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2 **Production Method and Wine Style Influence Metal Profiles in**
3 **Sparkling Wines**

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40 **Abbreviations Used:** Ag, Silver; Al, Aluminum; As, Arsenic; B, Boron; Ba, Barium; Be, Beryllium;
41 Ca, Calcium; Cd, Cadmium; Co, Cobalt; Cr, Chromium; Cu, Copper; Fe, Iron; K, Potassium; Mg,
42 Magnesium; Mn, Manganese; Mo, Molybdenum; Na, Sodium; Ni, Nickel; Pb, Lead; Sb, Antimony; Se,
43 Selenium; Sn, Tin; Sr, Strontium; Ti, Titanium; Tl, Thallium; U, Uranium; V, Vanadium; Zn, Zinc.

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45 **Abstract:** The elemental composition of wine provides information important to origin, authenticity,
46 and sensory considerations. While various wine regions and varieties of still wines have been
47 extensively studied, limited research has evaluated the metal profile of sparkling wines, which may be
48 present in the bottle-fermented Traditional method (TM) or tank-fermented Charmat method (CM), in
49 rosé or non-rosé styles. In this study, 73 commercial sparkling wines from Canada's Niagara Peninsula
50 were analyzed by inductively coupled plasma–optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES) and inductively
51 coupled plasma–mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) to quantify 28 metal ions (Ag, Al, As, B, Ba, Be, Ca, Cd,
52 Co, Cr, Cu, Fe, K, Mg, Mn, Mo, Na, Ni, Pb, Sb, Se, Sn, Sr, Ti, Tl, U, V, Zn). All metal levels were
53 below internationally regulated maximum limits. Higher mean levels of Cr, Ni, and Sr (0.021 ± 0.008
54 mg/L, 0.018 ± 0.004 mg/L and 0.32 ± 0.07 mg/L, respectively) and lower mean levels of B (3.0 ± 0.6
55 mg/L) were identified in CM compared to TM wines. Cr and Ni are of particular interest due to their
56 association with stainless-steel contact during CM production. Additionally, results identified higher
57 mean levels of K (613 ± 153 mg/L) and lower mean levels of Cu (0.034 ± 0.036 mg/L) in rosé compared
58 with non-rosé style wines. These results represent the first investigation of metal content in Canadian
59 sparkling wines and identify important elemental differences related to production technique which can
60 inform future authenticity assessments.

61 **Key words:** elemental composition; multi-elemental analysis; Niagara Peninsula; sparkling wine; trace
62 elements

63 **Introduction**

64 The elemental composition of wine is the consequence of both natural sources and human
65 intervention, and provides important information related to origin, authenticity, toxicological, sensory
66 and nutritional considerations (Tariba 2011, Viviers et al. 2013, Gajek et al. 2021). Specific trace
67 elements are of special interest due to their impact on consumer health such as arsenic (As), cadmium
68 (Cd), chromium (Cr), copper (Cu), and lead (Pb), which are toxic at high concentrations (Bora et al.
69 2018, Dumitriu et al. 2019, Fabjanowicz and Plotka-Wasyłka 2021). In order to control wine metal
70 levels and ensure consumer safety, regional and international regulatory bodies including the
71 International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV) have established maximum acceptable limits for
72 several metal species (Supplementary Materials Table S1) (International Organisation of Vine and Wine
73 2015).

74 Multiple factors including soil type, geography, water resources, climate, grape variety, grape
75 maturity, agricultural practices (e.g., foliar sprays, herbicides, fungicides), environmental pollution, and
76 winemaking strategies (e.g., additives, equipment, fining agents) contribute to the type and concentration
77 of metal ions in juice and wine (Tariba 2011, Fabjanowicz and Plotka-Wasyłka 2021, Gajek et al. 2021).
78 Extensive research on still wines have demonstrated the application of trace metal profiles and stable
79 isotope ratios to regionally fingerprint wines for the purposes of tracing quality and authenticating
80 geographic origin (Marisa et al. 2003, Coetzee and Vanhaecke 2005, Rodrigues et al. 2011, Bora et al.
81 2018, Rodrigues et al. 2020, Gajek et al. 2021). In addition to metal levels derived from the growing

82 site, anthropogenic inputs during winemaking can introduce or modify individual metal levels, thereby
83 altering the metal composition while processing of grapes from juice to wine. Total metal levels
84 generally decrease during fermentation and ageing due to their precipitation, or co-precipitation with
85 suspended solids (Marisa et al. 2003). Further, wine quality parameters are closely linked to metal ion
86 levels, which can influence yeast nutrition during fermentation, redox processes, haze formation, color
87 stability, acidity, and off-flavor development (Esparza et al. 2005, Tariba 2011, Viviers et al. 2013,
88 Morozova et al. 2014). For example, increased levels of copper (Cu), aluminum (Al), iron (Fe), nickel
89 (Ni), and zinc (Zn) can form tannin and protein haze complexes (Esparza et al. 2005), generating
90 undesirable sensory and color changes in the wine. Additionally, high levels of Cu(II) and Fe(III) ions in
91 wine (above 1 and 7 mg/L, respectively) can impart bitter and metallic tastes (Tariba 2011, Morozova et
92 al. 2014).

93 While the metal composition of red and white still wines has been extensively investigated
94 within winemaking regions and across different grape varieties, sparkling wine remains relatively under-
95 examined. Sparkling wine is an expanding market which accounts for approximately 7% of global wine
96 production (International Organisation of Vine and Wine 2020). In Canada's province of Ontario, the
97 Niagara Peninsula is the country's largest viticultural area, containing two regional appellations and 10
98 sub-appellations regulated and administered by the Vintners Quality Alliance of Ontario (VQAO).
99 Ontario sparkling wine production is increasing, as shown by a 140% increase in production volume
100 between the 2014 – 2019 harvests, resulting in nearly 1.5 million L of sparkling wine produced in 2019
101 (Vintners Quality Alliance Ontario 2015, 2020). Therefore, understanding the contribution of sparkling
102 wine metal composition to wine quality, as well as its application to authenticity verification are
103 increasingly relevant.

104 Sparkling wine production involves unique processing steps which can influence metal
105 composition. Initially, a primary fermentation transforms the juice into a still base wine, which
106 subsequently undergoes a secondary fermentation. Conditions for the second fermentation delineate the
107 two primary methods of sparkling wine production, which represent the largest categories of
108 international sparkling wine: second fermentation in the same bottle that is later purchased by the
109 consumer (Traditional method, TM), or second fermentation in an isobaric stainless-steel tank (Charmat
110 method, CM) (Figure 1). During each elaboration process, yeast, sugar, and nutrients are added to the
111 vessel to initiate the second fermentation, thereby producing carbon dioxide (CO₂), and contributing
112 effervescence to the wine. TM wines typically have minimum legal ageing requirements on lees, or *sur*
113 *lies*, (average *sur lies* ageing duration of 12 months), although this length varies with region and vintage
114 or non-vintage declarations. In Ontario, TM sparkling wines with a vintage declaration require a legal
115 minimum of 12 months ageing *sur lies* while non-vintage TM wines may be aged for only nine months,
116 according to the Government of Ontario website (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/000406>).
117 Common TM wines include Champagne (France), Crémant d’Alsace (France and Luxembourg), and
118 Cava (Spain). CM sparkling wines such as Prosecco (Italy) and Sekt (Germany and Austria) are
119 generally available at a lower price than TM wines due to the comparatively short secondary
120 fermentation process (1-6 weeks) and less-intensive production regime. Additionally, rosé or white
121 (non-rosé) sparkling wine styles can be produced by either TM or CM techniques. During rosé
122 production, red-skinned grapes are pressed, and their juice subsequently remains in contact with grape
123 solids for a short duration (several hours) to extract the desired hue and sensory attributes. Alternatively,
124 white sparkling wines are produced by immediately separating juice from grape solids post-pressing.
125 Rosé style wines are likely to contain elevated metal content compared to white sparkling wines due to

126 the maceration process, which extracts metals localized in grape skin and seed structures (Pérez Cid et
127 al. 2019).

128 Several research groups have investigated the application of metal fingerprinting and isotopic
129 characterization of Canadian still wines to discriminate between wine growing regions (Greenough et al.
130 1997, Taylor et al. 2003, Greenough et al. 2005, Vinciguerra et al. 2016). However, research related to
131 metal content in sparkling wines remains limited. For example, the mineral profile of Spanish Cava, a
132 TM sparkling wine, was studied for wines produced within a single growing region (Jos et al. 2004).
133 Other authors have examined sparkling wine metal profiles to regionally discriminate sparkling wines by
134 country of origin (Jos et al. 2004, Yamashita et al. 2019, Rodrigues et al. 2020). Available data on the
135 levels of metal species identified in sparkling wines is shown in Table 1. Notably, there is currently no
136 data on sparkling wines produced in North America, including Canada, which is a rapidly expanding
137 cool climate region for sparkling wine production (British Columbia Liquor Distribution Branch 2017,
138 2021, Vintners Quality Alliance Ontario 2015, 2020). Additionally, to the best of our knowledge, current
139 literature does not compare the elemental composition of TM and CM wines, nor the impact of rosé and
140 non-rosé styles on sparkling wine metal profiles. These research gaps informed the present study.

141 The primary objective of this analysis was to survey the metal composition of sparkling wines
142 produced in Canada's Niagara Peninsula and assess differences related to production method (i.e., TM
143 and CM) and style (i.e., rosé, non-rosé). By evaluating wines from a single winegrowing region, a clear
144 understanding of the effects of sparkling winemaking techniques on metal profiles may be assessed.

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146 **2.0 Materials & Methods**

147 ***2.1 Instrumentation***

148 The analysis of 28 metal ions was carried out by inductively coupled plasma–mass spectrometry (ICP-
149 MS) and inductively coupled plasma–optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES) techniques. Samples
150 were analyzed by an Agilent ICP-MS 7700x mass spectrometer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA)
151 operating in the following modes: no gas and He (KED-Kinetic Energy Discrimination) to remove
152 interferences as required. Ions for ICP-MS analysis are shown in Table 2. Boron (B) was subsequently
153 analyzed by a Thermo Scientific iCAP 7400 ICP-OES Dual-View spectrometer (Thermo Fisher
154 Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) due to analyte concentrations outside of the linear range for the ICP-
155 MS method (0.1 mg/L). B results were obtained with the ICP-OES instrument operating in axial mode.
156 The wavelength used for elemental detection by ICP-OES was 249.678 nm for B. Standard chemical
157 analysis of wine samples was not carried out as the scope of this study was focused solely on comparing
158 metal composition rather than wine chemical parameters.

159 ***2.2 Sparkling Wine Samples***

160 A total of 73 sparkling wines produced in Canada’s Niagara Peninsula were analyzed. Samples were
161 extracted from commercial wine products acquired at liquor retailers or directly from various wineries.
162 Upon collection, all bottles were immediately transported to the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture
163 Institute (CCOVI) at Brock University and stored horizontally for approximately 2 months in the wine
164 cellar at 14°C prior to analysis. All wines used in this study were sampled from 750 mL glass bottle
165 formats. Sparkling wines included Traditional method (TM; 43 non-rosé and 11 rosé) and Charmat
166 method (CM; 15 non-rosé and four rosé) wines. The higher proportion of TM and non-rosé wines

167 approximately reflects the local industry's emerging production trends towards dry style sparkling wines
168 (Vintners Quality Alliance Ontario 2021). Samples were an amalgamation of single grape variety wines
169 and blends of several varieties. All wines for analysis were certified by the Vintners Quality Alliance
170 Ontario (VQAO), a regulatory body within the province intended to preserve wine quality standards and
171 authenticity of origin. Information pertaining to geographical origin was collected from VQA label
172 information and directly from producers. Vintage and closure types (cork or crown cap) for individual
173 wines can be found in Supplementary Materials (Table S2).

174 **2.3 Reagents**

175 All solutions were prepared from ultra-pure reagents. Ultrapure deionized water with ≥ 18.0 M Ω -cm
176 resistivity was obtained from a Barnstead™ E-Pure™ water purification system (Thermo Fisher
177 Scientific, Waltham, MA). Concentrated trace metal grade nitric acid (HNO₃, 67-70% v/v) and
178 concentrated hydrochloric acid (HCl, 37% v/v) were purchased from VWR (Aristar® Plus, VWR
179 International, Radnor, PA). An ionization suppressant of 0.4% w/v cesium chloride (CsCl, 99.9% v/v)
180 was utilized as an internal standard for ICP-OES via online addition and was purchased from Sigma-
181 Aldrich (ReagentPlus®, St. Louis, MO).

182 Multi-element ICP-MS calibration standards of Standard 1, Standard 2A, Standard 3 and
183 Standard 4 were purchased from Agilent (Santa Clara, CA, USA) at 10 mg/L stock concentrations. Five
184 calibration solutions were prepared to a maximum of 0.1 mg/L for Standard 2A and 0.01 mg/L for
185 Standards 1, 3 and 4 as defined in Supplementary Materials (Table S3). For major ions (Al, Ca, Fe, K,
186 Mg, Na), additional single-element 10000 mg/L stock solutions acquired from SCP Science (Baie
187 D'Urfé, Canada) and Inorganic Ventures (Christiansburg, VA) were employed to extend the calibration

188 range beyond 0.1 mg/L. Additional 50 mg/L standards were used to extend the linear range for Al, Ca,
189 Fe, K, Mg, and Na. A further 200 mg/L standard was added to extend the linear range for K.

190 Certified EnviroMAT™ EU-H matrix reference standard for elemental analysis of wastewater
191 (high levels) was purchased from SCP Science (Baie D'Urfé, Canada) and prepared at a 1:500 dilution
192 (ICP-MS) and 1:50 dilution (ICP-OES). Online internal standards of Sc, In, and Bi were used for ICP-
193 MS; Sc and Y internal standards were employed for ICP-OES (SCP Science, Baie D'Urfé, Canada).
194 Ultrapure grade plasma gas (Ar, argon, 99.999% purity) and collision gas (He, helium, grade 5.0) were
195 purchased from MEGS (Pointe-Claire, Canada) and Messer (Mississauga, Canada), respectively.

196 ***2.4 Sample Treatment and Analysis***

197 Sample preparation and analysis was conducted at the Queen's University Analytical Services
198 Unit following procedures based on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Method 200.8
199 for determination of trace elements in waters by ICP-MS (USEPA 1994). B analysis by ICP-OES was
200 carried out as per the USEPA Method 6010D for trace elements in aqueous solutions (USEPA 2018).

201 Wines were sampled directly from freshly opened bottles, transferred to 15 mL sterile conical
202 tubes (VWR, Radnor, PA) and stored at 4°C for 2-3 weeks until analysis. Single bottles of each wine
203 were evaluated, consistent with previous studies that have surveyed metal composition of wines
204 (Cabrera-Vique et al. 1997, Teissedre et al. 1998, Jos et al. 2004, Paustenbach et al. 2016, Gajek et al.
205 2021). All wine samples were analyzed in duplicate. Samples were degassed and diluted 10-fold by
206 diluting 2.5 mL wine to 25 mL with ultrapure deionized water. Samples (25 mL, as prepared) and
207 quality control (QC) solutions (blanks, duplicates, reference solutions) were measured into DigiTubes
208 (SCP Science, Baie D'Urfé, Canada) with 0.25 mL concentrated trace grade HNO₃ and 0.125 mL
209 concentrated HCl for digestion at 90°C for 240 minutes. Dilution and digestion aims to reduce matrix

210 effects associated with organic and inorganic compounds in the wine (Moehring and Harrington 2021).
211 Samples were cooled and diluted to 25 mL with double deionized water and analyzed by ICP-MS and/or
212 ICP-OES. Method preparation including digestion was carried out for all method blanks, duplicates, and
213 certified reference standards to minimize matrix effects.

214 ***2.5 Quality Assurance***

215 Online internal standards of Sc, In and Bi were used with ICP-MS whereas Sc and Y were
216 utilized for ICP-OES analysis. In addition, 0.4% w/v CsCl was added as an ionization suppressant for
217 the OES system by means of a third channel in the peri-pump. Quality assurance solutions of one
218 method blank, one matrix reference solution and two control duplicates were included for every 12
219 samples analyzed. Sample replicates showed a mean relative standard deviation of $3.3 \pm 5.6\%$. Certified
220 reference material (EU-H) showed a mean percent recovery of $95.4 \pm 3.9\%$ ($n = 9$) compared to certified
221 values. All blanks showed metal concentrations below detection limits for both ICP-MS and ICP-OES.

222 ***2.6 Statistical Analysis***

223 XLSTAT Version 2021.1.1 (Addinsoft, NY, USA) software was used for statistical analysis in
224 Microsoft® Excel® for Mac (Version 16.47.1, 2021, Microsoft®). Reported values represent the final
225 concentrations of metal ions in wine without dilution. The accepted level of significance for all
226 statistical tests was established at $p = 0.05$.

227 For evaluating the variability of individual metal levels by production method or style, multiple
228 analysis of variance (MANOVA) was carried out for elements detected in all wine samples (B, Ca, Mg,
229 Mn, K, Na, Sr, Zn). A Shapiro-Wilks test was run to verify the normality of residuals followed by a one-
230 way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Tukey's post-hoc means separation tests. Censored data where

231 elements showed below limit of detection (LOD) values were excluded from this portion of the analysis.
232 Due to the high proportion of non-detected (<LOD) values for many metal ions, this strategy of
233 removing <LOD values from summary statistics therefore avoids treating <LOD values as observed
234 measurements. While substitution techniques (e.g., substituting <LOD values for 0, LOD, or LOD/2)
235 have been previously used in environmental research, they are widely considered to be an outdated and
236 inappropriate method for handling censored data due to their effect on skewing statistics when high
237 levels of non-detected values are present (Wood et al. 2011, Shoari and Dubé 2018). Differences in the
238 proportion of censored data as well as unique LOD thresholds for each metal informed our decision to
239 remove <LOD values from this portion of the analysis to visualize the range of detected values found in
240 sparkling wines. Censored and non-normally distributed elemental datasets were analyzed by Kruskal-
241 Wallis non-parametric tests to determine differences in mean rank due to production method and style.
242 To assist with interpreting summary results, *n* values are reported for all analyses where <LOD values
243 were eliminated from interpretation (Table 3, Figures 2 & 3).

244 To further evaluate relationships between metal ions and sparkling wine production techniques,
245 Spearman's rank correlation matrix was used to identify relationships between metals that were present
246 in all wine samples (B, Ca, Mg, Mn, K, Na, Sr, Zn), due to the non-normal distribution of several metals
247 in this analysis (Mg, Mn, Na, Sr, Zn). Principal component analysis (PCA) was used to explore
248 relationships between metal composition and production method or wine style.

