

1 **Sensory and instrumental analysis of eight genotypes of red raspberry (*Rubus***  
2 ***idaeus* L.) fruits**

3

4 Kjersti Aaby<sup>a\*</sup>, Josefine Skaret<sup>a</sup>, Dag Røen<sup>b</sup>, Anita Sønsteby<sup>c</sup>

5

6 <sup>a</sup>Nofima, Norwegian Institute of Food, Fisheries and Aquaculture Research, N-1430 Ås, Norway

7 <sup>b</sup>Graminor Ltd., N-6863 Leikanger, Norway

8 <sup>c</sup>NIBIO, Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research, N-1430 Ås, Norway

9

10 \*Corresponding author. E-mail address: [kjersti.aaby@nofima.no](mailto:kjersti.aaby@nofima.no). Telephone: +47 90972164

11

12 **Abstract**

13 **BACKGROUND:** There is a search for raspberry cultivars with high sensory quality. The best way to  
14 determine sensory quality is by descriptive analysis. To perform sensory analysis by a trained panel  
15 is, however, not always feasible. Therefore, there is a need for instrumental measurements that  
16 correlate with sensory attributes.

17 **OBJECTIVE:** To characterize eight genotypes of raspberry (*Rubus idaeus* L.) and to correlate sensory  
18 attributes with instrumentally determined quality.

19 **METHODS:** Raspberry fruits were analysed by descriptive sensory analysis and by instrumental  
20 measurements, i.e. colour, total monomeric anthocyanins, soluble solids (SS), pH, titratable acidity  
21 (TA) and volatile compounds. The relationships between sensory attributes and instrumentally  
22 determined quality were determined by partial least square regression and by univariate correlation  
23 analysis.

24 **RESULTS:** Sour and green odours/flavours versus chemical and cloying odours/flavours described  
25 most of the sensory variation of the raspberry genotypes. TA correlated with acidic taste, astringency  
26 and flavour intensity. SS/TA was positively correlated with sour flavour and sweet taste and  
27 negatively correlated with acidic taste and astringency. C6-aldehydes and (Z)-3-hexen-1-ol correlated  
28 positively with green flavour.  $\beta$ -ionone and  $\alpha$ -ionone correlated with flower odour and flavour,  
29 respectively.

30 **CONCLUSIONS:** Eight raspberry genotypes were characterized. Important sensory attributes could be  
31 predicted by instrumental measurements.

32 **Keywords:** raspberry; sensory profiling; volatile compounds; instrumental analysis; correlation

## 33 1. Introduction

34 The interest and production of raspberries (*Rubus idaeus* L.) are steadily increasing and the production  
35 worldwide is now more than 0.8 million tons, an increase from 0.5 million tons in 2010  
36 (<http://www.fao.org/faostat/>). At the same time, there is a search for new raspberry cultivars which  
37 both have good cultivation properties and are attractive for the consumers. High sensory quality is an  
38 important asset for the consumer. Sensory properties of raspberries comprise appearance, odour,  
39 flavour and texture, which together determine the attractiveness of the berries [1]. The sensory  
40 characteristics are determined by the chemical composition of the berries. Anthocyanins, mainly  
41 cyanidin glycosides, are responsible for the red-purple colour of raspberries [2, 3]. Flavour is defined  
42 by taste and odour-active compounds, i.e. volatile compounds detected by the olfactory system.  
43 Sugars and acids are the main taste compounds in raspberries, but phenolic compounds may  
44 contribute to bitter taste and astringency [4-6]. Fructose, glucose and sucrose give raspberries their  
45 sweet taste [4, 5, 7]. The perception of sweetness will, however, be modified by organic acids, mainly  
46 citric acid, and odour-active compounds [5, 7, 8]. Nearly 300 volatile compounds have been identified  
47 in raspberry fruits, with major classes of compounds being terpenes, C13 norisoprenoids, acids,  
48 alcohols and esters [8]. The raspberry aroma is due to a mixture of odour-active volatile compounds,  
49 i.e. with sufficient low odour threshold values to be detected by humans. There have been several  
50 attempts to identify the most important flavour compounds in raspberries and 4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-  
51 2-butanone (raspberry ketone) and  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -ionone are stated to be primary character impact  
52 compounds of raspberries [9, 10]. Other compounds contributing to raspberry aroma are benzyl  
53 alcohol, (Z)-3-hexen-ol, acetic acid, linalool, geraniol,  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -pinene,  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -phellandrene and  $\beta$ -  
54 caryophyllene. However, to determine the most important flavour compounds is challenging because  
55 aroma is due to a mixture of compounds and aroma active compounds can be present in very low  
56 concentrations. Furthermore, various analytical techniques have been used to extract and detect  
57 volatile compounds in raspberries and direct comparison between different studies may not be  
58 straightforward [4, 7, 10-15].

59 The most complete and objective way to determine sensory quality is descriptive analysis conducted  
60 by a trained sensory panel. To perform sensory analysis by a trained panel is, however, not always  
61 feasible. Therefore, there is an aim to identify chemical compounds and instrumental measurements  
62 that correlate with sensory attributes and thereby can be used to predict sensory quality. As an  
63 example, colour can be determined by the CIE L\*a\*b\* colour system by instrumental analysis. Sweet  
64 taste is assumed to correlate with sugar content, which easily can be determined as soluble solids (SS)  
65 with a refractometer (°Brix) and acidity is influenced by contents of organic acids and can be

66 determined as titratable acidity (TA). Volatile compounds measured by GC-MS are supposed to  
67 correlate with odour and flavour of the samples. These simpler, instrumental methods can be used to  
68 determine sensory quality on many samples, for example in breeding to evaluate new crossings and  
69 cultivars, in studies of cultivation practices, in storage experiments etc. However, for these  
70 measurements to be meaningful, they must coincide with human perception, i.e. sensory properties.  
71 There are a few reports on both chemical and sensory evaluation of raspberries [4, 5, 16], however, in  
72 these studies the sensory analysis is quite simple (only a few attributes, ranking) and/or performed on  
73 a small number of cultivars.

