

PT 18: Spirits

Details of the program:

- Proficiency testing scheme created in 1990
- **110 registered laboratories from 27 countries**
- **PTS accredited by COFRAC**
- 10 rounds per annual series
- The time for analysis is 4 weeks
- Samples are shipped via express carrier around the 15th of the month.



Schedule:

DATE	CODE	MATRIX	VOLUME
September	0618	Liquor	750 ml
October	0318	Calvados	750 ml
November	0418	Rum	750 ml
December	0818	Stone fruits « eau-de-vie »	750 ml
January	1418	Armagnac	750 ml
February	2018	Aromatized vodka	750 ml
March	0518	Brandy	750 ml
April	0118	Whisky	750 ml
May	0918	Anised spirit	750 ml
June	0218	Cognac	750 ml

ANALYTES

Physical analysis:

Density, Dry extract, Optical density (280, 420, 430, 445, 520, 530, 620 nm and variable), Turbidity, tannin, Brix degree, Refractive index, Conductivity, Ashes^{NA}, Carbon13, Carbon14, Oxygen 18

Sugars: Total Sugars, Glucose + Fructose + Sucrose

Inorganic compounds

Cations: Lead, Calcium, Copper, Iron, Potassium, Sodium, Zinc, Magnesium

Other Compounds: Total sulfur dioxide

Volatile compounds:

Alcohols: Alcoholic strength (real and crude), Methanol, Propene-2-ol-1, Butanol-2, Propanol, isobutanol, Butanol-1, Methyl-2-butanol, Methyl-3 butanol, Hexanol, cis-3-hexenol, phenyl-2-ethanol

Esters: Ethyl acetate, Ethyl lactate, Ethyl butyrate, Ethyl caprylate, Ethyl caprate, Diethyl succinate, Ethyl laurate, Ethyl palmitate, Ethyl formate, Isoamyl acetate, Ethyl caproate, Ethyl carbamate, sum of esters

Organic acids: pH, Total acidity, Fixed acidity, Volatile acidity, Hydrogen cyanide, Glycyrrhizic acid

Other compounds: Acetaldehyde, Acetal, Isobutanol, Furfural, Total aldehydes, Sum of volatiles, N-nitrosodimethylamine^{NA}

Flavourings (depending on the matrix):

Vanillin, Anethole, cis-anethol^{NA}, trans-anethol^{NA}, Chalcones, Anisole^{NA}, Anisaldehyde^{NA}, Estragole^{NA}, Thuyone, beta-asarone^{NA}, alpha-asarone^{NA}, Geraniol^{NA}, d-limonene^{NA}, Ethyl 2-methylbutanoate^{NA}, Ethyl 3-methyl butanoate^{NA}, Linalol^{NA}, Terpinene-4-ol^{NA}, alpha-ionone^{NA}, beta-ionone^{NA}, beta-damascenone^{NA}, 1,1,6-trimethyl-1,2-dihydronaphthalene, isoeugenol^{NA}, Eugenol^{NA}, Furaneol^{NA}, Maltol^{NA}, cis-3-methyl-4-octanolide^{NA}, trans-3-methyl-4-octanolide^{NA}, Guaiacol^{NA}, Methylguaiacol^{NA}, o-Cresol^{NA}

NA *: Not accredited parameter

Note: Matrices and analytes may be changed or removed for technical or scientific reasons.

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