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Dear Editor,

Please, find attached the submitted manuscript of our paper entitled "Analysis of microbial diversity and dynamics during wine making by high-throughput barcoding sequencing" authored by M.C. Portillo and A. Mas.

The manuscript describes the microbial population evolution during spontaneous alcoholic fermentation of Grenache grapes by applying the barcoded pyrosequencing technique. The results point acetic acid bacteria (AAB) belonging to Acetobacteriaceae and lactic acid bacteria (LAB) belonging to Bacillales as the most abundant bacterial groups detected throughout the fermentation with the predominance of the genus *Gluconobacter*. We also found that *Candida* and *Saccharomyces* imposed at the end of the fermentation and finished it successfully. This study suggests that the AAB and LAB populations present during spontaneous wine fermentation are more abundant than was previously thought. Also, high-throughput sequencing is presented as a useful technique for assessing microbial changes in wine fermentations being able to differentiate between the yeast communities of different grape varieties.

We hope you will find the manuscript acceptable for your journal. Sincerely,

M.C. Portillo

Reviewers' comments:

Reviewer #1: The study reveals the microbial dynamics across spontaneous wine fermentation and presents high-throughput sequencing as a useful tool to monitor and evaluate bacterial and yeast diversity and dynamics during wine fermentation. The paper is a good scientific addition but should not be published as a Research Article. Rather, a Short Communication would be sufficient for this work.

Thank you for the good comments. Because of the length of the manuscript, we think that a research article is more appropriate for our contribution. However, if the editor considers it necessary, we could take the effort to short substantially the manuscript to fit into the short communications requirements.

Although the approach seems to be very interesting from the scientific standpoint, some comments were made:

1. How can authors state the applicability of the method in medium and small-size companies? Is it feasible?

The reviewer makes an excellent point, the HTS techniques are not immediately applicable to the small or medium-size companies due to the high cost of the technology and the specific informatics skills requirements. However, it is possible to develop in a short term an external service to make periodic analysis to wines and to prevent microbial contaminations. In fact, there is already a pioneer company offering this kind of service (massive sequencing) to analyze vineyard microbiomes across the world: "Biome Makers".

2. The units in the submissions are not equalized. There are g.I-1 and g/I... there are also g/I and g/L.....be consistent

The reviewer is right; we have reviewed the manuscript and corrected the inconsistences in the units.

3. What is the accuracy of the barcoding technique using the method applied in the study/?

Ion Torrent^(TM) currently support fragments up to 430 bp with basecalling accuracy on par with other platforms like Illumina MiSeq or Pacific Biosciences.

4. Figure 1: authors should improve the quality of the image. In addition, authors should add the standard deviation of the replicates as an estimate of error.

The Figure 1 has been changed as suggested, with the standard deviation included and the quality improved.

Reviewer #2: The manuscript is about an analysis of microbial diversity and dynamics during wine fermantation of Grenache grape, one of the most important cultivars grown in Catalunya, Spain. The paper was well prepared and discussed, but needs some minor revision, as described below:

Thank you for the good comments.

L88: add (Vitis vinifera L.) after Grenache.

Added as suggested

L89: add "Catalynia, Spain" after Priorat region.

Added as suggested

L90: add information concerning the vineyard conditions, chemical properties of harvested grapes (TSS, AT, pH etc). Were the grapes processed right after harvesting. How the 3-kg of grapes were collected inside the vineyard (sampling)?

The pH, acidity and density of the initial grape must is already indicated (lines 97-98) and the sampling information has been now expanded (lines 89-94)

L99: check "...was below 2 g I-1" The units must standarized, such as liters (L) and not (I). Check it all over the manuscript.

We have reviewed the manuscript and corrected the inconsistences in the units.

L106: check the unit G-force (4000 x g). I think that the correct way is 4000 x G, since g is used for grams.

We have checked the unit G-force and the correct way is in fact "x g"

L214-242. This paragragh is too long.

The paragraph (current lines 218-236) has been modified and shortened.

Tables and Figures: a) add at the end of each title: "... during wine fermentation of 'Grenache' grapes. b) add the meaning of d0, d1...d10 (day 0, day 1...day 10) as a footnote of each Table/Figure.