74 The aims of the present study were 1) to characterize fruits of eight genotypes of red raspberry (*Rubus*  
75 *idaeus* L.) and 2) to correlate sensory attributes of raspberries with instrumentally determined quality  
76 (soluble solids, titratable acidity, pH, volatile compounds, total content of anthocyanins and colour).

## 77 2. Materials and methods

### 78 2.1 Chemicals and reagents

79 (*E*)-2-Hexenal, (*Z*)-3-hexen-1-ol, (*Z*)-3-hexenal, (*Z*)-3-hexenyl acetate, (*E,E*)-2,4-hexadienal, 3-methyl-2-  
80 butenyl acetate, 3-methylbutanal, acetic acid, trans  $\alpha$ -ionone,  $\alpha$ -phellandrene,  $\alpha$ -pinene, trans  $\beta$ -  
81 ionone,  $\beta$ -pinene,  $\beta$ -caryophyllene, ethyl acetate, ethyl heptanoate, hexanal, D-limonene, methyl  
82 acetate,  $\beta$ -myrcene and p-cymene were purchased from the Sigma-Aldrich company. Sodium  
83 phosphates, potassium chloride and sodium acetate were obtained from Merck KGaA (Darmstadt,  
84 Germany). All chemicals and solvents were of analytical or HPLC grade and water was of Milli-Q quality  
85 (Millipore Corp., Cork, Ireland).

### 86 2.2 Berries

87 Red raspberries (*Rubus idaeus* L.) were grown at the experimental field at NIBIO Apelsvoll, Norway  
88 (59°40'N, 10°40', 250 m above sea level). The field was established in spring 2015. The plants were  
89 planted on low, raised beds mulched with woven black polyethylene at a planting distance of 400 x 50  
90 cm. Each experimental plot was randomly distributed and consisted of 2.5 m running row with 6 plants,  
91 and with three replications of each plot per genotype. The shoot density was regulated in spring to 4  
92 primocane shoots per plant (i.e. 8 shoots per m row). The plants were watered and fertilized via an  
93 automatic drip irrigation system. The electric conductivity (EC) of the fertilizer solution was maintained  
94 at 1.5 mS cm<sup>-1</sup>, and it was applied 1-3 times weekly (according to irrigation needs) from mid-May.  
95 Experimental harvesting of all plots was done three times a week during the season.

96 The genotypes were new cultivars and selections from Norway and UK, and the older, well established  
97 cultivars Glen Ample, Tulameen and Veten (Table 1). All cvs. are suited for fresh consumption, except  
98 for 'Veten' that was included as a typical cultivar for industrial purposes. Date of 50% harvested fruits  
99 was August 6<sup>th</sup> for 'Glen Carron' and 'Veten', August 8<sup>th</sup> for 'Glen Ample' and 'Glen Fyne', August 12<sup>th</sup>  
100 for 'Anitra', August 17<sup>th</sup> for 'Tulameen', August 21<sup>th</sup> for 'Ninni' and August 24<sup>th</sup> for RU044 03090. On  
101 August 14<sup>th</sup>, 12 punnets (300 g berries) of each genotype were picked. The berries were cooled to 4  
102 °C, before transportation to Nofima and storage overnight at 4 °C. The next day sensory analysis and  
103 analysis of volatile compounds were performed (6 punnets) and colour of whole berries were  
104 measured (2 punnets). Berries for other analyses were frozen at -20 °C prior to analysis (4 punnets).

105

### 106 2.3 *Sensory analysis*

107 The eight raspberry genotypes were analysed by a trained sensory panel with ten professional  
108 assessors using a quantitative descriptive method, ISO 13299:2016E. The assessors have been selected  
109 and trained according to guidelines in ISO 8586:2012(E) and employed exclusively to work as sensory  
110 assessors. The assessors take part in sensory analyses 12 h per week and has between 3 and 25 years  
111 of experience using descriptive analysis on various kinds of food and beverages. The sensory laboratory  
112 has been designed according to guidelines in ISO 8589 (2007) with separate booths and has electronic  
113 data registration (EyeQuestion®, Logic8 BV, Wageningen, The Netherlands).

114 Prior to analysis, the assessors were trained in definition of the chosen sensory attributes by testing  
115 samples with supposed varying intensity of the sensory attributes ('Ninni' and 'Veten'), for agreeing  
116 on the definitions of each attribute and variation in attribute intensity. Description of the 22 sensory  
117 chosen attributes is given in Table 2.

118 The raspberries were removed from cold storage two hours before serving and were room-tempered  
119 ( $18 \pm 2$  °C) at serving. The berries were served on white plastic trays with lid labelled with a random  
120 three-digit number. The panellist received five berries of uniform size of each sample, randomly picked  
121 from the six punnets. At first, odour and colour were assessed on all berries. Taste and flavour were  
122 assessed on 2-3 berries, then finally texture was assessed on the remaining berries.

123 Each genotype was served in duplicate. The samples were served in randomised order (according to  
124 sample, assessor and duplicate) in four rounds with four samples in each round. The palate was rinsed  
125 with unsalted crackers and lukewarm water between samples. The assessors recorded their results at  
126 individual speed on a 15 cm non-structured continuous scale. The data registration system  
127 (EyeQuestion®) transformed the responses into numbers between 1 (low intensity) and 9 (high  
128 intensity).

### 129 2.4 *Colour*

130 Surface colour of both whole berries and homogenised berries were measured using a digital colour  
131 imaging system (DigiEye, VeriVide Ltd., Leicester, UK). Colour of whole berries was determined on  
132 berries in the punnet and was the average of the colour of all berries in the punnet. The samples were  
133 placed in a light-box with standardised daylight (CIE D65) with diffuse lighting and photographed with  
134 a calibrated digital camera (Nikon D7000, 35 mm lens, Nikon Corp., Japan). Colour measurements in  
135 the CIE colour space ( $L^*a^*b^*$  values) were made on the pictures using DigiPix software (version 2.63).

