

## Density and Specific Gravity at 20°C

### 1. Definition

Density is the mass per unit volume of wine or must at 20°C. It is expressed in grams per milliliter, and denoted by the symbol  $\rho_{20^{\circ}\text{C}}$ .

Specific gravity at 20°C (or 2°C/2°C relative density) is the ratio, expressed as a decimal number, of the density of the wine or must at 20°C to the density of water at the same temperature, and is denoted by the symbol  $d_{20^{\circ}\text{C}}^{20^{\circ}\text{C}}$

### 2. Principle

Density and specific gravity at 20°C are determined on the sample for testing:

- by areometry (hydrometry)

*Note:* For very accurate measurement, the density and relative density must be corrected for the presence of sulfur dioxide.

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{20} &= \rho'_{20} - 0.0006 \times S \\ \rho_{20} &= \text{the corrected density} \\ \rho'_{20} &= \text{the observed density} \\ S &= \text{total sulfur dioxide in g/L}\end{aligned}$$

### 3. Preliminary treatment of sample

If the wine or the must contains appreciable quantities of carbon dioxide, remove most of this by agitating 250 mL of wine in a 1000 mL flask, or by filtering under reduced pressure through 2 g of cotton wool placed in an extension tube.

### 4. Working Methods

#### 4.1. Hydrometry

##### 4.1.1 Apparatus

##### 4.1.1.1 Hydrometer

Hydrometers must meet the AFNOR requirements regarding their dimensions and graduations.

They must have a cylindrical body, a stem of circular cross-section not less than 3 mm in diameter. For dry wines, they must be graduated from 0.983 to

1.003 with graduation marks every 0.0010 and 0.0002; each mark at 0.0010 must be separated from the next corresponding mark by at least 5 mm. For measuring the density of non-alcoholic wines, sweet wines and musts, a set of five hydrometers are to be used, graduated from 1.000 to 1.030, from 1.030 to 1.060, from 1.060 to 1.090, from 1.090 to 1.120 and from 1.120 to 1.150. These hydrometers shall be graduated for density at 20°C by marks every 0.0010 and 0.0005, with each 0.0010 being separated from the next corresponding mark by at least 3 mm. These hydrometers are to be graduated so they are read "at the top of the meniscus". The indication of the graduation in density or specific gravity at 20°C, and of the reading of the top of the meniscus, is to be carried either on the graduated scale or on a strip of paper enclosed on the bulb.

These hydrometers must be checked by an official authority.

4.1.1.2 Thermometer, in intervals of not less than 0.5°C.

4.1.1.3 A measuring cylinder with internal diameter 36 mm and height 320 mm, held vertical by supporting leveling screws.

#### 4.1.2 *Procedure*

Place 250 mL of the prepared sample (3.) in the measuring cylinder 4.1.1.3; insert the hydrometer and thermometer. Mix the sample and wait one minute to allow temperature equilibration; read the thermometer. Remove the thermometer and after a further one minute read the apparent density at  $t^{\circ}\text{C}$  on the stem of the hydrometer.

Correct the apparent density (as read at  $t^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) for the effect of temperature, using the tables for dry wines (Table V), for musts (Table VI) or for wines containing sugar (Table VII).

The 20°C/20°C specific gravity is obtained by dividing the density at 20°C by 0.998203.

Table V

Temperature corrections  $c$  for the density of dry wines and dry wines with alcohol removed, measured with an *ordinary-glass* pycnometer or hydrometer at  $t$  °C, to correct to 20°C.

$$\rho_{20} = \rho_t \pm \frac{c}{1000} \quad \begin{array}{l} - \text{ if } t^\circ \text{ is less than } 20^\circ \text{C} \\ + \text{ if } t^\circ \text{ is more than } 20^\circ \text{C} \end{array}$$

