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**Program** 



#### **MAY 18**

16:00 – 19.00 Welcome reception and registration (includes wine tasting, local snacks and guided visit to the Palace) | Garden of Palacio de Mateus

#### **MAY 19**

08:15 - 08:40	Opening Session   Complexo Laboratorial Building (Room B0.01)
08:40 - 08:55	Opening session   Complexo laboratorial Building
09:00 - 10:00	Parallel Sessions   Complexo Laboratorial Building

#### Parallel Session I - Covid-19

Room: B0.01 | Chair: Sofia Gouveia (CETRAD, UTAD)

The impact of the COVID-19 the on Hungarian wine industry: The case of the Balaton wine region Jeremiás Máté Balogh (Corvinus University of Budapest)

#### COVID-19's impact on Italian wine market: Critical issues and opportunities

Deborah Bentivglio (Università Politecnica delle Marche), Giulia Chiaraluce (Università Politecnica delle Marche), Giacomo Staffolani (Università Politecnica delle Marche), Francesco Bianchelli (Università Politecnica delle Marche), Adele Finco (Università Politecnica delle Marche)

### Impact of Covid-19 on the performance of Portuguese wineries - A fractional response approach with spatial dependence

Samuel Faria (CETRAD, UTAD), Alexandre Guedes (CETRAD, UTAD), João Rebelo (CETRAD, UTAD), Sofia Gouveia (CETRAD, UTAD)

### Structural impact of Covid-19 on the profitability of the Portuguese wine industry: a panel data analysis (2014-2020)

Samuel Faria (CETRAD, UTAD), Sofia Gouveia (CETRAD, UTAD), Alexandre Guedes (CETRAD, UTAD), João Rebelo (CETRAD, UTAD)

#### Parallel Session II - History

Room: B0.02 | Chair: Paul Nugent (University of Edinburgh)

#### Top incomes: Evidence from Bordeaux Fine Wine Prices

Orley Ashenfelter (Princeton University), Olivier Bargain (Bordeaux University & IUF), Jean-Marie Cardebat (Bordeaux University & INSEEC)

#### An economic history of wine apellations in Spain, 1930-2020

Eva Fernandez (Universidad Carlos III), Francisco Marco-Gracia (Universidad de Zaragoza), Vicente Pinilla (Universidad de Zaragoza), Javier Puche (Universidad de Zaragoza)

### Heritage on the move: how an understanding of the past shapes responses to contemporary challenges in Portugal and South Africa

Paul Nugent (University of Edinburgh), Lígia M. Costa Pinto (NIPE, Universidade do Minho), Paulo Ramísio (CTAC, Universidade do Minho)

### Quality wines in Siena: long-term impact of "typical wine" demarcations and GIs on rural development

Eva Fernández (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid), Giacomo Zanibelli (Università di Napoli Federico II)



#### Parallel Session III - Business

Room: C1.13 | Chair: Giordano Ruggeri (University of Milan)

#### Keeping up with competitors

Barbara Richter (Hochschule Geisenheim University), Jon Hanf (Hochschule Geisenheim University)

Producers, consumers and wine in the making of the Argentine industry, 1885-1915

Steve Stein (University of Miami)

#### Business and economics wine research: a bibliometric analysis<sup>1</sup>

Giordano Ruggeri (University of Milan), Chiara Mazzocchi (University of Milan), Diego Grazia (University of Milan), Stefano Corsi (University of Milan)

#### Shaping blockchain-based innovation strategies in the wine sector: a conceptual framework

Michael Paul Kramer (Hochschule Geisenheim University), Antonio Galati (University of Palermo), Jon H Hanf (Hochschule Geisenheim University), Maria Crescimanno (University of Palermo)

#### 10:05 - 11:05 Parallel Sessions | Complexo Laboratorial Building

#### Parallel Session IV - Management & Covid-19

Room: B0.01 | Chair: Katrin Simon Elorz (Universidad Pública de Navarra)

#### Population thresholds models for local alcoholic beverage manufacturing

Stephan J Goetz (Penn State University), Rebecca Cleary (Colorado State University), Claudia Schmidt (Penn State University), Pan Yuxuan (Penn State University)

