



Viticulture, enology and marketing
for cold-hardy grapes



Marquette and Frontenac: Ten Viticulture Tips

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Marquette

- Introduced in 2006 by UMN
- MN1094 x Ravat 262



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Marquette

Site Selection and Vineyard Establishment

- Hardiness will be compromised on wet, fertile sites.
 - Always avoid low spots for planting.





Marquette

Site Selection and Vineyard Establishment

- Primary shoots are invigorated on VSP trellises.
 - Can be favorable on less fertile sites.
 - Yields will suffer if planted to VSP on very fertile ground.
- High Cordon training generally recommended for higher yields.





Marquette Training and Pruning

- Heavier average cluster weights from longer spurs and even 10-12 bud canes than from short spurs.
- 6 to 8 buds per trellis foot can give good yields for vines spaced 6 feet apart.





Marquette Training and Pruning

- **Early Bud Break**
 - some growers double prune or use dormancy inducing spray on Marquette.
 - Strong tendrils can slow down the pruning process.





Marquette Training and Pruning

- Lateral shoot development is substantial.
 - Summer lateral shoots coming from the leaf axils should be removed around the fruit zone.





Marquette

Disease and Pest Management

- **Black Rot, Anthracnose, and Powdery Mildew** infections can become severe if not treated timely.
 - Very good resistance to Downy Mildew





Marquette

Harvest Considerations

- **Fruit sugar levels can surpass 26 Brix.**
 - Leaf pulling and canopy opening can be done later, but before veraison, to avoid high sugar and high acid situations.
- Fruit splitting or rot is rare if a good spray program was implemented during the season.
 - Harvest usually in mid to late September before the Frontenac Family.



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Frontenac Family

- Frontenac introduced 1996 by UMN
- Vitis riparia UMN 89 x Landot 4511
- Frontenac gris introduced 2003 by UMN
- Frontenac blanc (possibly several) introduced ~2010-2012 by several nurseries

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Frontenac Family

- The noir, gris and blanc versions of Frontenac behave similarly in the vineyard.
- Frontenac gris seems to yield slightly more than the original Frontenac in side by side comparisons.
- Frontenac gris several days earlier maturity

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Frontenac Family

Site Selection and Vineyard Establishment

- Frontenac is **very fruitful with large average cluster weights** often of 1/3 pound.
- **VSP or High Cordon** work well according to the soil fertility, with High Cordon being favored.



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Frontenac Family Training and Pruning

- **Very hardy vines** make them best candidates to prune first if early pruning is necessary.
- **Pruning to short spurs of 2-3 nodes** on established cordons will give good yields.
- 4 to 6 buds retained per trellis foot is sufficient.





Frontenac Family

Disease and Pest Management

- **Disease Resistance is high** across the board, with some susceptibility to powdery mildew.
- **Phylloxera infestation** can become severe if left untreated.



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Frontenac Family Harvest Considerations

- **Berry dimpling on late ripened fruit is favorable** for wine quality, despite the lower yield resulting from water weight loss.
 - Harvest is often in late September or early October in Minnesota.



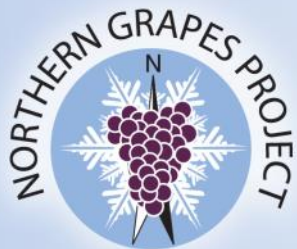


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Thank you!





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- Pedigree in common between
Frontenac (parent) and —
Marquette (great grandparent)**





Genomics and Fruit Composition: Link Genetics to Sensory (SDSU, UMN, IA State)

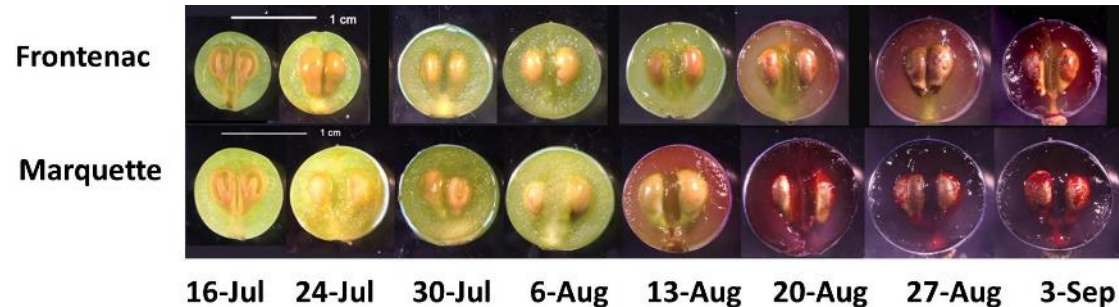


Fig. 1 Change in berry size, seed maturation and pulp pigmentation during ripening in Frontenac and Marquette.

From veraison to harvest:

1. What genes are activated?
2. What metabolites are produced?
3. What sensory descriptors develop?
4. How do genes, metabolites and sensory descriptors correlate?



Genomics and Fruit Composition: Link Genetics to Sensory (SDSU, UMN, IA State)



Berry Samples
20 to 26°Brix



Transcriptome
(genes)



Metabolome

(sugars, acids, flavors anthocyanins)



Sensory descriptors

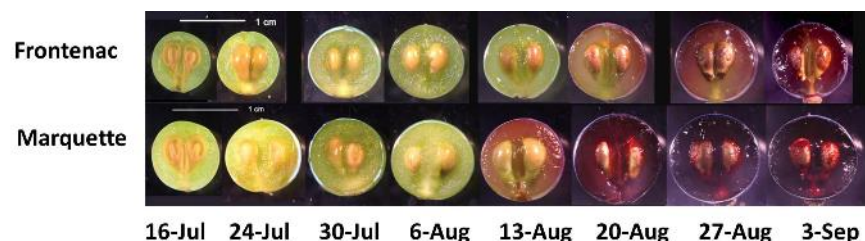
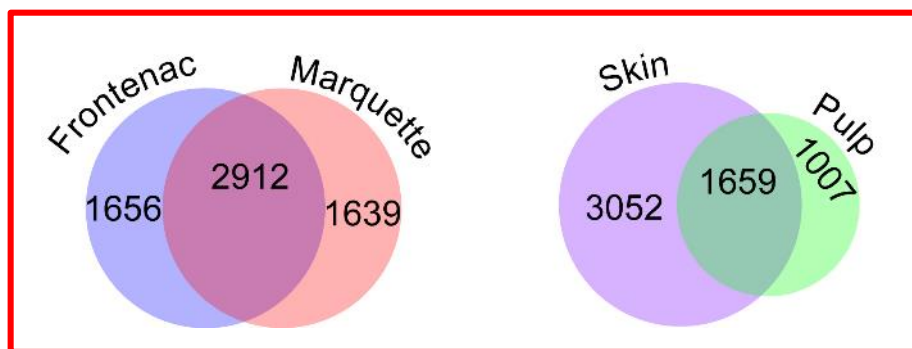