249 **3.0 Results**

250 The mineral composition of 73 commercial sparkling wines produced in Canada's Niagara Peninsula
251 were analyzed. Of the 28 quantified metal ions (Ag, Al, As, B, Ba, Be, Ca, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Fe, K, Mg,

252 Mn, Mo, Na, Ni, Pb, Sb, Se, Sn, Sr, Ti, Tl, U, V, Zn), silver (Ag) and titanium (Ti) were not detected in
253 any samples and were therefore removed from our results. Identified metal levels followed
254 internationally recommended maximum limits for wine established by the OIV. Metal concentrations
255 with >LOD values are reported in Table 3 by production method in addition to the overall detected
256 range. Individual sample results are available in Supplementary Materials (Table S4) as well as box and
257 whisker plots for each element to visualize the distribution of data for both production method and style
258 (Figures S1-S27).

259 Significant differences between sparkling wine production methods were identified. Trends toward
260 higher mean levels of B, Cr, Ni and strontium (Sr) levels were detected in CM wines compared to TM
261 wines at the 95% confidence interval, as shown in Figure 2. B was present in all wine samples (CM = 19
262 wines, TM = 54 wines) and normally distributed (Shapiro-Wilks test) and was therefore evaluated by
263 one-way ANOVA. Sr was also present in all wine samples, although non-normally distributed (Shapiro-
264 Wilks test) and was subsequently assessed by a Kruskal-Wallis test. Cr was <LOD in five CM wines
265 (26%) and 19 TM wines (35%), and Ni was <LOD in three CM wines (16%) and 11 TM wines (20%).
266 All samples with <LOD values were analyzed by Kruskal-Wallis tests, and non-detected values were
267 eliminated from this assessment. When comparing rosé and non-rosé style sparkling wines (Figure 3),
268 trends toward higher mean levels of K were identified in rosé wines, as well as increased Cu in non-rosé
269 wines. K was present in all wine samples (non- rosé = 58 wines, rosé = 15 wines) and normally
270 distributed (Shapiro-Wilks test), and thus analyzed by a one-way ANOVA. However, Cu was <LOD in
271 8 non-rosé wines (14%) and 5 rosé wines (33%).

272 The Spearman correlation matrix for metals found in all wines, namely B, Ca, Mg, Mn, K, Na,
273 Sr, Zn, is shown in Table 4. Low correlation ($\rho < 0.4$) relationships were shown to exist between B and

274 K ($\rho = 0.267$; $p < 0.05$), Ca and Mn ($\rho = 0.276$; $p < 0.05$), Mg and Mn ($\rho = 0.318$; $p < 0.01$), Mg and Na
275 ($\rho = -0.250$; $p < 0.05$), Mg and Sr ($\rho = 0.372$; $p < 0.01$), Mn and K ($\rho = 0.293$; $p < 0.05$), and Mn and Zn
276 ($\rho = 0.384$; $p < 0.001$). In subsequent analyses, wines were separated by production technique for
277 Spearman analysis to identify process-based relationships for metal ions. Table S5 shows that for TM
278 wines ($n = 54$), many of the correlations in the overall dataset remain consistent. The Spearman
279 correlation matrix for CM wines ($n = 19$) is shown in Table S6, where moderate correlations ($0.4 > \rho <$
280 0.7) exist between B and Na ($\rho = 0.518$; $p < 0.05$), Ca and K ($r = 0.482$; $p < 0.05$), along with Mg and Sr
281 ($\rho = 0.474$; $p < 0.05$). The Spearman matrix for non-rosé sparkling wines ($n = 58$) is presented in Table
282 S7 where only weak correlations between metals were observed, including B and K ($\rho = 0.2743$; $p <$
283 0.05); B and Sr ($\rho = -0.282$; $p < 0.05$); Mg and Mn ($\rho = 0.322$; $p < 0.05$); Mg and Sr ($\rho = 0.315$; $p <$
284 0.05); and Mn and Zn ($\rho = 0.369$; $p < 0.01$). For rosé sparkling wines ($n = 15$) shown in Table S8,
285 moderate correlations were identified between Ca and Mn ($\rho = 0.682$; $p < 0.05$); Ca and K ($\rho = 0.541$; p
286 < 0.05); Mg and Sr ($\rho = 0.659$; $p < 0.01$); Mn and K ($\rho = 0.559$; $p < 0.05$); Mn and Zn ($\rho = 0.644$; $p <$
287 0.05); and Sr and Zn ($\rho = 0.554$; $p < 0.05$).

288 PCA of the reduced dataset was carried out for sparkling wines ($n = 73$), with the first three principal
289 components accounting for approximately 60% of the variability. The biplot for principal component 1
290 (PC1) and principal component 2 (PC2) presented in Figure 4 shows that PC1 explains approximately
291 24% of the total variance while PC2 accounts for 19%. Wines are also identified by production method
292 (Figure 4a) and style (Figure 4b). Mn was the only element with a strong positive factor loading (>0.75),
293 where it contributed to the PC1 component. Factor loadings for Mg and Zn are moderate positive
294 contributors ($0.5-0.75$) to PC1, while B, K and Sr provide moderate positive contributions to PC2. Few

295 elements were located on the negative component of PC1, apart from minor contributions by B and Na.
296 In the positive quadrant of PC1 and PC2, the strong positive relationship between Zn and Mn is
297 supported by a weak Spearman correlation ($\rho = 0.384$; $p < 0.001$), and in the positive quadrant of PC1
298 and the negative quadrant of PC2, Ca and Sr appear to be highly associated, although their Spearman
299 correlation value of 0.141 is not significant. Our PCA results indicate that no clear separation is evident
300 between sparkling wines when identified according to production technique (Traditional method vs.
301 Charmat method) or style (rosé vs. non-rosé).

302 4.0 Discussion

303 Overall, the metal levels detected in our samples were comparable to those reported in sparkling
304 wine literature (Table 1). It is of note that our maximum concentrations of Al, As, Fe, Mn, and Zn
305 exceeded previously reported maximum levels. However, only single wines in our analysis showed
306 higher mean levels of Al, Fe and Mn. For As, concentrations were approximately 3-fold higher than
307 reported literature values in 48% of our Niagara sparkling wines. Comparatively, mean Zn
308 concentrations were higher than literature values in 52% of our evaluated wines, with the maximum
309 levels approximately 4-fold higher than previously reported. Conversely, for Cd, maximum
310 concentrations in our Niagara sparkling wines were approximately 30-fold lower than previously
311 reported maximum concentrations identified in sparkling wine literature. Cd content is primarily related
312 to fertilizer use, where prolonged or intensive application of high Cd fertilizer leads to substantial
313 accumulation of Cd in the soil, and is subsequently a challenge to remediate (Reilly 1980b). As such,
314 this may indicate that the comparatively young Niagara Peninsula viticultural area has lower Cd
315 accumulation than France and Spain, where considerably higher Cd levels were reported in sparkling

316 wine (Jos et al. 2004). Further assessment is necessary to validate this hypothesis. Additionally, elevated
317 levels of heavy metals including Cd, As, and Pb have been linked to the use of diatomaceous earth (DE)
318 as a filtration aid during wine and beer production (Redan et al. 2019). Our reported Fe, K, and Na levels
319 for Niagara wines appear more similar to sparkling wines produced in the Southern hemisphere (i.e.,
320 Brazil, Argentina) compared to those of European origin (i.e., France, Spain) (Table 1). The reason for
321 this association is unclear. It is of note that single bottle analysis does not capture bottle variation,
322 particularly in TM sparkling wines where an individual secondary fermentation is carried out per bottle.
323 Although single bottle analyses have been used in previous studies of wine metal composition (Cabrera-
324 Vique et al. 1997, Teissedre et al. 1998, Jos et al. 2004, Paustenbach et al. 2016, Gajek et al. 2021), this
325 source of variation warrants further research.

326 **4.1 PCA**

327 PCA included metals found in all wines, namely B, Ca, Mg, Mn, K, Na, Sr, Zn (Figure 4) with
328 samples identified according to production method (Figure 4a) and style (Figure 4b). Of the metal ions
329 for which significant differences were observed between mean values for production method and style,
330 only B, Sr, and K were included in the PCA due to >LOD values in all wines. Higher mean B levels
331 were identified in TM than CM wines, which is in agreement with the biplot for production method
332 (Figure 4a). The B vector loading in the negative quadrant of PC1 and positive quadrant of PC2 appears
333 strongly associated with many TM wines while no CM wines are strongly associated. Higher mean Sr
334 levels were identified in CM wines compared to TM wines, and the Sr vector loading in the positive
335 quadrant of PC1 and negative quadrant of PC2 appears strongly associated with several CM sparkling
336 wines while few TM wines appear in this region. The PCA biplot of sparkling wine production style
337 (Figure 4b) shows that many rosé wines are isolated to the positive half of PC2, apart from two wines.

338 Interestingly, only one rosé wine appears to be negatively related to K content, which agrees with our
339 finding of higher mean K concentrations in rosé compared to non-rosé sparkling wines. Although our
340 wines were collected from a relatively small geographic area of the Niagara Peninsula, elemental
341 composition may also be impacted to varying degrees by vineyard origins and the specific winemaking
342 facility (Hopfer et al. 2015).

343 *4.2 Elemental Composition by Production Method*

344 Differences in certain elemental concentrations were observed between CM and TM products,
345 where higher mean levels of Cr, Ni and Sr were identified in CM wines (0.021 ± 0.008 mg/L, $0.018 \pm$
346 0.004 mg/L, and 0.32 ± 0.07 mg/L, respectively) compared to TM wines (0.015 ± 0.004 , 0.016 ± 0.011 ,
347 and 0.24 ± 0.09 , respectively). Additionally, higher mean B concentrations were observed in TM wines
348 (3.4 ± 0.8 mg/L) compared to CM wines (3.0 ± 0.6 mg/L). While Cr and Ni may be partially derived
349 from the vineyard soil, they are also used in the production of stainless-steel as an electroplated coating
350 to resist oxidative damage (Reilly 1980c). Cr is extracted into foods and beverages during manufacturing
351 in a pH dependent manner with increased extraction under acidic conditions (Reilly 1980c). Due to the
352 low pH (3.0-3.2) of sparkling wines, the transfer of Cr from stainless-steel to wine during the prolonged
353 tank contact in CM production is reasonable. Further, a study by Cabrera-Vique et al. (1997)
354 demonstrated that Cr content increased with bottle age for various vintages of red wine produced from
355 the same process, vineyard, and winery. The authors suggested that this was due to the extraction of Cr
356 from stainless steel during production as well as chromium oxides leaching from glass pigments in the
357 bottle during ageing. In a study of metal content in still wines from Greece, Cr and Ni had a low positive
358 correlation (Spearman $\rho = 0.421$; $p < 0.05$), which was suggested to be associated with stainless steel
359 fermentation vessels used in production (Skendi et al., 2020). Based on our results, higher mean levels

360 of Cr ($p < 0.05$) and Ni ($p < 0.01$) in tank-fermented CM wines could potentially be linked to stainless-
361 steel processing equipment used for the second fermentation and could therefore be useful indicators for
362 authenticating sparkling wine production methods. Further research is required to establish Cr
363 composition in relation to the tank fermented sparkling wine method.

364 Other identified elements with significant mean differences between production methods, namely
365 B and Sr, are primarily derived from the vineyard environment where they are transported into the plant
366 via the root system during growth. Grapevines (genus *Vitis*) are perennial plants and uptake a significant
367 portion of nutrients between bloom and véraison (berry ripening) when these energy-intensive cycles
368 require nutrients from the soil to be incorporated into the plant (Moyer et al. 2018). B is an essential
369 nutrient for vine growth, however its relationship to higher content with TM production method ($p <$
370 0.05) remains unclear and may instead be an artifact of the relatively small Niagara Peninsula growing
371 region (est. 17,000 acres of land under vine (Vintners Quality Alliance Ontario 2020)).

372 Similarly, Sr shows no clear links to production method and requires further investigation as to
373 its higher levels in CM wines. Heavy metals such as Sr have been used to authenticate wines due to their
374 natural occurrence in soil, air, and water sources. In a multi-element analysis of Canadian wines, Sr
375 content was highly discriminating between geographic origin for Canada's two major wine-producing
376 regions of the Niagara Peninsula and the Okanagan Valley (Taylor et al. 2003). In another study, Sr
377 levels varied significantly between grape varieties (Gajek et al. 2021). While Sr levels may vary during
378 winemaking, the stable $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ isotopic ratio remains unchanged from the vineyard environment
379 through to the finished wine so may be used alone, or in combination with other heavy metal isotopic
380 information for geographical traceability (Bora et al. 2018). Future research into the Sr isotopic ratio of

381 CM and TM wines may elucidate possible contaminants in the winemaking process and inform the
382 relationship between finished wine and vineyard soil Sr content.

383 *4.3 Elemental Composition by Wine Style*

384 Rosé style sparkling wines included in our analysis contained higher mean levels of K ($613 \pm$
385 153 mg/L) compared to non-rosé wines (466 ± 158 mg/L). Maceration in rosé wine production is
386 presumed to be responsible for higher mean K levels in rosé sparkling wines ($p < 0.01$). K is the most
387 abundant element in wine, and is considered a major metal along with Ca, Na, and Mg (Pohl 2007). K is
388 concentrated in grape skins and seeds with a lesser amount localized in the pulp (Pérez Cid et al. 2019),
389 and has been shown to increase in final wines with prolonged maceration during skin contact white wine
390 production (Darias-Martín et al. 2000). In red still wines, K has been identified at higher levels
391 compared to white still wines (Mitić et al. 2014). Therefore, the observed increase of K in rosé sparkling
392 wines is likely due to the maceration of grape skins and seeds with juice prior to fermentation. The
393 origin of K is primarily soil derived, although fertilizers rich in K may also affect these levels
394 (Mpelasoka et al. 2003). The impact of high K levels on organoleptic qualities of wine is principally
395 associated with potassium bitartrate precipitation, leading to decreased tartaric acid and TA (g/L) levels
396 in wine, thereby increasing pH (Ough et al. 1969, Ferreira et al. 1995). The Spearman matrix for rosé
397 style wines (Table S8) indicates that K is moderately correlated with both Ca ($\rho = 0.541$; $p < 0.05$) and
398 Mn ($\rho = 0.559$; $p < 0.05$). Although K is found at several-fold higher concentrations than Ca or Mn, they
399 are all components of grape berries. Thus, maceration in rosé sparkling wine production may also extract
400 Ca and Mn to a lesser extent. It is of note that the cause for higher K levels may also be partly attributed

401 to non-production factors including rootstock, grape variety, soil composition, canopy management, and
402 irrigation (Mpelasoka et al. 2003).

403 Additionally, Cu was significantly higher ($p < 0.05$) in non-rosé sparkling wines (0.080 ± 0.091
404 mg/L) compared to rosé samples (0.034 ± 0.036 mg/L). However, there is no clear association between
405 Cu levels and winemaking processes for this style. The origins of Cu are primarily associated with
406 various viticultural aspects including environmental pollution, and the use of Cu-based vineyard sprays
407 as pesticides or fungicides (Wilkes 2018). In wine, residual Cu has been implicated in oxidative and
408 reductive spoilage, protein instability and the development of colloidal haze, while also inhibiting
409 microorganisms, thereby impacting wine fermentation (Clark et al. 2015, Claus 2020). During
410 fermentation, Cu is utilized as a yeast micronutrient although its levels decrease substantially post-
411 fermentation when it is reduced to insoluble sulfides and precipitated with flocculating yeast cells
412 (Tariba 2011). However, Cu content may increase as a result of added copper sulfate (CuSO_4), which is
413 commonly used as a treatment to remove hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) reductive off-flavors in wine (Pohl
414 2007, Fabjanowicz and Plotka-Wasyłka 2021). The concentration of Cu has also been reported to be
415 higher in grape skins compared to pomace, although this does not explain the higher levels measured in
416 non-rosé style sparkling wines. While the reason for higher Cu levels in non-rosé compared to rosé style
417 sparkling wines remains unclear, it is of note that Cu(II) ions can catalyze the oxidation of polyphenols
418 through reactive oxygen species (ROS) formation, thereby leading to premature browning as well as
419 astringent and metallic tastes (Pohl 2007). The threshold for Cu ions impacting wine sensory
420 characteristics has been reported at 0.5 mg/L (Morozova et al. 2014), and all detected values in Niagara
421 sparkling wines were below this level. Nonetheless, it is important to note that Cu, particularly in
422 tandem with Fe, plays an important role in wine oxidation and browning reactions with direct ties to

423 flavor development. According to a study by Morozova et al. (2014), Riesling still wines with 0.5 mg/L
424 Cu and 1 mg/L Fe showed enhanced fruity, fresh, tropical, and citrus aroma qualities under low oxygen
425 (<1.2 mg/L) bottling conditions (Morozova et al. 2014), although these metal levels in elevated oxygen
426 conditions reportedly led to undesirable and oxidized aromas, presumably due to Cu and Fe-catalyzed
427 radical reactions (Morozova et al. 2014). Moreover, wine browning reactions can occur via enzymatic or
428 non-enzymatic pathways, where Cu and Fe are also implicated in initiating these processes (Li et al.
429 2008). Although enzymatic browning occurs primarily in the grape must during processing, non-
430 enzymatic browning reactions can take place at any stage during the wine's lifetime, including during
431 ageing (Li et al. 2008).

432 Interestingly, in model systems, various metal ions have been shown to accelerate a specific sub-
433 set of non-enzymatic browning activity called the Maillard reaction, which involves the condensation of
434 amino acids and reducing sugars (Ase et al. 1996, Rizzi 2008, Omari et al. 2021). Maillard reaction-
435 associated compounds have been identified in aged sparkling wine, likely due to the abundance of
436 precursors in this matrix, and contribute desirable roasted and toasted aromatic qualities (Keim et al.
437 2002, Marchand et al. 2011, Le Menn et al. 2017). There is currently no existing literature on the effects
438 of metal composition on the Maillard reaction in sparkling wine, and as such, the role of metals in the
439 development of desirable aroma compounds during sparkling wine ageing remains poorly understood.

440 **5.0 Conclusion**

441 The results obtained in this study represent the first analysis of metals in sparkling wines
442 produced in North America, and specifically, Canada's Niagara Peninsula. All 73 wines contain metal
443 concentrations within the limits set by the OIV. Moreover, levels were generally in agreement with the

444 values previously reported in sparkling wine literature, although our maximum concentrations are higher
 445 than those previously reported for As and Zn. Conversely, for Cd, Niagara sparkling wine levels were
 446 below previously reported values.

447 When comparing measured metal ion levels, significant differences were identified for several
 448 mean metal levels based on production method and style. Tank-fermented Charmat method wines
 449 contained higher mean levels of Cr, Ni and Sr compared to bottle-fermented Traditional method wines,
 450 whereas mean B levels were higher in Traditional method wines. Cr and Ni are components of stainless
 451 steel and are likely transferred to Charmat method sparkling wines during extended tank contact.
 452 Moreover, Cr and Ni content may be useful for differentiating sparkling wines by production method
 453 within the Niagara Peninsula and are potential candidates for sparkling wine authenticity markers.
 454 Compared to non- rosé sparkling wine styles, higher mean K, as well as lower Cu concentrations were
 455 characteristic of rosé wines. While K levels are likely related to the extraction of inorganic components
 456 from skins and seeds during maceration, the links to Cu remain unclear.

