

## PURPOSE OF THE TEST

The iron is present in the wine coming from the grapes as well as from the remains of the earth and from contact with the tools used during the elaboration process. Iron is capable of forming complex coloured salts and is therefore a critical element when it comes to bringing tonality to wine. An excess of iron, in addition to providing a bluish hue, can cause the appearance of precipitates of ferric phosphate (white) and ferric tannate (blue) in oxidation conditions.

## METHOD

The 3-(2-pyridyl)-5,6-di(2-furyl)-1,2,4-triazine-5',5''disodium disulfonate (Ferene S) is able to complex iron (Fe<sup>2+</sup>) in medium acid and in the presence of a reducing agent.

The concentration of iron present in the sample is proportional to the absorbance at 560 nm.

## CONTENT

R1	2 x 30 mL	Acetate buffer pH 4.5, Thiourea 50 mM <i>WARNING: H317: May cause an allergic skin reaction. P262: Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing.</i>
R2	1 x 15 mL	Ferene S, Ascorbic acid 1 mM, preservatives
CTRL	1 x 3 mL	Iron solution 10 mg/L
STD	1 x 5 mL	Iron solution 20 mg/L

## REAGENT PREPARATION

Reagents are ready to use and are stable up to expiry date as supplied when stored at 2-8 °C. Do not freeze.

Discard if absorbance of blank is higher than 0.300 OD at 560 nm.

## SAMPLES

For use with wine samples.

The samples must be free of turbidity and particles. Centrifuge or filter if necessary. The presence of CO<sub>2</sub> introduces instability in the measure. Samples containing CO<sub>2</sub> must be degassed beforehand. In samples with very high colour intensity, the pigment may interfere with the measurement. Treat with polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVPP 0.1g for each 10 mL) to reduce the level of colour. Samples with concentration higher than the measurement range must be diluted accordingly with distilled water. Multiply the final result by the dilution factor.

## PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

Treat standard, controls and samples as sample. Use distilled water as Blank.

Volumes stated below can be adjusted to other analytical procedures. Expected performance can vary if those ratios S:R1:R2 are not used exactly as stated.

Pipette into a cuvette:

	Blank reaction	Sample/Std Reaction
Reagent 1	720 µL	720 µL
Distilled water	120 µL	--
Sample/Standard	--	120 µL

Mix, incubate at 37°C for 1 minutes and read absorbance at 560 nm (A<sub>1</sub>). Then add into the cuvette:

	Blank reaction	Sample/Std Reaction
Reagent 2	180 µL	180 µL

Mix, incubate for 3 minutes at 37°C and read absorbance at 560 nm (A<sub>2</sub>).

Concentration of iron is calculated as:

$$Iron = \frac{(A_2 - 0.82x A_1)_{sample} - (A_2 - 0.82x A_1)_{blank}}{(A_2 - 0.82x A_1)_{standard} - (A_2 - 0.82x A_1)_{blank}} \times C \text{ mg/L}$$

Factor 0.82 is used to correct absorbances for dilution after adding reagent 2. C is the value of concentration stated in the standard label for iron.

## ASSAY PARAMETERS FOR ANALYZER Y15/Y25®

GENERAL	
Name	SD-IRON
Analysis mode	Differential Bireagent
Type of sample	ST1
Units	mg/L
Direction	Increasing
Decimals	2
PROCEDURE	
Reading	Monochromatic
Sample	40
Reagent 1	240
Reagent 2	60
Washing	1,2
Predilution factor	--
Main wavelenght	560
Sec. Wavelengt	--
Reading 1	24s
Reading 2	600s
Reagent 2	48s
CALIBRATION	
Type of calibration	specific
Calibration curve	Linear
OPTIONAL	
Blank Limit absorbance	0,5000
Kinetic blank limit	
Linearity limit	20,00

Procedure is linear up to 20 mg/L. Calibrate with a single point using the highest concentration standard or with several points as per your quality procedures.

## PERFORMANCE

Limit of quantification (LoQ): 0.26 mg/L  
 Limit of linearity: 20 mg/L

## NOTES

It is recommended to use wine controls to verify quality of calibration. Each laboratory should establish its own quality criteria for acceptance, as well as proper corrective action procedures in case of rejection.

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