		Alcoholic strength																								
		0	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Temperatures in °C	10°	1,45	1,51	1,55	1,58	1,64	1,76	1,78	1,89	1,98	2,09	2,21	2,34	2,47	2,60	2,15	2,93	3,06	3,22	3,39	3,57	3,75	3,93	4,12	4,31	
	11°	1,35	1,40	1,43	1,47	1,52	1,58	1,65	1,73	1,83	1,93	2,03	2,15	2,26	2,38	2,51	2,65	2,78	2,93	3,08	3,24	3,40	3,57	3,73	3,90	
	12°	1,24	1,28	1,31	1,34	1,39	1,44	1,50	1,58	1,66	1,75	1,84	1,94	2,04	2,15	2,26	2,38	2,51	2,63	2,77	2,91	3,05	3,19	3,34	3,49	
	13°	1,12	1,16	1,18	1,21	1,25	1,30	1,35	1,42	1,49	1,56	1,64	1,73	1,82	1,91	2,01	2,11	2,22	2,33	2,45	2,57	2,69	2,81	2,95	3,07	
	14°	0,99	1,03	1,05	1,07	1,11	1,14	1,19	1,24	1,31	1,37	1,44	1,52	1,59	1,67	1,75	1,84	1,93	2,03	2,13	2,23	2,33	2,44	2,55	2,66	
	15°	0,86	0,89	0,90	0,92	0,95	0,98	1,02	1,07	1,12	1,17	1,23	1,29	1,35	1,42	1,49	1,56	1,63	1,71	1,80	1,88	1,96	2,05	2,14	2,23	
	16°	0,71	0,73	0,74	0,76	0,78	0,81	0,84	0,87	0,91	0,95	0,99	1,05	1,10	1,15	1,21	1,27	1,33	1,39	1,45	1,52	1,59	1,66	1,73	1,80	
	17°	0,55	0,57	0,57	0,59	0,60	0,62	0,65	0,67	0,70	0,74	0,77	0,81	0,84	0,88	0,92	0,96	1,01	1,05	1,10	1,15	1,20	1,26	1,31	1,36	
	18°	0,38	0,39	0,39	0,40	0,41	0,43	0,44	0,46	0,48	0,50	0,52	0,55	0,57	0,60	0,62	0,65	0,68	0,71	0,74	0,78	0,81	0,85	0,88	0,91	
	19°	0,19	0,20	0,20	0,21	0,21	0,22	0,23	0,24	0,25	0,26	0,27	0,28	0,29	0,30	0,32	0,33	0,34	0,36	0,38	0,39	0,41	0,43	0,44	0,46	
	20°																									
	21°	0,21	0,22	0,22	0,23	0,23	0,24	0,25	0,25	0,26	0,27	0,28	0,29	0,31	0,32	0,34	0,35	0,36	0,38	0,39	0,41	0,43	0,44	0,46	0,48	
	22°	0,43	0,45	0,45	0,46	0,47	0,49	0,50	0,52	0,54	0,56	0,58	0,60	0,62	0,65	0,68	0,71	0,73	0,77	0,80	0,83	0,86	0,89	0,93	0,96	
	23°	0,67	0,69	0,70	0,71	0,72	0,74	0,77	0,79	0,82	0,85	0,88	0,91	0,95	0,99	1,03	1,07	1,12	1,16	1,21	1,25	1,30	1,35	1,40	1,45	
	24°	0,91	0,93	0,95	0,97	0,99	1,01	1,04	1,07	1,11	1,15	1,20	1,24	1,29	1,34	1,39	1,45	1,50	1,56	1,62	1,69	1,76	1,82	1,88	1,95	
	25°	1,16	1,19	1,21	1,23	1,26	1,29	1,33	1,37	1,42	1,47	1,52	1,57	1,63	1,70	1,76	1,83	1,90	1,97	2,05	2,13	2,21	2,29	2,37	2,45	
	26°	1,42	1,46	1,49	1,51	1,54	1,58	1,62	1,67	1,73	1,79	1,85	1,92	1,99	2,07	2,14	2,22	2,31	2,40	2,49	2,58	2,67	2,77	2,86	2,96	
	27°	1,69	1,74	1,77	1,80	1,83	1,88	1,93	1,98	2,05	2,12	2,20	2,27	2,35	2,44	2,53	2,63	2,72	2,82	2,93	3,04	3,14	3,25	3,37	3,48	
	28°	1,97	2,03	2,06	2,09	2,14	2,19	2,24	2,31	2,38	2,46	2,55	2,63	2,73	2,83	2,93	3,03	3,14	3,26	3,38	3,50	3,62	3,75	3,85	4,00	
	29°	2,26	2,33	2,37	2,41	2,45	2,50	2,57	2,64	2,73	2,82	2,91	2,99	3,11	3,22	3,34	3,46	3,58	3,70	3,84	3,97	4,11	4,25	4,39	4,54	
30°	2,56	2,64	2,67	2,72	2,77	2,83	2,90	2,98	3,08	3,18	3,28	3,38	3,50	3,62	3,75	3,88	4,02	4,16	4,30	4,46	4,61	4,76	4,92	5,07		