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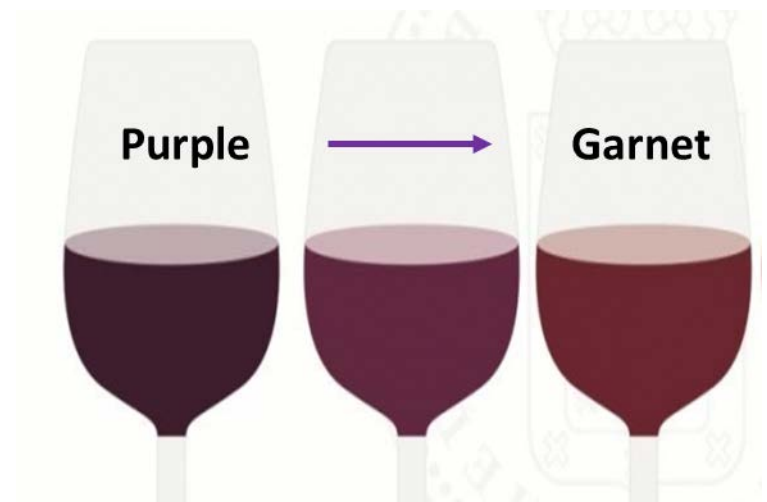


Do gene expression differences
conincide with existing
knowledge?

- Anthocyanin biosynthesis genes preferentially expressed in berry skins
- Expression of anthocyanin biosynthesis genes significantly greater expression in Frontenac than Marquette

	Front Skin	Marq Skin
VIT_05s0062g00720	36	
VIT_12s0034g00080	47	
VIT_02s0033g00450	159	42
VIT_02s0033g00390	165	84
VIT_05s0049g01020	429	120
VIT_02s0033g00380	531	219

Anthocyanin biosynthesis genes
differentially expressed in between
Frontenac and Marquette

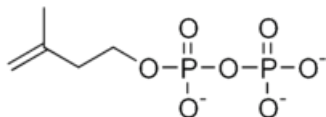




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Are differences in gene expression related to aroma or flavor?

- > number of genes significantly expressed in the berry skins than berry pulp
- distinct cultivar gene expression patterns for terpenoid biosynthesis genes



Marquette E-beta-ocimene synthase: Terpy, woody green, vegetable nuances

Frontenac Pinene synthase: eucalyptus and camphoraceous note with a spicy peppery and nutmeg nuance

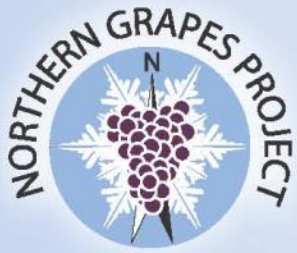
Terpenoid biosynthesis gene expression

	Front Skin	Marq Skin
VIT_12s0134g00030	0.0	8.5
VIT_06s0004g06480	0.1	2.0
VIT_17s0000g05580	0.2	1.4
VIT_01s0010g02320	0.5	2.5
VIT_13s0067g00380	0.6	0.1
VIT_15s0046g03600	0.8	3.3
VIT_13s0067g00370	0.8	0.2
VIT_19s0135g00200	1.9	4.9
VIT_00s0253g00140	1.9	0.4
VIT_19s0135g00190	2.4	5.2
VIT_05s0049g00400	3.6	1.4
VIT_15s0046g03570	3.7	1.2
VIT_08s0032g00240	5.0	2.4
VIT_15s0021g01060	6.7	3.2
VIT_11s0016g01290	7.4	1.2
VIT_19s0015g02500	9.1	1.9
VIT_17s0000g09610	13.3	1.7
VIT_15s0048g01490	22.3	4.3
VIT_02s0025g04880	119.5	35.3



Genomics and Fruit Composition:

- **Distinct cultivar differences exist in gene expression patterns**
- **Differences in expression of genes related to aroma and flavor are found between Marquette and Frontenac.**
- **Results will be correlated with chemical data.**