#### Short - and projected long-term effects of the COVID19 pandemic on wine consumption patterns

Benoit Faye (HEL), Florine Livat (KEDGE), Philippe Masset (INSEEC), Alexandre Mondoux (Haute Ecole de Changins), Jean-Philippe Weisskopf (INSEEC)

Economic impact of curative practices on a declining vine plot: Analysis of the winegrower's decision Marie Konan (INRAE – BSE), Adeline Alonso-Ugaglia (BSA)

#### The performance of wineries: the role of women and the ownership on the board of directors

Katrin Simon Elorz (Universidad Pública de Navarra), Andrea Ollo Lopez (Universidad Pública de Navarra), Maria Elena Aramendia-Muneta (Universidad Pública de Navarra)

#### Parallel Session V - Quality

Room: B0.02 | Chair: Matteo Carzedda (University of Trieste)

#### Does quality pay off? "Superstar" wines and the uncertain price premium across quality grades<sup>1</sup>

Stefano Castriota (University of Pise), Stefano Corsi (Università Statale di Milano), Paolo Dyno Frumento (University of Pisa), Giordano Ruggeri (Università Statale di Milano)

#### Wine closure types and their role among quality cues for Austrian red wines

Bettina König (Burgenland University of Applied Sciences), Marcus Wieschhoff (Burgenland University of Applied Sciences), Claudia Muschau (Burgenland University of Applied Sciences)

#### Wine cooperatives and quality clues: a choice experiment on European consumers

Francesco Marangon (University of Udine), Stefania Troiano (University of Udine), Federico Nassivera (University of Udine), Matteo Carzedda (University of Trieste)

### In Vivino Veritas? An investigation on consumers' quality perception and wine choice determinants in the digital age

Enrico Mazzoli (Tuscia University), Luigi Palumbo (Tuscia University)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Abstract not included according the authors decision.



#### Parallel Session VI - Sustainability & Tourism

Room: C1.13 | Chair: Albert Franz Stöckl (IMC University of Applied Sciences Krems)

### Is there a scope for Eco-labelled wine tourism development? A study the relationship between wine consumption and the frequency of visits to structures operating in the wine tourism sector

Radu Mihailescu (NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences), Azzurra Rinaldi (Università degli Studi di Roma Unitelma Sapienza), Daniel Moscovici (Stockton University), Jeff Gow (University of Southern Queensland), Adeline Alonso-Ugaglia (BSA), Lionel Valenzuela (Universidad Tecnica Federico Santa Maria)

#### Mobile ethnography approaches for investigating food & beverage tourism experiences

Albert Franz Stöckl (IMC University of Applied Sciences Krems), Stephanie Tischler (IMC University of Applied Sciences Krems)

#### Sustainable wine regions: rural challenges and development drivers

Ana Trigo (CETRAD, UTAD), Rui Fragoso (CEFAGE, University of Evora), Ana Marta-Costa (CETRAD, UTAD)

#### Brewery and Winery By-Product Recycling: Environmental and Economic Benefits

Jarrett Hart (University of California), Scott Somerville (University of California), Daniel A. Sumner (University of California)

#### 11:05 - 11:20 Coffee Break | Hallway of Complexo Laboratorial Building

#### 11:25 - 12:25 Parallel Sessions | Complexo Laboratorial Building

#### Parallel Session VII - Industrial Organization

Room: **B0.01** | Chair: Chiara Mazzocchi (University of Milan)

#### Stakeholders' perception of agroecological transition in the wine industry

Caetano Luiz Beber (University of Bologna), Léa Lecomte (Univ. Bordeaux, Bordeaux Sciences Agro, BSE), Isabel Rodrigo (ISA), Massimo Canali (University of Bologna), Valentina Suprani (University of Bologna), Alexandra Seabra Pinto (INIAV), Eugenio Pomarici (Università di Padova), Eric Giraud-Héraud (Univ. Bordeaux, INRAE, BSE), Giulio Malorgio (University of Bologna)

### Open innovation in the wine industry before and during the Covid-19 pandemic: the role of digitalizacion

Ana Pérez-Luno (Universidad Pablo de Olavide), Aída del Cubo Molina (Universidad Pablo de Olavide), Carmen Cabello-Medina (Universidad Pablo de Olavide)

