

Survivable Compounds

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Presentation Overview



Analytical Journey

- What are the survivables?
- Past and present analytical instrumentation
- Data availability



Survivables Chart

- CY24 Chart
- Utilization



Geraniol Biotransformation

- What is it?
- Current research at YCH

What are the survivables?

- The 'survivables' are beer soluble compounds derived from hops that survive the brewing process.
- The current target compounds include:
 - Linalool
 - Geraniol
 - Isobutyl isobutyrate
 - Isoamyl isobutyrate
 - 2- nonanone
 - Methyl geranate
 - 3- mercaptohexanol (3MH)

Survivable Compounds



Geraniol

- Monoterpene alcohol
- Can survive late boil and whirlpool additions
- Rose- like and citrus aromas



2- nonanone

- Ketone
- Can be sweet and fruity
- Can be cheesy, buttery or waxy



Linalool

- Monoterpene alcohol
- Commonly survives the brewing process
- Strong fruity and floral aromas



Methyl geranate

- Methyl ester
- Fruit and floral aroma



Survivable Compounds



Isobutyl
isobutyrate

- Hop derived ester
- Fruity and pineapple aromas



2-methylbutyl
isobutyrate

- Hop derived ester
- Fruity aromas specifically apricot



Isoamyl
isobutyrate

- Hop derived ester
- Fruity and tropical aromas



3-mercaptohexanol
(3MH)

- Sulfur-containing compound
- Tropical, grapefruit and passionfruit aromas



Where It All Began

- The original survivables data was collected on this instrument.
- Agilent 6890N GC and a 5975B MS
- Analyzed 1100 hop samples during harvest 2018
- Analyzed ~640 between harvest 2019 and 2020
- Analyzed 600+ beer samples since 2018



Research Ramp-Up

- Survivables analysis was transferred into the newest instrument in 2019
- Agilent 7890B GC, 7200 MS with a quadrupole time-of-flight (Q-ToF) and a sulfur chemiluminescence detector.
- Data from this instrument helped develop the Cryo Pop® blend.



Established Analytical Method

- New GCMS with SCD system installed in late 2021 to development a more efficient method of analysis.
- Agilent 7890B GC, 5977B MS and SCD.
- This system utilizes the total oil samples already produced by the QC lab.
- This method has been in use for reporting survivables since 2022.



Data Availability



 YAKIMA CHIEF HOPS



24-WA455-020



2024 Centennial • Leaf Hops, Baled

Best Use Before: September 2025 Farm(s): C&C Hop Farms, Inc

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ALPHA ACID

vs Typical Variety Range

11.6
UV Alpha (%)



BREWING VALUES

Percentage (%)

UV ALPHA	11.6%
UV BETA	4.5%
HPLC ALPHA	
HPLC BETA	
MEBAK ALPHA	

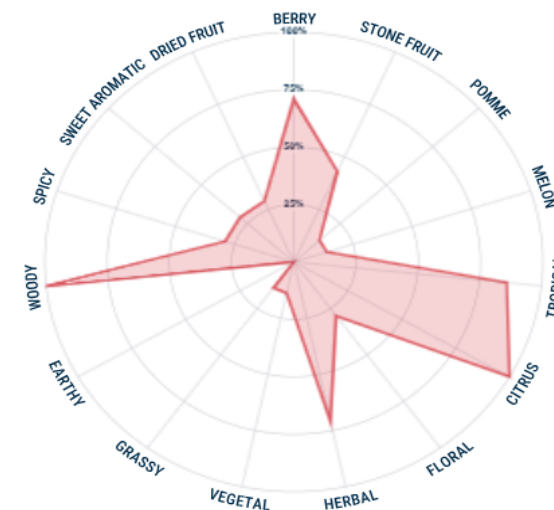
SURVIVABLE COMPOUNDS

Parts per Million (ppm)

ISOBUTYL ISOBUTYRATE	24.9
ISOAMYL ISOBUTYRATE	52.7
2-METHYLBUTYL ISOBUTYRATE	211.5
LINALOOL	65.2
GERANIOL	192.9
2-NONANONE	LOQ
METHYL GERANATE	584.5
3-MERCAPTOHEXANOL	0.9

AROMA PROFILE

Percentage Detected (%)