457 By reporting the influence of production method and style on the elemental composition of
 458 sparkling wine, this study provides context for future investigations on the possible roles of metals
 459 during sparkling wine ageing, as catalysts of non-enzymatic Maillard reaction type browning
 460 mechanisms and subsequent age-related sparkling wine flavors.

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601 Table 1. Concentration range (mg/L) of metals previously identified in sparkling wines by country of origin.

| Origin | Concentration (mg/L) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Ref | |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| | Al | As | B | Ba | Ca | Cd | Cu | Fe | K | Li | Mg | Mn | Na | Ni | P | Pb | Sr | | Zn |
| France | 0.19– 1.21 | – | 2.12– 3.52 | 0.002– 0.31 | 61.0– 105.7 | – | 0.005– 0.021 | 0.65– 1.82 | 299– 567 | 0.0020– 0.0230 | 51.8– 78.9 | 0.39– 0.65 | 4.0– 19.2 | – | – | – | 0.07– 0.46 | – | (N. P. Rodrigues et al., 2020; Yamashita et al., 2019) ^a |
| France | 0.56– 1.27 | 0.010– 0.017 | – | 0.025– 0.055 | 65–93 | 0.0003– 0.0018 | 0.034– 0.48 | 0.8– 2.5 | 265– 426 | – | 72–96 | 0.6–1 | 8–18 | 0.001– 0.052 | 75–170 | 0.006– 0.023 | 0.22– 0.37 | 0.44– 0.74 | (Jos, Moreno, González, Repetto, et al., 2004) ^b |
| Spain | 0.6– 2.8 | 0.007– 0.016 | – | 0.031– 0.092 | 59–122 | 0.0001– 0.0190 | 0.03– 0.2 | 0.5– 2.7 | 338– 490 | – | 58–105 | 0.4– 0.9 | 11–32 | 0.001– 0.084 | 50–131 | 0.001– 0.084 | 0.03– 1.06 | 0.21– 0.57 | (Jos, Moreno, González, Repetto, et al., 2004) ^b |
| Spain | 0.569– 2.782 | 0.007– 0.016 | – | 0.031– 0.092 | 59.192– 122.216 | 0.0001– 0.0191 | 0.034– 0.194 | 0.516– 2.774 | 338.07– 490.16 | – | 57.984– 104.859 | 0.451– 0.940 | 11.372– 32.163 | 0.001– 0.084 | 50.125– 130.681 | 0.001– 0.084 | 0.031– 1.061 | 0.208– 0.575 | (Jos, Moreno, González, López-Artíguez, et al., 2004) ^b |
| Spain | 0.40– 0.97 | – | 2.68– 4.36 | 0.02– 0.06 | 90.9– 119.6 | – | 0.005– 0.111 | 0.51– 2.00 | 276– 482 | 0.010– 0.023 | 53.9– 92.6 | 0.48– 0.82 | 6.2– 29.1 | – | – | – | 0.25– 1.02 | – | (N. P. Rodrigues et al., 2020; Yamashita et al., 2019) ^a |
| Brazil | 0.19– 1.46 | – | 2.04– 3.78 | 0.03– 0.13 | 67.6– 140.7 | – | 0.003– 0.230 | 0.46– 4.46 | 402– 1134 | 0.0018– 0.0140 | 55.2– 89.2 | 1.12– 2.86 | 13.9– 83.4 | – | – | – | 0.15– 1.34 | – | (N. P. Rodrigues et al., 2020; Yamashita et al., 2019) ^c |
| Brazil | – | – | – | – | 30.2– 49.7 | – | – | 0.36– 0.92 | 332– 503 | – | 42.9– 62.6 | 1.30– 1.90 | 10.0– 18.1 | – | 102– 131 | – | – | 0.62– 0.90 | (Debastiani et al., 2021) ^b |
| Argentina | 0.18– 1.74 | – | 2.98– 14.90 | 0.001– 0.065 | 34.4– 129.0 | – | 0.003– 6.670 | 0.59– 4.46 | 404– 1475 | 0.014– 0.360 | 56.7– 147.5 | 0.15– 1.01 | 27.6– 344.2 | – | – | – | 0.38– 1.29 | – | (N. P. Rodrigues et al., 2020; Yamashita et al., 2019) ^c |

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- 602 ^a Only Traditional method, with a diversity of rosé and white grape sources.
603 ^b Only Traditional method production, in a non-rosé (white) style.
604 ^c Combination of Traditional and Charmat methods, with a diversity of rosé and white grape sources.

605 Table 2. Parameters for ICP-MS analysis of metals in wine, sorted by ion mass.

| Element | Ion (<i>m/z</i>) | Mode |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|
| Be | 9 | No Gas |
| Na | 23 | He |
| Mg | 24 | He |
| Al | 27 | No Gas |
| K [†] | 39 | He |
| Ca | 44 | He |
| Ti | 47 | He |
| V | 51 | He |
| Cr | 52 | He |
| Mn | 55 | He |
| Fe | 56 | He |
| Co | 59 | He |
| Ni | 60 | He |
| Cu | 63 | He |
| Zn | 66 | He |
| As | 75 | He |
| Se | 82 | No Gas |
| Sr | 88 | He |
| Mo | 95 | He |
| Ag | 107 | He |
| Cd | 111 | No Gas |
| Sn | 118 | No Gas |
| Sb | 121 | He |
| Ba | 137 | No Gas |
| Tl | 205 | No Gas |
| Pb | 208 | No Gas |
| U | 238 | No Gas |

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607 Table 3. Metal concentrations detected in Niagara region sparkling wines determined by ICP-MS and
608 ICP-OES with > LOD values for different production methods.

| Metal | Reporting Limit (mg/L) | Overall | Charmat Method (n = 19) | | | Traditional Method (n = 54) | | |
|-------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| | | Range (mg/L) | Mean ± SD (mg/L) | Range of quantified values (mg/L) | > LOD in n wines | Mean ± SD (mg/L) | Range of quantified values (mg/L) | > LOD in n wines |
| Al | 0.05 | 0.09-5.20 | 0.69 ± 0.50 | 0.09-2.00 | 15 | 0.82 ± 0.77 | 0.10-5.20 | 48 |
| As | 0.010 | 0.011-0.054 | 0.021 ± 0.013 | 0.011-0.054 | 18 | 0.022 ± 0.009 | 0.011-0.054 | 53 |
| B† | 0.5 | 1.7-5.0 | 3.0 ± 0.6 | 1.9-4.6 | 19 | 3.4 ± 0.8 | 1.7-5.0 | 54 |
| Ba | 0.010 | 0.015-0.120 | 0.042 ± 0.023 | 0.018-0.120 | 19 | 0.035 ± 0.014 | 0.015-0.082 | 53 |
| Be | 0.0010 | 0.0010-0.0064 | 0.0023 ± 0.0018 | 0.0011-0.0064 | 10 | 0.0028 ± 0.0009 | 0.0010-0.0041 | 14 |
| Ca | 1 | 36-92 | 67 ± 13 | 45-92 | 19 | 62 ± 13 | 36-92 | 54 |
| Cd | 0.00010 | 0.00010-0.00046 | 0.00021 ± 0.00013 | 0.00010-0.00046 | 11 | 0.00020 ± 0.00007 | 0.00011-0.00036 | 29 |
| Co | 0.0050 | 0.0058-0.0060 | 0.0058 | 0.0058 | 1 | 0.0060 | 0.0060 | 1 |
| Cr | 0.010 | 0.010-0.043 | 0.021 ± 0.008 | 0.014-0.043 | 14 | 0.015 ± 0.004 | 0.010-0.028 | 35 |
| Cu | 0.010 | 0.012-0.360 | 0.110 ± 0.094 | 0.012-0.300 | 14 | 0.061 ± 0.081 | 0.013-0.360 | 46 |
| Fe | 0.50 | 0.50-5.10 | 1.18 ± 1.15 | 0.58-5.10 | 14 | 1.12 ± 0.87 | 0.50-3.80 | 28 |
| K | 0.5 | 120-880 | 504 ± 179 | 260-880 | 19 | 493 ± 164 | 120-810 | 54 |
| Mg | 2 | 48-120 | 71 ± 14 | 50-93 | 19 | 70 ± 13 | 48-120 | 54 |
| Mn | 0.05 | 0.30-4.50 | 0.80 ± 0.37 | 0.37-1.80 | 19 | 0.76 ± 0.66 | 0.30-4.50 | 54 |
| Mo | 0.010 | 0.015-0.033 | 0.023 ± 0.001 | 0.022-0.023 | 2 | 0.024 ± 0.013 | 0.015-0.033 | 2 |
| Na | 1.0 | 3.9-74.0 | 20.0 ± 7.8 | 9.7-37.0 | 19 | 20.5 ± 15.4 | 3.9-74.0 | 54 |
| Ni | 0.010 | 0.010-0.082 | 0.018 ± 0.004 | 0.013-0.027 | 16 | 0.016 ± 0.011 | 0.010-0.082 | 43 |
| Pb | 0.0050 | 0.0050-0.0260 | 0.0076 ± 0.0018 | 0.0056-0.0120 | 11 | 0.0081 ± 0.0039 | 0.0050-0.0260 | 30 |
| Sb | 0.002 | 0.003-0.016 | 0.016 | 0.016 | 1 | 0.003 | 0.003 | 1 |
| Se | 0.0050 | 0.0051-0.0100 | 0.0078 ± 0.0014 | 0.0066-0.0094 | 3 | 0.0063 ± 0.0013 | 0.0051-0.0100 | 17 |
| Sn | 0.0050 | 0.0061-0.0075 | - | - | - | 0.0068 ± 0.0010 | 0.0061-0.0075 | 2 |
| Sr | 0.01 | 0.09-0.65 | 0.32 ± 0.07 | 0.18-0.40 | 19 | 0.24 ± 0.09 | 0.09-0.65 | 54 |
| Tl | 0.0020 | 0.0026 | - | - | - | 0.0026 | 0.0026 | 1 |
| U | 0.00050 | 0.00060-0.00160 | 0.00060 | 0.00060 | 1 | 0.00108 ± 0.00045 | 0.00078-0.00160 | 3 |
| V | 0.010 | 0.012-0.120 | 0.084 ± 0.024 | 0.063-0.110 | 3 | 0.046 ± 0.037 | 0.012-0.120 | 8 |
| Zn | 0.05 | 0.36-2.60 | 0.92 ± 0.35 | 0.36-1.60 | 19 | 0.92 ± 0.40 | 0.37-2.60 | 54 |

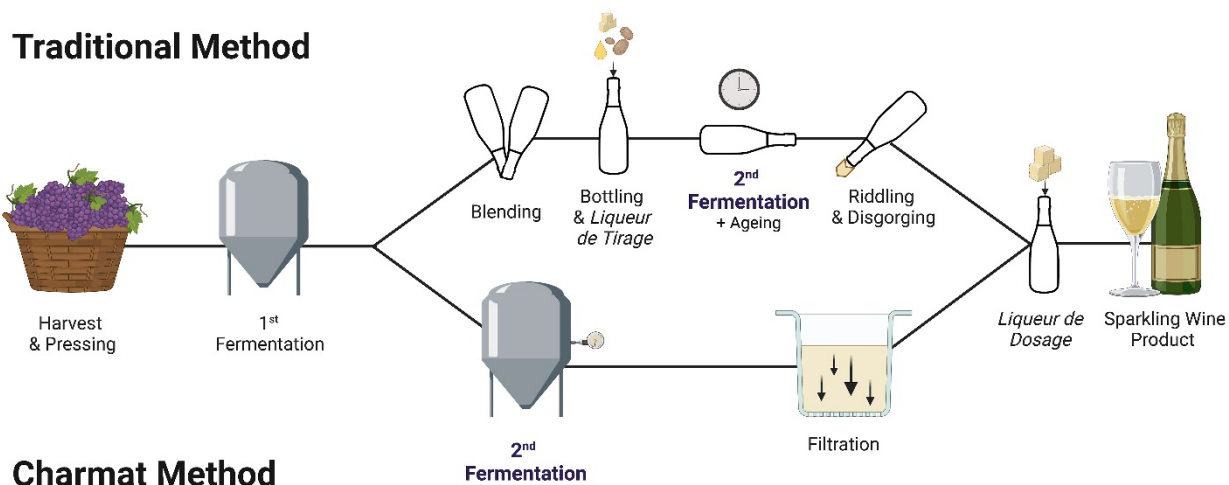
609 †Indicates elements analyzed by ICP-OES; all B analysis.

610 Table 4. Spearman correlation matrix for metals in Niagara region sparkling wines ($n = 73$) present >LOD in all samples.

| | B | Ca | Mg | Mn | K | Na | Sr | Zn |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----|
| B | | | | | | | | |
| Ca | -0.214 | | | | | | | |
| Mg | -0.092 | 0.158 | | | | | | |
| Mn | 0.102 | 0.276^a | 0.318^{ab} | | | | | |
| K | 0.267^a | -0.015 | 0.150 | 0.293^a | | | | |
| Na | 0.086 | 0.220 | -0.250^a | 0.047 | 0.005 | | | |
| Sr | -0.221 | 0.141 | 0.372^{ab} | 0.174 | -0.111 | 0.131 | | |
| Zn | -0.054 | 0.038 | 0.214 | 0.384^{abc} | 0.159 | -0.022 | -0.031 | |

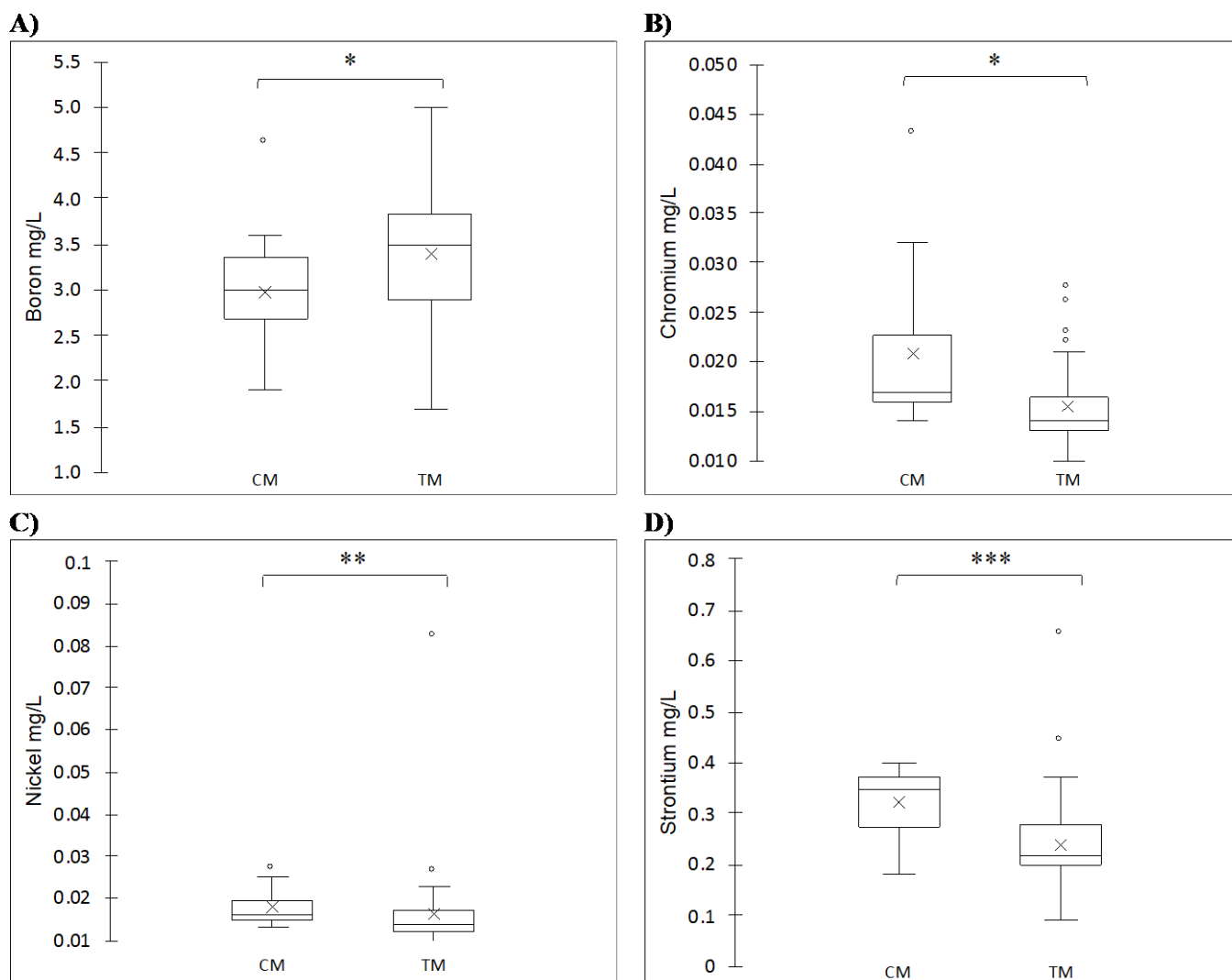
611 Significant at $p < (a) 0.05, (b) 0.01$ and $(c) < 0.001$.

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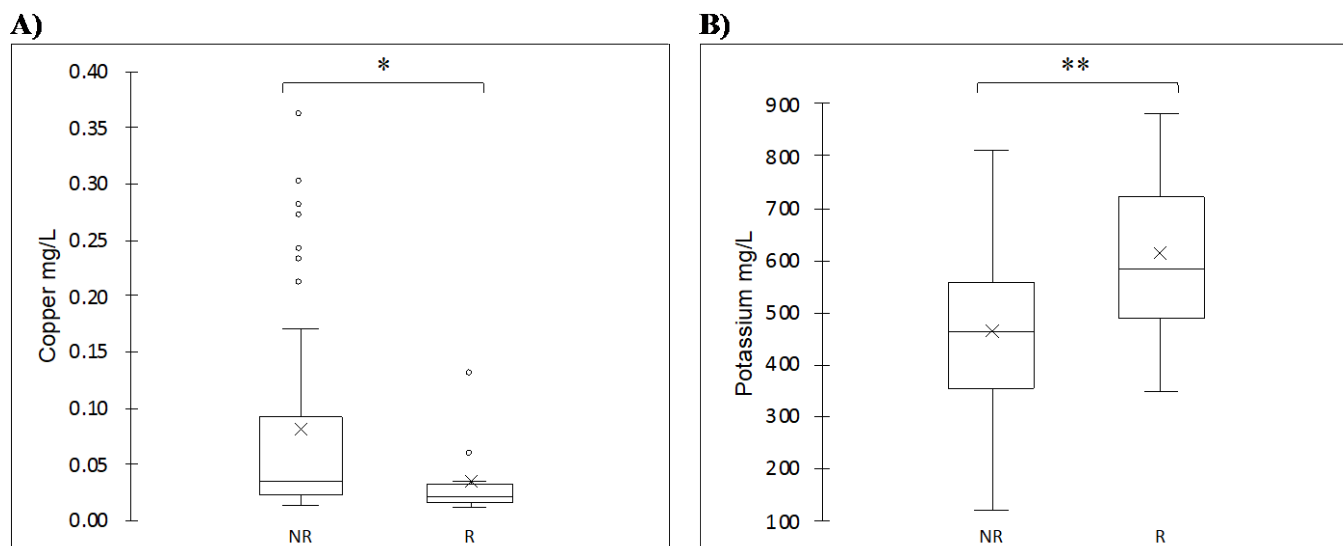


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614 Figure 1. Overview of sparkling wine production processes for Traditional method and Charmat method
615 wines.