#### "I Don't Want to fight with you": Quality, Adaptability and Vertical Integration

Nicolás Depetris Chauvin (HES-SO Geneva School of Business Administration), Marta Fernandez Olmos (University of Zaragoza), Juan Carlos Hallak (University of Buenos Aires), Santiago Mosquera (University of Buenos Aires)

#### Which wine descriptors make a superstar? Evidence from Wine Spectator database<sup>1</sup>

Chiara Mazzocchi (University of Milan), Giordano Ruggeri (University of Milan), Diego Grazia (University of Milan), Stefano Corsi (University of Milan)

#### Parallel Session VIII - Trade

Room: B0.02 | Chair: Jean-Marie Cardebat (BSE - Université Bordeaux)

#### Quality, Collective Reputation and International Trade in Wines

Philippe Bontems (TSE), Diego Lubian (Università degli Studi di Verona), Angelo Zago (Università degli Studi di Verona)

#### Determinants of exports of wine with appellation of origin from southwest Europe, 2001-2018

Maria-Isabel Ayuda (Universidad Zaragoza), Jean-Marie Cardebat (BSE – INSEEC), Samuel Faria (UTAD), Sofia Gouveia (UTAD), Fransisco Marco-Gracia (Universidad Zaragoza), Vicente Pinilla (Universidad Zaragoza), Raul Serrano (Universidad Zaragoza)

#### The Recent Evolution of Argentina's Wine Exports Performance

Emiliano Villanueva (Eastern Connecticut State University), Gustavo Ferro (Universidad del CEMA and CONICET), J. Sebastián Castillo-Valero (Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha), M. Carmen García-Cortijo (Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha)

#### Weather, Trade and Quality: The case of French wine

Alex Bao (BSE - Université Bordeaux), Jean-Marie Cardebat (BSE - Université Bordeaux), Raphaël Chiappini (BSE - Université Bordeaux)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Abstract not included according the authors decision.



#### Parallel Session IX - Sustainability

Room: C1.13 | Chair: Pier Paolo Miglietta (University of Salento)

#### Determinants for the sustainability of viticultural systems in the Douro Demarcated Wine Region

Ana Marta-Costa (CETRAD, UTAD), Xosé A. Rodríguez (University of Santiago de Compostela), Micael Santos (Menin Wine Company)

#### Make sustainable the Prosecco DOC wine chain: the case of Prosecco Sustainability Project

A. Battistella (Prosecco D.O.C. Consortium), V. Boatto (CIRVE, University of Padua), V. Di Chiara (CIRVE, University of Padua), S. Furlan (Valoritalia srl), L. Giavi (Prosecco D.O.C. Consortium), S. Liggieri (Prosecco D.O.C. Consortium), A. Paiola (Valoritalia srl), E. Pomarici (University of Padua), S. Stefanucci (Equalitas srl)

#### Impact of Agro-Environmental Schemes on Hungarian winery's Technical and EcoEfficiency

Zoltán Bakucs (Centre for Economic and Regional Research), Lajos Baráth (University of Óbuda)

### Perceived benefits from ecosystem services provided within the Primitivo di Manduria PDO area (Italy)

Andrea Mattia Pacifico (University of Salento), Pier Paolo Miglietta (University of Salento)

#### 12:30 - 13:30 Parallel Sessions | Complexo Laboratorial Building

#### Parallel Session X - Policy Regulation

Room: B0.01 | Chair: Luca Rosseto (University of Padova)

#### Will Common Agricultural Policy support save farm employment in the wine sector?

Imre Fertő (Centre for Economic and Regional Studies)

#### Do subsidies decrease the income inequality in the Hungarian wine sector?

Imre Fertő (Centre for Economic and Regional Studies), Arnold Csonka (Hungarian University of Agricultural and Life Sciences)

#### The Climatic Reserve: a tool to optimize the commercialization of wine?

Alexandre Mondoux (Haute Ecole de Changins), Bastien Christinet (Haute Ecole de Changins), Roxane Fenal (Haute Ecole de Changins), Olivier Viret (Etat de Vaud)