"Grenache grapes" has been added as suggested at the end of each title and the meaning of d0, d1, d2, d3 and d10 has been included as a footnote of Tables 1 and 2 and also as part of the caption of Figure 2.

Highlights:

- Bacteria and yeast on Grenache wine were analyzed by high-throughput sequencing
- Rhodospirillales and Lactobacillales were the most abundant bacterial taxa
- Hanseniaspora, Candida and Saccharomyces were the dominant yeasts
- High-throughput sequencing is useful to monitor microbial dynamics during fermentations

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16 **ABSTRACT**

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39 **1. Introduction**

40 The conversion of grape must to wine is a complex biochemical process involving interactions between yeasts and bacteria. It is essential to understand the 41 composition and behaviour of these microorganisms during fermentation in order to 42 43 expand our understanding of fermentation problems, to improve fermentation control and to obtain final products with the desired organoleptic characteristics. However, 44 most of the analyses of microbial diversity during wine fermentation have been based 45 on culture-dependent methods that relied on the isolation of colonies for further 46 characterization. Using culture-dependent methods, there is a high risk of 47 misidentification of the ecology of complex microbial ecosystems (Amann, Ludwig, & 48 49 Schleifer, 1995; Rantsiou et al., 2005).

Recently, several culture-independent methods based on the nucleic acids have 50 51 been used to analyze the microbial diversity of grapes and wines (reviewed in Cocolin, Campolongo, Alessandria, Dolci, & Rantsiou, 2011), and these methods 52 have complemented classical physiological techniques. For example, the technique 53 PCR-DGGE has been widely used to study the microbial ecology of grapes and wine 54 fermentation (Andorrà, Landi, Mas, Esteve-Zarzoso, & Guillamón, 2010; Cocolin, 55 Bisson, & Mills, 2000; Prieto, Jara, Mas, & Romero, 2007; Renouf, Strehaiano, & 56 57 Lonvaud-Funel, 2007), and qPCR assays have been developed to detect and enumerate both bacteria and yeast in wine (Andorrà, Landi, Mas, Esteve-Zarzoso, & 58 Guillamón, 2010; González, Hierro, Poblet, Mas, & Guillamon, 2006; Hierro, Esteve-59 Zarzoso, Mas, & Guillamón, 2007). The use of molecular biology methods has 60 generally supported the traditional results but, in addition, these newer techniques 61 have identified a much higher microbial diversity than previously expected (Navarro, 62 Mateo, Torija, & Mas, 2013). Thus, the present view of bacterial and eukaryotic 63 species associated with grapes, must and wines is much more complex than has 64

been previously described. Nevertheless, the detection by DGGE is difficult for
species present at population densities below 10³ CFU/ml or two orders of magnitude
lower than the most abundant members of these communities (Muyzer & Smalla,
1998; Prakitchaiwattana, Fleet, & Heard, 2004) and the detection by qPCR is limited
to the quantification of the few targeted species.

Nowadays, high-throughput sequencing (HTS) technologies, such as the 454 70 pyrosequencing of amplicons, can be used to characterize more precisely the 71 72 microbial diversity of complex environmental ecosystems, including food samples (Ercolini, 2013; Solieri, Dakal, & Giudici, 2013; Galimberti et al., 2015). For example, 73 HTS techniques have recently been used to determine the bacterial diversity of 74 botrytized wines (Bokulich, Joseph, Allen, Benson, & Mills, 2012) and Chinese 75 traditional sourdough (Liu et al., 2016), to monitor seasonal changes in winery-76 77 resident microbiota (Bokulich, Ohta, Richardson, & Mills, 2013) or to analyze the microbial biogeography of grapes from a Californian region (Bokulich, Thorngate, 78 Richardson, & Mills, 2014). 79

The aim of this study was to analyze bacterial and yeast community structure and dynamics during wine fermentation of Grenache variety using barcoded pyrosequencing which eliminates the limits imposed by techniques such as culturing the primary species, the limited detection of DGGE-PCR and the quantification of only targeted species by qPCR.