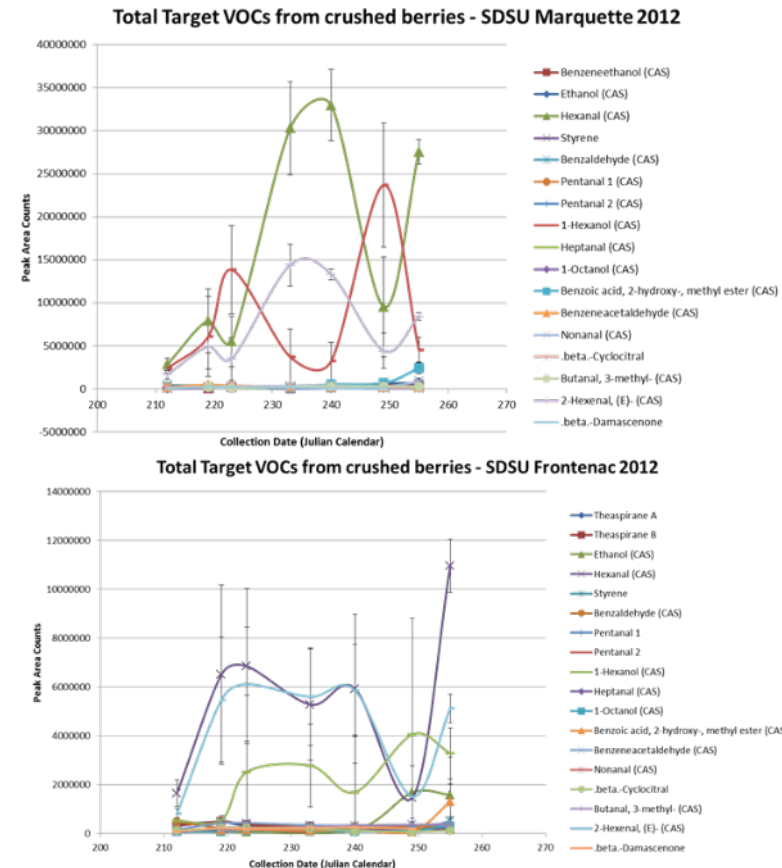


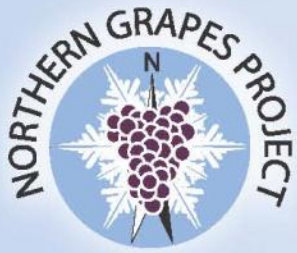
Kosiel Lab: Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs); Somchai Rice



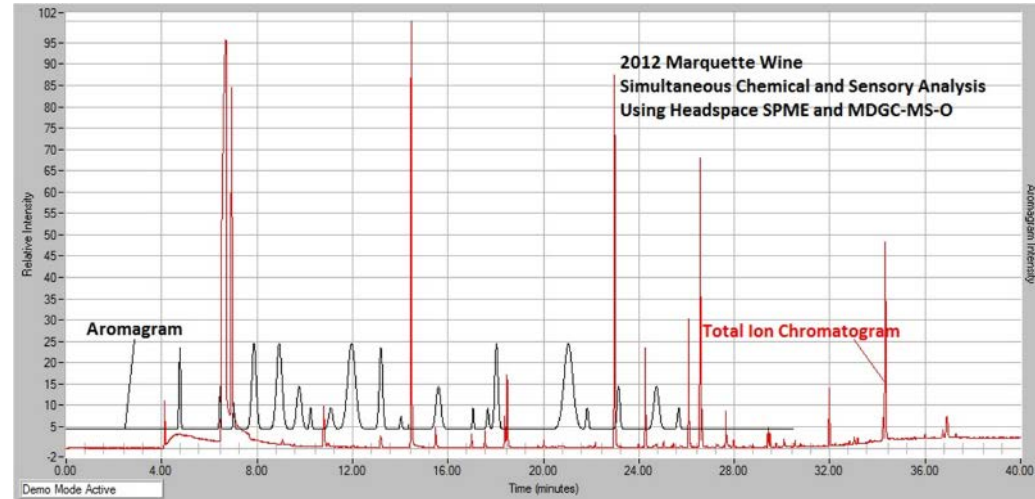
VOCs emitted in-vivo or crushed berries from Frontenac and Marquette (SDSU). Levels of these compounds varied by grape cluster maturity.

Compound	Aroma Descriptor*
Hexanal	Grass, Tallow, Fat
Heptanal	Fat, Citrus, Rancid
Acetic acid	Sour
Octanal	Fat, Soap, Lemon, Green
Salicyclic acid TMS	
Nonanal	Fat, Citrus, Green
Decanal	Soap, Orange peel, Tallow
15-crown-5 ether	
* www.flavornet.org	





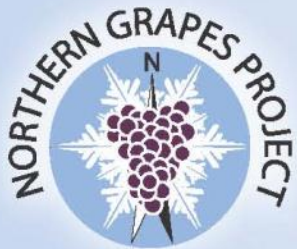
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Chromatogram Left to right

- a) lighter fruity floral notes**
- b) phenolics and green aromas**
- c) woody earthy**

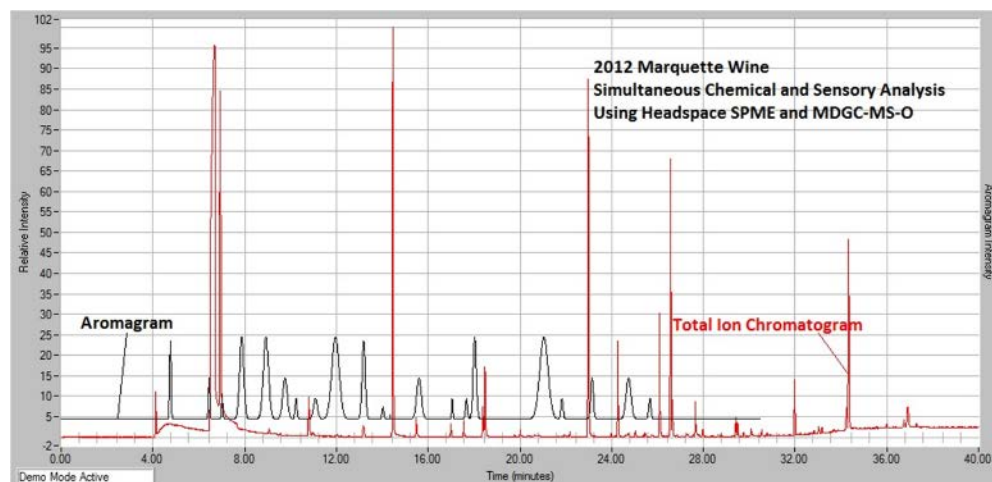
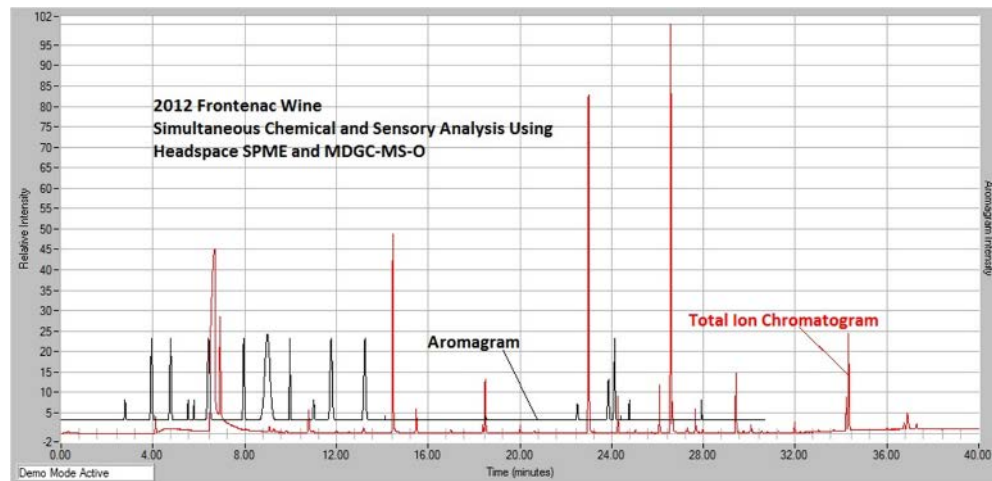