#### The supply governance of appellations: the case of Prosecco

Luca Rosseto (University of Padova), Leonardo Cei (University of Padova), Andrea Battistella (Consortium Prosecco Doc, Treviso)

#### Parallel Session XI - Trade

Room: B0.02 | Chair: Francisco J. Velázquez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

#### Google Trends and International Trade in Wine

Diego Lubian (Università degli Studi di Verona), Umberto Nizza (Università degli Studi di Verona), Angelo Zago (Università degli Studi di Verona)

#### A panel data spatial gravity model for international wine trade in the EU (1999-2019)

Sofia Gouveia (CETRAD, UTAD), Samuel Faria (CETRAD, UTAD), Leonida Correia (CETRAD, UTAD)

### How far apart are the tastes of that far country? Some determinants of the differences in willingness to pay for the different attributes of Spanish wines in different international markets

Jacobo Núñez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), David Martín-Barroso (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), Francisco J. Velázquez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

#### Environmental dynamics in the international trade of Spanish wine denominations of origin

Juan Sebastián Castillo-Valero (UCLM), Inmaculada Carrasco-Monteagudo (UCLM), Maria Carmen García-Cortijo (UCLM), Marcos Carchano Alcaraz

#### Parallel Session XII - Sustainability

Room: C1.13 | Chair: Adele Finco (Università Politecnica delle Marche)

### Consumers willingness to pay for organic wine certification, halo effects and premium for biodiversity claims

Léa Lecomte (Univ. Bordeaux, Bordeaux Sciences Agro, BSE), Eric Giraud-Héraud (Univ. Bordeaux, INRAE, BSE), Stéphanie Pérès (Univ. Bordeaux, Bordeaux Sciences Agro, BSE), Gilles de Revel (Univ. Bordeaux, INRAE), Adrien Rusch (Univ. Bordeaux, INRAE), Pauline Tolle (Univ. Bordeaux, INRAE)



#### The regional impact of climate change and irrigation on grape yields in South Africa. A hedonic approach based on machine learning.

Britta Niklas (Ruhr University Bochum), Wolfram Rinke (Fachhochschule Burgenland GmbH)

Geographical Indications as Vectors for Sustainable Viticulture - theoretical and empirical perspectives from South Tyrol and Franconia

Tilman Reinhardt (University of Bayreuth), Yasmine Ambrogio (University of Bayreuth)

Sustainable water use management for viticulture through precision agriculture technologies: an Italian case study

Adele Finco (Università Politecnica delle Marche), Deborah Bentivglio (Università Politecnica delle Marche), Giulia Chiaraluce (Università Politecnica delle Marche), Giacomo Staffolani (Università Politecnica delle Marche)

#### Lunch | UTAD Panorâmico Restaurant 13:30 - 14:45

15:00 - 22:00 Technical visit and dinner (Lamego) | Caves (cellars) da Raposeira and Escola de Hotelaria e Turismo

#### **MAY 20**

#### 08:45 - 09:45 Parallel Sessions | Complexo Laboratorial Building

#### Parallel Session XIII - Expert

Room: B0.01 | Chair: Gunter Schamel (Faculty of Economics and Management, Free University Bozen-Bolzano – Italy)

#### The Information Content of Expert Reviews, Brands and Geographical Indications. Preliminary Experimental from Spain

Marco Costanigro (Colorado State University), Azucena Gracia Royo (Agrifood Research and Technology Center of Aragon) How much do we pay for the quality of the wine? A meta-regression analysis of the influence of

quality on the price of wine with different measures of quality

Jacobo Núñez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), David Martín-Barroso (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), Francisco J. Velázquez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid),

The influence of expert scores on wine producers and consumers: Case made, pricing, expert scoring, and bottles of Oregon pinot noirs sold in the US

Omer Gokcekus (Seton Hall University, USA), Eugell A Gokcekus (Erasmus University of Rotterdam)

#### Exploring Online Community Wine Ratings: Are More Popular Wines Rated Higher?

Gunter Schamel (Faculty of Economics and Management, Free University Bozen-Bolzano - Italy), Giulia Gastaldello (Faculty of Economics and Management, Free University Bozen-Bolzano - Italy)