Note: This table can be used to convert  $d_{20}^t$  to  $d_{20}^{20}$

**Table VI**

Temperature corrections c required for the density of natural or concentrated musts, measured with an *ordinary-glass* pycnometer-or hydrometer at  $t^{\circ}\text{C}$ , to correct to  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

$$\rho_{20} = \rho_t \pm \frac{c}{1000} \quad \begin{array}{l} - \text{ if } t^{\circ} \text{ is less than } 20^{\circ}\text{C} \\ + \text{ if } t^{\circ} \text{ is more than } 20^{\circ}\text{C} \end{array}$$

		Masses volumiques																						
		1,05	1,06	1,07	1,08	1,09	1,10	1,11	1,12	1,13	1,14	1,15	1,16	1,18	1,20	1,22	1,24	1,26	1,28	1,30	1,32	1,34	1,36	
Température en °C	10°	2,17	2,34	2,52	2,68	2,85	2,99	3,16	3,29	3,44	3,58	3,73	3,86	4,13	4,36	4,60	4,82	5,02	5,25	5,39	5,56	-5,73	5,87	
	11°	2,00	2,16	2,29	2,44	2,59	2,73	2,86	2,99	3,12	3,24	3,37	3,48	3,71	3,94	4,15	4,33	4,52	4,69	4,85	5,01	5,15	5,29	
	12°	1,81	1,95	2,08	2,21	2,34	2,47	2,58	2,70	2,82	2,92	3,03	3,14	3,35	3,55	3,72	3,90	4,07	4,23	4,37	4,52	4,64	4,77	
	13°	1,62	1,74	1,85	1,96	2,07	2,17	2,28	2,38	2,48	2,59	2,68	2,77	2,94	3,11	3,28	3,44	3,54	3,72	3,86	3,99	4,12	4,24	
	14°	1,44	1,54	1,64	1,73	1,82	1,92	2,00	2,08	2,17	2,25	2,34	2,42	2,57	2,73	2,86	2,99	3,12	3,24	3,35	3,46	3,57	3,65	
	15°	1,21	1,29	1,37	1,45	1,53	1,60	1,68	1,75	1,82	1,89	1,97	2,03	2,16	2,28	2,40	2,51	2,61	2,71	2,80	2,89	2,94	3,01	
	16°	1,00	1,06	1,12	1,19	1,25	1,31	1,37	1,43	1,49	1,54	1,60	1,65	1,75	1,84	1,94	2,02	2,09	2,17	2,23	2,30	2,36	2,42	
	17°	0,76	0,82	0,86	0,91	0,96	1,00	1,05	1,09	1,14	1,18	1,22	1,25	1,32	1,39	1,46	1,52	1,57	1,63	1,67	1,71	1,75	1,79	
	18°	0,53	0,56	0,59	0,63	0,65	0,69	0,72	0,74	0,77	0,80	0,82	0,85	0,90	0,95	0,99	1,02	1,05	1,09	1,13	1,16	1,18	1,20	
