

# Variation in content of polyphenols and ascorbic acid as influenced by genotype, year and location

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# Background

- Increasing interest in the inclusion of fruits and berries in human diet
- Convincing evidence about the positive contributions of black currant on human health
- This is due to high levels of phenolic compounds and ascorbic acid
- Quality and composition of different compounds could be affected by factors such as genotype, climate, location, cultivation practices etc.
- It is essential for processing sector that quality of fruit is as little as possible affected by environmental conditions
- Processing sector demands for berries with high content of various compounds, together with low acidity and high content of soluble solids
- From breeding viewpoint knowledge on phenotypic and genetic data on berry quality is essential

# Objectives

Investigate the role of genotype, location and year on the single and total phenolic compounds, ascorbic acid, total anthocyanins, soluble solids and titratable acidity in black currant berries from three cultivars and two advanced selections grown by organic field management principles in the north and south of Sweden over a three year period.



# Experimental design

Plantation established in the south (Balsgård) and north (Öjebyn) of Sweden in 2006

Randomized block design

Five blocks (rows) and a plant (genotype) per plot (total Five plants per genotype)

Planting distance 4m between rows and 2m between plants

Berries harvested at full ripeness during July in the south and August in the north





# Plant material



'Ben Finlay'



'JHI 8944-13'



'Poesia'



'BRi 9504-2-227'



'Titania'

**HPLC-DAD:** Phenolic compounds

**UV Spectrophotometer:** Total phenolics and Total anthocyanins

**HPLC-UV:** Ascorbic acid

**Refractometer:** Total soluble solids

**Automatic titrator:** Titratable acid

## 1. Relative amounts of variance ( % based on R<sup>2</sup> values from regression analyses)

### A. Monomeric Anthocyanins (relative variance, %)

Source	Del-glu	Del-rut	Cya-glu	Cya-rut
Genotype	0.2	3.5	19.3	13.9
Location	2.4	1.3	2.1	1.2
Year	18.2	4.5	6.7	7.7
Genotype x Location x Year	23.4	11.7	23.8	19.8

### B. Flavonols (relative variance, %)

Source	Myr-mal-glu	Que-rut	Que-glu	Que-mal-glu	Kae-glu	Iso-glu
Genotype	5.4	14.3	0.4	0.1	34.9	45.5
Location	9.4	10.6	5.0	18.5	1.1	2.2
Year	4.5	6.2	2.4	6.6	2.7	12.4
Genotype x Location x Year	22.8	29.0	7.0	29.3	36.0	53.1

### C. Phenolic Acids, Total Phenols, Total Anthocyanins, Ascorbic Acid, Soluble Solids and Titratable Acidity (relative variance, %)

Source	Neo-chl	Chl	TP	TA	AsA	SS	TTA
Genotype	15.5	23.1	60.4	1.7	50.0	39.6	7.7
Location	7.1	1.9	6.8	6.3	17.1	14.0	1.9
Year	0.2	0.7	6.3	13.5	9.3	0.2	0.7
Genotype x Location x Year	24.7	25.1	68.7	21.4	71.2	57.5	9.8

## 2. Means (averages of locations and years) for different genotypes.

### A. Monomeric Anthocyanins ( $\mu\text{g/g DW}$ )<sup>a</sup>

Genotype	Del-glu	Del-rut	Cya-glu	Cya-rut	Sum
'Ben Finlay'	2534 b	4561 c	1173 b	4509 b	12777 ab
'JHI 8944-13'	2195 c	3795 d	1807 a	4974 a	12772 ab
'BRi 9504-2-227'	1272 d	6158 a	479 c	4955 a	12863 b
'Poesia'	3066 a	4641 c	1182 b	4660 ab	13550 a
'Titania'	2260 c	5326 b	558 c	3630 c	11774 b

### B. Flavonols ( $\mu\text{g/g DW}$ )<sup>a</sup>

Genotype	Myr-mal-glu	Que-rut	Que-glu	Que-mal-glu	Kae-glu	Iso-glu	Sum
'Ben Finlay'	92 b	217 b	147 d	8 d	140 b	41 a	715 c
'JHI 8944-13'	70 c	267 a	337 a	94 c	191 a	42 a	1001 a
'BRi 9504-2-227'	51 d	257 a	218 c	112 b	95 c	24 b	757 c
'Poesia'	147 a	249 a	305 b	134 a	66 d	21 c	922 b
'Titania'	88 b	127 c	160 d	80 d	61 d	14 d	530 d