#### Parallel Session XIV - Finance

Room: B0.02 | Chair: Jean-Marc Figuet (U. Bordeaux)

#### The Application of Non-Fungible Tokens and Blockchain Technology in the Wine Sector

Michael Paul Kramer (Hochschule Geisenheim University), Jochen Heussner, Jon Hanf (Hochschule Geisenheim University)

#### **Liquid Assets and Financial Literacy**

Jean-François Outreville (Burgundy School of Business - Université Bourgogne Franche-Comté), Lara Agnoli (Université Bourgogne Franche-Comté), Eric Le Fur (INSEEC)

#### The financialization of the bulk wine market: issues, constraints and limits of the introduction of a futures contract

Jean-Marie Cardebat (U. Bordeaux & INSEEC), Jean-Marc Figuet (U. Bordeaux), Yves Jégourel (CNAM), Catherine Lis-Castiblanco (U. Bordeaux)

Exploring Relative Inflation Through the Vehicle of Champagne—The Inflation of Experience Paul J. Merton (Ethos Wines Group - USA)



#### Parallel Session XV - Consumers

Room: C1.13 | Chair: Lara Agnoli (Burgundy School of Business – Université Bourgogne Franche-Comté)

#### Capturing Sources of Preferences Heterogeneity for wine in Discrete Choice Experiments

Lina Lourenço-Gomes (CETRAD, UTAD), Tânia Gonçalves (CETRAD, UTAD), Lígia M. Costa Pinto (NIPE, University of Minho) Have the Wines of the New World and Old World become more difficult to differentiate through

### Have the Wines of the New World and Old World become more difficult to differentiate through time? An initial Sensory Based Exploration

Philippe Hedger (St. Michael's, UK), Wendy Parr (Lincoln University, New Zealand), Maria Pilar Saenz-Navajas (Institute of Grapevine and Wine Sciences, Logrono), Heber Rodriques (Plumpton College and Royal Agricultural University, UK),

Veblen on Wine: Ahead of His Time?

Robin Goldstein (UC Davis), Daniel Sumner (UC Davis)

#### The role of feelings in alcohol consumption. Insights from Italy

Efi Vasileiou (University of York, Europe Campus), Nikos Georgantzis (Burgundy School of Business – Université Bourgogne Franche-Comté), Lara Agnoli (Burgundy School of Business – Université Bourgogne Franche-Comté)

#### 09:50 - 10:50 Parallel Sessions | Complexo Laboratorial Building

#### Parallel Session XVI - Expert

Room: B0.01 | Chair: Stephen Bazen (Aix-Marseille University)

#### Does Excellence Pay Off? Theory and Evidence from the Wine Market

Stefano Castriota (University of Pise), Alessandro Fedele (University of Bolzano)

### Informational value of peers' and experts' ratings on perceived quality: stated and revealed preference of wine consumers in a non-hypothetical home use test setting

Magalie Dubois (Burgundy School of Business), Jean-Marie Cardebat (Université de Bordeaux), François Ric (Université de Bordeaux), Michel Visalli (INRAE)

#### The role of customer and expert ratings in a hedonic analysis of French red wines prices

Stephen Bazen (Aix-Marseille University), Jean-Marie Cardebat (Université de Bordeaux, INSEEC), Magalie Dubois (Burgundy School of Business)

#### The role of Montefalco Sagrantino PDO for the rural development<sup>1</sup>

Stefano Corsi (University of Milan), Giordano Ruggeri (University of Milan), Diego Grazia (University of Milan), Chiara Mazzocchi (University of Milan)

#### Parallel Session XVII - Perception

Room: B0.02 | Chair: Lígia M. Costa Pinto (NIPE, University of Minho)

### Perceptions of positive effects of Malvazija istarska moderate wine consumption on human health and psychological functioning - A preliminary study

Anita Silvana Ilak Peršurić (Institute of Agriculture and Tourism, Croatia), Sara Rossi (Institute of Agriculture and Tourism, Croatia), Ena Bestulić (Institute of Agriculture and Tourism, Croatia), Sanja Radeka (Institute of Agriculture and Tourism, Croatia)

#### The weight of the bottle and its effect on perception of quality and willingness to pay for red wine

Marcus Wieschhoff (University of Applied Sciences Burgenland), Stephanie Andert (University of Applied Sciences Burgenland)

