGD ^{b)}	C	CGS ^{c)}	CGD ^{d)}	C	C	T	CxT
Taste	3.54 ± 0.88	2.96 ± 0.86	x	3.74 ± 0.66	3.17 ± 0.65	y	*	ns	ns
Flavour	3.57 ± 0.72	3.04 ± 0.87	x	3.75 ± 0.68	3.22 ± 0.84	y	*	ns	ns
Freshness	3.44 ± 0.90	2.86 ± 0.85	x	3.57 ± 0.79	3.08 ± 0.78	y	*	ns	ns
Persistence	3.53 ± 0.95	3.10 ± 0.82	x	3.60 ± 0.66	3.24 ± 0.77	y	*	ns	ns
After taste	3.43 ± 0.96	3.04 ± 0.86	x	3.51 ± 0.65	3.17 ± 0.74	y	*	ns	ns

^{a)}HGS= hot enzyme treatment of Granny Smith cultivar. ^{b)}HGD= hot enzyme treatment of Golden Delicious cultivar. ^{c)}CGS= cold enzyme treatment of Granny Smith cultivar. ^{d)}CGD=cold enzyme treatment of Golden Delicious. Different letters in rows from x to y for each sensory attributes indicate significantly different values among cultivars at p<0.05. C - cultivar; T - enzymatic treatment CxT= interaction between cultivar and enzymatic treatment. ns- not significant; * - significant differences p-value below 0.05;

Smith cultivar is sensory-wise more acceptable for juice than Golden Delicious. The reason is probably that the juice made of Granny Smith had a more sour taste (acidity 3.69 g/kg – Table1), which the evaluators appreciated more for this type of product, as compared to Golden Delicious, which was less sour (0.89 g/kg) (Table 1). The acidity is a very important precondition for taste and flavour of apple (Harker et al., 2002). According to Akagić et al. (2019), all analysed apple cultivars had sugar/acid ratios lower than 20, being classified as sour-sweet or sour cultivars and appropriate processing and cider production. Also, the balance between sugars and organic acids is very important in achieving a harmonized taste for juice (Begić-Akagić et al., 2014). Consumers generally believe that more sour apple cultivars are better for juice production (Hudina & Stampar, 2000). Wu et al. (2007) reported that Granny Smith cultivar is ideal for juice because it contains a significant amount of dry matter and sufficient acidity. The evaluators assigned the lowest average scores to the property of freshness of fruit juices in all tested variants (from 2.86 to 3.57). Average ratings for flavour and aroma were very close in all tested variants. This was expected because the aroma is closely tied to the product's taste. A similar situation happened with the average ratings that the panellist assigned to persistence and after taste of juice aroma because these two sensory parameters are conditioned by one another.

4 Conclusion

Finally, we highlight the importance for the juice industry to apply cold depectinization processes rather than hot ones during clear juice processing because this treatment better protects aroma compounds. The results of the sensory analysis confirmed the data of the analysis of aroma compounds of apple juice. Generally, clear apple juices produced of Granny Smith cultivar are preferred due to their characteristic “apple” and sweet-fruity flavour.

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