136  $L^*$  describes lightness, where lower values indicate darker colour (0 = black) and higher values indicate  
137 lighter colour (100 = white). Hue angle ( $\arctan(b^*/a^*)$ ) designates colour shade where low values (Hue

138 = 0°) indicate a red-bluish colour and high values (Hue = 90°) indicate a yellow colour. Chroma ( $(a^{*2} +$   
139  $b^{*2})^{1/2}$ ) shows transition from grey (low values) to pure colour (high values).

## 140 2.5 Soluble solids, pH and titratable acidity

141 Berries thawed overnight at 4 °C were homogenized in a food processor and centrifugated at 39200g  
142 for 10 min (Avanti J-26 XP). The supernatant was used for analyses of soluble solids (SS), pH and  
143 titratable acidity (TA). pH was determined at room temperature with a pH meter (827 pH lab.,  
144 Metrohm, Switzerland). Content of SS was determined using a digital refractometer (RE40, Mettler  
145 Toledo Inc., Japan) and expressed as °Brix (%). TA was measured by titrating diluted supernatant (3 mL  
146 in 30 mL distilled water) with 0.1 M NaOH to pH 8.0 using an automatic titrator (Mettler Toledo T50,  
147 Switzerland). The concentration of TA was expressed as g citric acid equivalents per 100 g. The  
148 genotypes were homogenized and analysed in duplicate, i.e. berries from two punnets (each 300 g).

## 149 2.6 Total monomeric anthocyanins (TMA)

150 Berries, homogenised in a food processor (10 g), was added methanol (20 mL) and homogenised for  
151 30 s with a Polytron homogenizer (PT3100, Kinematica AG, Littau Switzerland). After centrifugation  
152 (39200g for 10 min, Avanti J-26 XP, Beckman Coulter Inc., USA), the supernatant was collected and the  
153 pellet re-extracted with 70% methanol in water (v/v) (20 mL). The supernatants were combined and  
154 the volume of the extract was made up to 50 mL with 70% methanol (v/v).

155 TMA was determined by the pH-differential method [17]. The extracts were diluted in two buffers;  
156 0.025 M potassium chloride (pH 1) and 0.4 M sodium acetate (pH 4.5). After 30 min at 20–22 °C,  
157 absorbance at 520 and 700 nm was measured (Agilent 8453 Spectrophotometer, Agilent  
158 Technologies). The genotypes were extracted and analysed in duplicate, i.e. berries from two punnets  
159 (each 300 g). The concentration of TMA was calculated as mg cyanidin-3-glucoside equivalents per 100  
160 g of fresh weight (mg/100 g fw).

## 161 2.7 Analysis of volatile compounds

162 Analysis of volatile compounds was performed by a dynamic headspace technique. The raspberries (30  
163 ± 1 g, 4-8 berries) were cut in two and weighed into an Erlenmeyer bottle (250 mL). Internal standard  
164 (ethyl heptanoate, 0.4 µg/µL) was added (2.0 µL). The samples were purged with nitrogen (100  
165 mL/min) for 30 min at ambient temperature (20-22 °C) and volatile compounds were collected on an  
166 adsorbent tube (Tenax GR, 60-80 mesh, Alltech, Deerfield, IL, USA).

167 The volatile compounds were desorbed from the adsorbent tubes in an automatic thermal desorber  
168 (Markes TD100 Thermal Desorber, Markes Int. Ltd., UK) and transferred to an Agilent 6890 GC  
169 interfaced with an Agilent 5973 Mass Selective Detector (EI, 70eV) (Agilent Technologies, USA).  
170 Positive ions were recorded in the range  $m/z$  30-400 at an acquisition rate of 3.1 scans/s. The volatile  
171 compounds were separated on a DB-WAXetr column (30 m, 0.25 mm i.d., 0.5  $\mu$ m film, Agilent J&W GC  
172 columns) with the following temperature gradient: 30 °C for 10 min, 1 °C/min to 40 °C, 3 °C/min to  
173 70°C, and 6.5 °C/min to 230 °C, hold time 5 min. Total ion chromatographic peaks were integrated by  
174 the Agilent Chemstation software. Compound identification was based on mass spectra match with  
175 the NIST98 Mass Spectral Library and comparison with authentic standards when available (see section  
176 2.1).

177 The raspberry genotypes were analysed in triplicate. Semi-quantitative amounts of volatile compounds  
178 were calculated based on peak areas relative to internal standard (ethyl heptanoate, 0.8  $\mu$ g), the  
179 weight of raspberries (ca. 30 g) and total volume of purging gas (3 L) giving the unit  $\mu$ g/(g x L).

## 180 *2.8 Statistical analysis*

181 Two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was performed to determine significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ )  
182 in sensory attributes between raspberry genotypes (EyeQuestion®, Logic8 BV). The model included  
183 genotype as a fixed effect and panellist and genotype x panellist as random effects. Significant  
184 differences between average response values were evaluated by Tukey's multiple comparisons test.  
185 To illustrate the variation among raspberry genotypes, significant sensory attributes were analysed by  
186 Principal component analysis (PCA). Partial Least Square (PLS) regression analysis was performed to  
187 explain the relations between instrumental measurements (X-variables) and sensory attributes (Y-  
188 variables). The X-variables were weighed by 1/standard deviation before analysis. Full cross-validation  
189 was used to validate the PLS model. PCA and PLS regression were performed using The Unscrambler  
190 software (The Unscrambler®X version 10.4.1, CAMO Software AS, Oslo, Norway). Univariate  
191 correlation analysis (linear regression) between sensory attributes and instrumental measurements  
192 was performed by Minitab® Statistical Software version (version 18.1, Minitab Ltd., Coventry, UK).

193

## 194 3. Results and discussion

### 195 3.1 *Sensory profile*

196 ANOVA of the sensory data revealed that there were significant differences between the raspberry  
197 genotypes in all attributes, except for flower odour and flavour intensity (Table 3).

