# PROTOCOL | Managing rot in the cellar

## WHITE & ROSÉ WINE

#### GOAL

Juice from challenging harvest conditions that is prone to rot, is even more sensitive to oxidation.

The goal is to clarify the juice as clearly as possible and as fast as possible.

- 1. Early addition of SO<sub>2</sub> is very important to slow down the enzymatic activity (laccase, tyrrosinase).
  - 2. The timing of enzyme addition: adapt according to SO<sub>2</sub> usage.



3. Use concentrated fining agents:



**SETTLING** 

OR

FLOTATION (best option)

**COLORPROTECT V MES** 



ACTICARBONE ENO
BENT'UP



#### **ALCOHOLIC FERMENTATION**

Inoculate the yeast as soon as possible after clarification to protect against undesirable microorganisms (*Botrytis*).

#### **COLORPROTECT V MES**



#### NUTRITION

Add a complex nutrient, to adjust any vitamin deficiencies caused by *Botrytis*.



### **RED WINE**

#### GOAL

Extract the required colour and polyphenols, whilst limiting unwanted compounds and contamination.



#### **THERMOVINIFICATION**

It is best practice to destroy unwanted enzymatic activity.

If not possible, then:



#### **CRUSH AND DESTEM**

Process the grapes with the following considerations:

- 1. Use a high level of SO<sub>2</sub> (70 100 mg/hL).
- 2. Avoid the use of maceration enzymes.



#### **ALCOHOLIC FERMENTATION**

3. Inoculate with the yeast as early as possible.



#### **MACERATION**

4. Rather reduce extraction and compensate with:



 No post fermentation maceration to avoid the extraction of unwanted solids (consider ageing and finishing tannins after fermentation).



#### MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION

- Co-inoculated MLF eliminates the spoilage window after the end of alcoholic fermentation.
- Fine the wine immediately after the completion of AF and MLF to protect the wine against oxidation.