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- 86 **2. Materials and methods**
- 2.1. Alcoholic fermentation and sample collection

Three kg of healthy grapes of the Grenache (*Vitis vinifera L.*) variety were collected from Ferrer Bobet vineyard from the DOC Priorat region (Catalonia, Spain) and were aseptically destemmed and hand squeezed in the laboratory. Fermentation was

performed in duplicate, 1.8 kg of grape must and pomace were put in 2 L bottles. 91 Alcoholic fermentation was performed at room temperature (controlled at 23 ± 1 °C) 92 with gentle shaking (120 rpm). The initial must had a density of 1100 g/L, 4.8 g/L of 93 total acidity (expressed as tartaric acid) and pH of 3.2. The fermentation was 94 sulphited (30 ppm of SO₂ as metabisulphite). Sugar consumption was monitored daily 95 by measuring the density (g/L) of the fermenting must and by enzymatic assay 96 (Roche Applied Science; Germany). Both fermentations were allowed to proceed 97 without yeast inoculation and finished successfully in 10 days. Fermentations were 98 considered to be finished when the level of reducing sugars was below 2 g/L and 99 must density was below 1000 g/L. 100

101 Concentrations of acetic acid and glycerol in the samples were tested by Miura One Multianalyzer (TDI, Barcelona, Spain) using the enzymatic kit from Biosystems S. A. 102 103 (Barcelona, Spain); and those of glucose, fructose and ethanol by enzymatic kit from Roche Diagnostics (Darmstadt, Germany) at the end of fermentation. Samples of 10 104 mL each were taken aseptically from both fermentations at days 0, 1, 2, 3 and 10, 105 corresponding with initial (days 0 and 1), mid (days 2 and 3) and final fermentation 106 (day 10) (Fig. 1). The samples were centrifuged at 4000 x g and pellets were 107 immediately stored at -80°C. 108

109 2.2. DNA extraction and pyrosequencing of the 16S and 18S rRNA genes

DNA of samples was extracted using the standard protocol for the QIAamp DNA Mini kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany), including three bead-beating steps for 3 min in a FastPrep-24 bead beater (MP Bio, Solon, OH) to homogenize the samples. Extracted DNA was sent to LifeSequencing S.L. (Valencia, Spain) for amplification and pyrosequencing analysis. Briefly, partial 16S and 18S rRNA genes were amplified using the Roche 454 FLS GS Titanium sequencer at LifeSequencing S.L. with

primers provided by the company. One library barcoded with a different molecular 116 identifier tag (Roche) was constructed per sample. The amplified DNA was quantified 117 using Quant-IT[™] PicoGreen[®] kit (Invitrogen) to generate an equimolecular pool for 118 subsequent sequencing. Raw 16S and 18S rRNA gene sequence data generated 119 from pyrosequencing were processed in QIIME (Caporaso et al., 2010). Briefly, reads 120 were discarded if the average quality score of the read was <25, if the length of the 121 read was <200 and any read containing one or more ambiguous base calls. 122 Operational taxonomic units (OTUs) were assigned using QIIME's uclust-based 123 (Edgar, 2010) open-reference OTU-picking workflow, with a threshold of 97% 124 pairwise identity. OTU taxonomy was determined using the RDP classifier at 97% 125 similarity (Wang et al., 2007) and retrained toward the GreenGenes bacterial 16S 126 rRNA database (13_8 release) for 16S sequences (DeSantis et al., 2006) and toward 127 128 the Silva 111 release for 18S sequences (Quast et al., 2013). Chimeric sequences were identified and removed using ChimeraSlayer (Haas et al., 2011). A final OTU 129 table was created, excluding singletons (sequences observed just once), and 130 sequences matching plant mitochondria or chloroplast. To avoid biases generated by 131 differences in sequencing depth, bacterial and eukaryotic reads were rarified to an 132 even depth of 300 sequences per sample. Those samples below that threshold 133 following all quality filtering steps were discarded. Alpha diversity (within-sample 134 species richness) estimates were calculated by analyzing the observed species and 135 Chao1 indexes and the Good's coverage. 136

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3. Results and discussion

Replicated fermentations of Grenache must were allowed to proceed without yeast inoculation and finished successfully in 10 days (Fig.1). The values of the main parameters of the final wines were identical with 14% ethanol (v/v), 12.6 g/L glycerol

and 1.2 g/L of residual sugars (only fructose) and density 997g/L. These values were
consistent with previous alcoholic fermentations of the natural grape musts
performed by our laboratory and proceeded without presenting stuck or sluggish
fermentations.