198 Principal component analysis (PCA) showed that PC1 and PC2 described 77 and 11% of the variation  
199 among the samples, respectively (Fig. 1). Chemical and cloying odours and flavours versus firmness  
200 and sour and green flavours and odours described most of the variation in PC1, while sweet taste and  
201 sour and flower flavours versus acidic taste and astringency described the variation in PC2 (Fig. 1A).  
202 'Veten' was characterised by chemical and cloying flavours and odours and high odour intensity. 'Glen  
203 Carron' also had high levels of these attributes. 'Veten' was the less firm and the most juicy of the  
204 samples tested (Table 3). 'Ninni' and 'Glen Fyne' were characterised by sour flavour, sweet taste,  
205 flower flavour and high firmness. 'Glen Ample' and 'Anitra' were described by sour odour and green  
206 flavour and odour. 'Tulameen' was the cultivar with the highest scores for acidic taste and astringency.  
207 'Glen Ample', which is the dominating variety grown in Norway, and 'Glen Carron' had the highest  
208 colour intensity and whiteness and the lowest intensity of colour hue, i.e. was the most yellowish red  
209 and brightest of the berries tested. The berries of 'Veten' and 'Ninni' were the darkest and most bluish  
210 red with the lowest colour intensity.

211 A previous study of five raspberry cultivars showed that high ratings of overall impression were  
212 obtained when the fruits were sweet, firm, had good appearance, red colour and strong raspberry  
213 aroma and fruitiness and low astringency [4]. In a study where preference mapping was used to  
214 investigate the relationship between consumer preferences and sensory description, it was found that  
215 floral aroma, raspberry flavour, colour uniformity, shine and sweet taste were the sensory attributes  
216 contributing the most to acceptability of fresh raspberries [1]. Green aroma, on the other hand, was a  
217 negative driver of liking. Of the cultivars investigated in the present study, 'Ninni', 'Glen Fyne' and  
218 RU044 03090 would thus be expected to be preferred by the consumers, while 'Tulameen' and 'Glen  
219 Ample' might be perceived to be too astringent and acidic.

### 220 3.2 *Soluble solids, pH and titratable acidity*

221 pH in the raspberries varied from 2.79 in 'Tulameen' to 3.02 in 'Ninni' (Table 4). SS was from 8.2 g/100  
222 g in 'Glen Ample' to 10.2 g/100 g in RU044 03090. TA was lowest in 'Ninni' (1.77 g/100 g) and highest  
223 in 'Tulameen' (2.80 g/100 g), which also had the highest (5.5) and lowest (3.5) SS/TA ratios,



224 respectively. The levels of SS, TA and pH in the raspberries in the present study were similar to values  
225 previously found in berries grown in the Nordic countries [3, 5, 10, 18], while somewhat higher SS and  
226 pH and lower TA have been found in other studies [4, 16, 19]. The variation is certainly affected by  
227 cultivar, but chemical composition and especially sugars and acids are shown also to vary considerably  
228 with maturity, cultivation site and climate [3, 19].

### 229 3.3 Total monomeric anthocyanins and colour

230 Total monomeric anthocyanins (TMA) varied from 34.5 mg/100 g in 'Glen Ample' to 70.8 mg/100 g in  
231 'Veten' (Table 4), which is somewhat higher than previous determined in the same cultivars [2, 3].  
232 Colour was measured both on whole berries in a punnet and in mash of the berries. Chroma-values  
233 were similar for whole berries and berry mash, while L\*-values were higher and Hue-values were lower  
234 in the mash compared with the whole berries, i.e. the berry mash had lighter and more bluish colour  
235 than the whole berries.

### 236 3.4 Volatile compounds

237 More than 100 volatile compounds were detected in the samples, but many compounds were only  
238 present in some sample parallels. Based on abundance and/or because they previously were  
239 designated as important aroma compounds in raspberries, 24 compounds were identified and  
240 quantified relative to an internal standard (Fig. 2). Identification of the volatile compounds were based  
241 on comparison with authentic standards, except for an isomer of  $\beta$ -ionone, (*E*)-4-oxo-2-hexenal and  
242 (*E*)-3-hexenal, which were identified based on mass spectra match with a mass spectral library. The  
243 two latter, together with (*E,E*)-2,4-hexadienal, are, to our knowledge, not previously reported in  
244 raspberries [8].

245 In accordance with previous studies [8], terpenes were the largest class of volatile compounds in the  
246 raspberry genotypes. Seven monoterpenes, one sesquiterpene ( $\beta$ -caryophyllene) and three C13  
247 norisoprenoids ( $\alpha$ -ionone and two isomers of  $\beta$ -ionone) were quantified. The monoterpenes  $\alpha$ -pinene  
248 and  $\alpha$ -phellandrene were present in the highest relative concentrations in most samples. The  
249 important character impact compounds  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -ionone were detected in all raspberry genotypes,  
250 with the highest concentrations in 'Tulameen', 'Glen Fyne' and RU044 03090. The concentration of  
251 total terpenes plus C13 norisoprenoids, varied considerably, from about 20 ng/(g x L) in 'Glen Ample'  
252 and 'Veten' to more than 250 ng/(g x L) in 'Glen Carron' (Fig. 2A). The four esters identified were  
253 derivatives of acetic acid. Ethyl acetate was the single most abundant compound in the samples, with  
254 the highest concentrations in 'Veten' and RU044 03090 (Fig. 2B). Ethyl acetate has also previously been

255 found to be the major compound in ripe raspberries [12, 13]. 'Tulameen', together with 'Ninni', had  
256 the highest levels of C6 aldehydes and alcohols, mainly hexanal, (*Z*)-3-hexenal, (*Z*)-3-hexen-1-ol and  
257 (*E*)-4-oxo-2-hexenal (Fig. 2C). This is in accordance with previous studies, showing high concentrations  
258 of these compounds in 'Tulameen' compared with other cultivars [13, 20]. C6 aldehydes and alcohols  
259 are degradation products after oxidation of fatty acids primarily linolenic acid (C18:3, n-3) and are  
260 produced in response to stress, e.g after damage of cell structure when cutting or homogenising the  
261 berries [9]. The production of these oxidation products is dependent on enzyme activities, pH and fatty  
262 acid composition in the cell walls. Interestingly, 'Glen Carron', which contained high levels of terpenes,  
263 hardly contained any (*Z*)-3-hexen-1-ol or C6 aldehydes, which indicates that this genotype lack the  
264 precursor (C18:3, n-3) and/or the enzymes in the lipoxygenase pathway necessary to produce these  
265 compounds. Monoterpenes, the dominating volatile compounds in 'Glen Carron', on the other hand,  
266 are mainly formed by anabolic processes and are normally not altered by tissue disruption [9].