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 617 Figure 2. Box and whisker plots of statistically significant metal levels (mg/L) comparing Charmat
 618 method (CM) and Traditional method (TM) production techniques: **A)** Boron $p < 0.05$ (CM = 19 wines,
 619 TM = 54 wines); **B)** Chromium $p < 0.05$ (CM = 14 wines, TM = 35 wines); **C)** Nickel $p < 0.01$ (CM =
 620 16 wines, TM = 43 wines); **D)** Strontium $p < 0.001$ (CM = 19 wines, TM = 54 wines). Upper and lower
 621 edges of boxes represent interquartile range from 25th to 75th percentile, respectively; internal horizontal
 622 line represents the median, and cross indicates the mean. Whiskers above and below boxes extend to
 623 maximum and minimum values, respectively, with calculated outliers identified as open circular data
 624 points. Boron concentrations were assessed using one-way ANOVA on the complete data set (zero
 625 <LOD values; normal distribution, Shapiro-Wilks test). Concentrations of other elements were evaluated
 626 by Kruskal-Wallis tests, which compares mean rank. Significance for all statistical evaluations
 627 established at $p = 0.05$.



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629 Figure 3. Box and whisker plots of statistically significant metal levels (mg/L) comparing non-rosé (NR)
630 and rosé (R) sparkling wine styles. **A)** Copper $p < 0.05$ (NR = 50 wines, R = 10 wines); **B)** Potassium p
631 < 0.01 (NR = 58 wines, R = 15 wines). Upper and lower edges of boxes represent interquartile range
632 from 25th to 75th percentile, respectively; internal horizontal line represents the median, and cross
633 indicates the mean. Whiskers above and below boxes extend to maximum and minimum values,
634 respectively, with calculated outliers identified as open circular data points. Potassium was present in all
635 wine samples although non-normally distributed (Shapiro-Wilks test). Statistical significance for all
636 elements were evaluated by Kruskal-Wallis tests, indicating differences in mean rank, with significance
637 established at $p = 0.05$.

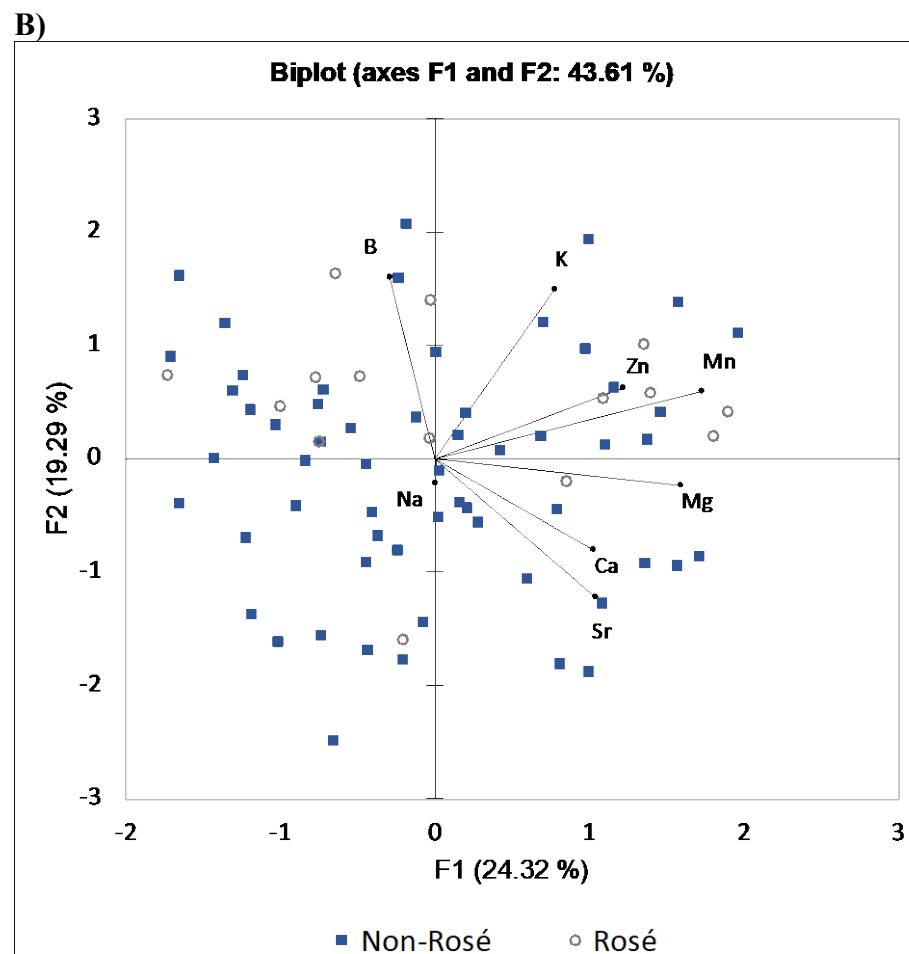
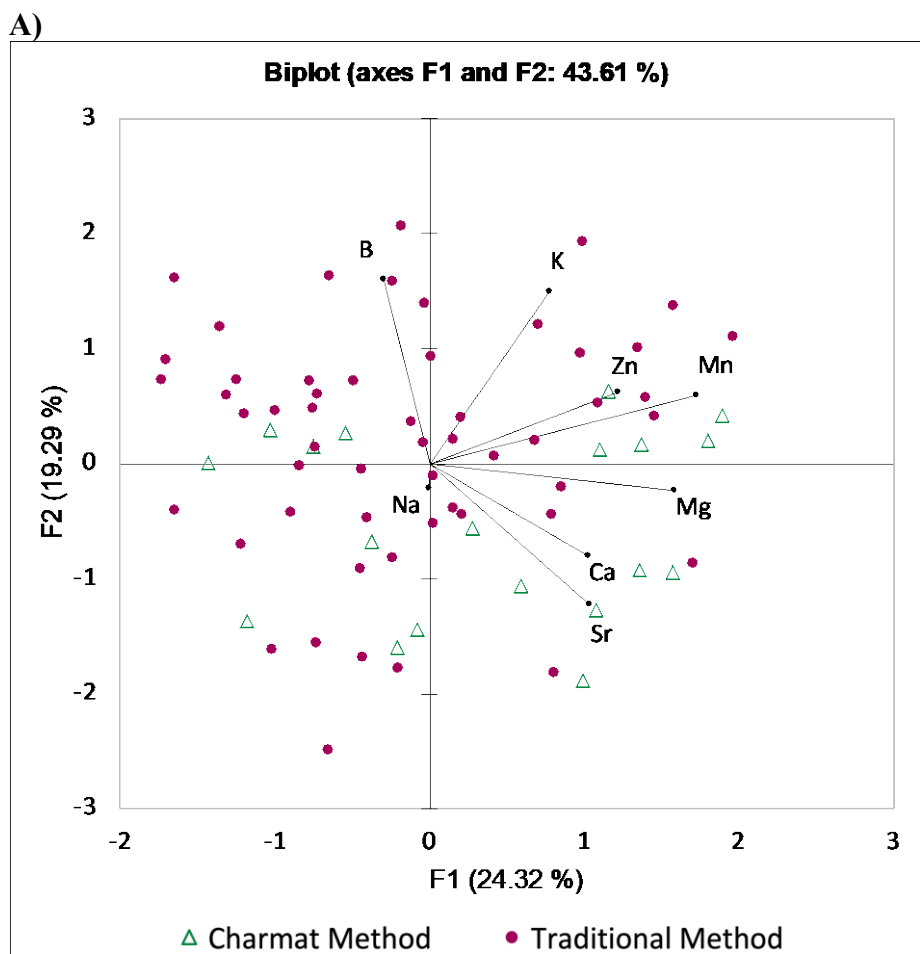


Figure 4. Principal component analysis biplot of first two principal components for metal content of sparkling wines (only elements with concentrations > LOD in all wines included $n = 73$) according to production method (Figure 4a) and style (Figure 4b).

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Abbreviations Used*Ag, Silver**Al, Aluminum**As, Arsenic**B, Boron**Ba, Barium**Be, Beryllium**Ca, Calcium**Cd, Cadmium**Co, Cobalt**Cr, Chromium**Cu, Copper**Fe, Iron**K, Potassium**Mg, Magnesium**Mn, Manganese**Mo, Molybdenum**Na, Sodium**Ni, Nickel**Pb, Lead**Sb, Antimony**Se, Selenium**Sn, Tin**Sr, Strontium**Ti, Titanium**Tl, Thallium**U, Uranium**V, Vanadium**Zn, Zinc*

Table S1. Internationally regulated maximum acceptable levels for metal content in wine by the International Organization of Vine and Wine (2015).

| Metal | Maximum Acceptable Level (mg/L) |
|--------------|--|
| Ag | <0.1 |
| As | 0.2 |
| B | 80 |
| Br | 1 |
| Cd | 0.01 |
| Cu | 1 |
| Na | 80 |
| Pb | 0.15 |
| Zn | 5 |

Table S2. Sample information pertaining to production method (Charmat method – C; Traditional method – T), style (non-rosé – N; rosé – R), closure (cork or crown cap) and vintage.

| Sample ID | Method | Style | Closure | Vintage |
|-----------|--------|-------|---------|---------|
| 1 | C | N | Crown | 2018 |
| 2 | C | N | Crown | 2017 |
| 3 | C | N | Crown | 2018 |
| 4 | C | N | Crown | 2017 |
| 5 | C | N | Cork | 2017 |
| 6 | C | N | Crown | NV |
| 7 | C | N | Cork | 2018 |
| 8 | C | N | Cork | NV |
| 9 | C | N | Cork | 2019 |
| 10 | C | N | Cork | 2016 |
| 11 | C | N | Cork | 2012 |
| 12 | C | N | Cork | NV |
| 13 | C | N | Cork | 2013 |
| 14 | C | N | Cork | 2013 |
| 15 | C | N | Cork | NV |
| 16 | C | R | Cork | NV |
| 17 | C | R | Cork | NV |
| 18 | C | R | Cork | 2016 |
| 19 | C | R | Cork | 2017 |
| 20 | T | N | Cork | 2016 |
| 21 | T | N | Cork | 2016 |
| 22 | T | N | Cork | NV |
| 23 | T | N | Cork | 2006 |
| 24 | T | N | Crown | 2006 |
| 25 | T | N | Crown | NV |
| 26 | T | N | Cork | 2013 |
| 27 | T | N | Crown | 2017 |
| 28 | T | N | Cork | 2015 |
| 29 | T | N | Cork | NV |
| 30 | T | N | Cork | 2015 |
| 31 | T | N | Cork | 2013 |
| 32 | T | N | Cork | NV |
| 33 | T | N | Cork | NV |
| 34 | T | N | Cork | NV |
| 35 | T | N | Cork | 2014 |
| 36 | T | N | Cork | 2016 |
| 37 | T | N | Cork | 2016 |
| 38 | T | N | Cork | NV |
| 39 | T | N | Cork | NV |
| 40 | T | N | Cork | 2014 |
| 41 | T | N | Cork | 2012 |

| Sample ID | Method | Style | Closure | Vintage |
|-----------|--------|-------|---------|---------|
| 42 | T | N | Cork | 2015 |
| 43 | T | N | Cork | 2017 |
| 44 | T | N | Cork | NV |
| 45 | T | N | Crown | 2017 |
| 46 | T | N | Cork | 2017 |
| 47 | T | N | Cork | 2006 |
| 48 | T | N | Crown | 2019 |
| 49 | T | N | Crown | NV |
| 50 | T | N | Cork | 2006 |
| 51 | T | N | Cork | NV |
| 52 | T | N | Cork | 2011 |
| 53 | T | N | Cork | NV |
| 54 | T | N | Cork | 2013 |
| 55 | T | N | Cork | NV |
| 56 | T | N | Cork | NV |
| 57 | T | N | Cork | 2010 |
| 58 | T | N | Cork | 2017 |
| 59 | T | N | Crown | 2018 |
| 60 | T | N | Cork | 2012 |
| 61 | T | N | Cork | 2012 |
| 62 | T | N | Cork | NV |
| 63 | T | R | Crown | 2016 |
| 64 | T | R | Cork | 2016 |
| 65 | T | R | Crown | 2015 |
| 66 | T | R | Cork | 2015 |
| 67 | T | R | Cork | NV |
| 68 | T | R | Crown | 2015 |
| 69 | T | R | Cork | 2015 |
| 70 | T | R | Cork | NV |
| 71 | T | R | Cork | NV |
| 72 | T | R | Cork | NV |
| 73 | T | R | Cork | NV |

Table S3. Multi-element calibration standards for ICP-MS.

| Standard-1 | Standard-2A | Standard-3 | Standard-4 |
|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Ce | Ag | Au | B |
| Dy | Al | Hf | Ge |
| Er | As | Ir | Mo |
| Eu | Ba | Pd | Nb |
| Gd | Be | Pt | P |
| Ho | Ca | Rh | Re |
| La | Cd | Ru | S |
| Lu | Co | Sb | Si |
| Nd | Cr | Sn | Sn |
| Pr | Cs | Te | Ta |
| Sc | Cu | | Ti |
| Sm | Fe | | W |
| Tb | Ga | | Zr |
| Th | K | | |
| Tm | Li | | |
| Y | Mg | | |
| Yb | Mn | | |
| | Na | | |
| | Ni | | |
| | Pb | | |
| | Rb | | |
| | Se | | |
| | Sr | | |
| | Tl | | |
| | U | | |
| | V | | |
| | Zn | | |

Table S4. Determined metal concentrations (mg/L) in 73 sparkling wines produced in Canada’s Niagara Peninsula by ICP-MS and ICP-OES.

| Sample ID | Al | Sb | As | Ba | Be | B [†] | Cd | Ca | Cr | Co | Cu | Fe | Pb | Mg | Mn | Mo | Ni | K | Se | Na | Sr | Tl | Sn | U | V | Zn |
|-----------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|----------------|---------|----|-------|--------|-------|------|--------|----|------|-------|-------|-----|--------|------|------|------|------|---------|-------|------|
| 1 | 0.20 | n.d. | 0.054 | 0.039 | 0.0013 | 1.9 | 0.00016 | 53 | 0.017 | n.d. | 0.230 | n.d. | n.d. | 89 | 1.10 | n.d. | 0.015 | 370 | 0.0074 | 15.0 | 0.35 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.60 |
| 2 | 0.09 | n.d. | 0.013 | 0.025 | n.d. | 3.1 | 0.00010 | 59 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 51 | 0.65 | n.d. | n.d. | 490 | n.d. | 29.0 | 0.19 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.73 |
| 3 | 0.19 | n.d. | 0.016 | 0.037 | 0.0011 | 2.0 | 0.00014 | 56 | 0.017 | n.d. | 0.230 | n.d. | n.d. | 93 | 1.10 | n.d. | 0.015 | 390 | n.d. | 16.0 | 0.37 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.60 |
| 4 | 0.37 | n.d. | 0.012 | 0.039 | n.d. | 3.3 | 0.00014 | 64 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.018 | 0.64 | n.d. | 54 | 0.52 | n.d. | n.d. | 260 | n.d. | 23.0 | 0.35 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.063 | 0.36 |
| 5 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.045 | 0.018 | n.d. | 2.7 | n.d. | 52 | 0.018 | n.d. | 0.160 | 0.72 | n.d. | 51 | 0.75 | n.d. | 0.014 | 480 | 0.0094 | 9.7 | 0.22 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.96 |
| 6 | 2.00 | n.d. | 0.034 | 0.065 | 0.0064 | 3.2 | 0.00041 | 79 | 0.032 | n.d. | 0.094 | 1.30 | 0.0120 | 65 | 0.65 | n.d. | 0.025 | 350 | 0.0066 | 31.0 | 0.34 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.54 |
| 7 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.014 | 0.036 | 0.0011 | 3.0 | n.d. | 66 | 0.019 | n.d. | 0.017 | 1.00 | 0.0062 | 81 | 0.49 | n.d. | 0.016 | 590 | n.d. | 15.0 | 0.29 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.63 |
| 8 | 0.72 | n.d. | 0.013 | 0.054 | 0.0018 | 2.4 | n.d. | 92 | 0.016 | n.d. | 0.019 | 0.75 | 0.0083 | 93 | 0.58 | n.d. | 0.017 | 490 | n.d. | 19.0 | 0.39 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.52 |
| 9 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.012 | 0.044 | n.d. | 3.4 | n.d. | 87 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.038 | n.d. | n.d. | 89 | 0.64 | n.d. | 0.013 | 750 | n.d. | 21.0 | 0.26 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.00 |
| 10 | 0.70 | n.d. | 0.014 | 0.035 | n.d. | 3.5 | n.d. | 58 | 0.043 | n.d. | 0.120 | 0.98 | 0.0064 | 62 | 0.40 | n.d. | 0.027 | 370 | n.d. | 20.0 | 0.40 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.00060 | n.d. | 1.10 |
| 11 | 0.58 | n.d. | 0.015 | 0.049 | 0.0017 | 3.6 | 0.00010 | 74 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.140 | 0.58 | 0.0080 | 66 | 0.96 | n.d. | 0.015 | 540 | n.d. | 14.0 | 0.36 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.10 |
| 12 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.014 | 0.019 | n.d. | 2.7 | n.d. | 68 | 0.016 | n.d. | 0.029 | 0.85 | 0.0056 | 66 | 1.20 | n.d. | 0.016 | 320 | n.d. | 13.0 | 0.31 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.92 |
| 13 | 0.61 | n.d. | 0.014 | 0.035 | 0.0011 | 2.3 | 0.00015 | 69 | 0.014 | n.d. | n.d. | 1.20 | 0.0085 | 73 | 1.10 | n.d. | 0.015 | 470 | n.d. | 17.0 | 0.37 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.80 |
| 14 | 0.68 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.022 | n.d. | 2.7 | n.d. | 45 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.300 | n.d. | n.d. | 50 | 0.38 | n.d. | n.d. | 330 | n.d. | 13.0 | 0.18 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.30 |
| 15 | 0.97 | 0.016 | 0.029 | 0.041 | 0.0012 | 4.6 | 0.00023 | 68 | 0.015 | n.d. | n.d. | 5.10 | 0.0077 | 74 | 1.20 | 0.022 | 0.017 | 650 | n.d. | 35.0 | 0.36 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.110 | 0.78 |
| 16 | 0.69 | n.d. | 0.020 | 0.055 | 0.0037 | 3.5 | 0.00011 | 86 | 0.027 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.98 | 0.0066 | 74 | 0.81 | n.d. | 0.020 | 810 | n.d. | 22.0 | 0.38 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.20 |
| 17 | 0.57 | n.d. | 0.012 | 0.042 | n.d. | 2.8 | n.d. | 65 | 0.024 | n.d. | 0.012 | 0.60 | 0.0059 | 60 | 0.50 | n.d. | 0.016 | 680 | n.d. | 16.0 | 0.21 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.55 |
| 18 | 0.53 | n.d. | 0.011 | 0.028 | n.d. | 2.7 | 0.00033 | 59 | 0.017 | n.d. | 0.130 | 1.00 | n.d. | 73 | 0.37 | n.d. | 0.019 | 350 | n.d. | 14.0 | 0.39 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.80 |
| 19 | 1.50 | n.d. | 0.030 | 0.120 | 0.0037 | 3.3 | 0.00046 | 69 | 0.014 | 0.0058 | n.d. | 0.79 | 0.0085 | 79 | 1.80 | 0.023 | 0.023 | 880 | n.d. | 37.0 | 0.35 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.080 | 1.00 |
| 20 | 0.32 | n.d. | 0.054 | 0.035 | n.d. | 3.5 | 0.00012 | 66 | 0.010 | n.d. | 0.034 | n.d. | n.d. | 56 | 0.71 | n.d. | n.d. | 430 | 0.0100 | 42.0 | 0.12 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.87 |
| 21 | 0.40 | n.d. | 0.026 | 0.034 | n.d. | 2.7 | 0.00018 | 43 | 0.021 | n.d. | 0.031 | 0.97 | 0.0078 | 66 | 0.69 | n.d. | 0.023 | 440 | 0.0054 | 29.0 | 0.32 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.20 |
| 22 | 0.25 | n.d. | 0.020 | 0.015 | n.d. | 5.0 | 0.00013 | 44 | 0.013 | n.d. | 0.023 | n.d. | n.d. | 70 | 0.37 | n.d. | n.d. | 320 | n.d. | 6.4 | 0.09 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.64 |
| 23 | 0.23 | n.d. | 0.014 | 0.020 | n.d. | 2.2 | n.d. | 87 | 0.011 | n.d. | 0.210 | n.d. | n.d. | 64 | 0.30 | n.d. | n.d. | 200 | n.d. | 31.0 | 0.32 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.74 |