We obtained a total of 132,354 sequences after the quality filtering with an average 146 length of 531 nt. At the 97% identity level, the final OTU table contained 134 bacterial 147 and 238 eukaryotic distinct OTUs. The Good's coverage values were above 90 % for 148 bacterial and between 81 and 100% for eukaryotic sequences (Table 1). These 149 results indicated that the selected sampling effort was appropriated to reveal most 150 bacterial and eukaryotic diversity in these samples. The exception was represented 151 by the sequences obtained from wine fermentation samples at day 0 that were 152 estimated to cover just 58% of the total bacterial diversity. According to the number of 153 154 observed species and the estimated Chao1, the bacterial diversity was fluctuating across fermentation while eukaryotic diversity clearly tended to increase through the 155 end of the fermentation (Table 1). 156

The most abundant bacterial taxonomic group during all the fermentation was the 157 Acetobacteraceae representing up to 92% of the sequences (Fig. 2A). Within 158 Acetobacteraceae, the dominant genus was Gluconobacter representing 41-81% of 159 the bacterial reads and peaked at mid fermentation (Table 2). This is somewhat 160 unexpected because although Gluconobacter have been described as common in 161 grapes, they usually are sensitive to alcohol, and thus normally decline during 162 alcoholic fermentation (Du Toit & Pretorius, 2002; Joyeux, Lafon-Lafourcade, & 163 Ribereau-Gayon, 1984; González, Hierro, Poblet, Mas, & Guillamon, 2005). Du Toit 164 & Lambrechts (2002) observed a decrease in AAB from 10⁶-10⁷ cfu/mL prior to yeast 165 inoculation to 10^3 - 10^4 and 10^2 - 10^3 cfu/mL in the middle and at the end of the 166 fermentation, respectively. However, the use of culture-independent methods 167

reported that the AAB population remained elevated (between 10^4 - 10^5 cells/mL) 168 throughout fermentation (Andorrà, Landi, Mas, Esteve-Zarzoso, & Guillamón, 2010), 169 which would agree with our present results. Furthermore, a previous study based on 170 pyrosequencing reported high abundance of AAB in botrytized wine in the range of 171 40-80% of Rhodospirillales, mainly belonging to Gluconobacter (Bokulich, Joseph, 172 Allen, Benson, & Mills, 2012). These authors attributed the high abundance of acetic 173 acid bacteria to the nature of botrytized wine. However, on a more recent study also 174 using massive sequencing to monitor the effect of sulfite addition over the microbial 175 communities present in wine fermentation of Chardonnay variety, LAB and 176 Gluconobacter bloomed during fermentation with concentrations below 25 µg/L of 177 SO₂ (Bokulich, Swadener, Sakamoto, Mills, & Bisson, 2014) which supports our 178 results on Grenache grape variety. Altogether, these results suggest that AAB are 179 180 more abundant and dynamic than previously thought during low-sulfited or unsulfited wine fermentations, independently of the grape variety, but further studies on 181 additional grape varietal should be necessary to confirm if this is a generalized fact. 182

We detect low proportion of Acetobacter (from 6 to 2%) and its abundance decreased 183 across fermentation. This result was also unexpected because Acetobacter is 184 moderately resistant to alcohol and has been described in the late stages of alcoholic 185 fermentation (Du Toit & Lamberchts, 2002; Joyeux, Lafon-Lafourcade, & Ribereau-186 Gayon, 1984; González et al., 2004). In wines, Acetobacter aceti has been 187 considered the main altering AAB and later studies indicated that A. pasteurianus 188 was present in spoiled bottled wines (Bartowsky & Henschke, 2008). Previous HTS 189 studies did not detect Acetobacter at all genus during Chardonnay wine fermentation 190 (Bokulich, Swadener, Sakamoto, Mills, & Bisson, 2014), which is a clear difference 191 with our Grenache wine fermentation results. 192

Sequences belonging to the genera *Gluconacetobacter* or *Asaia* were also rare in our analysis (Table 2). Several species previously classified within *Gluconacetobacter* have been reclassified as members of the new genus *Komagataeibacter* (Yamada et al., 2012), and some of these have been observed in some alcoholic fermentations, albeit in low proportions (González et al., 2004). Other *Acetobacteraceae* were also present at very low percentages, although they could not be unambiguously assigned to specific genera (Table 2).