267 There were high correlations ( $r > 0.94$ ,  $p < 0.005$ ) between the various monoterpenes in the raspberry  
268 samples (Supplementary information, Table 1), except for  $\beta$ -myrcene, which is an acyclic monoterpene  
269 synthesised directly from geranyl pyrophosphate [21]. The sesquiterpene  $\beta$ -caryophyllene did not  
270 correlate with any of the other terpenes, neither did the C13 norisoprenoids, which are oxidation  
271 products of carotenoids and occur, as fatty acid oxidation, when the plant tissue is damaged. There  
272 were positive correlations ( $r > 0.76$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ) between all C6 compounds, but no correlation between  
273 C6 compounds and terpenes or esters, except a negative correlation with methyl acetate. Branched  
274 compounds such as 3-methylbutanal and 3-methyl-2-butenyl acetate found in 'Veten' and 'Glen  
275 Carron', respectively, are formed during the amino acid catabolism [9].

276 Condition of the berries, i.e. whole or homogenized, fresh or frozen, as well as sample preparation  
277 technique, is decisive for which volatile compounds are present and detected from the samples.  
278 Various sample preparation techniques have been used to determine volatile compounds in  
279 raspberries, e.g. solvent extraction [10, 22], dynamic headspace (purge and trap) [4, 12], solid phase  
280 micro-extraction (SPME) [7, 13, 14], stir bar sorptive extraction [15, 23] and proton-transfer reaction-  
281 mass spectrometry (PTR-MS) [13]. Like in other studies not using solvent extraction to extract volatile  
282 compounds in raspberries [4, 12, 13, 15], raspberry ketone was not detected in the current study.  
283 Homogenisation or processing in other ways prior to collecting volatile compounds will cause higher  
284 concentrations of fatty acid oxidation products, i.e. C6 aldehydes and alcohols. In online experiments  
285 (PTR-MS) a tremendous (150 times) increase in C6 volatiles after crushing raspberries was found, while  
286 compounds originating from plant metabolism e.g. acetate esters only increased 4-5 times [13]. We  
287 chose mild conditions for collection of volatile compounds; that is the berries were cut in halves and  
288 volatiles were collected at room temperature. This is not a quantitative method, but in line with the

289 aim of the study, this sampling procedure is quite like what humans are exposed to when smelling the  
290 berries.

### 291 3.5 *Correlation between sensory attributes and chemical variables*

#### 292 3.5.1 *Colour*

293 Of the instrumental measured colour parameters, L\* had the highest correlation with colour attributes  
294 determined by the sensory panel (Table 5). L\*, together with Chroma, correlated negatively with colour  
295 hue determined by the sensory panel and positively with colour intensity and whiteness. TMA and  
296 Hue, on the other hand, correlated positively with colour hue and negatively with colour intensity and  
297 whiteness. There were higher correlations between sensory determined colour and L\* and Chroma  
298 measured on the mash than measured on the whole berries, while Hue determined on the whole  
299 berries correlated better with sensory determined attributes than hue determined on berry mash.

300 Sensory determined colour was assessed by the Natural Colour System (NCS), so it might be expected  
301 that high correlations were found between sensory and instrumental determined colour.

#### 302 3.5.2 *Odour and flavour*

303 Multivariate regression analysis (PLS) was performed to explain the relations between chemical  
304 variables (pH, SS, TA, SS/TA and volatile compounds) (X) and odour and flavour attributes determined  
305 by the sensory panel (Y). Scores and loading plots of principal components (PCs) 1 and 2 are shown in  
306 Fig. 3. The first two PCs explained 58 and 84% of the variance in the X and Y data, respectively. The  
307 scores plot (Fig. 3A) is quite like the scores plot obtained after PCA of sensory attributes alone (Fig.  
308 1A). The relationships between sensory attributes and chemical constituents are illustrated in the  
309 correlation loadings plot (Fig. 3B). Variables close in the diagram had the highest correlations, e.g.  
310 acidic taste and astringency had the highest association with TA, and green odour and flavour  
311 correlated best with C6 aldehydes and alcohols.

312 The perceived odour and flavour are the result of a mixture of volatile compounds [24], thus a single  
313 volatile compound is not expected to explain one sensory attribute. Furthermore, the odour  
314 characteristic of a compound may change with concentration [25]. Multivariate analysis may thus be  
315 expected to be suited to explain the relationship between volatile compounds and sensory attributes.  
316 In the current study, only eight samples were used in the model. More samples are needed to validate  
317 the model properly, but Fig. 3 gives an overview of the relations between sensory attributes and  
318 chemical constituent. It would be advantageous if sensory attributes could be determined by a single  
319 or a few chemical constituents, preferably easy to measure. Univariate correlation analysis was