TOP 5 AROMAS



CITRUS



WOODY



TROPICAL



BERRY



HERBAL

TOTAL OIL

vs Typical Variety Range

1.7
mL/100g



OIL COMPONENTS

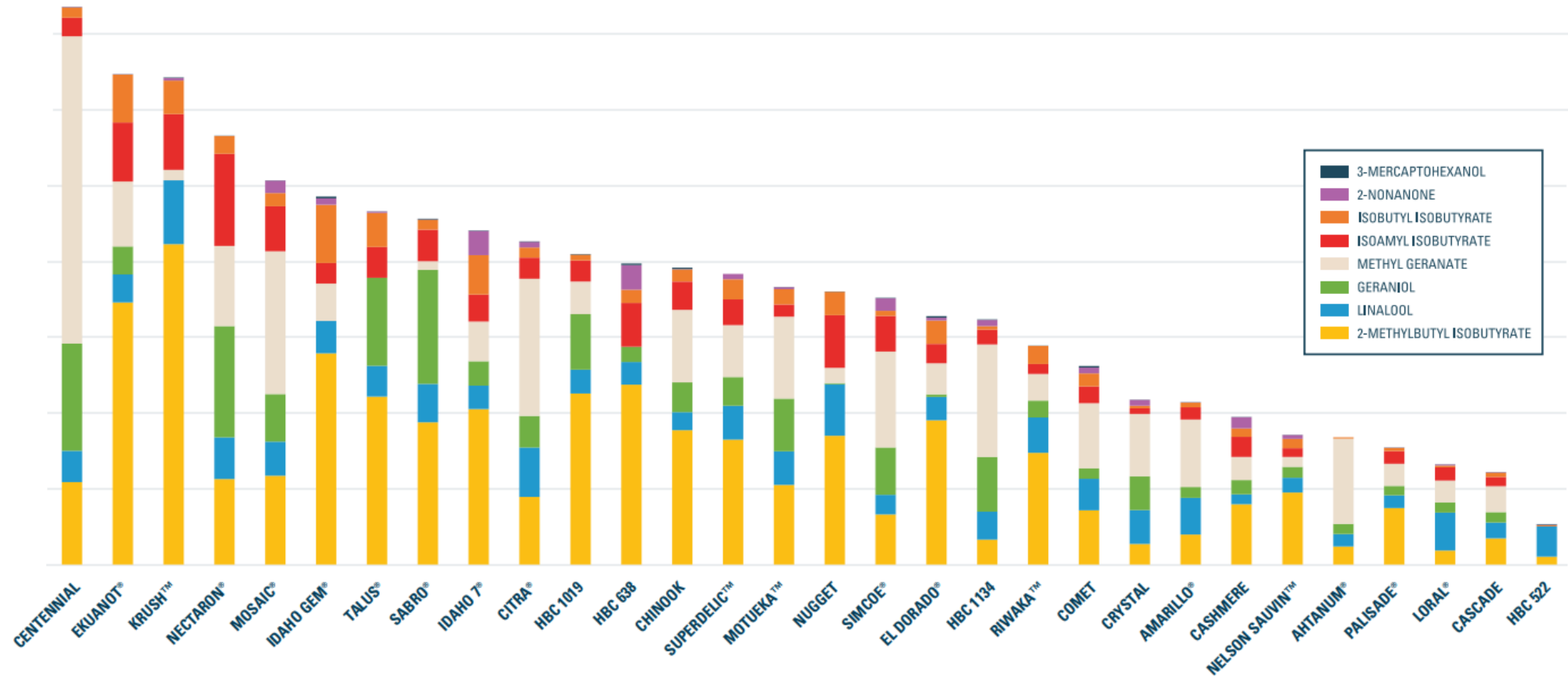
Percentage (%)

β-PINENE	1.0%
MYRCENE	66.1%
LINALOOL	0.5%
CARYOPHYLLENE	4.4%
FARNESENE	
HUMULENE	10.0%
GERANIOL	1.4%
OTHER	16.6%

OTHER

HSI	0.244
HPLC COHUMULONE	
HPLC COLUPULONE	
MOISTURE	9%
SPRAY RECORD NOTES	Etoxazole was not applied, Bifenazate was not applied

CY2024 Chart



GOOD CANDIDATES FOR HIGH IMPACT EARLY IN THE BREWING PROCESS
(LATE KETTLE, WP, AFDH)

BETTER UTILIZED LATER IN THE BREWING PROCESS
(PFDH)

Chart Utilization: Addition Timing

Use high survivables hops early (or late)

- Hops with higher concentrations of survivable compounds are likely to be more successful when used earlier in the brewing process (late kettle, WP or AFDH)
- Krush® would be a better choice than Loral®

Use low survivable hops late

- Hops with lower concentrations of survivable compounds will likely be more successful when used later in the brewing process (PFDH).
- Cashmere or Palisade® would have a better impact when used later.

Chart Utilization: Addition Timing

Load wort streams with high survivables early

- High concentrations of survivables in whirlpool and active fermentation dry hopping can create conditions necessary for beneficial biotransformation.
- A whirlpool addition of Idaho 7[®] with AFDH of Sabro[®] and Simcoe[®] is likely to yield a huge flavor impact.

Blend hops to maximize beneficial concentrations

- Focus on balancing high concentrations when creating blends.
- Loral[®] is high in linalool and Talus[®] is high in geraniol, the two of them are likely to work well in concert. Loral[®] and Crystal are both high in linalool and would therefore likely create a less dynamic and more one-dimensional blend.

Geraniol Biotransformation

- Investigating the biotransformation of geraniol during fermentation using a deuterated (isotopically flagged) chemical standard
- First time this phenomenon has been studied using a deuterated chemical standard
 - Essentially leaves a 'flag' behind wherever the compound was involved in a chemical reaction
- Citronellol is the main final product of this phenomenon
- Reaction pathways involved
 - Reduction into citronellol
 - Esterification (acetylation) into citronellyl acetate and geranyl acetate
 - Hydrolysis of acetate products back into citronellol and geraniol



THANK YOU!