At the end of fermentation, we observed a decrease in AAB sequences (Table 2; Fig. 200 2A) at the same time that an increase of LAB of the order Lactobacillales (Fig. 2A). 201 Andorrà, Landi, Mas, Guillamón, & Esteve-Zarzoso (2008) described an increase of 202 LAB population close to 10⁴ cells/mL at the end of Carignan wine fermentation using 203 qPCR technique and Bokulich, Swadener, Sakamoto, Mills, & Bisson (2014) reported 204 more than 60% of sequences obtained by HTS related to Lactobacillaceae at the 10th 205 day of Chardonnay wine fermentation, both results for non-inoculated and SO₂ free 206 fermentations. The observed increase of LAB at the end of alcoholic fermentation on 207 our Grenache wine could be expected to generate the appropriate conditions for the 208 subsequent malolactic fermentation (although, as in most spontaneous 209 fermentations, it did not proceed). 210

We could detect other minor bacterial taxonomic groups during the fermentations (Fig. 2A), some of them, like genera *Orbus* and *Wolbachia*, were detected until the end of the alcoholic fermentation although their role remains unknown and they have not been detected in previous studies.

The most abundant eukaryotic genera were *Hanseniaspora, Candida* and *Saccharomyces*, with a clear succession during fermentation (Fig. 2B). *Issatchenkia* was relevant in the must too. These genera have been frequently isolated on spontaneous fermentations (Clemente-Jimenez, Mingorance-Cazorla, Martínez-

Rodríguez, Las Heras-Vázguez, & Rodríguez-Vico, 2004). At the initial fermentation, 219 Hanseniaspora and Issatchenkia were dominant, though their abundance decreased 220 sharply across fermentation and Candida represented the most abundant genus from 221 the 24 h to mid fermentation (52-87%). At the end of the fermentation, 222 223 Saccharomyces was the dominant genus together with Candida (48 and 40% respectively). These results were in agreement with previous studies from our group 224 using PCR-DGGE and qPCR on spontaneous fermentations and describing the 225 abundance of Hanseniaspora at the beginning of the fermentation and Candida and 226 Saccharomyces at the end of alcoholic fermentation (Andorrà, Landi, Mas, 227 Guillamón, & Esteve-Zarzoso, 2008; Andorrà, Landi, Mas, Esteve-Zarzoso, & 228 Guillamón, 2010). However, Bokulich, Swadener, Sakamoto, Mills, & Bisson (2014) 229 described by HTS techniques Kluyveromyces as the dominant yeast at early stage of 230 231 Chardonnay grapes fermentation before being displaced by Hanseniaspora and then S. cerevisiae, which clearly differed from our results for Grenache variety. Although 232 Kluyveromyces is often isolated in fermenting musts, in our previous studies on the 233 ecology of Grenache and other grape varieties from Priorat wine region, its presence 234 was very marginal (Constantí, Poblet, Arola, Mas, & Guillamón, 1997; Torija, Rozès, 235 Poblet, Guillamón, & Mas, 2001). Our results would be somewhat comparable to 236 partial results from David et al. (2014), who monitored by HTS technique the yeast 237 diversity across wine fermentation from Chardonnay grapes grown under different 238 treatments. These authors found Hanseniaspora as the most abundant yeast at the 239 beginning of the fermentation on the conventional treatment and Candida was 240 predominant at mid fermentation. Nevertheless, our results contribute further to yeast 241 dynamics during wine fermentation because David et al. (2014) did not analyze the 242 final stage of the fermentation in which Saccharomyces could have finally dominated. 243

The current study analyzed microbial DNA, thus detecting both living and dead cells and other methods should be used to detect only live cells. However, the succession of yeasts observed in all fermentations and the emergence of low-abundance bacterial organisms in the late fermentation suggest microbial growth and dynamic.