320 performed between sensory attributes and simple physio-chemical measurements (SS, TA and pH) and  
321 representative volatile compounds (Table 6). The volatile compounds were selected based on their  
322 internal correlation (see section 2.4). Significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) univariate correlations were found between  
323 TA and acidic taste, astringency and flavour intensity ( $r > 0.75$ ). Of the other physio-chemical  
324 measurements, SS was only correlated with watery flavour ( $r = -0.77$ ), while pH was not correlated  
325 with any of the sensory attributes. SS/TA was significant positively correlated with sour flavour ( $r =$   
326  $0.73$ ) and sweet taste ( $r = 0.85$ ) and negatively correlated with acidic taste ( $r = -0.91$ ) and astringency  
327 ( $r = -0.94$ ). There were no correlations between SS, TA or SS/TA and any of the odour attributes.  
328 Shamaila et al. [4] also found positive correlations between TA and sourness and astringency and  
329 positive correlation between SS/TA and sweetness and negative correlations between SS/TA and  
330 sourness and astringency. In addition, SS was found to correlate positively with fruitiness, sweetness  
331 and overall impression and negatively with sourness and astringency. In another study, sucrose, but  
332 not fructose or glucose, were found to correlate positively with sweetness, but there were no  
333 correlation between individual sugars and SS [5]. Furthermore, TA correlated positively with citric and  
334 malic acid, but no correlation between citric or malic acid and sensory scores for acidity was found. In  
335 a study of five raspberry cultivars, berries with high contents of soluble solids and high pH were shown  
336 to be preferred for flavour [16]. From ours and other studies, it seems that SS, TA and their ratio  
337 provide a good measure of sweet and acidic taste and astringency of raspberries. Furthermore, these  
338 sensory attributes are closely correlated with attractiveness of the berries.

339 Hexanal, (*Z*)-3-hexenal, (*E*)-2-hexenal and (*Z*)-3-hexen-1-ol correlated positively with green flavour ( $r >$   
340  $0.71$ ) (Table 6). (*Z*)-3-hexen-1-ol was also correlated with green odour. This is in accordance with the  
341 odour description of these compounds; green/herbaceous/leafy [26]. In accordance with their odour  
342 characterization “violet” and “floral” [22, 27], the two  $\beta$ -ionone isomers correlated with flower odour,  
343 while  $\alpha$ -ionone was correlated with flower flavour.  $\beta$ -ionone has low odour threshold value and might  
344 be important for raspberry aroma [27], but the differences between humans in sensitivity for  $\beta$ -ionone  
345 have been found to be large (100-fold) and sensitive and less sensitive individuals perceived the odour  
346 of  $\beta$ -ionone differently, i.e. fragrant and floral versus sour, acidic and pungent [25]. In the present  
347 study, no correlations were found between the cyclic monoterpenes and sensory attributes. The  
348 reason could be that the descriptions used for these compounds, i.e. pine, spicy, fresh, citrus, peppery  
349 etc. for  $\alpha$ -pinene and  $\alpha$ -phellandrene [22, 26], were not among the sensory attributes quantified in  
350 the study. Ethyl acetate has an ether-like, bittersweet odour (nail polish remover) and a relation with  
351 chemical odour and flavour might be anticipated. This was, however, not the case, though a tendency  
352 towards correlation with cloying odour ( $r = 0.64$ ,  $p = 0.09$ ) was observed. Ethyl acetate had the highest  
353 peak area in most samples, however, due to high odour threshold value, its importance for odour of

354 raspberries is found to be low [22]. The results of a study where selected aroma compounds in  
355 (previously) frozen raspberries and degree of raspberry flavour in raspberry jam were compared,  
356 indicated that raspberry ketone and  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -ionone were the most important aroma compounds in  
357 raspberries [10]. How the raspberry flavour was perceived by the sensory panel was, however,  
358 dependent on interaction between the volatile compounds present. Collection of volatile compounds  
359 from whole berries at higher temperature for a longer time (45 °C for 2 hours) gave different  
360 composition of volatile compounds than in our study and no correlation between volatile compounds  
361 and sensory attributes [4].

#### 362 **4. Conclusion**

363 The sensory profiles of eight raspberry genotypes were discriminated by variation in firmness, sour  
364 and green flavours and odours versus chemical and cloying odours and flavours, and sweet taste versus  
365 acidic taste and astringency. 'Ninni', described as firm, sweet and sour with low intensities of  
366 astringency and cloying and chemical flavours and odours, might be the most attractive cultivar for the  
367 consumers.

368 Contents of sugars and acids, determined by simple measurements of TA and SS, and especially the  
369 SS/TA ratio, correlated well with important sensory attributes such as sweet taste, acidic taste and  
370 astringency. No correlations were found between the measured sensory attributes and terpenes, the  
371 main group of volatile compounds in raspberries.  $\beta$ -ionone correlated with flower odour, while  $\alpha$ -  
372 ionone was positively correlated with flower flavour. C6 aldehydes and (Z)-3-hexen-1-ol correlated  
373 with green flavour. TMA correlated with colour of raspberries determined by the sensory panel. L\*  
374 seemed to be the instrumental colour parameter that best could predict colour as it is observed by  
375 humans.

376 Simple measurement of TA and SS and their ratio, provide information about sweetness, acidity and  
377 astringency of raspberries. The gentle dynamic headspace technique used to collect volatile  
378 compounds in the study, provided additional information about flavour and odour of the berries. The  
379 established relationship between sensory attributes and instrumental measured quality, can be used  
380 in for example raspberry breeding to identify molecular markers (eg. SNPs) for important quality  
381 parameters.

382

#### 383 **Acknowledgements**

384 Cecilia Kippe is thanked for analysis of soluble solids, titratable acidity, pH, TMA and colour. Financial  
385 support from the Norwegian Agricultural Agreement Research Fund and The Norwegian Fund for  
386 Research Fees for Agricultural products (Research Council of Norway) (project numbers 234312/E50  
387 and 262300) is gratefully acknowledged. AS also acknowledge support from the European Union's  
388 Horizon 2020 research and innovation program (grant number 679303).