### C. Phenolic Acids ( $\mu\text{g/g DW}$ )<sup>a</sup>, Total Phenols (mg/g GA DW), Total Anthocyanins (mg cya-glu/g DW), Ascorbic Acid (mg/100 g FW), Soluble Solids ( $^{\circ}\text{Brix}$ ) and Titratable Acidity (mL 0.1 M NaOH)

Genotype	Neo-chl	Chl	Sum	TP <sup>a</sup>	TA <sup>a</sup>	AsA <sup>b</sup>	SS <sup>b</sup>	TTA <sup>b</sup>
'Ben Finlay'	203 a	449 b	652 b	31.8 a	11.6 a	310 a	12.6 e	9.0 c
'JHI 8944-13'	121 b	1016 a	1137 a	22.0 b	10.6 b	219 b	13.3 d	8.7 d
'BRi 9504-2-227'	205 a	227 c	432 c	21.0 c	9.9 c	166 d	15.4 c	12.6 a
'Poesia'	101 c	217 c	318 d	21.8 c	11.4 a	190 c	16.7 a	10.2 b
'Titania'	51 d	248 c	299 d	19.2 d	10.5 b	148 e	15.9 b	10.1 b

<sup>a</sup>Mean based on two replicate analyses for each sample. <sup>b</sup>Mean based on three replicate analyses for each sample. Different letter/letters within each column indicate significant differences between the cultivars at  $p < 0.05$  using Duncan Post-hoc test.



### 3. Means (averages of genotypes and years) for different locations.

#### A. Monomeric Anthocyanins ( $\mu\text{g/g DW}$ )<sup>a</sup>

Location	Del-glu	Del-rut	Cya-glu	Cya-rut	Sum
South	2440 a	5237 a	922 b	4457 a	13056 a
North	2092 b	4623 b	1118 a	4619 a	12451 b

#### B. Flavonols ( $\mu\text{g/g DW}$ )<sup>a</sup>

Location	Myr-mal-glu	Que-rut	Que-glu	Que-mal-glu	Kae-glu	Iso-glu	Sum
South	103 a	252 a	214 b	120 a	96 b	28 a	812 a
North	78 b	194 b	254 a	82 b	119 a	27 a	754 b

#### C. Phenolic Acids ( $\mu\text{g/g DW}$ )<sup>a</sup>, Total Phenols, Total Anthocyanins, Ascorbic Acid, Soluble Solids and Titratable Acidity

Location	Neo-chl	Chl	Sum	TP <sup>a</sup> (mg/g GA DW)	TA <sup>a</sup> (mg cya-glu/g DW)	AsA <sup>b</sup> (mg/100 g FW)	SS <sup>b</sup> (°Brix)	TTA <sup>b</sup> (mL 0.1 M NaOH)
South	108 b	352 b	459 b	25.0 a	11.3 a	226 a	15.7 a	10.1 b
North	160 a	481 a	642 a	22.6 b	10.2 b	170 b	14.0 b	10.5 a

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#### 4. Means (averages of genotypes and locations) for different years

##### A. Monomeric Anthocyanins ( $\mu\text{g/g DW}$ )<sup>a</sup>

Year	Del-glu	Del-rut	Cya-glu	Cya-rut	Sum
2008	1844 c	4430 c	940 b	4383 b	11598 c
2009	2273 b	4925 b	989 ab	4429 b	12617 b
2010	2617 a	5357 a	1119 a	4778 a	13872 a

