The Valley Vintner

Determination of Free SO₂ via Aspiration Method

Lab equipment needed

Valley Vintner SO₂ apparatus set 50 ml plastic graduated cylinder (Included) 100 ml glass volumetric flask (for mixing own reagents if desired - sold separately)

Chemical Reagents needed (Included in Kit)

1. 0.3% H₂0₂ (If desired purchase 3% hydrogen peroxide from drug/grocery store. Use 10ml pipet to measure 10 ml into 100ml volumetric flask and make up to mark with distilled water.) 2. 0.01 M NaOH (Prepare from 0.1 M Sodium Hydroxide* using 10 ml pipet and volumetric flask.)

- 3. 25% w/v H₃PO₄ (Phosphoric Acid)
- 4. SO₂ Indicator

Analysis Procedure

- 1. Set up SO₂ apparatus per picture with air tubing fitted to glass tube on side arm of round bottom boiling flask.
- 2. Fill buret with 0.01% NaOH.
- 3. Add ~ 10 ml 0.3% H_2O_2 (fill to the mark) to the ground glass receiving cylinder. Add 4 drops of SO₂ Indicator..
- 4. Add small amount of 0.01 NaOH (i.e. 1–2 drops using squeeze dropper) to H₂0₂ until it turns from dull grayish green color to bright Kelly green.
- 5. Pipet 20 ml of wine into boiling flask through top opening.
- 6. Using 50 ml graduated cylinder, add 10 ml of H_3PO_4 to boiling flask and immediately affix white connecting tube with rubber cork and ground glass fittings to both flask and cylinder.
- 7. Turn on air pump and adjust airflow using black control valve until bubbles in receiving cylinder are approximately ½ way up side of cylinder. Decrease airflow if liquid in boiling flask starts to froth up into neck of flask.
- 8. Aspirate sample for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, turn off air pump and immediately remove rubber cork with tubing from boiling flask.
- 9. Disconnect receiving cylinder and titrate contents with 0.01 M NaOH using buret. End point is when liquid in cylinder turns from purple back to Kelly green.
- 10. Number of ml's to affect the change x 16 gives the amount of Free SO₂ (as ppm) in the wine.

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Notes

- 1. Recommend that $0.3 \% H_2 0_2$ and 0.01 M NaOH be stored in refrigerator.
- 2. Recommend that new 0.01 NaOH be made up every \sim 30 days.
- 3. Standardize 0.1 M NaOH with 0.1 M HCl every time new 0.01 NaOH is made up.



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