

# Using Beer Sensory for Recipe Development

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## Agenda



Our Systems

.and how you can apply them



Factors Affecting Design

Dosing rates, times, and more



**Tasting** 

Compare beers in real time

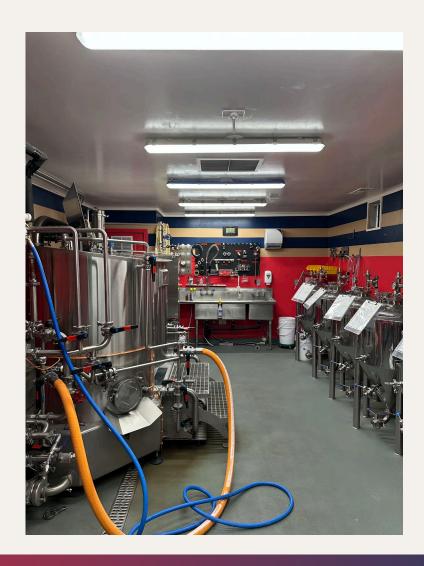


### **Our Brewery**

5 hL brewhouse

8 – 1hL fermenters

Lab Scale Equipment





## **YCH Sensory Program**

#### <u>Hops</u>

- Intake (Harvest Panel) QDA
- Finished Goods (QC Panel) CATA
- Research Projects QDA

#### **Beer**

- Roundtable Qualitative
- Research Projects QDA + CATA
- Discrimination
- Preference



### **Use Sensory to Fit Your Needs**

- Descriptive analysis to describe and track over time
  - Does this new hop make tasty beer?
  - Has our process drifted and caused our brand profile to change?
- Discrimination testing to assess ingredient and process changes
  - Does this new hop change our beer's flavor?
- Preference Testing to determine which beer is better
  - Is this new recipe better or worse than the previous one?



### **Descriptive Analysis**

- Develop a lexicon
  - Everyone needs to speak the same language
- Train a panel
  - Give all panelists the same points of reference
- Record results
  - Make it fit your brewery
- ASBC Resources



### **Descriptive Analysis**

#### **QDA**

Attributes and their intensities

#### **CATA**

Attributes only

#### True to Brand

Specific lexicon for each brand



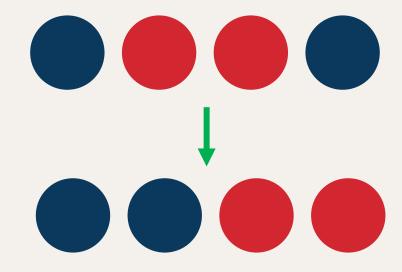
## **Discrimination Testing (Tetrad)**

- Tetrads are very simple!
- Use employees or <u>customers</u> (if that's allowed)
- Use these tests to confirm a change to the beer won't be detected by your consumers



## **Discrimination Testing (Tetrad)**

- Pour 2 pairs of matching samples and see if tasters can re-pair them
- Paper ballots and disposable cups work best
- Use a label gun if you want to be efficient





## **Preference Testing**

- Great opportunity to interact with customers in the tap room
- Simple testing which sample do you like most?
- Build a 'panel' of committed tasters





### Hop Products vs Beer Recipes



## Similar Processes for Different Goals

#### Product Development

- Understand how the product really works
- Conversion from T-90
- Optimal dosing location
- Optimal usage rate

#### Recipe Design

- Understand how the product affects my beer
- How much should I use?
- Which variety should I use?
- Where should I use it?



### **T-90 Conversion Rate**

#### Our Process

- Dose beers with various ratios of new products
- Assess via descriptive panel and / or tetrad tests
- Use practical data as a starting point
  - Oil or alpha concentration
  - Production yields
- Get feedback from brewers



### To Emulsify or Not?

#### **Product Considerations**

- Non-emulsified products are more consistent the math is simple
- <u>Emulsified</u> products increase aroma more effectively, but also change the aromatic profile, so brand-specific testing needs to be done



**Lager** 2 g/L T-90 Dry Hop

Control No Dose

Emulsified Low 0.25 g/L 0.005 g/L Oil Non-emulsified 0.01 g/L 0.01 g/L Oil

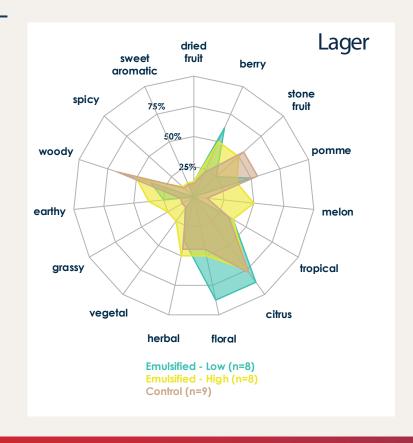
Emulsified High 0.5 g/L 0.01 g/L Oil IPA 10 g/L T-90 Dry Hop