| Sample ID | Al | Sb | As | Ba | Be | B [†] | Cd | Ca | Cr | Co | Cu | Fe | Pb | Mg | Mn | Mo | Ni | K | Se | Na | Sr | Tl | Sn | U | V | Zn |
|-----------|------|------|-------|-------|--------|----------------|---------|----|-------|------|-------|------|--------|----|------|------|-------|-----|--------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| 24 | 0.19 | n.d. | 0.016 | 0.046 | n.d. | 3.3 | 0.00018 | 58 | 0.013 | n.d. | 0.034 | n.d. | 0.0062 | 75 | 0.38 | n.d. | 0.014 | 380 | n.d. | 9.9 | 0.21 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.50 |
| 25 | 0.27 | n.d. | 0.016 | 0.030 | n.d. | 2.0 | 0.00012 | 70 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.170 | n.d. | n.d. | 63 | 0.31 | n.d. | n.d. | 260 | n.d. | 31.0 | 0.25 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.40 |
| 26 | 0.74 | n.d. | 0.014 | 0.064 | 0.0027 | 3.9 | 0.00012 | 74 | 0.016 | n.d. | 0.028 | 3.00 | 0.0080 | 83 | 2.40 | n.d. | 0.014 | 720 | n.d. | 15.0 | 0.28 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.30 |
| 27 | 0.99 | n.d. | 0.014 | 0.020 | n.d. | 3.9 | 0.00031 | 78 | 0.016 | n.d. | 0.240 | 0.96 | 0.0054 | 67 | 0.81 | n.d. | n.d. | 210 | n.d. | 17.0 | 0.24 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.68 |
| 28 | 0.93 | n.d. | 0.012 | 0.030 | n.d. | 3.7 | 0.00036 | 57 | 0.016 | n.d. | 0.360 | 0.94 | 0.0074 | 62 | 0.74 | n.d. | n.d. | 310 | n.d. | 15.0 | 0.23 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.67 |
| 29 | 0.11 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 3.8 | 0.00013 | 72 | 0.012 | n.d. | 0.015 | n.d. | n.d. | 86 | 0.59 | n.d. | 0.013 | 120 | n.d. | 7.4 | 0.19 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.92 |
| 30 | 0.57 | n.d. | 0.037 | 0.025 | n.d. | 3.3 | n.d. | 44 | 0.013 | n.d. | 0.019 | 0.60 | 0.0066 | 55 | 0.32 | n.d. | 0.011 | 610 | 0.0080 | 13.0 | 0.17 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.10 |
| 31 | 0.62 | n.d. | 0.042 | 0.039 | n.d. | 2.5 | n.d. | 54 | 0.022 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.81 | 0.0093 | 71 | 0.77 | n.d. | 0.021 | 480 | 0.0083 | 32.0 | 0.32 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.40 |
| 32 | 0.96 | n.d. | 0.031 | 0.045 | 0.0030 | 3.6 | n.d. | 65 | 0.015 | n.d. | 0.015 | n.d. | 0.0073 | 66 | 0.35 | n.d. | 0.011 | 500 | 0.0059 | 25.0 | 0.22 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.83 |
| 33 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.031 | 0.019 | n.d. | 3.0 | n.d. | 63 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.017 | n.d. | n.d. | 75 | 1.30 | n.d. | 0.012 | 530 | 0.0058 | 13.0 | 0.15 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.50 |
| 34 | 2.20 | n.d. | 0.031 | 0.048 | 0.0030 | 4.7 | n.d. | 65 | 0.017 | n.d. | 0.061 | n.d. | 0.0079 | 62 | 0.33 | n.d. | 0.013 | 440 | 0.0070 | 43.0 | 0.18 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.94 |
| 35 | 0.84 | n.d. | 0.029 | 0.039 | 0.0019 | 4.3 | n.d. | 58 | 0.014 | n.d. | 0.053 | n.d. | 0.0062 | 55 | 0.41 | n.d. | 0.011 | 540 | 0.0057 | 22.0 | 0.24 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.52 |
| 36 | 0.66 | n.d. | 0.029 | 0.036 | n.d. | 3.9 | 0.00022 | 36 | 0.014 | n.d. | 0.032 | 0.64 | n.d. | 52 | 0.45 | n.d. | 0.014 | 620 | 0.0054 | 11.0 | 0.19 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.019 | 0.66 |
| 37 | 0.61 | n.d. | 0.022 | 0.030 | n.d. | 3.2 | 0.00020 | 65 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.030 | n.d. | n.d. | 65 | 0.43 | n.d. | 0.016 | 530 | n.d. | 8.0 | 0.24 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.85 |
| 38 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.026 | 0.030 | n.d. | 3.0 | n.d. | 66 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.039 | n.d. | n.d. | 80 | 0.45 | n.d. | 0.014 | 340 | n.d. | 7.1 | 0.21 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.012 | 1.30 |
| 39 | 0.53 | n.d. | 0.021 | 0.026 | n.d. | 2.5 | 0.00027 | 86 | 0.018 | n.d. | 0.015 | 0.50 | 0.0063 | 99 | 0.86 | n.d. | 0.017 | 470 | 0.0051 | 7.2 | 0.28 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.10 |
| 40 | 0.61 | n.d. | 0.025 | 0.025 | n.d. | 3.4 | n.d. | 37 | 0.014 | n.d. | 0.029 | n.d. | 0.0066 | 71 | 0.35 | n.d. | 0.011 | 380 | 0.0052 | 17.0 | 0.29 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.39 |
| 41 | 0.84 | n.d. | 0.024 | 0.023 | n.d. | 3.9 | n.d. | 40 | 0.014 | n.d. | 0.045 | 0.77 | 0.0110 | 58 | 0.33 | n.d. | n.d. | 380 | n.d. | 24.0 | 0.37 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.48 |
| 42 | 0.62 | n.d. | 0.023 | 0.044 | n.d. | 3.7 | n.d. | 75 | 0.013 | n.d. | 0.040 | n.d. | n.d. | 64 | 0.80 | n.d. | n.d. | 540 | 0.0052 | 48.0 | 0.13 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.93 |
| 43 | 0.82 | n.d. | 0.034 | 0.034 | n.d. | 3.6 | n.d. | 42 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.270 | n.d. | n.d. | 72 | 0.52 | n.d. | 0.026 | 390 | 0.0068 | 13.0 | 0.27 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.30 |
| 44 | 0.68 | n.d. | 0.027 | 0.043 | n.d. | 2.9 | n.d. | 48 | 0.014 | n.d. | 0.089 | n.d. | 0.0051 | 68 | 0.60 | n.d. | 0.012 | 630 | n.d. | 28.0 | 0.17 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.51 |
| 45 | 1.00 | n.d. | 0.021 | 0.042 | 0.0036 | 3.1 | n.d. | 55 | 0.017 | n.d. | 0.052 | 2.10 | 0.0096 | 79 | 0.55 | n.d. | 0.018 | 460 | n.d. | 13.0 | 0.24 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.42 |
| 46 | 0.59 | n.d. | 0.017 | 0.021 | n.d. | 3.6 | 0.00024 | 73 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.022 | n.d. | 0.0056 | 73 | 0.66 | n.d. | 0.013 | 390 | n.d. | 64.0 | 0.17 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.97 |
| 47 | 0.96 | n.d. | 0.014 | 0.039 | 0.0020 | 3.1 | n.d. | 78 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.086 | n.d. | 0.0066 | 57 | 0.83 | n.d. | 0.010 | 500 | n.d. | 24.0 | 0.22 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.10 |

| Sample ID | Al | Sb | As | Ba | Be | B ⁺ | Cd | Ca | Cr | Co | Cu | Fe | Pb | Mg | Mn | Mo | Ni | K | Se | Na | Sr | Tl | Sn | U | V | Zn |
|-----------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|----------------|---------|----|-------|--------|-------|------|--------|-----|------|-------|-------|-----|--------|------|------|--------|--------|---------|-------|------|
| 48 | 0.82 | n.d. | 0.020 | 0.041 | n.d. | 1.7 | n.d. | 72 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.026 | 0.72 | n.d. | 67 | 0.33 | n.d. | n.d. | 560 | n.d. | 9.0 | 0.22 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.048 | 0.67 |
| 49 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.014 | 0.019 | n.d. | 4.6 | 0.00025 | 62 | 0.028 | n.d. | 0.026 | 0.58 | n.d. | 66 | 0.55 | n.d. | 0.015 | 750 | n.d. | 74.0 | 0.20 | n.d. | 0.0075 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.95 |
| 50 | 0.78 | n.d. | 0.018 | 0.041 | n.d. | 2.1 | n.d. | 77 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.016 | 0.65 | n.d. | 65 | 0.36 | n.d. | n.d. | 330 | n.d. | 12.0 | 0.21 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.074 | 0.49 |
| 51 | 5.20 | 0.003 | 0.037 | 0.041 | 0.0039 | 2.5 | 0.00031 | 82 | 0.014 | n.d. | 0.014 | 1.90 | 0.0071 | 70 | 1.10 | 0.033 | 0.011 | 240 | n.d. | 69.0 | 0.31 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.00160 | 0.120 | 0.81 |
| 52 | 0.51 | n.d. | 0.011 | 0.045 | n.d. | 2.8 | 0.00022 | 68 | 0.023 | n.d. | 0.280 | n.d. | 0.0260 | 66 | 0.79 | n.d. | 0.018 | 810 | n.d. | 15.0 | 0.15 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 2.60 |
| 53 | 1.30 | n.d. | 0.011 | 0.060 | 0.0036 | 3.2 | n.d. | 64 | 0.012 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.0058 | 60 | 0.31 | n.d. | n.d. | 650 | n.d. | 14.0 | 0.20 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.73 |
| 54 | 1.50 | n.d. | 0.013 | 0.058 | 0.0021 | 4.5 | n.d. | 65 | 0.016 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.86 | 0.0084 | 74 | 1.40 | n.d. | 0.014 | 810 | n.d. | 16.0 | 0.20 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.00078 | n.d. | 0.98 |
| 55 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.016 | 0.035 | n.d. | 3.7 | n.d. | 70 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.016 | 0.72 | n.d. | 90 | 1.30 | n.d. | 0.014 | 620 | n.d. | 13.0 | 0.20 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.50 |
| 56 | 0.97 | n.d. | 0.012 | 0.056 | 0.0037 | 2.0 | n.d. | 92 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.53 | 0.0138 | 62 | 0.44 | n.d. | 0.010 | 315 | n.d. | 15.0 | 0.20 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.73 |
| 57 | 0.72 | n.d. | 0.025 | 0.025 | n.d. | 2.9 | 0.00028 | 55 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.041 | 3.80 | n.d. | 76 | 0.59 | n.d. | 0.014 | 400 | n.d. | 5.6 | 0.29 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.43 |
| 58 | 0.83 | n.d. | 0.021 | 0.024 | 0.0010 | 3.5 | 0.00024 | 68 | 0.026 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.58 | 0.0056 | 61 | 1.10 | n.d. | 0.022 | 560 | n.d. | 21.0 | 0.24 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.76 |
| 59 | 0.76 | n.d. | 0.026 | 0.082 | 0.0019 | 3.5 | 0.00020 | 58 | 0.016 | n.d. | 0.014 | 1.20 | 0.0089 | 98 | 0.73 | n.d. | 0.019 | 710 | 0.0058 | 12.0 | 0.44 | n.d. | 0.0061 | n.d. | 0.020 | 1.10 |
| 60 | 1.70 | n.d. | 0.016 | 0.034 | n.d. | 3.7 | 0.00031 | 70 | 0.012 | 0.0060 | 0.042 | 3.00 | 0.0077 | 69 | 1.80 | n.d. | 0.082 | 610 | n.d. | 24.0 | 0.30 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.37 |
| 61 | 1.60 | n.d. | 0.030 | 0.058 | 0.0027 | 2.6 | 0.00023 | 74 | 0.020 | n.d. | 0.028 | 0.81 | 0.0053 | 68 | 0.52 | 0.015 | 0.014 | 270 | n.d. | 15.0 | 0.28 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.00087 | 0.055 | 0.65 |
| 62 | 0.57 | n.d. | 0.013 | 0.019 | n.d. | 4.9 | n.d. | 56 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.028 | n.d. | n.d. | 53 | 4.50 | n.d. | 0.012 | 400 | n.d. | 11.0 | 0.10 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.70 |
| 63 | 0.19 | n.d. | 0.025 | 0.022 | n.d. | 3.5 | n.d. | 47 | 0.014 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.53 | n.d. | 95 | 0.52 | n.d. | 0.020 | 465 | n.d. | 13.0 | 0.23 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.84 |
| 64 | 0.10 | n.d. | 0.020 | 0.025 | n.d. | 3.0 | 0.00011 | 58 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.0057 | 87 | 1.50 | n.d. | 0.012 | 660 | n.d. | 3.9 | 0.28 | 0.0026 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.95 |
| 65 | 0.25 | n.d. | 0.017 | 0.029 | n.d. | 3.8 | 0.00012 | 51 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.023 | 0.53 | n.d. | 67 | 0.49 | n.d. | 0.014 | 480 | n.d. | 12.0 | 0.22 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.81 |
| 66 | 0.65 | n.d. | 0.032 | 0.031 | n.d. | 4.1 | n.d. | 44 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.035 | n.d. | 0.0050 | 56 | 0.40 | n.d. | 0.010 | 470 | 0.0061 | 29.0 | 0.21 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.60 |
| 67 | 0.65 | n.d. | 0.022 | 0.039 | n.d. | 3.6 | 0.00025 | 61 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.022 | n.d. | n.d. | 48 | 0.68 | n.d. | 0.010 | 500 | 0.0054 | 32.0 | 0.22 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.00 |
| 68 | 0.55 | n.d. | 0.016 | 0.043 | n.d. | 3.7 | n.d. | 54 | 0.011 | n.d. | 0.019 | 0.60 | n.d. | 74 | 0.54 | n.d. | 0.017 | 770 | n.d. | 13.0 | 0.21 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.89 |
| 69 | 0.53 | n.d. | 0.022 | 0.031 | n.d. | 2.7 | 0.00012 | 47 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.013 | n.d. | 0.0110 | 68 | 0.31 | n.d. | 0.012 | 620 | n.d. | 16.0 | 0.17 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.88 |
| 70 | 1.20 | n.d. | 0.027 | 0.049 | 0.0041 | 4.7 | 0.00019 | 58 | 0.014 | n.d. | n.d. | 1.70 | 0.0088 | 120 | 0.66 | n.d. | 0.014 | 550 | 0.0060 | 13.0 | 0.65 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.018 | 0.97 |
| 71 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.015 | 0.023 | n.d. | 4.1 | 0.00013 | 62 | 0.011 | n.d. | 0.016 | 0.61 | n.d. | 59 | 0.78 | n.d. | 0.017 | 810 | n.d. | 10.0 | 0.20 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.46 |

| Sample ID | Al | Sb | As | Ba | Be | B [†] | Cd | Ca | Cr | Co | Cu | Fe | Pb | Mg | Mn | Mo | Ni | K | Se | Na | Sr | Tl | Sn | U | V | Zn | |
|-----------|------|------|-------|-------|------|----------------|---------|----|-------|------|-------|------|------|----|------|------|-------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 72 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.017 | 0.027 | n.d. | 3.9 | 0.00013 | 66 | n.d. | n.d. | 0.017 | 0.69 | n.d. | 80 | 0.99 | n.d. | 0.013 | 585 | n.d. | 16.0 | 0.25 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 1.40 |
| 73 | 0.54 | n.d. | 0.016 | 0.021 | n.d. | 2.4 | 0.00013 | 71 | 0.012 | n.d. | 0.057 | n.d. | n.d. | 68 | 0.90 | n.d. | 0.017 | 560 | n.d. | 9.3 | 0.23 | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | n.d. | 0.95 |

[†]Indicates elements analyzed by ICP-OES; all B analysis.

Table S5. Spearman correlation matrix for metals in Traditional method (TM) Niagara region sparkling wines ($n = 54$) present >LOD in all samples.

| | B | Ca | Mg | Mn | K | Na | Sr | Zn |
|----|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------|--------|----|
| B | | | | | | | | |
| Ca | -0.312^a | | | | | | | |
| Mg | -0.097 | 0.062 | | | | | | |
| Mn | 0.161 | 0.276^a | 0.296^a | | | | | |
| K | 0.205 | -0.169 | 0.055 | 0.299^a | | | | |
| Na | 0.061 | 0.137 | -0.377^{ab} | -0.016 | -0.075 | | | |
| Sr | -0.219 | 0.011 | 0.305^a | 0.069 | -0.171 | 0.038 | | |
| Zn | -0.033 | 0.154 | 0.206 | 0.384^{ab} | 0.215 | 0.055 | -0.106 | |

Significant at $p < (a) 0.05$, (b) 0.01 and (c) < 0.001.