#### Consumers' wine knowledge and perceptions of innovative wine labels and packaging

Cristina Galamba Marreiros (CEFAGE, University of Évora), Catarina Esteves Lopes (Nova IMS, UNL)

### Effect of consumers' risk and knowledge perceptions on the probability of ignoring wine attributes in discrete choice experiments

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#### The Economics of Wine, Beer and Cider

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An empirical analysis of long-run trends in wine consumption in Scandinavia 1860 to 2020 lan Bentzen (Aarhus University), Valdemar Smith (Aarhus University)

Can we have significant cross-cultural differences within a country? An experiment exploring the impression of Swiss residents of the consumption of wine in cans on different outdoor leisure contexts

Nicolás Depetris Chauvin (HES-SO Geneva School of Business Administration), Antoine Pinede (HES-SO Geneva School of Business Administration), Heber Rodrigues (Plumpton College, UK)

Challenges and Responses of Agri-Food Activities under COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of the Spanish Territories producing Wine and Olive Oil

Juan José Juste-Carrión (University of Valladolid), Juan Carlos Rodríguez-Cohard (University of Jaén), Antonio Vázquez-Barquero (Autonomous University of Madrid)

#### 11:00 - 11:25 Coffee Break | Hallway of Complexo Laboratorial Building

#### 11:30 - 13:30 Plenary Session | Aula Magna

#### The Portuguese wine industry in a globalised world

Jean-Marie Cardebat | President of EuAWE - European Association of Wine Economists
Eduardo Rosa | Vice-Rector for Research of UTAD - University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro
Frederico Falcão | President of ViniPortugal – Wines of Portugal
António Filipe | President of AEVP - Association of Porto Wine Companies

#### 13:30 – 15:00 Lunch | UTAD Panorâmico Restaurant

#### 15:30 - 23:00 Technical visit and conference dinner | Quinta da Pacheca

#### **MAY 21**

#### 09:00 - 19:00 Optional visit | Douro tour

09:00 Departure by bus

Meeting point for bus departure - Miracorgo Hotel: 09:00

- 09:30 Short visit of Provezende, a wine and heritage village overlooking Douro River
- 11:00 Visit to Quinta do Bonfim (including to the oenotourism, with a Porto wine tasting)
- 13:30 Lunch at Restaurant 1896 (Quinta de Bonfim), by Chef Pedro Lemos
- 16:00 Boat trip on Douro River
- 18:00 Back to Vila Real



## SHAPING BLOCKCHAIN-BASED INNOVATION STRATEGIES IN THE WINE SECTOR: A CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

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#### Introduction

The growing demand for transparency along the supply chain, partly related to recent incidents involving food contaminations and food frauds, has led businesses to reinterpret their business models by adopting strategies aimed to ensure an effective traceability system (Antonucci et al., 2019; Giacomarra et al., 2016). Today consumers are expecting information about the origin of the products and/or the production method, which can provide them with greater safety, and which contribute to increasing trust in the product and in the brand itself which is responsible for the coordination of the supply chain (Kramer at al., 2021).

In this scenario, emerging technologies play a decisive role by allowing for constant monitoring of data and information in the various phases of the supply chain (Feng et al., 2020; Kamble et al., 2020). The Blockchain Technology (BCT) represent the more recent digital evolution which can guarantee greater safety for the consumers and for all chain players thank to a diffused knowledge about "origin, authenticity, custody and integrity" (Montecchi et al., 2019, p. 286). Over recent years, the BCT has found applications in various agro-food sectors, including that of wine. In the latter sector, the adoption of this emerging technology was facilitated, on the one hand, by the marked propensity for innovation of several wineries, and, on the other hand, by the need to guarantee an effective traceability system in response to the consumer demand for transparency and to combat illegal actions (Tardivo et al., 2017). With reference to the latter, recent data of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) report that 1,7 millions of liters of counterfeit alcoholic beverages, especially wine, were seized across Europe in 2021. In this scenario, BCT could offer important guarantees for all players in the supply chain.

