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# RECOVERY OF WASTE FROM THE WINE INDUSTRY – GRAPE SEED OIL

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Abstract: Recently, the main objectives in the food industry have been to create easy-to-consume food products, to eliminate waste as much as possible by valorizing it in the context of the circular economy, and the efficient use of by-products as ingredients for the manufacture of new functional foods. As for the wine industry, it generates large amounts of grape pomace, a biological waste that is composed of seeds, skins, stems and remaining pulp. The main by-products that can be recovered from grape pomace are grape seed oil and grape seed meal.

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#### INTRODUCTION

In the food industry, the current trends are based on the and antitumor activities, thus contributing to human development of sustainable strategies and the efficient health (Rosa da Mata I. et al., 2022). recovery of waste and by-products. Even though waste MATERIALS AND METHODS from the agri-food industry is harmful to the environment, it has a high potential as a raw material for obtaining new products with high added value (Milanović J. et al., 2021).

agricultural industry is the vine, due to the products and by-products it offers and due to the socio-economic The recovery of the residues is mainly used in large wineimpact, it has (Sargolzaei M. et al., 2021).

By-products from the wine industry account for approximately 20%–25% of the processed grapes, and their value leads to an increase in economic efficiency by obtaining valuable products used in different industrial sectors (Oprea, O.B. et al., 2022).

The main wastes and by-products of the wine industry are grape stalks, marc/ marc and wine yeast, pulp, tartaric acid and tartrates, ethylic acid, oil and tannin. (Wounds J. et al., 2020).

Marc is a by-product that results from the pressing of grapes and sweet musts. Also, here we find bunches, skins, seeds and scraps of mash. Due to certain components (carbohydrates, seed oil, ethyl alcohol) the marc is used to obtain protein feed, tartaric acid, food oil, tannin, dyes (red wine) etc. (Chicken B. 2018).

One of the most affordable by-products in the wine industry is grape seeds that can reach about 2.4 million t/year. Due to its high content of proteins, fiber, minerals, polyphenols, antioxidants, phenolic compounds, nonphenolic antioxidants (tocopherols and betacarotene), and tannins, grape seeds are used as a functional ingredient (Oprea, O.B. et al., 2022; Spinei, M. et Oroian, M. 2021). Also, the presence of this grape seed oil,

among other benefits, has antioxidant, anti-inflammatory

#### – Grape seed oil

The oil is described as a fatty, viscous liquid, having animal, vegetal or mineral origin, with multiple uses such the food industry, technical industry, as: in In the world, one of the most used plant species in the pharmaceutical, in obtaining and improving cosmetics, in painting, etc.

> growing basins, which can provide a significant quantity of grape seeds (Rusnac L.M. 1995).



Figure 1 – Grape seed oil

#### Obtaining grape seed oil

The grapes arrived in the winemaking centres are subjected to a crushing operation, so the berries are broken and crushed, favoring the release of the juice.

The duration of the crushing operation must be reduced to avoid the diffusion of the component substances coming from the skin, pips, bunches into the mustache mass.

After the must drain, the marc remains exhausted, which favors the separation of the grape seeds. The grape seeds are cleaned, washed and conditioned reaching a humidity

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value below the critical value for temporary storage, following the operation of obtaining itself (Jordan, M., 2002).

Obtaining oil from grape seeds can be achieved by pressing separated by decanting, it washes with n-hexane solution, (cold or hot), by extraction with solvent or even with ultrasound.

# - Cold-pressing extraction

The cold pressing method is a method that retains several components beneficial to health because it does not involve heat or chemical treatment (Parry, J., et al. 2006). Unlike conventional solvent extraction, the yield is usually lower. As a result of the cold pressing process, there is no solvent residue from the oil, resulting in a safer and more desired A. et al., 2020). product by consumers (Shinagawa, F.B. et al., 2015).

The extraction method by cold pressing is carried out by means of a hydraulic press. Native (unwrapped) dry seeds (humidity from 8 to 10%) are processed under pressure of 600 bar at the cylinder temperature set at 50°C. The temperature of the extracted oil is 30 °C.



Figure 2 – Technological scheme of obtaining oil from cold–pressed grape pits, (Adapted from Jordan M. 2002)

#### Ultrasonically Assisted Extraction

For this method the grape seeds are ground, a quantity of 50g is placed in an Erlenmeyer beaker over which 100 ml of n-hexane is added, covered with aluminum foil and are al., 2022). Grape seed oil has benefited the sunscreen

exposed for 90 minutes to ultrasound in an ultrasonic bath maintaining a temperature of 30  $^{\circ}$ C with the help of a pump water from the thermostatic bath is circulated. The solid is and using a rotary evaporator the solvent is evaporated at a temperature of 37°C, and a pressure of 0,8 bar using 150 revolutions per minute (Malićanin M. et al., 2014).

The use of ultrasonics in oil extraction has multiple advantages such as: reducing extraction time, solvent consumption, and avoiding thermal damage to the extract or loss of bioactive components because the extraction is carried out at lower temperatures (Mushtag

#### - Composition of grape seed oil

Grape seed oil is a healthy rainy fat, especially due to the high levels of hydrophilic constituents such as phenolic compounds and lipophilic constituents such as vitamin E, unsaturated fatty acids and phytosterols (Karaman S. et al., 2015,). Grape seed oil has a nutritional profile similar to that obtained from sunflower seeds, which has led to its use as a culinary oil in countries such as Germany, France and Italy since 1930.