Table S6. Spearman correlation matrix for metals in Charmat method (CM) Niagara region sparkling wines ($n = 19$) present >LOD in all samples.

| | B | Ca | Mg | Mn | K | Na | Sr | Zn |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|----|
| B | | | | | | | | |
| Ca | 0.389 | | | | | | | |
| Mg | -0.180 | 0.429 | | | | | | |
| Mn | -0.004 | 0.237 | 0.344 | | | | | |
| K | 0.415 | 0.482^a | 0.383 | 0.258 | | | | |
| Na | 0.518^a | 0.458 | 0.170 | 0.230 | 0.374 | | | |
| Sr | 0.061 | 0.266 | 0.474^a | 0.084 | -0.025 | 0.175 | | |
| Zn | -0.095 | -0.337 | 0.188 | 0.265 | 0.053 | -0.319 | 0.118 | |

Significant at $p < (a) 0.05$, (b) 0.01 and (c) < 0.001.

Table S7. Spearman correlation matrix for metals in non-rosé Niagara region sparkling wines ($n = 58$) present >LOD in all samples.

| | B | Ca | Mg | Mn | K | Na | Sr | Zn |
|----|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|----|
| B | | | | | | | | |
| Ca | -0.194 | | | | | | | |
| Mg | -0.132 | 0.200 | | | | | | |
| Mn | 0.107 | 0.202 | 0.322^a | | | | | |
| K | 0.274^a | -0.066 | 0.124 | 0.254 | | | | |
| Na | 0.096 | 0.212 | -0.212 | 0.067 | 0.042 | | | |
| Sr | -0.282^a | 0.099 | 0.315^a | 0.115 | -0.145 | 0.151 | | |
| Zn | -0.074 | -0.017 | 0.134 | 0.369^{ab} | 0.161 | -0.047 | -0.126 | |

Significant at $p < (a) 0.05$, (b) 0.01 and (c) < 0.001 .**Table S8.** Spearman correlation matrix for metals in rosé Niagara region sparkling wines ($n = 15$) present >LOD in all samples.

| | B | Ca | Mg | Mn | K | Na | Sr | Zn |
|----|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------------|----|
| B | | | | | | | | |
| Ca | -0.248 | | | | | | | |
| Mg | 0.005 | 0.037 | | | | | | |
| Mn | 0.048 | 0.682^{ab} | 0.370 | | | | | |
| K | -0.036 | 0.541^a | 0.067 | 0.559^a | | | | |
| Na | 0.047 | 0.135 | -0.238 | -0.079 | 0.088 | | | |
| Sr | -0.050 | 0.386 | 0.659^{ab} | 0.408 | -0.128 | 0.022 | | |
| Zn | 0.014 | 0.469 | 0.476 | 0.644^a | 0.236 | 0.299 | 0.554^a | |

Significant at $p < (a) 0.05$, (b) 0.01 and (c) < 0.001 .

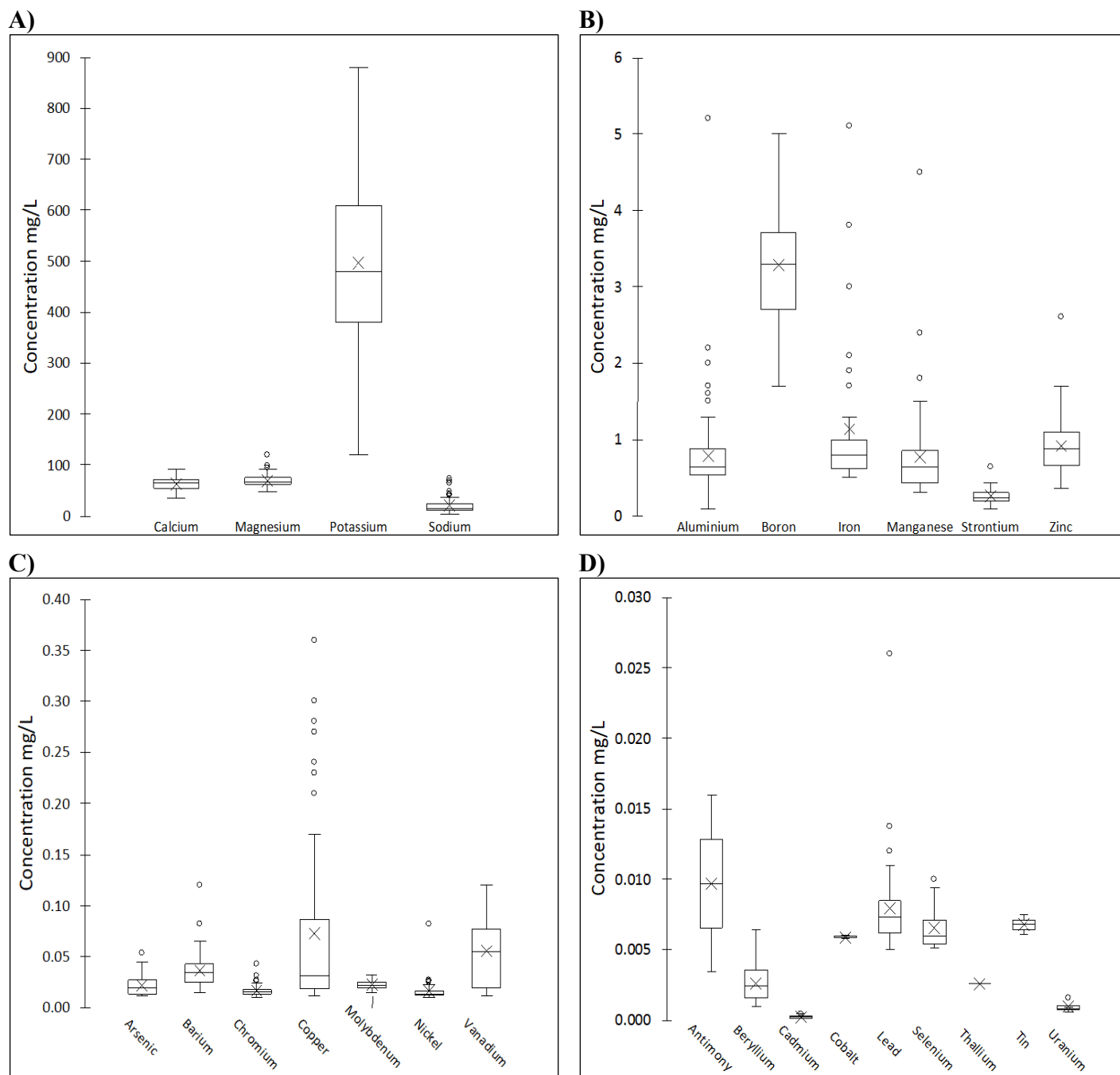


Figure S1. Box and whisker plot of all metals ($n = 26$) determined in 73 Ontario sparkling wine samples with measured amounts $> LOD$.

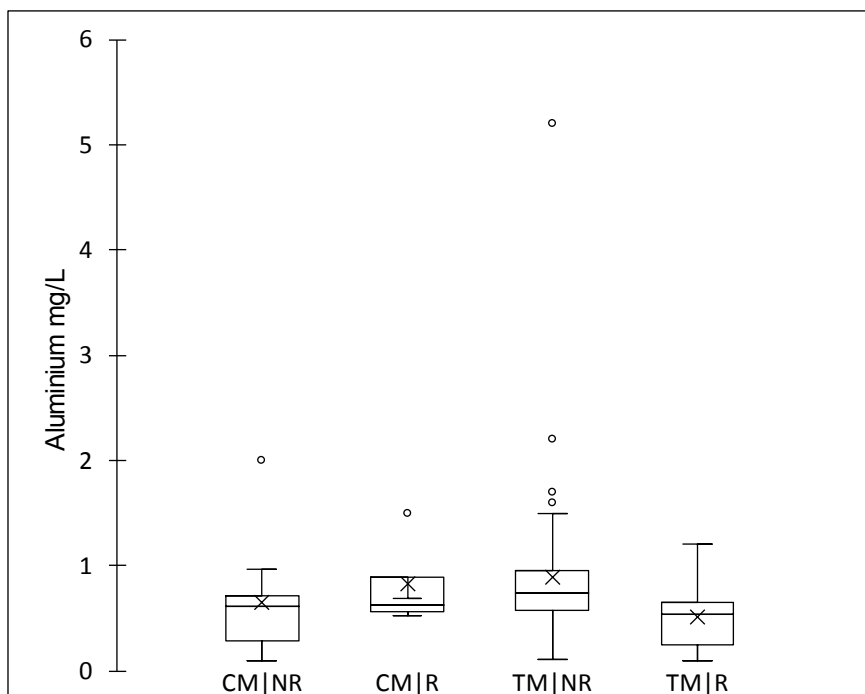


Figure S2. Box and whisker plot of Aluminum by production method and style for wines with measured amounts > LOD.

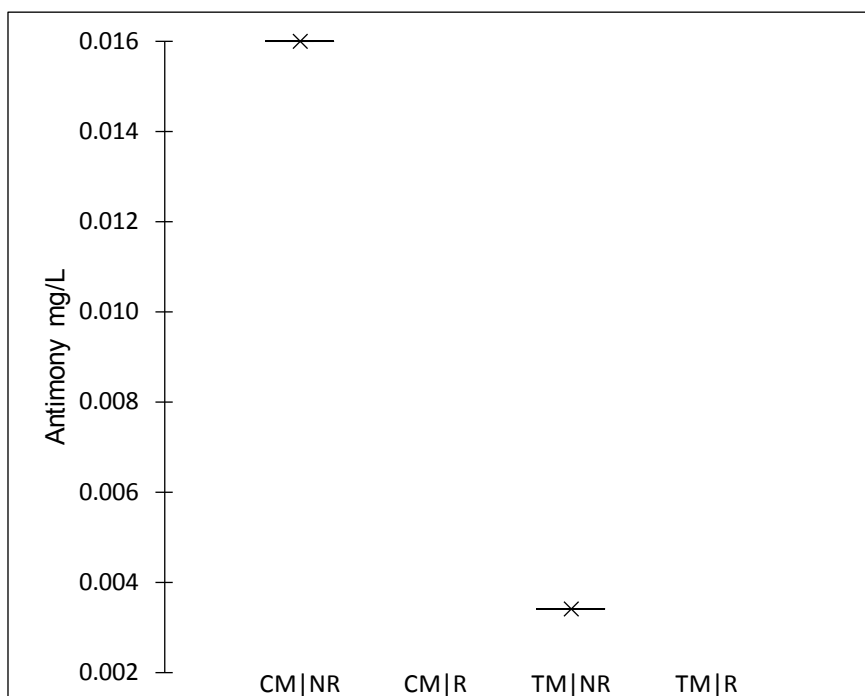


Figure S3. Box and whisker plot of Antimony by production method and style for wines with measured amounts > LOD.

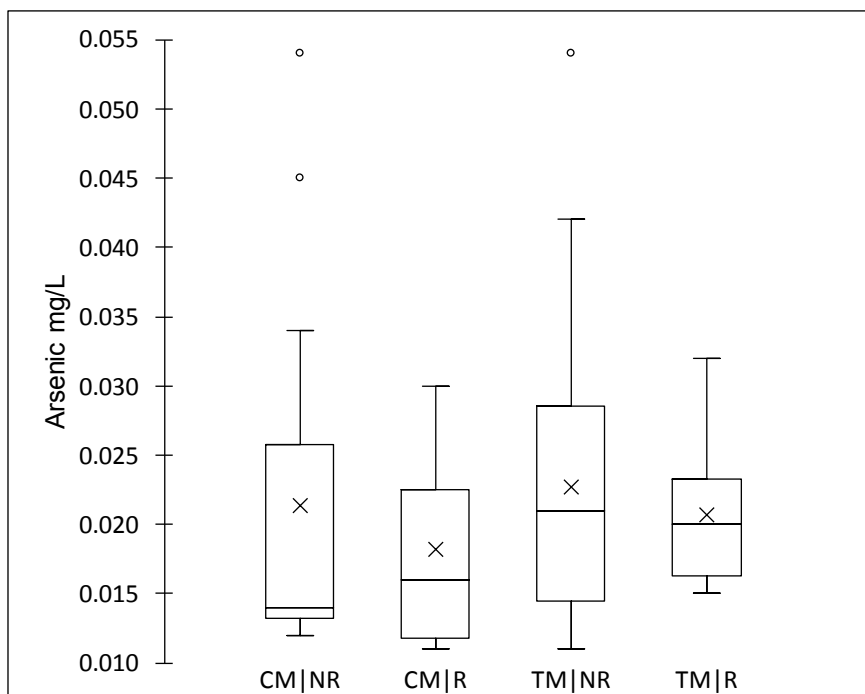


Figure S4. Box and whisker plot of Arsenic by production method and style for wines with measured amounts > LOD.

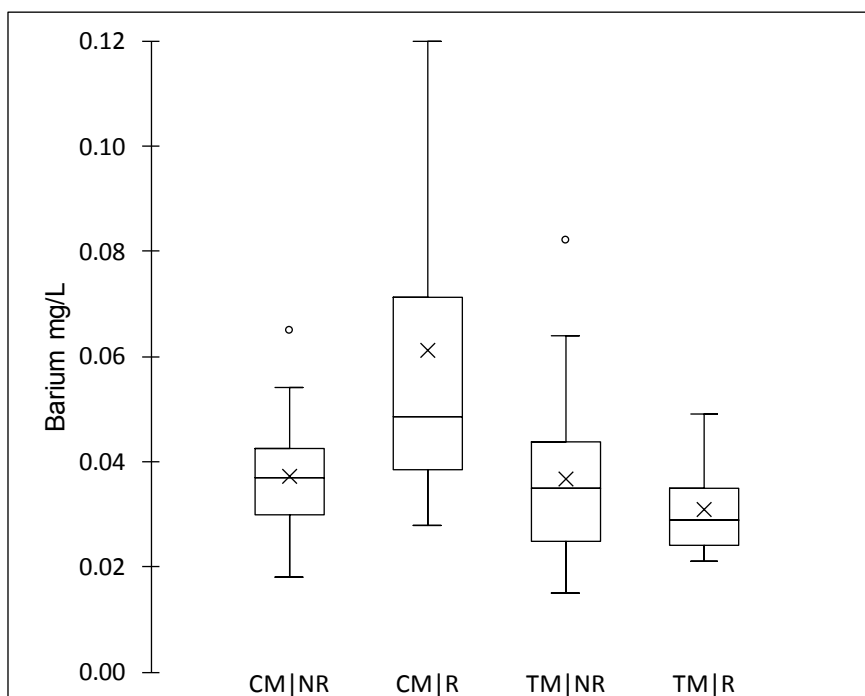


Figure S5. Box and whisker plot of Barium by production method and style for wines with measured amounts > LOD.

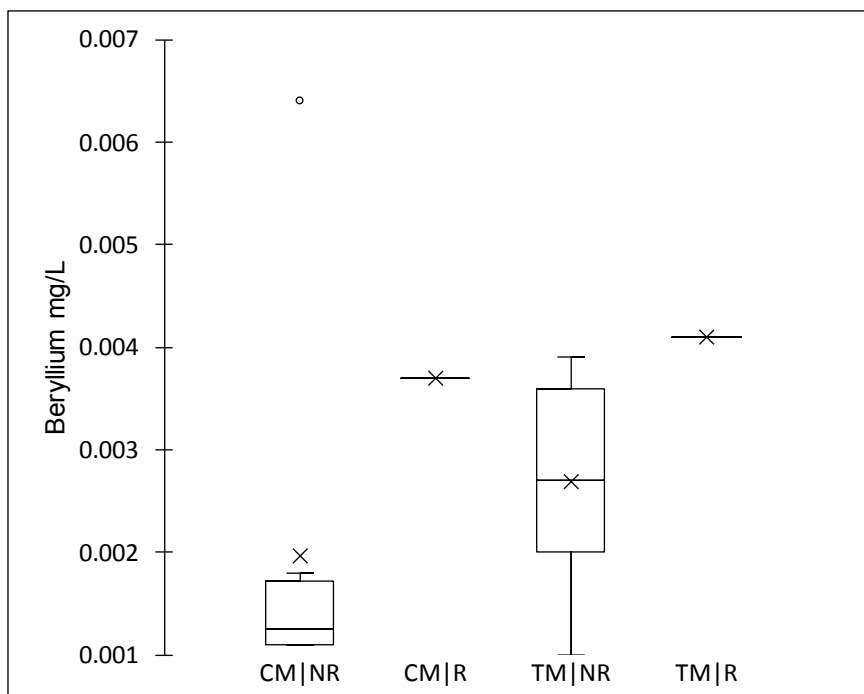


Figure S6. Box and whisker plot of Beryllium by production method and style for wines with measured amounts > LOD.

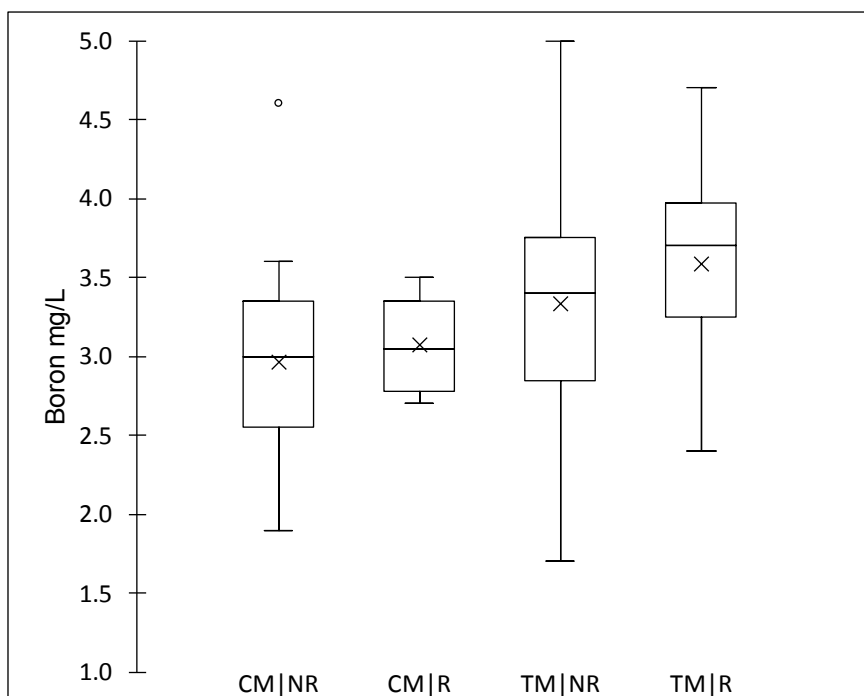


Figure S7. Box and whisker plot of Boron by production method and style for wines with measured amounts > LOD.