To date, very few studies explored the role and potentiality of adoption of the BCT in the wine industry and the main enabling factors affecting the implementation of this technology. For instance, Tiscini et al. (2020) and Luzzani et al. (2021) found that the adoption of BCT influences the creation of innovative sustainable business models thanks to the collection of data and information that are relevant for monitoring and improving sustainability. Hellier et al. (2020), studying potentialities and barriers, found that the BCT adoption in the wine industry is hampered by the lack of knowledge on how this technology work and the difficulty to exchange data with other systems. More recently, Galati et al. (2021) with the aim of verifying the main factors affecting the adoption of BCT in the world of wine, found that skills of the manager and of the human capital are essential in the process of acquiring external knowledge and the capitalization of the same for the adoption and maintenance of this innovative technology. it is obvious that there are little empirical evidences that are not enough to express a judgment on the opportunities offered by BCT in the world of wine. With this in mind, the aim of this study is to explore and analyze the main opportunities related to the BCT implementation in the wine industry and to identify the most important drivers and barriers of innovation, by using a case study approach.



#### **Theoretical Framing**

According to business strategy literature one of the key responsibilities of management is to gather, assimilate, and convert the strategic resource knowledge and capabilities into profitable output of the firm. Innovation strategies are vital to differentiate from and outperform the competition by creating new business models, offering innovative and exciting products and solutions, and potentially developing new markets or even new businesses. As a result, management plays a key role in adopting and utilizing innovations to create competitive advantages. Identifying and selecting knowledge and new capabilities requires a specific form of governance such as markets, authority-based hierarchy, and consensus-based hierarchy (Nickerson and Zenger, 2004). Those differentiate through the course of action they follow to identify the best suitable alternative. In scientific literature this governance is referred to knowledge-based theory. While the resource-based view focusses on assets, the knowledge-based theory analyses through the lens of capabilities. To support the identification of future capabilities, an organization must learn and adopt from others, internal and external to the organization. Being referred to as absorptive capacity of the organization this capability can be described as the competence to identify and analyse novel technologies and processes to convert those into profitable and novel business models (Zahra and George, 2002). Based on the absorptive capacity and knowledge-based theory, we develop a conceptual framework aiming to identify the organizational parameters that shape blockchain-based innovation strategies such as technology leveraging, and business model innovation of firms in the wine industry to provide for sustainable competitive advantages.

In the first step we will use primary and secondary research methods including an exploratory use case and semi-structured interviews with managers from the wine industry. In a subsequent step we will analyse blockchain implementations at wineries in two European markets, namely Italy and Germany, by building on the conceptual framework we developed.

#### Research methodology

To achieve the purpose of this work and taking into account that the investigated phenomenon is entirely new, the case study approach was used, which is well suited for exploratory investigations (Chetty, 1996; Yin, 1989). Yin (1984, p. 23) defines the case study research method "as an empirical inquiry that investigates a contemporary phenomenon within its real-life context, when the boundaries between phenomenon and context are not clearly evident, and in which multiple sources of evidence are used."

The case firm in this study, Costaflores organic vineyard, located in in Mendoza, Argentina was selected because it is an innovative actor in the wine industry and boasts a tradition in proposing innovative solutions in this sector. In detail, Costaflores was chosen for this study for several reasons. First, this boutique winery uses blockchain as a platform for transparently sharing data about their business operation on the Internet. Second, they tokenize wine by issuing fungible tokens (FT) at harvest time for each wine bottle produced. The FTs are traded on a decentralized platform using smart contracts and Ether (ETH) as cryptocurrency with the objective to let supply and demand decide on the price of the wine.

#### **Expected results**

Today the BCT can offer concrete opportunities for businesses operating in the wine industry linked to the possibility of guaranteeing a greater transparency along the supply chain. The case study of the Costaflores winery highlights the numerous opportunities linked to the adoption of technology in the wine sector in which everything that happens in the vineyard and in the cellar is documented in an open platform and the data are written in the blockchain, data used to ensure an effective traceability system. Results of the case study analysis may have significant managerial implications. Knowing the possibilities of use of BCT in the wine sector (transparency of the supply chain, sustainability of processes, combat illegal actions), the factors that can favor its adoption and the main barriers, can be useful for ensure an effective implementation of this innovation in the sector.



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