Olfactory:

**Marquette: more berry woody
earthy notes**

**Frontenac: floral, banana,
fruity, strawberry**



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Farming for flavor: Impact of early and late harvest time on wine aromas of Marquette and Frontenac cultivars using multidimensional gas chromatography – mass spectrometry - olfactometry

Abstract:

Marquette and Frontenac are relatively recent cultivars developed and released by the University of Minnesota Fruit Breeding Program (Peter Hemstad and Jim Luby). Little is known about the flavor and aroma of wines made from these grapes.

- **Marquette** is a complex hybrid that resulted from a cross between:
 - MN 1094 (a complex hybrid of *V. riparia*, *V. vinifera*, and other *Vitis* species) and Ravat 262 (an offspring of Pinot noir),
 - Marquette shares part of its complex pedigree with Frontenac as MN1094 is ~25% Landot Noir,
 - cross was made in 1989, vine selected in 1994, patented in 2005 and commercially released in 2006
 - Marquette is very cold-hardy below -29°C
- **Frontenac** resulted from a cross between:
 - Landot Noir and *V. riparia*
 - cross was made in 1978, vine selected in 1983, and introduced in 1996.
 - Frontenac is cold-hardy below -29 °C

(1) Marquette - 22 °Brix
(2) Marquette - 24 °Brix



(3) Frontenac - 22 °Brix
(4) Frontenac - 24 °Brix

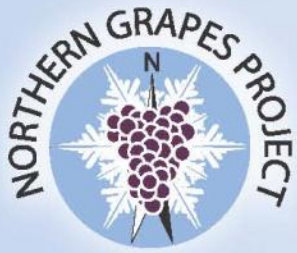


Automated headspace SPME, simultaneous multidimensional GC – MS – Olfactometry was used to evaluate sugar content at harvest on key aroma compounds in cold-hardy red wines.

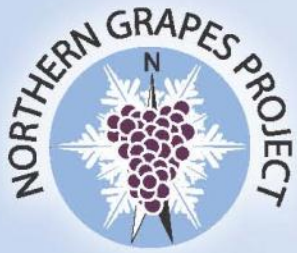
Method:

- Lab scale batches of wine were made using a proprietary method from berries of Marquette and Frontenac cultivars.
- Each cultivar was harvested at 22 °Brix and 24 °Brix
- Each degree Brix is equivalent to 1 g of sugar per 100 grams of grape juice.
- 4 mL wine samples (n=3) were analyzed using automated headspace SPME coupled with multidimensional GC – MS – Olfactometry (MDGC-MS-O), described elsewhere.
- The 22 and 24 °Brix Marquette and Frontenac wine samples were characterized for key aromas; undiluted and diluted with model wine (**MW**) (1:2, 1:4, 1:8, 1:16, 1:32).
- The most persistent aromas detected in the most dilute wine samples were determined to be the major contributor to the total aroma profile of the wine.

Results:



- **Fewer VOCs detected in-vivo than in crushed berries**
 - **Theaspirane detected in Frontenac but not in Marquette crushed berries.** (**odor:** tea herbal green wet tobacco leaf metallic woody spicy; **taste:** herbal and piney nuance)
 - **Benzene ethanol detected in Marquette but not in Frontenac crushed berries.** (**odor:** floral rose phenolic balsamic; **taste:** Sweet, floral, fruity with chemical nuances)
- **Isoamyl alcohol and ethyl octanoate were the key aroma compound in 24 °Brix Frontenac wine, described by human panelist as chocolate, molasses, and dusty, respectively.**
- **Isoamyl alcohol was the key aroma compound in 24 °Brix Marquette wine, described by human panelist as chocolate.**



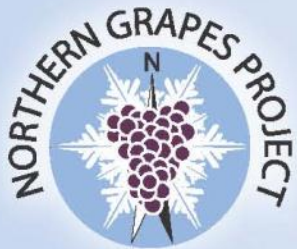
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Berry and wine sensory analysis



**Trained Panelist: aroma,
sweetness, acidity,
bitterness, flavor descriptors
and astringency**





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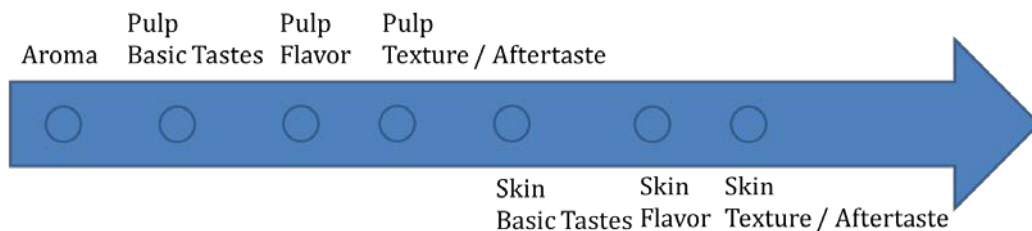
Skin & Pulp

22, 24, 26 Brix

Replicated testing:

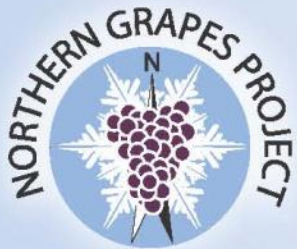
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5 separate tests