The composition of grape seed oil is influenced by certain environmental factors, the variety of vines or the degree of maturity of the seed because it retains both the quality and aroma of the grape variety (Shinagawa F.B. et al., 2015).

A proximal composition of grape seed oil is described in Table 1 (Akkurt, M. 2001)

Acid	Bloke	Proportion
Linoleic acid	$\omega$ 6 – unsaturated	46 ÷ 55,5 %
Oleic acid	$\omega$ 9 – unsaturated	35,5 ÷ 37 %
Palmitic acid	saturated	5,5 ÷ 8 %
Stearic acid	saturated	2,5 ÷ 3,5 %
Linolenic acid	$\omega$ — unsaturated	0,1÷2 %

Table 1 Fatty acids composition of grape seed oil-

# RESULTS

The benefits of grape seed oil have long been studied and confirmed in the literature.

#### Antioxidative activity

The main capacity of grape seed oil is antioxidative, this ability plays the role of eliminating ROS (oxygen-reactive species) and inhibiting lipid oxidation (Freedman J.E. et al., 2001), removes free radicals that influence the functioning of the immune system (Soobrattee M.A., 2005) and decreases the level of low-density lipoproteins (LDL) (Valls-Belles V. et al., 2006) thus reduces the process of occurrence of diseases.

Grape seed oil has also been used in cosmetics, it has been shown that its addition to sunscreens has increases the effectiveness of sunscreen creams in the order of protecting the skin against UV rays (Souza Sanches P. et

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formula due to its synergistic effect with antioxidants,	alternative of using this waste as fuels, to ensure at least	
	part of the energy needed to support the production.	
Chin Chu et Kar Lin Nyam, 2021).	The food industry is under increased pressure to improve	
Introduced in the diet of birds, grape seed oil has	its environmental performance, both from consumers	
improved their health and weight gain (Dumitra Panaite T.	and a from legislative for that are also responding to	
et all., 2020). The use of grape seed extracts also		
	A series of 'clean and friendly' technologies for the	
	processing of food products have been precisely	
(Romero C. et al., 2022).	developed with the aim of enabling producers to better	
	understand the effects that their activities have on the	
productivity in rabbits and can be successfully used as a dietary supplement in their diet (Ahmed M. et al., 2022).	environment and to be able to adopt practical measures to achieve sustainable production.	
— Anti–inflammatory effect of grape seed oil	The complex use of waste, residues and by–products	
	from the wine complex (marcs seeds, berry skin, green	
	shoots and unripe grapes, yeast sediments, etc.) allows	
	us to capitalize on their high economic potential on the	
role in treating of chronic diseases. Grape seed oil dried		
platelet adhesion in vitro (Olas B. et al., 2012) and plays a	Biotechnologies for the processing of waste and wine-	
	sector by-products have as a major objective the	
cardioprotective potential of grape seed oil (Sano A. et al.,	protection of the environment (soil, water and air) from	
2007).	dangerous pollution, caused by their uncontrolled	
— Cell cycle control	decomposition.	
The phenolic compounds present in grape seed oil have	The complex capitalization of the wine by–products is	
anticancer activities and act in cell cycle modulation	determined by the high share of them and of the	
(Engelbrecht A.M. et al., 2007; Huang S. et al., 2012), are		
cytotoxic to tumor and cancer cells without attacking	different industries. Acknowledgement	
healthy cells (Husein A.I. et al., 2014).	This work was supported by the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization	
— Antimicrobial activity of grape seed oil The oil extracted from the grape seeds has been shown	through Program 1 – Development of the national research—development system,	
to have an inhibitory effect on the growth of	Subprogram 1.2 – Institutional performance – Projects for financing excellence in	
Staphylococcus aureus and Escherichia coli (Rotava R. et	RDI, Contract no. 1PFE/30.12.2021; and by a grant offered by the Romanian	
al., 2009). Phenolic compounds such as resveratrol,	Minister of Research as Intermediate Body for the Competitiveness Operational	
responsible for antimicrobial activity involve inducing	Program 2014–2020, called POC/78/1/2/, project number SMIS2014 + 136213,	
oxidative damage to the bacterial membrane, especially	acronym METROFOOD—RO. <b>References</b>	
E. coli, without harming host cells. In conclusion it is	[1] Ahmed M. et all. 2022, A comparative study among dietary supplementations of	
suggested that the use of resveratrol can replace	antibiotic, grape seed and chamomile oils on growth performance and carcass	
traditional therapies in which antibiotics are ineffective	properties of growing rabbits, Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences Volume 29,	
(Subramanian M. et al., 2014).	Issue 4, 2483–2488;	
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grape seed oil have not only antioxidant activity, but also	Ankara University Faculty of Agriculture Department of Horticulture – Ankara –	
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aging effects, whether it is introduced directly into the food of humans or animals or in different extracts.		
CONCLUSIONS	compounds in sunscreen formulations, Journal of the American Oil Chemists' Society (JAOCS), Volume98, 713–726;	
The magic word that characterizes the peculiarity of		
waste in the food industry is "recovery". The waste of	Diet on The Intestinal Microflora Balance, Journal of Hygienic Engineering and	
the food industry should be regarded as raw materials	Design, Vol.33 .225–232	
for the production of high-value-added products, rather		
than as waste within the meaning of the dictionary	seeds inactivates the PI3—kinase/PKB pathway and induces apoptosis in a colon	
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