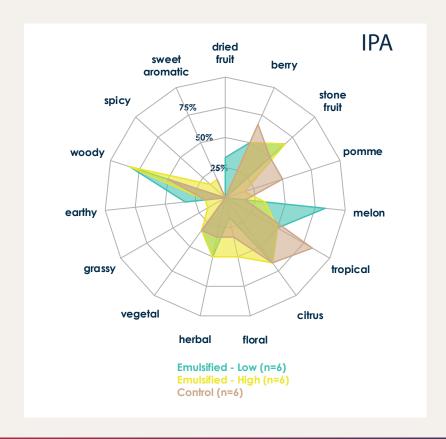
**Control**No Dose

Emulsified Low 0.16 g/L 0.0032 a/L Oil **Non-emulsified** 0.0125 g/L 0.0125 g/L Oil

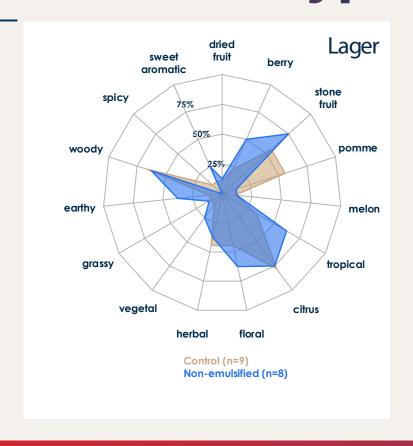
Emulsified High 0.33 g/L 0.0066 g/L Oil

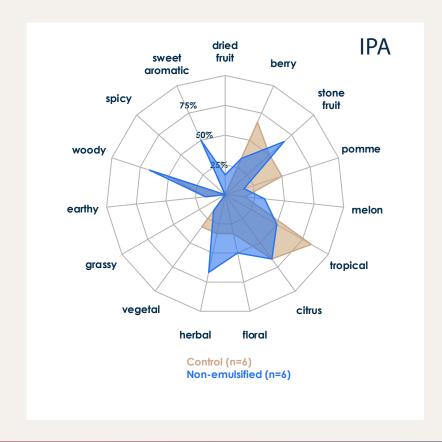




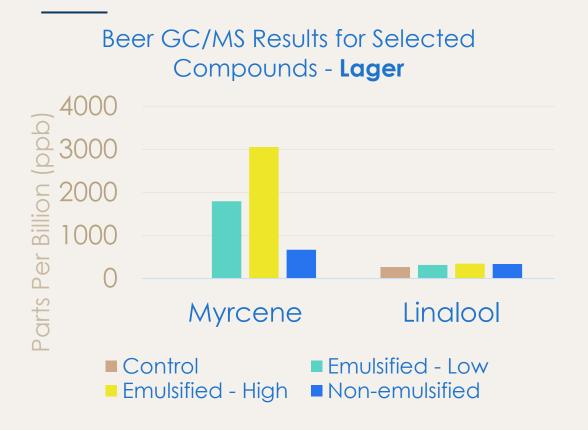


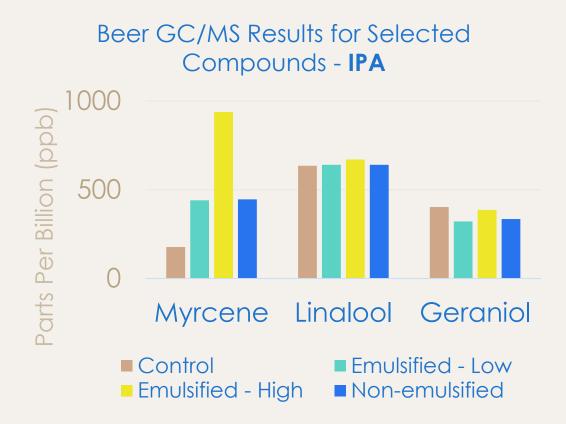












