

January 2021

BÂTONNAGE



Bâtonnage: important technique in the white wines production

Bâtonnage is a french term (it is believed that this technique has appeared at Burgundy – land of extremely creamy white wines) that designates the act of using a "stirring rod" (bâton, in french) and stir the bottom of the wine barrel, revolving the lees (dead yeasts) that are deposited there over time.

It might seem quite simple, however, its effects are important in the formation of savours and flavours and in the structure of the final beverage. When we find a white wine with that creamy feeling in the mouth, with more complex flavours and savours, that isn't just the result of a specific "terroir" and of the aging of the wine at the barrel, the "Bâtonnage" is the responsible for this type of outcome in the wine.

For some oenologists, the "Bâtonnage" process and the conventional wine maturation on the lees (without the "Bâtonnage") have the same effects. The difference would be that the "Bâtonnage" would bring the same results in a faster way.

According to them, the dead yeasts enrich the wine with mannoproteins, which help to stabilize the tartrates, which means that the wine would have less need to go through a cold stabilization. The reductive nature of the yeasts would also provide protection against oxidation.

Wines aged on lees (a method known as "sur lie") or that have been submitted to "Bâtonnage" have similar flavours, although the latter have a more distinct character. The process increases the yeast flavours in the wine, brings a feeling of a more rounded mouth for yet balancing extremely fruity notes.

DIGITAL AGRIFOOD SUMMIT



JOIN US AT

DIGITAL AGRIFOOD SUMMIT
PORTUGAL
 20-23 JAN 2021

AND DISCOVER OUR WINES
 ♦♦ 8AM TO 7PM ♦♦

VISIT THE PAVILION WINES OF PORTUGAL

CONTACT WINES OF PORTUGAL

Andrea Guimarães
 andrea.guimaraes@vinoportugal.pt
 +351213569894 / +351 961315480

Wines of Portugal @Wines_Portugal winesofportugal.com

The following producers will be present:

Aveleda • Campelo • Colinas do Douro • Falua - Tejo's wine from Portugal • Global Wines • Quinta Ferreira de Baixo • Martha's Wines & Spirits • Quinta da Devesa • Quinta da Lapa • Sovibor - Sec. de Vinhos de Borba • Venâncio da Costa Lima • Wines and winemakers by Saven.

NEW WINE RELEASES

Check out our new Wine Releases and try it!



Album Tinto
 Regional Alentejano
 2018



Pegos Claros Reserva
 DOC Palmela
 2016



Samora Branco
 Regional Tejo
 2019



Dona Helena Tinto
 Regional Península de Setúbal
 2019