389

#### 390 **Conflict of Interest**

391 The authors have no conflict of interest to report.

392

393 **References**

- 394 [1] Villamor RR, Daniels CH, Moore PP, Ross CF. Preference mapping of frozen and fresh raspberries.  
395 Journal of Food Science. 2013;78(6):S911-S9. doi: 10.1111/1750-3841.12125.
- 396 [2] Mazur SP, Nes A, Wold A-B, Remberg SF, Aaby K. Quality and chemical composition of ten red  
397 raspberry (*Rubus idaeus* L.) genotypes during three harvest seasons. Food Chem. 2014;160(0):233-  
398 40. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.foodchem.2014.02.174>.
- 399 [3] Remberg SF, Sønsteby A, Aaby K, Heide OM. Influence of postflowering temperature on fruit size  
400 and chemical composition of Glen Ample raspberry (*Rubus idaeus* L.). Journal of Agricultural and  
401 Food Chemistry. 2010;58(16):9120-8. doi:
- 402 [4] Shamaila M, Skura B, Daubeny H, Anderson A. Sensory, chemical and gas chromatographic  
403 evaluation of 5 raspberry cultivars. Food Research International. 1993;26(6):443-9. doi:  
404 10.1016/0963-9969(93)90090-6.
- 405 [5] Stavang JA, Freitag S, Foito A, Verrall S, Heide OM, Stewart D, et al. Raspberry fruit quality  
406 changes during ripening and storage as assessed by colour, sensory evaluation and chemical  
407 analyses. Sci Hortic-Amsterdam. 2015;195:216-25. doi: 10.1016/j.scienta.2015.08.045.
- 408 [6] Lesschaeve I, Noble AC. Polyphenols: factors influencing their sensory properties and their effects  
409 on food and beverage preferences. American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. 2005;81(1):330S-5S. doi:  
410 [7] Forney CF, Jamieson AR, Pennell KDM, Jordan MA, Fillmore SAE. Relationships between fruit  
411 composition and storage life in air or controlled atmosphere of red raspberry. Postharvest Biology  
412 and Technology. 2015;110:121-30. doi: 10.1016/j.postharvbio.2015.07.017.
- 413 [8] Aprea E, Biasioli F, Gasperi F. Volatile compounds of raspberry fruit: from analytical methods to  
414 biological role and sensory impact. Molecules. 2015;20(2):2445-74. doi:  
415 10.3390/molecules20022445.
- 416 [9] Christensen LP, Edelenbos M, Kreutzmann S. 7 Fruits and vegetables of moderate climate. In:  
417 Berger RG, editor. Flavours and fragrances Chemistry, bioprocessing and sustainability. Heidelberg:  
418 Springer; 2007. p. 135-88.
- 419 [10] Larsen M, Poll L, Callesen O, Lewis M. Relations between the content of aroma compounds and  
420 the sensory evaluation of 10 raspberry varieties (*Rubus idaeus* L.). Acta Agriculturae Scandinavica.  
421 1991;41(4):447-54. doi: 10.1080/00015129109439927.
- 422 [11] Vrhovsek U, Lotti C, Masuero D, Carlin S, Weingart G, Mattivi F. Quantitative metabolic profiling  
423 of grape, apple and raspberry volatile compounds (VOCs) using a GC/MS/MS method. Journal of  
424 Chromatography B-Analytical Technologies in the Biomedical and Life Sciences. 2014;966:132-9. doi:  
425 10.1016/j.jchromb.2014.01.009.

426 [12] Robertson GW, Griffiths DW, Woodford JAT, Birch ANE. Changes in the chemical composition of  
427 volatiles released by the flowers and fruits of the red raspberry (*Rubus idaeus*) cultivar Glen Prosen.  
428 Phytochemistry. 1995;38(5):1175-9. doi: 10.1016/0031-9422(94)00782-o.

429 [13] Aprea E, Biasioli F, Carlin S, Endrizzi I, Gasperi F. Investigation of volatile compounds in two  
430 raspberry cultivars by two headspace techniques: Solid-Phase Microextraction/Gas Chromatography-  
431 Mass Spectrometry (SPME/GC-MS) and Proton-Transfer Reaction-Mass Spectrometry (PTR-MS).  
432 Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry. 2009;57(10):4011-8. doi: 10.1021/jf803998c.

433 [14] de Ancos B, Ibanez E, Reglero G, Cano MP. Frozen storage effects on anthocyanins and volatile  
434 compounds of raspberry fruit. Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry. 2000;48(3):873-9. doi:  
435 10.1021/jf990747c.

436 [15] Malowicki SMA, Martin R, Qian MC. Volatile composition in raspberry cultivars grown in the  
437 Pacific northwest determined by stir bar sorptive extraction-gas chromatography-mass spectrometry.  
438 Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry. 2008;56(11):4128-33. doi: 10.1021/jf073489p.

439 [16] Bushway AA, Bushway RJ, True RH, Work TM, Bergeron D, Handley DT, et al. Comparison of the  
440 physical, chemical and sensory characteristics of 5 raspberry cultivars evaluated fresh and frozen.  
441 Fruit Varieties Journal. 1992;46(4):229-34. doi:

442 [17] Giusti MM, Wrolstad RE. Characterization and measurement of anthocyanins by UV-visible  
443 spectroscopy. In: Wrolstad RE, editor. Current Protocols in Food Analytical Chemistry. New York: John  
444 Wiley & Sons, Inc.; 2001. p. Unit F1.2.1-F.2.13.

445 [18] Skrede G, Martinsen BK, Wold AB, Birkeland SE, Aaby K. Variation in quality parameters between  
446 and within 14 Nordic tree fruit and berry species. Acta Agr Scand B-S P. 2012;62(3):193-208. doi: Doi  
447 10.1080/09064710.2011.598543.

448 [19] Malowicki SMM, Martin R, Qian MC. Comparison of sugar, acids, and volatile composition in  
449 raspberry bushy dwarf virus-resistant transgenic raspberries and the wild type 'Meeker' (*Rubus*  
450 *idaeus* L.). Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry. 2008;56(15):6648-55. doi: 10.1021/jf800253e.

451 [20] Aprea E, Carlin S, Giongo L, Grisenti M, Gasperi F. Characterization of 14 raspberry cultivars by  
452 solid-phase microextraction and relationship with gray mold susceptibility. Journal of Agricultural and  
453 Food Chemistry. 2010;58(2):1100-5. doi: 10.1021/jf902603f.

454 [21] Torssell KBG. Chapter 5 The mevalonic acid pathway. The terpenes. In: Torssell KBG, editor.  
455 Natural product chemistry A mechanistic and biosynthetic approach to secondary metabolism.  
456 Chichester: John Wiley & sons limited; 1989. p. 167-225.