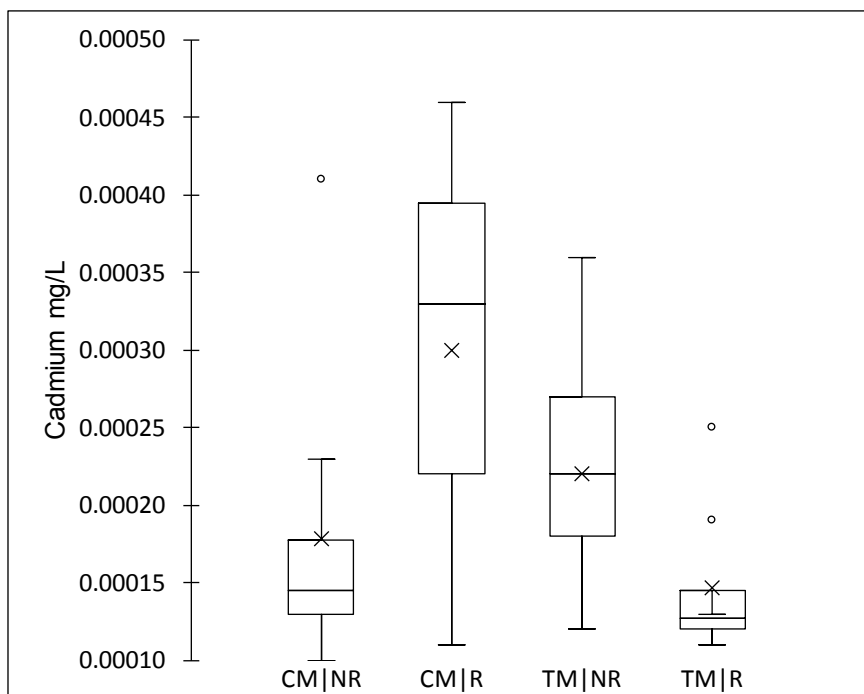


Figure S8. Box and whisker plot of Cadmium by production method and style for wines with measured amounts > LOD.

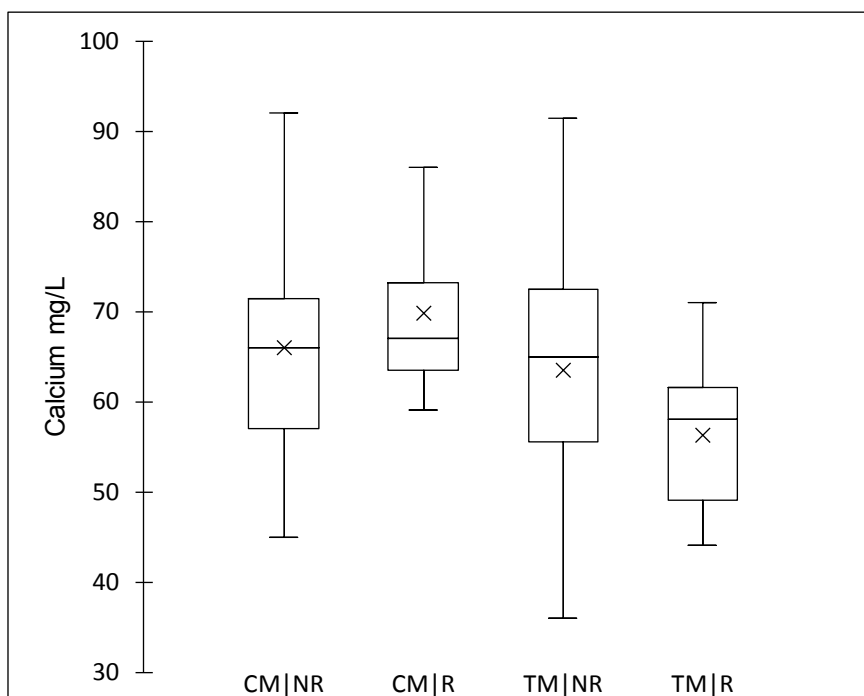


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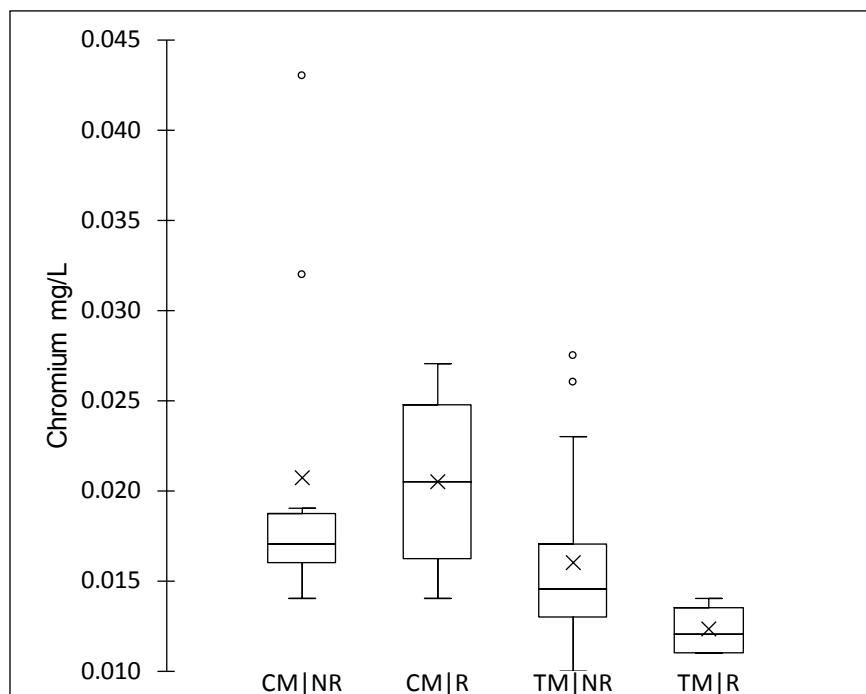


Figure S10. Box and whisker plot of Chromium by production method and style for wines with measured amounts > LOD.

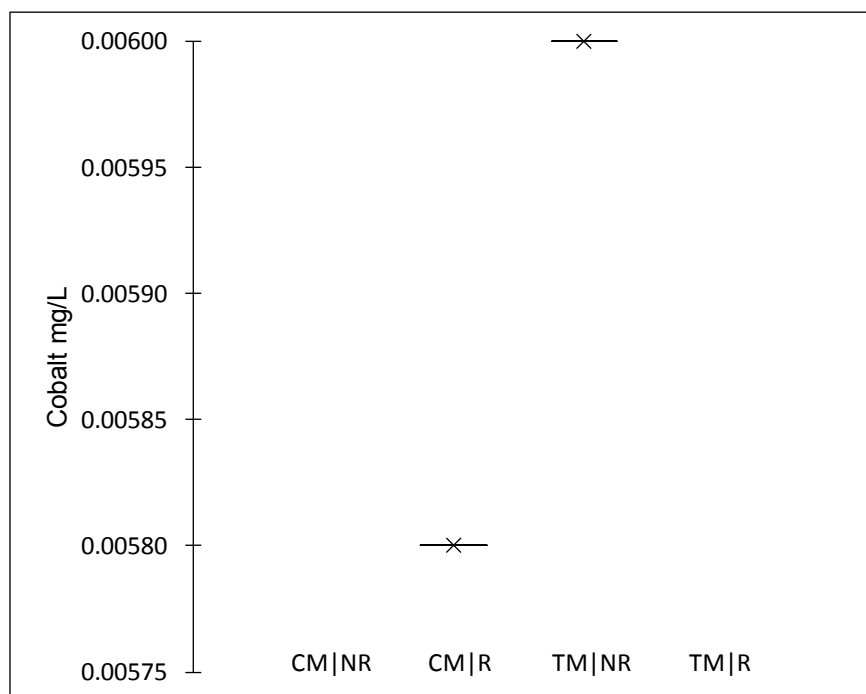


Figure S11. Box and whisker plot of Cobalt by production method and style for wines with measured amounts > LOD.

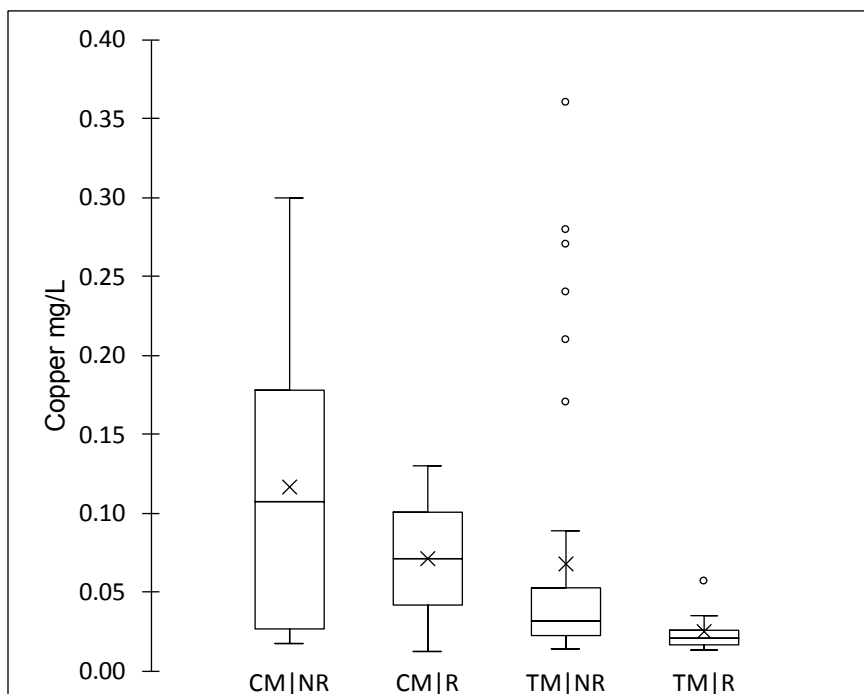


Figure S12. Box and whisker plot of Copper by production method and style for wines with measured amounts > LOD.

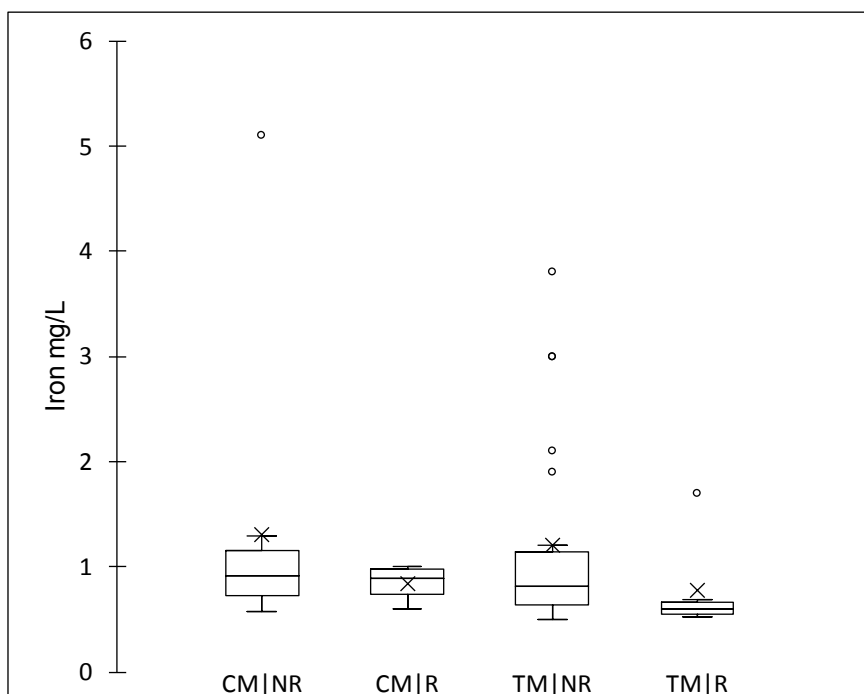


Figure S13. Box and whisker plot of Iron by production method and style for wines with measured amounts > LOD.

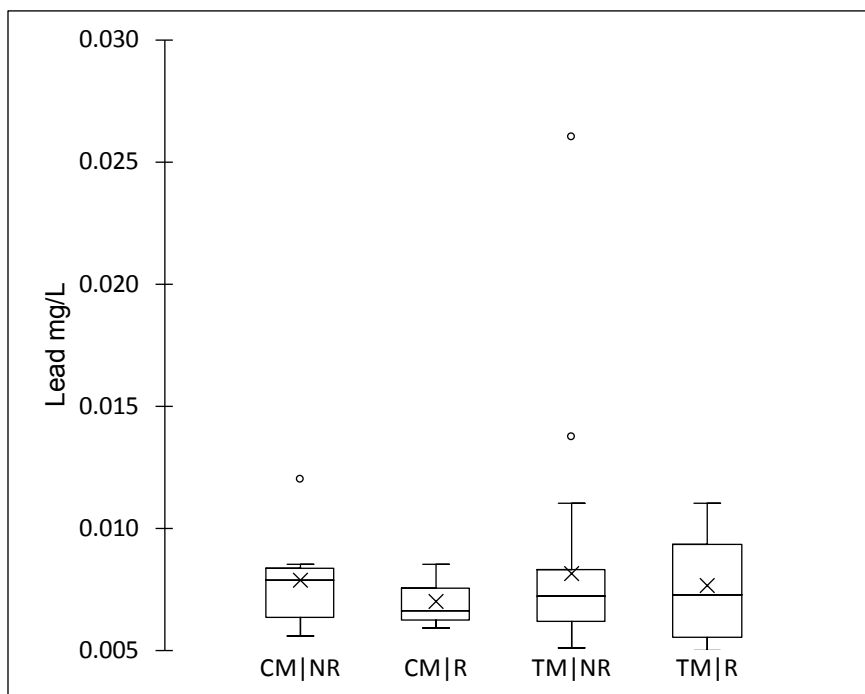


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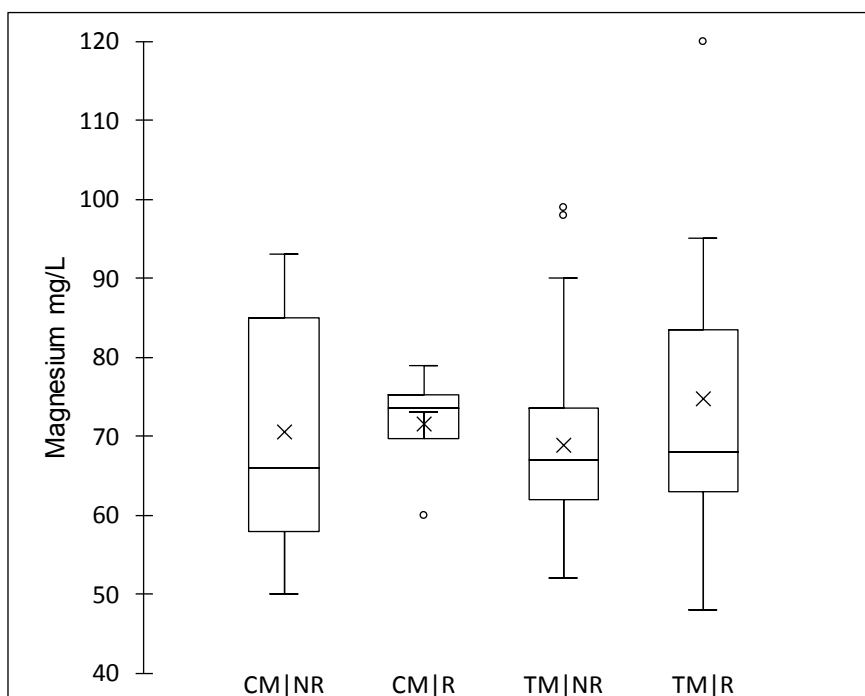


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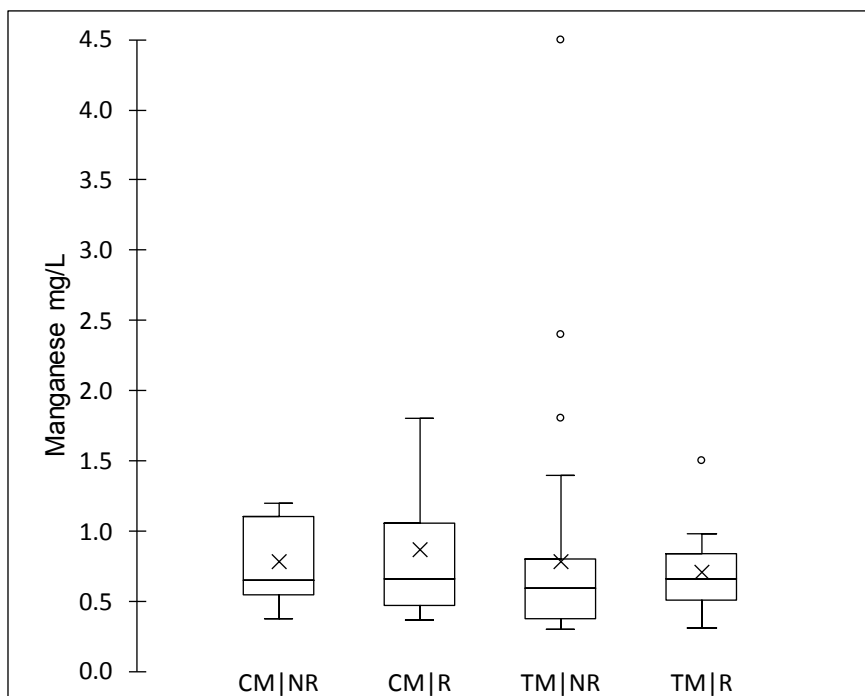


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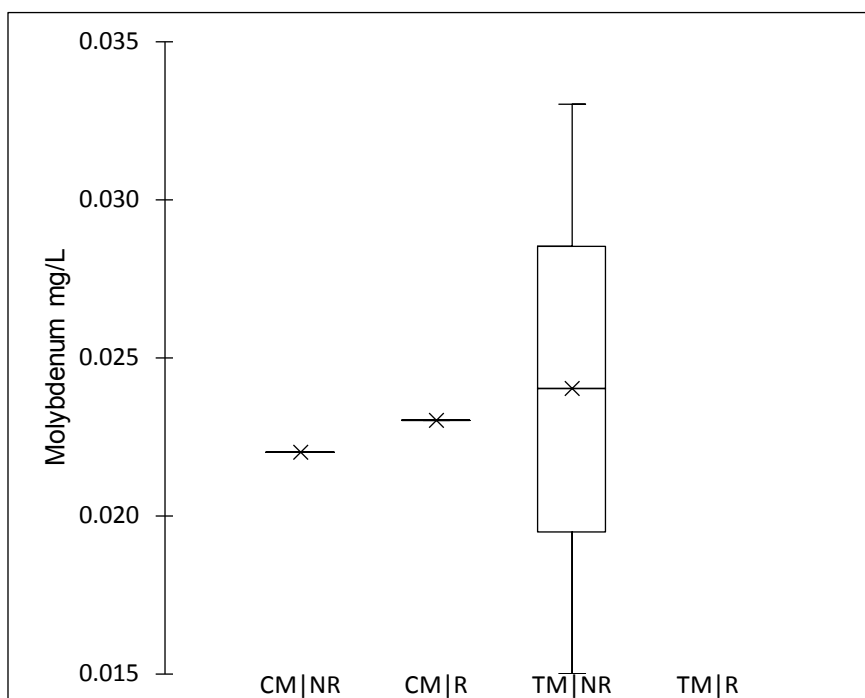