##### B. Flavonols ( $\mu\text{g/g DW}$ )<sup>a</sup>

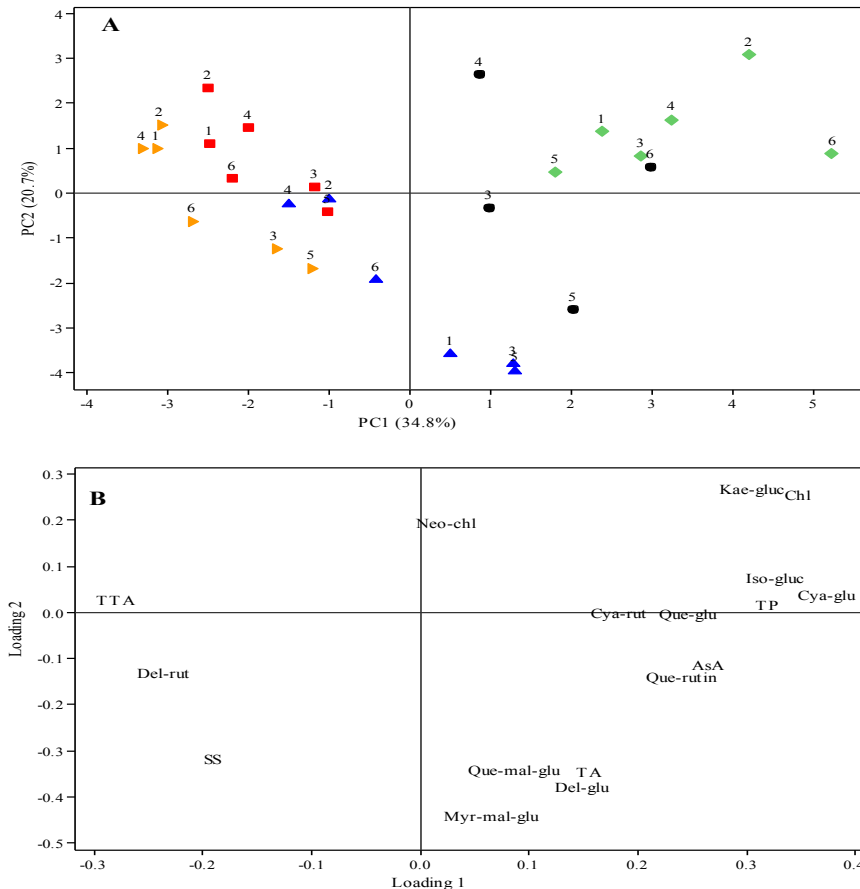
Year	Myr-mal-glu	Que-rut	Que-glu	Que-mal-glu	Kae-glu	Iso-glu	Sum
2008	85 b	204 b	230 b	89 b	114 a	24 b	746 b
2009	84 b	217 b	220 b	93 b	99 b	26 b	740 b
2010	101 a	243 a	252 a	117 a	110 a	32 a	855 a

##### C. Phenolic Acids ( $\mu\text{g/g DW}$ )<sup>a</sup>

Year	Neo-chl	Chl	Sum	TP <sup>a</sup> (mg/g GA dw)	TA <sup>a</sup> (mg cya-glu/g DW)	AsA <sup>b</sup> (mg/100 g FW)	SS <sup>b</sup> (°Brix)	TTA <sup>b</sup> (mL 0.1 M NaOH)
2008	82 b	441 a	523 b	22.9 c	10.0 c	161 c	14.4 c	10.4 a
2009	219 a	380 b	599 a	23.7 b	10.8 b	206 b	14.9 b	10.2 b
2010	96 b	433 a	529 b	24.7 a	11.3 a	217 a	15.3 a	10.2 b

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# Principal component analysis



●, Ben Finlay; ■, 'BRi 9504-2-227'; ◆, 'JHI 8944-13'; ▲, 'Poesia'; ►, 'Titania', grown in the south and north of Sweden and sampled during three years.  
 (Abbreviations used: 1 = 2008/south, 2 = 2008/north, 3 = 2009/south, 4 = 2009/north, 5 = 2010/south, 6 = 2010/north)

# Conclusions

- Genotypic effects were larger than location and year for most of the compounds
- Content of d-glu, d-rut, myr-glu, q-rut, q-glu, sum of anthocyanins and flavonols, TP, TA, AsA and TS were higher in the south of Sweden
- Content of c-glu, q-glu, k-glu, phenolic acids and TTA was higher in the north of Sweden
- Black currants growing in lower location with high content of AsA, SS, lower phenolic acids and TTA have better sensory characters than those from the north
- 'Ben Finlay', 'JHI-8944-13' and 'Poesia' high in most parameters could be suitable parents
- The effects of location on the composition of bioactive compounds should be considered while selecting cultivation site and plant material



Thank you!