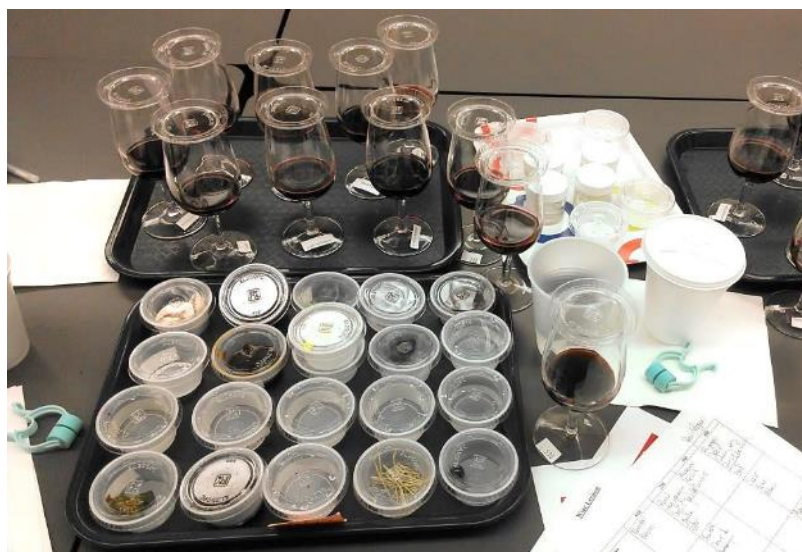
Attribute	Composition
Fresh Fruit	Two pieces of each diced apples, pears, strawberries, plums, blueberries, and raspberries. intensity=10
Dried Fruit	Raisins
Citrus Fruit	Lemon peel, lime peel, orange peel
Fermented Fruit	Previous day's "Fresh Fruit" stored in the refrigerator until use
Jammy	Blackcurrant preserves (Duerr's®)
Fresh Green	Green strawberry tops
Green Wood	Green table grape stems, cut into 2 inch pieces
Earthy/Musty	Potting soil, intensity=6
Hay	Hay
Floral	Crushed violet candy (Chowards®)
Metallic	0.005% Ferrous Sulfate
Artificial Grape	Grape hard candy (Jolly Ranchers®)
Sweetness	5.0% sucrose in distilled water
Sourness	0.075% citric acid in distilled water
Bitterness	0.057% caffeine in distilled water
Astringency	1.25g alum in 500mL water; intensity=12



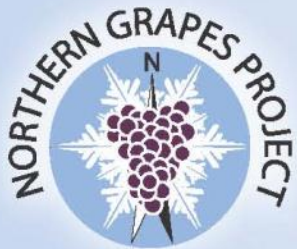


Wines:
12 panelists
5 separate tests

Wines produced for study by:



Attribute	Composition
Artificial Banana*	3 banana Runt candies dissolved in 500 ml red wine, ½ runt in cup
Black Currant	Cassis gummy candy
Cooked Berry	Cooked berry blend
Dark Fruit	Tart cherry, plum and pomegranate juice, blackberry jam, red plum
Cooked Vegetable*	5 ml each from canned asparagus and green beans in 500 mL red wine
Fresh Green	Fresh green beans and asparagus
Woody	Cedar shavings, French and American oak chips
Hay	Hay
Black Pepper*	Black pepper, crushed in wine
Spice*	Allspice, crushed in wine
Floral	Rose water- diluted
Ethanol	Ethanol on a cotton pad
Chemical	Diluted isopropyl alcohol
White Mushroom	Sliced white button mushrooms
Dried Mushroom	Water from rehydrated dried mushroom blend
Tamari	San-J brand organic tamari



Berry Aroma and Flavor



- **Frontenac**

Pulp: fresh fruit, citrus, jammy, fermented fruit

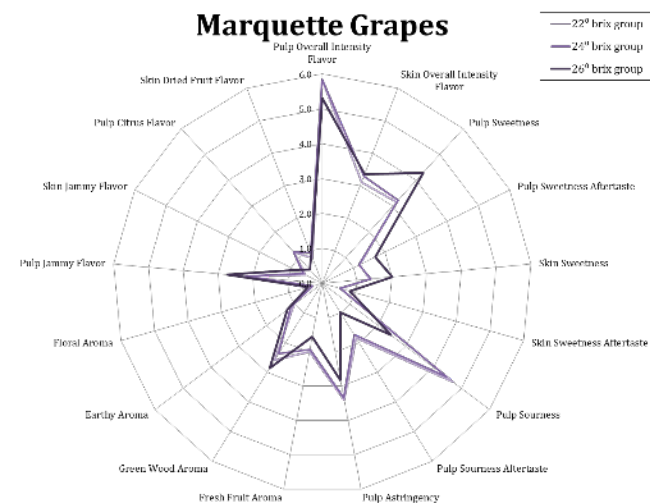
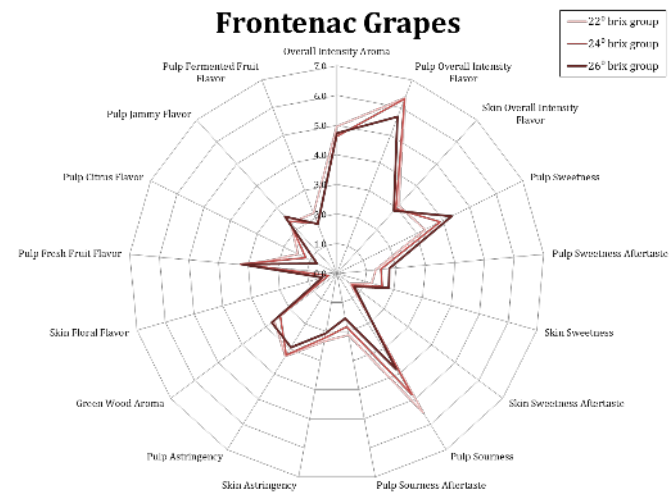
Skin: bitterness

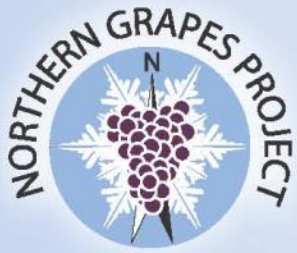
- **Marquette:**

Pulp: citrus, jammy

Skin: bitterness

Overall intensity of flavor, as well as the fresh fruit aroma, citrus flavor, and fermented fruit flavor decreased.