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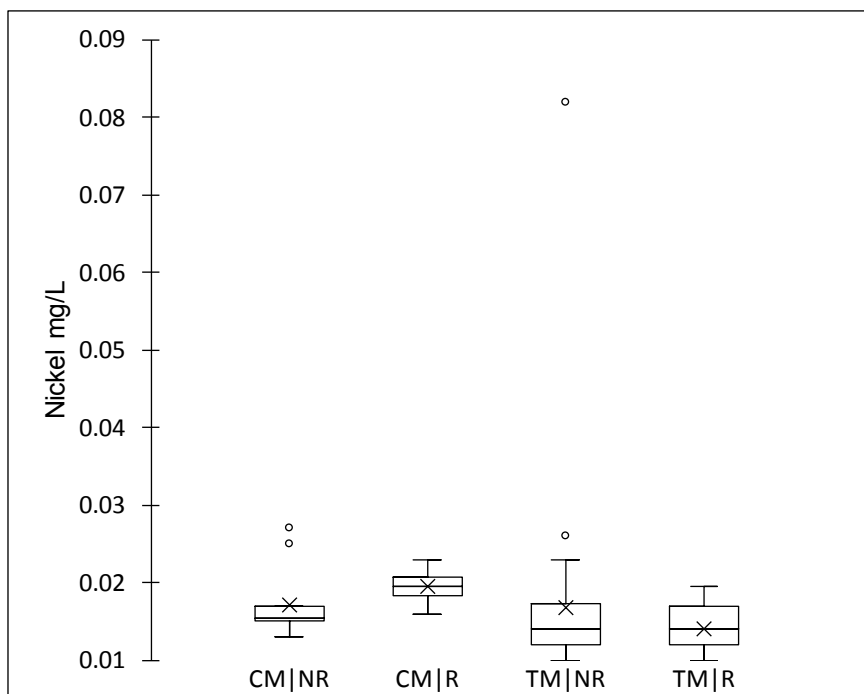


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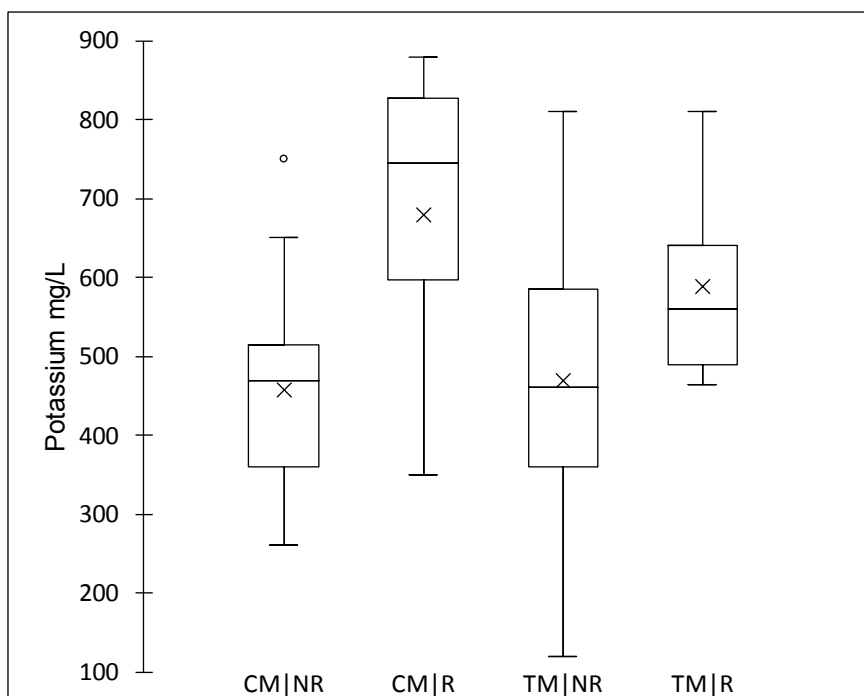


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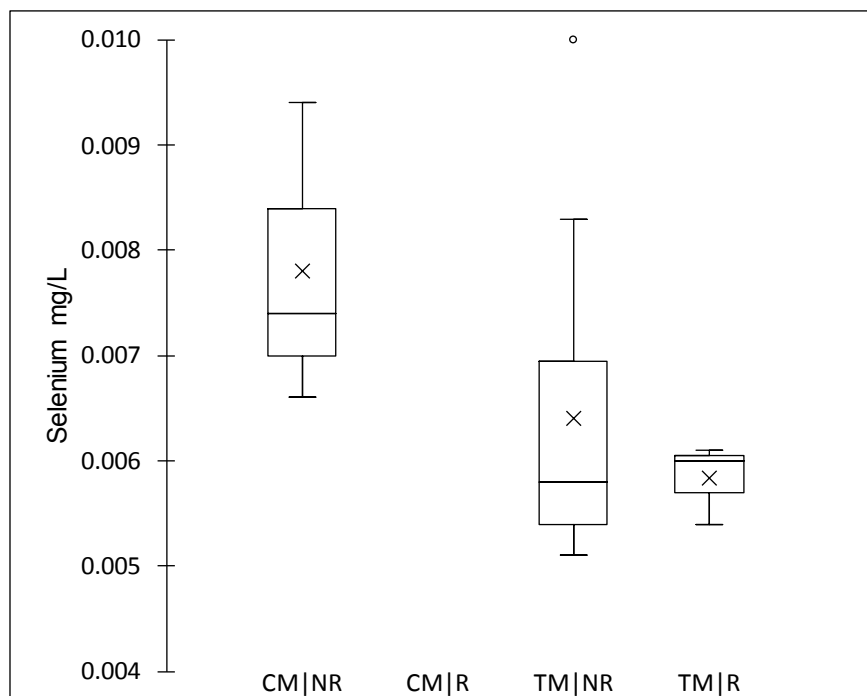


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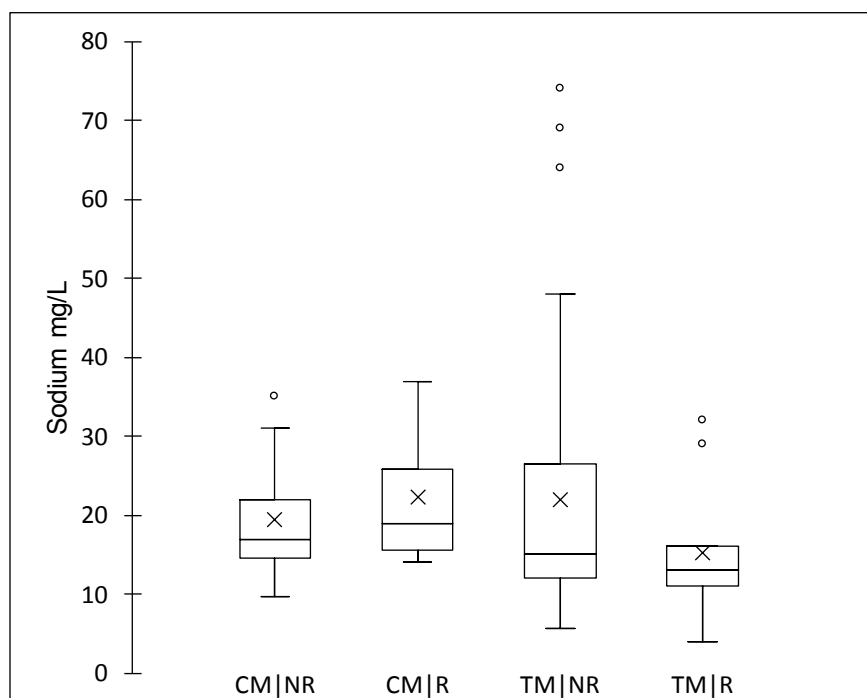


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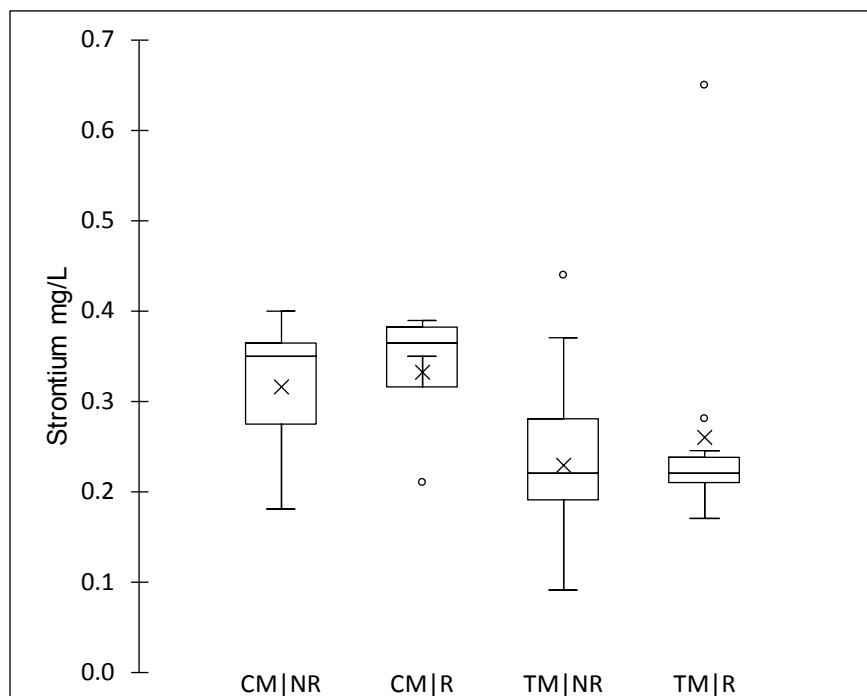


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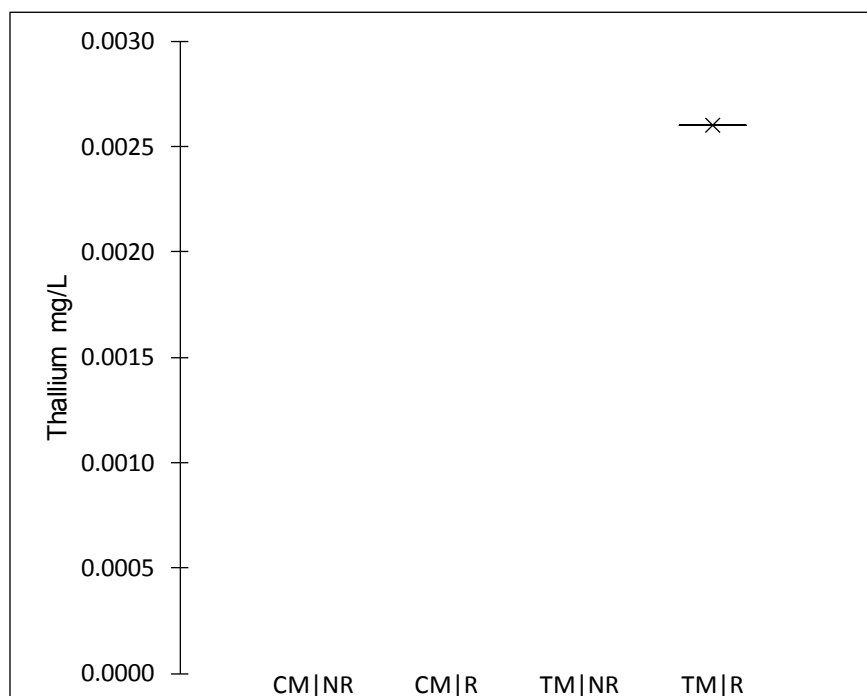


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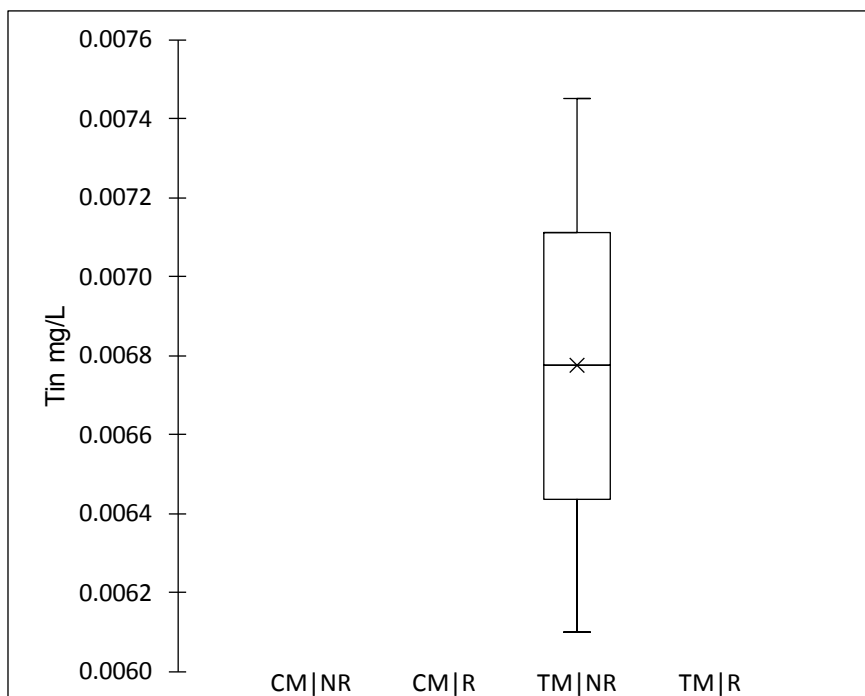


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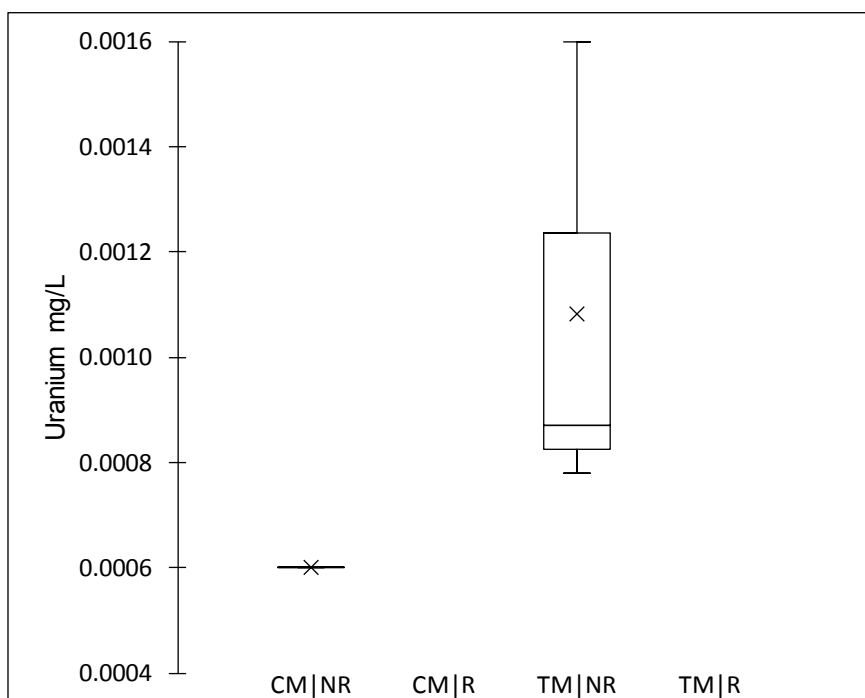


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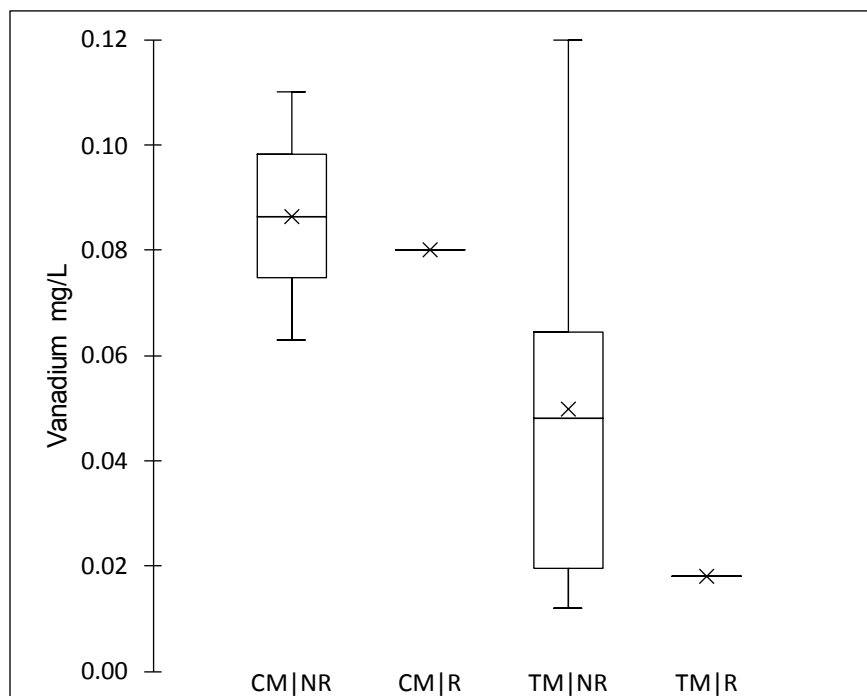


Figure S26. Box and whisker plot of Vanadium by production method and style for wines with measured amounts > LOD.

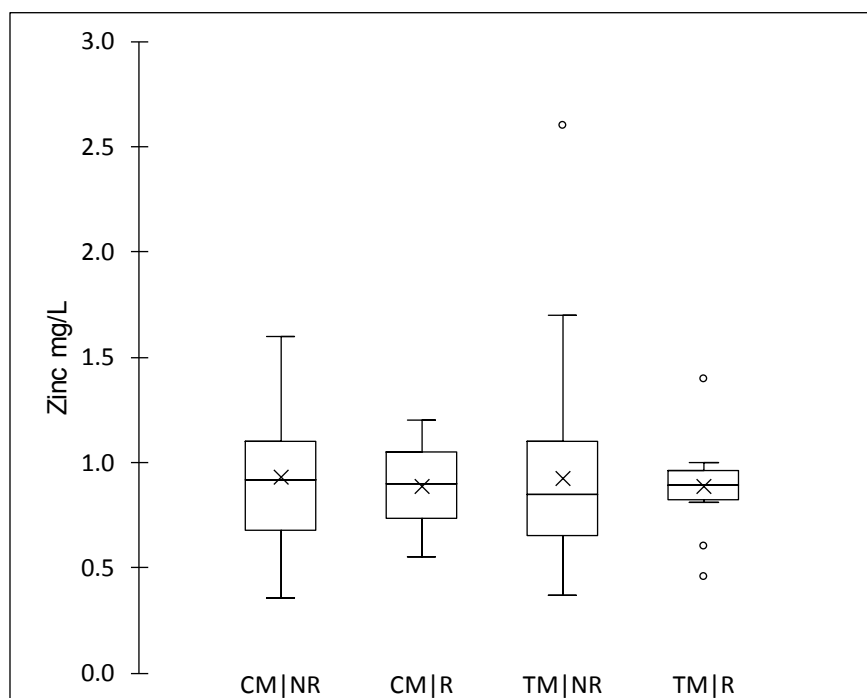


Figure S27. Box and whisker plot of Zinc by production method and style for wines with measured amounts > LOD

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