	19°	0,28	0,30	0,31	0,33	0,35	0,36	0,38	0,39	0,41	0,42	0,43	0,43	0,46	0,48	0,50	0,52	0,54	0,55	0,57	0,58	0,59	0,60	
	20°																							
	21°	0,28	0,29	0,31	0,33	0,34	0,36	0,37	0,39	0,40	0,41	0,43	0,44	0,46	0,48	0,51	0,54	0,56	0,57	0,58	0,59	0,60	0,60	
	22°	0,55	0,58	0,61	0,64	0,67	0,70	0,73	0,76	0,78	0,81	0,84	0,87	0,93	0,97	1,02	1,06	1,09	1,12	1,15	1,17	1,19	1,19	
	23°	0,85	0,90	0,95	0,99	1,04	1,08	1,12	1,16	1,21	1,25	1,29	1,32	1,39	1,46	1,52	1,58	1,62	1,68	1,72	1,75	1,77	1,79	
	24°	1,15	1,19	1,25	1,31	1,37	1,43	1,48	1,54	1,60	1,65	1,71	1,76	1,86	1,95	2,04	2,11	2,17	2,23	2,29	2,33	2,35	2,37	
	25°	1,44	1,52	1,59	1,67	1,74	1,81	1,88	1,95	2,02	2,09	2,16	2,22	2,34	2,45	2,55	2,64	2,74	2,81	7,87	2,90	2,92	2,96	
26°	1,76	1,84	1,93	2,02	2,10	2,18	2,25	2,33	2,41	2,49	2,56	2,64	2,78	2,91	3,03	3,15	3,26	3,37	3,47	3,55	3,62	3,60		
27°	2,07	2,16	2,26	2,36	2,46	2,56	2,65	2,74	2,83	2,91	3,00	3,07	3,24	3,39	3,55	3,69	3,82	3,94	4,04	4,14	4,23	4,30		
28°	2,39	2,51	2,63	2,74	2,85	2,96	3,06	3,16	3,28	3,38	3,48	3,57	3,75	3,92	4,08	4,23	4,37	4,51	4,62	4,73	4,80	4,86		
29°	2,74	2,86	2,97	3,09	3,22	3,34	3,46	3,57	3,69	3,90	3,90	4,00	4,20	4,39	4,58	4,74	4,90	5,05	5,19	5,31	5,40	5,48		
30°	3,06	3,21	3,35	3,50	3,63	3,77	3,91	4,02	4,15	4,28	4,40	4,52	4,75	4,96	5,16	5,35	5,52	5,67	5,79	5,91	5,99	6,04		

Note: This table can be used to convert  $d_{20}^t$  to  $d_{20}^{20}$

Table VII

Temperature corrections  $c$  required for the density of dessert wines,  
measured in an *ordinary-glass* pycnometer, or hydrometer at  $t$  °C to correct this to 20 °C.

$$\rho_{20} = \rho_t \pm \frac{c}{1000} \quad \begin{array}{l} - \text{ if } t^\circ \text{ is less than } 20^\circ\text{C} \\ + \text{ if } t^\circ \text{ is more than } 20^\circ\text{C} \end{array}$$