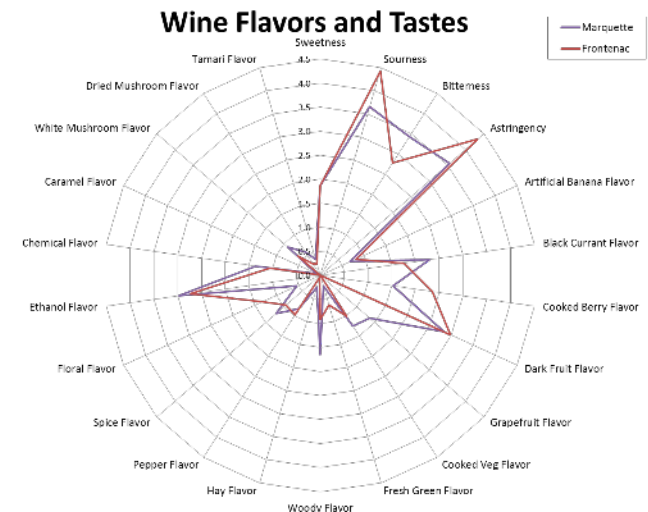
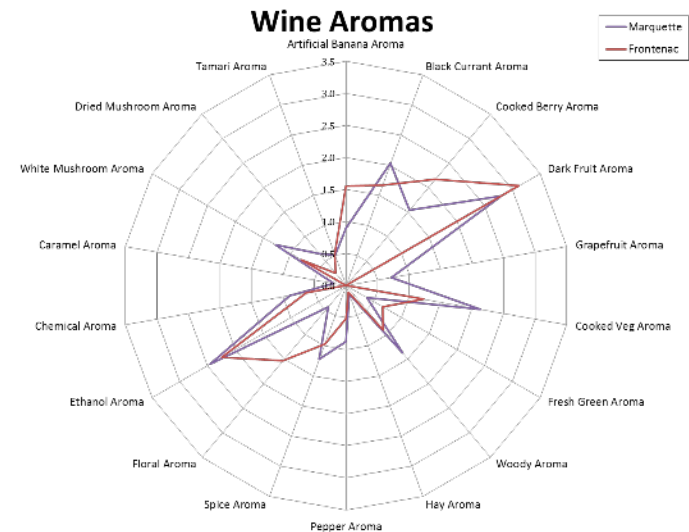
Wine Flavor and Aromas

- **Frontenac**

- **Aroma:** dark fruit, floral aroma, banana
- **Flavor:** sourness, dark fruit, floral, astringency

- **Marquette**

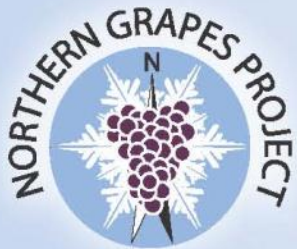
- **Aroma:** black currant, cooked berry and veg, woody, pepper, spice, white mushroom
- **Flavor:** black currant, grapefruit, cooked veg, woody, spice, floral, white mushroom bitterness