We are fully aware that these results are based in a limited number of analyses and, 248 as the fermentations were spontaneous, proceeded without an external control of the 249 microbiota present during the process. Previous studies have described the high 250 sensitivity of LAB to SO₂ addition (Andorrà, Landi, Mas, Guillamón, & Esteve-251 Zarzoso, 2008) and that AAB bloomed at the end of Chardonnay wine fermentation 252 just under low sulfite concentrations (Bokulich, Swadener, Sakamoto, Mills, & Bisson, 253 2014). However, the data obtained regarding the yeast succession (Non 254 Saccharomyces followed by Saccharomyces cerevisiae after mid fermentation) and 255 256 the good performance of the fermentation (alcoholic fermentation finished in 10 days with low levels of residual sugars) makes us to consider the present fermentation as 257 representative of spontaneous fermentations of Grenache grapes. Hence, our results 258 show that, in spontaneous fermentation of Grenache variety, AAB are dominant until 259 the end of the fermentation when LAB population becomes abundant. Furthermore, 260 the initial yeast population on must was composed mainly by Hanseniaspora and 261 262 Issatchenkia though they were quickly displaced by Candida and later Saccharomyces. The techniques used in this study nicely reflected the dynamics of 263 bacterial and yeast communities during wine fermentation of Grenache variety in 264 more detail than previous used molecular techniques and these results confirmed the 265 capability of the naturally originated microbial communities to self-regulate the 266 species involved in the wine making process. 267

268 **4. Conclusions**

Next-generation sequencing was used to reveal microbial population dynamics 269 during spontaneous fermentation of Grenache grapes. We described the persistence 270 of *Gluconobacter* species during alcoholic fermentation suggesting that the AAB and 271 LAB populations present during spontaneous wine fermentation are more abundant 272 than previously thought. Candida and Saccharomyces imposed at the end of the 273 fermentation and finished it successfully, which is different of what a previous HTS 274 study have described for Chardonnay varietal. Additional work could be necessary to 275 analyze more grape varieties and compare the obtained results. Our data suggest 276 HTS techniques are useful for assessing microbial changes in wine fermentations of 277 different grape varieties or under different treatments and this information could be 278 used by winemakers to drive fermentation processes and to set up the most suitable 279 environmental conditions to enhance wine characteristics. 280

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Figure 1 Evolution of wine fermentations of 'Grenache' grapes measured as density
(g/L). Error bars indicated the standard deviation of the replicates.

Figure 2 Relative abundance of the most abundant bacterial (A) and eukaryotic (B) 433 taxonomic groups across spontaneous wine fermentation process of 'Grenache' 434 grapes. d0, d1, d2, d3 and d10 mean day 0, day 2, day 3 and day 10 respectively. 435 "Other Bacteria" includes the genera Propionibacterium, Bifidobacterium, Clostridium, 436 Blastococcus, Enterococcus, Sporolactobacillus, Asaia, Enterobacter, 437 Subdoligranulum, Janibacter, Acidovorax, Acinetobacter, Pelomonas, Streptococcus, 438 Pseudobutyrivibrio, Staphylococcus, Stenotrophomonas, 439 Gemmatimonas, Brevibacterium, Symbiobacterium, Faecalibacterium, Sphingomonas, Streptomyces, 440 Corynebacterium, Microbacterium, Micrococcus, Prevotella, Lysinibacillus and 441 "Other Saccharomycetales" include Ambrosiozyma, Gemmatimonas. Pichia, 442 443 Wickerhamomyces, Saturnispora and Saccharomycopsis.

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Table 1 Alpha diversity index and Good's coverage calculated for 300 bacterial (A) or 300 eukaryotic (B) sequences per sample and averaged for replicated samples during wine fermentation of Grenache grapes.

	Chao1	Observed OTUs	Good´s coverage
d0 ^a	50.3	20	0.58
d1	65.9	52	0.95
d2	105.3	58	0.92
d3	50.1	37	0.95
d10	83	53	0.96

A)

B)

	Chao1	Observed OTUs	Good´s coverage
d0	17	12	0.81
d1	33	22	0.84
d2	24.6	19	0.87
d3	52.3	26	0.95
d10	60.1	41	0.94

a d0, d1, d2, d3 and d10 mean day 0, day 2, day 3 and day 10 respectively

	۹0ª	d1	d2	43	d10
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Gluconobacter	0.45	0.80	0.81	0.68	0.41
Gluconacetobacter	0.15	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.01
Acetobacter	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.03
Asaia	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Other Acetobacteraceae	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00

Table 2: Relative abundance of *Acetobacteraceae* genera across days 0 to 10 of spontaneous wine fermentation of Grenache grapes.

a d0, d1, d2, d3 and d10 mean day 0, day 2, day 3 and day 10 respectively



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