Temperature in °C		13% vol. wine							15% vol. wine							17% vol. wine						
		Density							Density							Density						
		1,000	1,020	1,040	1,060	1,080	1,100	1,120	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,060	1,080	1,100	1,120	1,000	1,020	1,040	1,060	1,080	1,100	1,120
10°		2,24	2,58	2,93	3,27	3,59	3,89	4,18	2,51	2,85	3,20	3,54	3,85	4,02	4,46	2,81	3,15	3,50	3,84	4,15	4,45	4,74
11°		2,06	2,37	2,69	2,97	3,26	3,53	3,78	2,31	2,61	2,93	3,21	3,51	3,64	4,02	2,57	2,89	3,20	3,49	3,77	4,03	4,28
12°		1,87	2,14	2,42	2,67	2,94	3,17	3,40	2,09	2,36	2,64	2,90	3,16	3,27	3,61	2,32	2,60	2,87	3,13	3,39	3,63	3,84
13°		1,69	1,93	2,14	2,37	2,59	2,80	3,00	1,88	2,12	2,34	2,56	2,78	2,88	3,19	2,09	2,33	2,55	2,77	2,98	3,19	3,39
14°		1,49	1,70	1,90	2,09	2,27	2,44	2,61	1,67	1,86	2,06	2,25	2,45	2,51	2,77	1,83	2,03	2,23	2,42	2,61	2,77	2,94
15°		1,25	1,42	1,59	1,75	1,90	2,05	2,19	1,39	1,56	1,72	1,88	2,03	2,11	2,32	1,54	1,71	1,87	2,03	2,18	2,32	2,47
16°		1,03	1,17	1,30	1,43	1,55	1,67	1,78	1,06	1,27	1,40	1,53	1,65	1,77	1,88	1,25	1,39	1,52	1,65	1,77	1,89	2,00
17°		0,80	0,90	1,00	1,09	1,17	1,27	1,36	0,87	0,98	1,08	1,17	1,26	1,35	1,44	0,96	1,06	1,16	1,26	1,35	1,44	1,52
18°		0,54	0,61	0,68	0,75	0,81	0,86	0,92	0,60	0,66	0,73	0,80	0,85	0,91	0,97	0,66	0,72	0,79	0,86	0,92	0,97	1,03
19°		0,29	0,33	0,36	0,39	0,42	0,45	0,48	0,32	0,36	0,39	0,42	0,45	0,48	0,51	0,35	0,38	0,41	0,45	0,48	0,51	0,53
20°																						
21°		0,29	0,32	0,35	0,39	0,42	0,45	0,47	0,32	0,35	0,38	0,42	0,45	0,48	0,50	0,34	0,38	0,41	0,44	0,47	0,50	0,53
22°		0,57	0,64	0,70	0,76	0,82	0,88	0,93	0,63	0,69	0,75	0,81	0,87	0,93	0,99	0,68	0,75	0,81	0,87	0,93	0,99	1,04
23°		0,89	0,98	1,08	1,17	1,26	1,34	1,43	0,97	1,06	1,16	1,25	1,34	1,42	1,51	1,06	1,15	1,25	1,34	1,42	1,51	1,59
24°		1,22	1,34	1,44	1,56	1,68	1,79	1,90	1,32	1,44	1,54	1,66	1,78	1,89	2,00	1,43	1,56	1,65	1,77	1,89	2,00	2,11
25°		1,61	1,68	1,83	1,98	2,12	2,26	2,40	1,66	1,81	1,96	2,11	2,25	2,39	2,52	1,80	1,94	2,09	2,24	2,39	2,52	2,66
26°		1,87	2,05	2,22	2,40	2,56	2,71	2,87	2,02	2,20	2,37	2,54	2,70	2,85	3,01	2,18	2,36	2,53	2,71	2,86	3,02	3,17
27°		2,21	2,42	2,60	2,80	3,00	3,18	3,35	2,39	2,59	2,78	2,98	3,17	3,35	3,52	2,58	2,78	2,97	3,17	3,36	3,54	3,71
28°		2,56	2,80	3,02	3,25	3,47	3,67	3,89	2,75	2,89	3,22	3,44	3,66	3,96	4,07	2,97	3,21	3,44	3,66	3,88	4,09	4,30
29°		2,93	3,19	3,43	3,66	3,91	4,14	4,37	3,16	3,41	3,65	3,89	4,13	4,36	4,59	3,40	3,66	3,89	4,13	4,38	4,61	4,82
30°		3,31	3,57	3,86	4,15	4,41	4,66	4,92	3,55	3,81	4,10	4,38	4,66	4,90	5,16	3,82	4,08	4,37	4,65	4,93	5,17	5,42