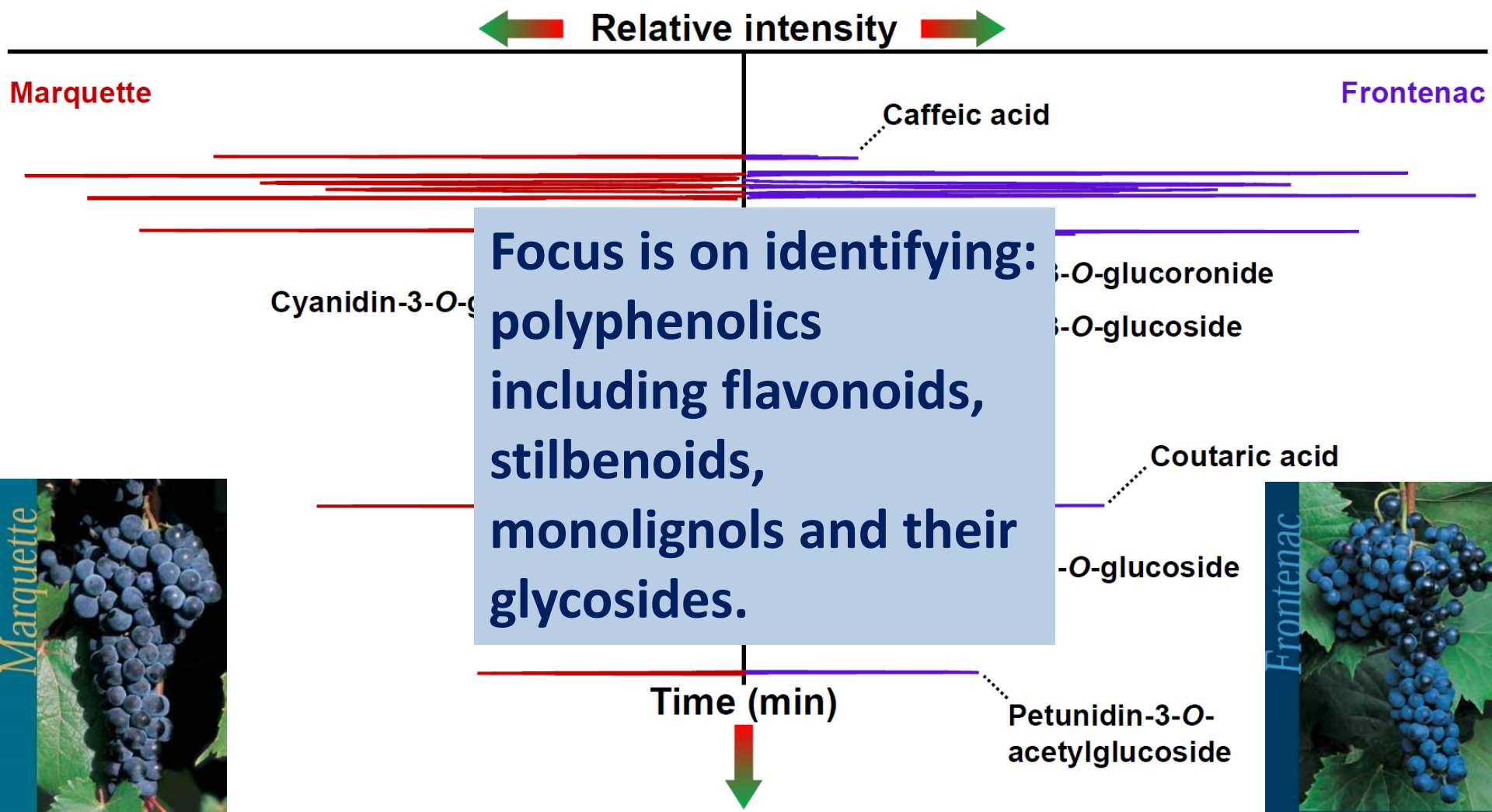


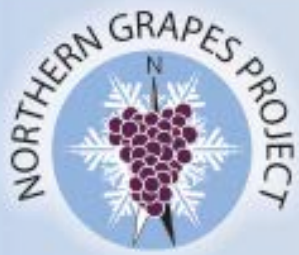
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Metabolome





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Marquette and Frontenac

Viticulture, Fruit Ripening Enology and Wine Tasting



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Styles of Marquette

- Nouveau



- Fruit-forward with medium body and mouthfeel with soft finish



- Dry barrel aged Marquette



- Rose



- Full bodied robust and big red with silky mouthfeel



Marquette & Frontenac Main Winemaking Challenges

- Low Tannins
- Pigment profile relatively un-known
- High acidity especially in Frontenac
- High Malate content

Phenolics in Riparia-based hybrids mg/l

	Marquette		Frontenac		Vinifera	
	Grapes	Wine	Grapes	Wine	Grapes	Wine
Tannins	391	207	483	224	--	1-3 g/L
Total Anthocyanins	743	640	960	601	1610	1207

Data represents one year and one Iowa location.

- Relatively low tannin.... can enological tannin additions help produce high-end red wines?
- In vinifera an anthocyanin:tannin ratio of 1-4 is thought to result in harmonious aging.
 - E.g. 500mg/l of anthocyanin and 1-3 g/l of tannin

(Ribereau-Gayon et al 2000).

Styles of Frontenac

- Nouveau



- Fruit forward with medium body and mouthfeel with soft finish



- Port style wine

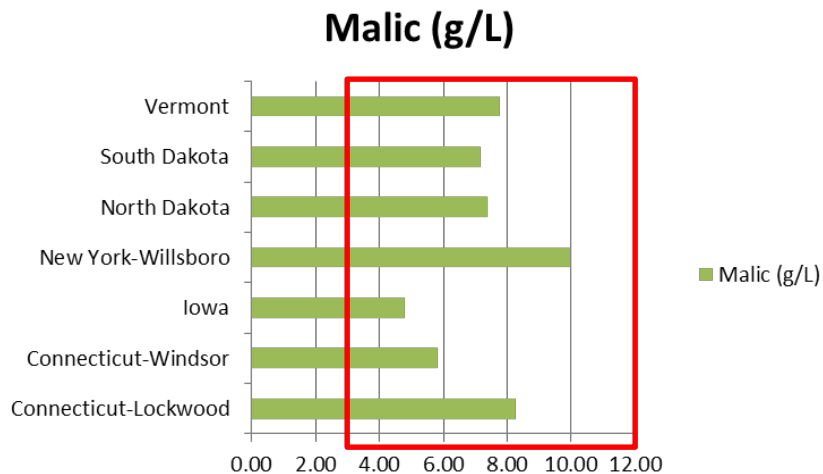


- Hearty full bodied Red

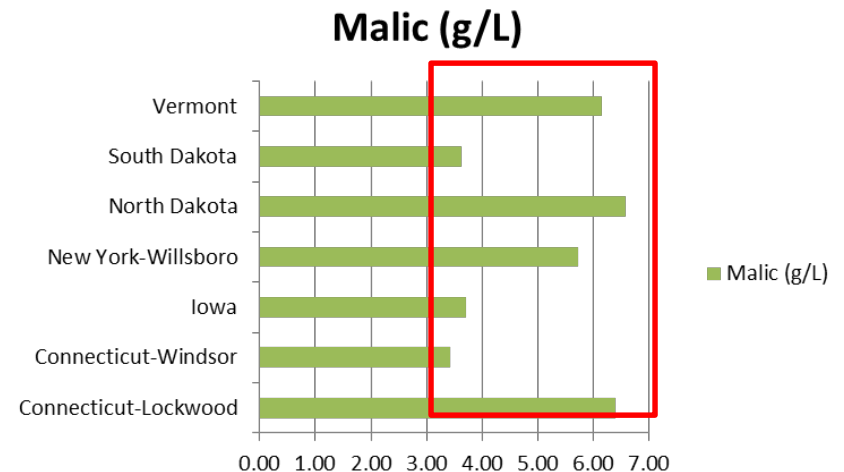


Frontenac and Marquette Acid Profile

Frontenac malic acid profile



Marquette, Malic acid profile



The acidity in Marquette & Frontenac can be reduced by using malic converting/degrading yeasts **71 B**, **SVG**, & **Lalvin C**, and MLF

Marquette

Winemaking Suggestions

- De-stem only, do not crush, for “whole berry fermentation”, which enhances fresh fruit qualities and intensity
- Use of “Color-Pro” or other color enzyme at de-stemmer/during pumping for added color development and retention
- Consider short overnight “12-24 hour” cold soak, below 60 °F
- Use a malic-reducing yeast if needed: **71B**, **SVG**, or Lalvin **C**, or use hybrid yeast **BM4X4** if TA is within a reasonable range, (i.e., below 6.5 g/l), cool fermentation from 68 to 78F
- Add tannin “FT Rouge Soft” at higher rate early in primary fermentation, to help bind color, build mouth-feel and as an additional anti-oxidant
- Inoculate with VP41 ML bacteria half-way through primary fermentation, don’t let temperature after this get over 75F

Marquette

Winemaking Suggestions, cont.