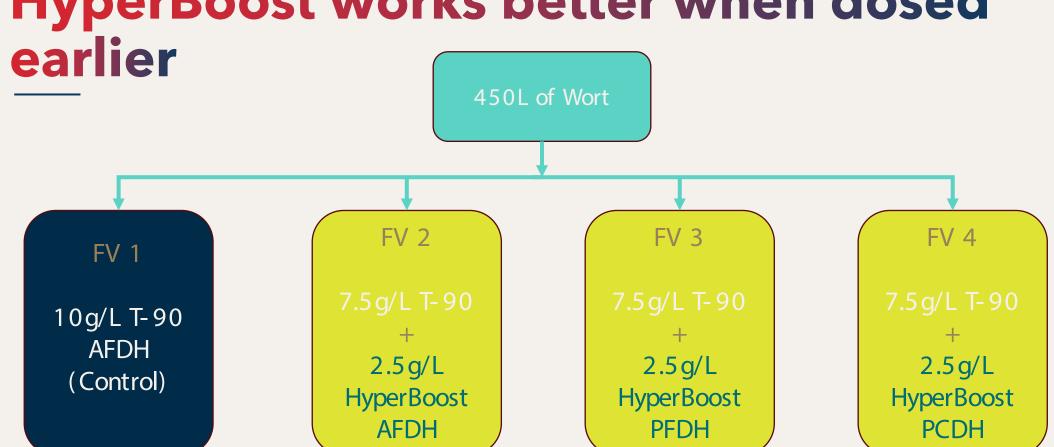


## **Dosage Timing**

- Where will this product work best for your beer?
- Split batches provide the most information



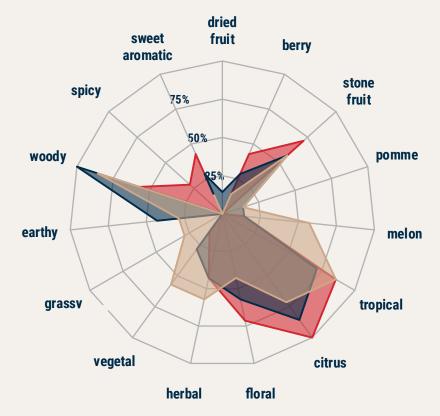
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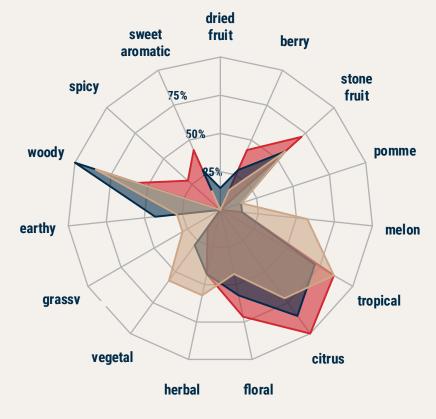


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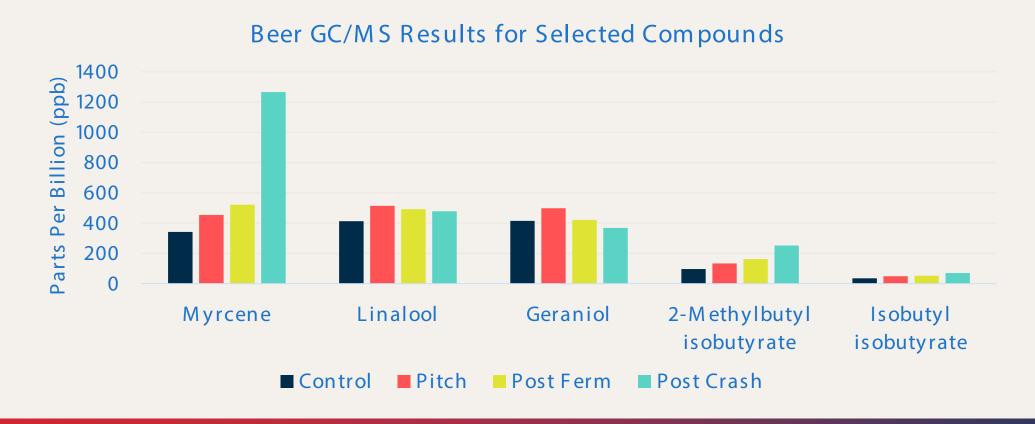