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Table VII (continued)

Temperature corrections *c* required for the density of dessert wines,  
 measured in an *ordinary-glass* pycnometer, or hydrometer at *t* °C to correct this to 20 °C.

$$\rho_{20} = \rho_t \pm \frac{c}{1000} \begin{matrix} - \text{ if } t^\circ \text{ is less than } 20^\circ\text{C} \\ + \text{ if } t^\circ \text{ is more than } 20^\circ\text{C} \end{matrix}$$

		19 % vol. wine							21 % vol. wine						
		Density							Density						
		1,00	1,02	1,04	1,06	1,08	1,10	1,12	1,00	1,02	1,04	1,06	1,08	1,10	1,12
Temperatures in °C	10°	3,14	3,48	3,83	4,17	4,48	4,78	5,07	3,50	3,84	4,19	4,52	4,83	5,12	5,41
	11°	2,87	3,18	3,49	3,78	4,06	4,32	4,57	3,18	3,49	3,80	4,09	4,34	4,63	4,88
	12°	2,58	2,96	3,13	3,39	3,65	3,88	4,10	2,86	3,13	3,41	3,67	3,92	4,15	4,37
	13°	2,31	2,55	2,77	2,99	3,20	3,41	3,61	2,56	2,79	3,01	3,23	3,44	3,65	3,85
	14°	2,03	2,23	2,43	2,61	2,80	2,96	3,13	2,23	2,43	2,63	2,81	3,00	3,16	3,33
	15°	1,69	1,86	2,02	2,18	2,33	2,48	2,62	1,86	2,03	2,19	2,35	2,50	2,65	2,80
	16°	1,38	1,52	1,65	1,78	1,90	2,02	2,13	1,51	1,65	1,78	1,91	2,03	2,15	2,26
	17°	1,06	1,16	1,26	1,35	1,44	1,53	1,62	1,15	1,25	1,35	1,45	1,54	1,63	1,71
	18°	0,73	0,79	0,85	0,92	0,98	1,03	1,09	0,79	0,85	0,92	0,98	1,05	1,10	1,15
	19°	0,38	0,41	0,44	0,48	0,51	0,52	0,56	0,41	0,44	0,47	0,51	0,54	0,57	0,59
	20°														
	21°	0,37	0,41	0,44	0,47	0,50	0,53	0,56	0,41	0,44	0,47	0,51	0,54	0,57	0,59
	22°	0,75	0,81	0,87	0,93	0,99	1,04	1,10	0,81	0,88	0,94	1,00	1,06	1,10	1,17
	23°	1,15	1,30	1,34	1,43	1,51	1,60	1,68	1,25	1,34	1,44	1,63	1,61	1,70	1,78
	24°	1,55	1,67	1,77	1,89	2,00	2,11	2,23	1,68	1,80	1,90	2,02	2,13	2,25	2,36
	25°	1,95	2,09	2,24	2,39	2,53	2,67	2,71	2,11	2,25	2,40	2,55	2,69	2,83	2,97
	26°	2,36	2,54	2,71	2,89	3,04	3,20	3,35	2,55	2,73	2,90	3,07	3,22	3,38	3,54
27°	2,79	2,99	3,18	3,38	3,57	3,75	3,92	3,01	3,20	3,40	3,59	3,78	3,96	4,13	
28°	3,20	3,44	3,66	3,89	4,11	4,32	4,53	3,46	3,69	3,93	4,15	4,36	4,58	4,77	
29°	3,66	3,92	4,15	4,40	4,64	4,87	5,08	3,95	4,20	4,43	4,68	4,92	5,15	5,36	
30°	4,11	4,37	4,66	4,94	5,22	5,46	5,71	4,42	4,68	4,97	5,25	5,53	5,77	6,02	

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