- Add DAP and Fermaid K at 1/3 Brix depletion, depending on YAN or detection of H₂S aromas, and possibly again at 2/3 Brix depletion
- Press must when dry, use lower pressure during pressing, less than 1.8 bar
- Allow wine to settle a day or two and rack off gross lees into barrel (if the gross lees are very clean and sweet, one may add some small amount of lees to each barrel to promote autolysis)
- MLF may have to finish/complete in barrel, use of Laffort “Oeno-Lees” recommended along with weekly barrel stirring/lees suspension to encourage MLF and autolysis
- Use of “hybrid” barrels (AO staves & FO heads) and neutral barrels recommended, be cautious of using too much new oak or for too long, Marquette easy to over-oak, barrel maturation of 6 to 9 months is usually sufficient. Cold-stabilization can help reduce TA and should be considered
- Blending with lower pH red *vinifera* can be considered, many choices

Dry Barrel-aged Frontenac Winemaking Suggestions

- Mostly same as dry Marquette , but always use Malic-converting yeast and complete MLF, one can also consider limited **amelioration** before inoculating to help reduce TA
- Can mature longer in barrel, up to 12 months or more, American and Hybrid barrels recommended
- Blending with Higher pH and lower TA *vinifera* wine highly recommended; Cabernet, Merlot, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah
- Cold-stabilizing can reduce TA and should be considered
- SLIGHT sweetening to 0.75% should be considered for balance

Making Marquette Rose-Style wine

- Barrel-Fermented MARQUETTE ROSE (based on technique of Drew Horton)
- Hand-Harvest, whole-cluster press into settling tank, add pectic enzyme and SO₂
- Add Bentolact-S at 50 g/Hl, after SO₂ and enzyme have “rested” two hours and stir well
- Allow 1 or 2 days to settle, at lower temperature, less than 50F
- Rack clear juice into neutral oak barrels with 5 inches headspace
- Depending on TA, use malate-converting yeasts like 71B, SVG or Lalvin C. Use hybrid yeasts such as “Alchemy” and “Cross-Evolution” to promote additional aromatics if TA at reasonable level

Making Marquette Rose-Style wine, cont.

- Watch/smell fermentation closely, add nutrients at 1/3 and 2/3 brix depletion and/or based on YAN, cellar ambient temperature 60F or below preferred
- Rack wine to tank after dryness is reached, check SO₂, keep SO₂ high enough and temperature low enough to inhibit MLF (55 to 60F is good)
- Use Laffort “Oenolees” at 30g/Hl while filling barrels with wine after first racking
- Stir/re-suspend lees every week, top & monitor barrel SO₂ level every month
- Mature for 3 to 5 months in barrel, rack, blend if desired, cold-stabilize, fine, filter and bottle.
- SLIGHT amount of sweetening can be used, or not, not above 1% RS

Port-Style Frontenac

- FRONTENAC PORT-STYLE WINE (Based on technique by Drew Horton)
- Hand pick at cool temperature if possible, below 60F
- De-Stem only for whole-berry ferment, add Color-Pro enzyme. Cold-soak one day if must was picked cool
- Inoculate 2nd day with D-21 yeast (Promotes soft mouth feel and reduces bitter or green flavors/aromas)
- Punch down or pump-over depending on lot size twice a day, monitor temperature, below 68F recommended
- Second day of ferment add tannin FT Soft Rouge at 50g/Hl
- Monitor Brix and temperature twice a day, when Brix of 10 to 12 is reached, fortify with Neutral Grape Spirit to reach 17 to 20 per cent alcohol by volume

Port-Style Frontenac, cont.

- Mix in fortification spirit well, add 60ppm SO₂ and mix well
- Next day press into tank and chill, let settle for a day or two
- Rack out of tank into barrels, add Laffort “Oeno-lees” at barrel-down at 30g/Hl
- Stir/re-suspend lees every month, during topping/SO₂ monitoring schedule
- Rack and return every 4 to 6 months, maximum barrel maturation is 18 months
- Additional sweetening may be considered, heavy toast American oak barrels recommended
- Fine and/or cold-stabilize if needed for reduced TA, filter and bottle

Marquette

Parley Lake MI



Medium bodied, well
balanced with vanilla and
Chocolate .

2013

11 months French oak
barrel aging

Alc.14%

Rs 0%

TA7,8g/l

pH 3.63



Marquette

Shelburne Vineyard VT



2013 Marquette Reserve Dry Red

2015 International Cold Climate Wine Competition – GOLD

2015 Finger Lakes Int'l Competition – DOUBLE GOLD

“Twelve oak barrels of our 2013 vintage were set aside to age sur lie for 15 months to amplify the fruit characteristics and obtain a fuller mouth-feel. The aroma of our 2013 Marquette Reserve is reminiscent of fresh cherry juice, red licorice, wet stone and spice. Expressive flavors of ripe, red berries, toasted vanilla beans, tobacco and baking coco burst on the palate. The texture is medium bodied with medium acid and finishes with a warm, lingering spice.”

- 2013 Marquette Reserve Wine Information Sheet
Harvest Brix 26, alc. 14%, TA 6.6g/l, pH 3.8, RS 0%

Frontenac

Flying Otter winery, MI



Food Pairings

Honey Gorgonzola Bruschetta with Prosciutto
or Granny Smith Garnish and Starboard
Balsamic Reduction

Frontenac

Coyote Moon Winery, NY



This Northern Climate grape new to the scene has taken the wine world by storm. Delivering intense structure, the robust flavors of this full-of-life wine will take you to a place you have never been before. This Frontenac will make a statement and leave you wanting more of this old vine feel with new vine variety.

Flavor Description:

Bold flavors of black currant, plum, black cherries, warm oak spice and vanilla.

Chef's Pairing Suggestions:

Pairs with Italian dishes, savory meats, wild game, bold cheeses and chocolate.