Active ferm dosing led to the most positive flavors

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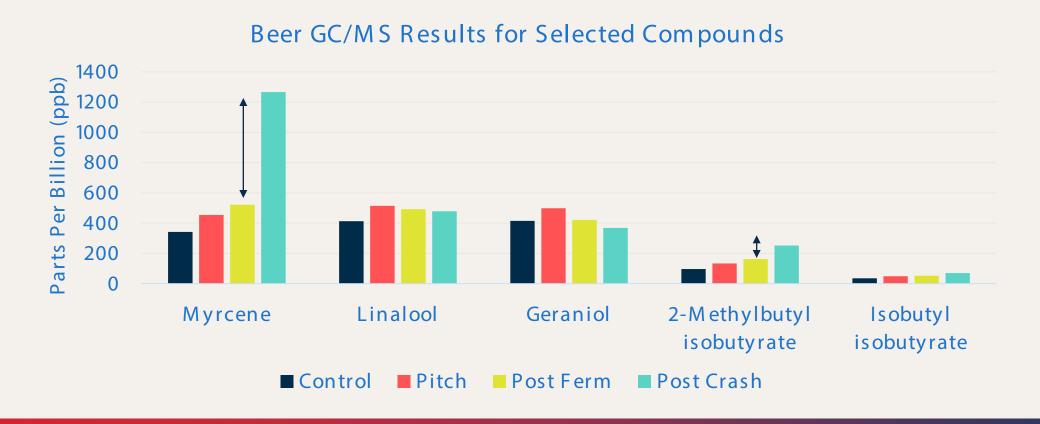


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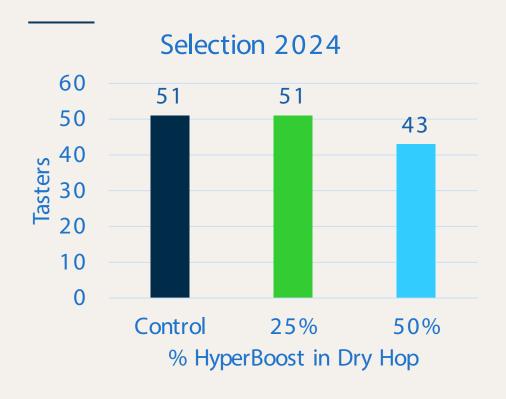
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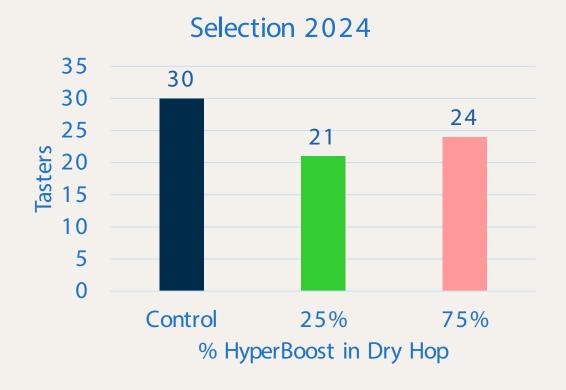
#### HyperBoost Preference Testing

- Same wort, different levels of HyperBoost in the dry hop
- What differences exist between beers?
- Which do you prefer?



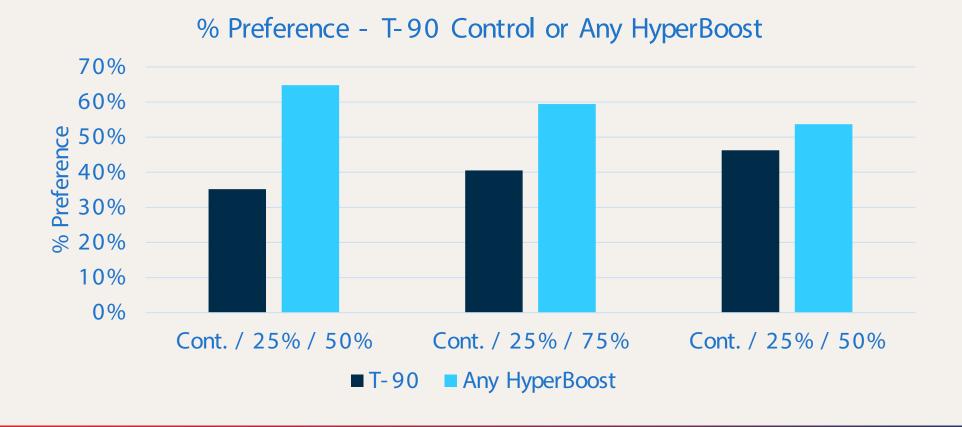
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## It's time to try it for yourselves!





Which beer do you like the most?





248 –T-90 Control 357 –25% HyperBoost @ Pitch 679 –50% HyperBoost @ Pitch

Krush – T-90 / HyperBoost – 50% Talus – T-90 – 30% Mosaic – T-90 – 20%