457 [22] Klesk K, Qian M, Martin RR. Aroma extract dilution analysis of cv. Meeker (*Rubus idaeus* L.) red  
458 raspberries from Oregon and Washington. Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry.  
459 2004;52(16):5155-61. doi: 10.1021/jf0498721.



460 [23] Morales ML, Callejon RM, Ubedaab C, Guerreiro A, Gago C, Miguel MG, et al. Effect of storage  
461 time at low temperature on the volatile compound composition of Sevillana and Maravilla  
462 raspberries. *Postharvest Biology and Technology*. 2014;96:128-34. doi:  
463 10.1016/j.postharvbio.2014.05.013.

464 [24] Le Berre E, Beno N, Ishii A, Chabanet C, Etievant P, Thomas-Danguin T. Just noticeable  
465 differences in component concentrations modify the odor quality of a blending mixture. *Chemical*  
466 *Senses*. 2008;33(4):389-95. doi: 10.1093/chemse/bjn006.

467 [25] Jaeger SR, McRae JF, Bava CM, Beresford MK, Hunter D, Jia YL, et al. A Mendelian trait for  
468 olfactory sensitivity affects odor experience and food selection. *Current Biology*. 2013;23(16):1601-5.  
469 doi: 10.1016/j.cub.2013.07.030.

470 [26] Burdock GA, editor. *Fenaroli's handbook of flavor ingredients*. 3rd ed. Boca Raton, US: CRC Press;  
471 1995.

472 [27] Larsen M, Poll L. Odour thresholds of some important aroma compounds in raspberries.  
473 *Zeitschrift Fur Lebensmittel-Untersuchung Und-Forschung*. 1990;191(2):129-31. doi:  
474 10.1007/bf01202638.

475

476

477 Table 1. Parentage and origin of the raspberry genotypes

Genotype	Parentage	Origin
'Anitra' <sup>a</sup>	N91-63-1 x N92-68-3	Graminor Breeding Ltd., Norway, 2015
'Glen Ample'	Complex parentage	James Hutton Institute, UK, 1994
'Glen Carron' <sup>b</sup>	SCRI 0030E-12 x SCRI 0039F-2	James Hutton Institute, UK, 2018
'Glen Fyne'	SCRI 8631D-1 x SCRI 8605C-2	James Hutton Institute, UK, 2008
'Ninni' <sup>c</sup>	'Varnes' x RU004 03067	Graminor Breeding Ltd., Norway, 2015
'Tulameen'	'Nootka' x 'Glen Prosen'	Agric. Canada Research Station, Canada, 1989
'Veten'	'Preussen' x 'Lloyd George'	Graminor Breeding Ltd., Norway, 1961
RU044 03090	'Varnes' x RU004 03067	Graminor Breeding Ltd., Norway

478 <sup>a</sup>Selection RU974 07002. <sup>b</sup>Selection 0485K-1. <sup>c</sup>Selection RU044 03073.

479

Table 2. Definition of sensory attributes used in sensory profiling of raspberries

Attribute	Description
<b>Colour</b>	
Colour hue	Colour assessed on whole berries according to the Natural Colour System (NCS); No intensity = Y90R (yellowish red), high intensity = R10B (reddish blue)
Colour intensity	Colour intensity of whole berries according to NCS
Whiteness	Colour assessed on whole berries according to NCS
<b>Odour</b>	
Odour intensity	Intensity of all odours in the sample
Sour odour	Related to a fresh, balanced odour due to the presence of organic acids
Green odour	Associated with odour of freshly cut green grass
Flower odour	Associated with odour of flowers, perfume, honey
Cloying odour	Associated with an unfresh, sickening odour
Chemical odour	Odour of chemicals (ethyl acetate, plastic, sulphur, spirits)
<b>Flavour/taste</b>	
Flavour intensity	Intensity of all flavours in the sample
Sour flavour	Associated with a fresh, balanced flavour due to the presence of organic acids
Sweet taste	Related to the basic taste sweet (sucrose)
Acidic taste	Related to the basic taste acid (citric acid)
Bitter taste	Related to the basic taste bitter (quinine or caffeine)
Watery flavour	Associated with watery taste, tame, tasteless
Green flavour	Associated with flavour of freshly cut green grass
Flower flavour	Associated with flavour of flowers, perfume, honey
Cloying flavour	Associated with an unfresh, sickening flavour
Chemical flavour	Flavour of chemicals (ethyl acetate, plastic, sulphur, spirits)
<b>Texture</b>	
Firmness	Mechanical textural attribute relating to the force required to achieve a given deformation or penetration of a product
Juiciness	Perception of water after 3-4 chews, mouthfeel
Astringency	Organoleptic attribute of pure substances or mixtures which produces the astringent sensation

Table 3. Mean values for the 22 sensory attributes evaluated in eight raspberry genotypes<sup>a</sup>

	'Anitra'	'Glen Ample'	'Glen Carron'	'Glen Fyne'	'Ninni'	'Tulameen'	'Veten'	RU044 03090
<b>Colour</b>								
Colour hue	6.4ab	5.1b	5.8ab	6.4ab	6.9a	6.2ab	6.9a	6.0ab
Colour intensity	6.1ab	6.4a	6.4a	6.1ab	5.9ab	6.1ab	5.6b	6.3ab
Whiteness	3.0ab	3.4a	3.3a	2.9ab	2.7b	2.9ab	2.5b	3.0ab
<b>Odour</b>								
Odour intensity	4.7b	5.3b	6.6a	5.2b	4.7b	5.3b	6.9a	5.1b
Sour odour	3.8abc	4.5a	2.8bc	4.3ab	4.2ab	3.9abc	2.3c	4.0ab
Green odour	2.7a	2.7a	1.5bc	2.3abc	2.7a	2.5ab	1.3c	3.1a
Flower odour	2.4a	2.6a	3.2a	3.2a	2.9a	3.0a	2.5a	2.7a
Cloying odour	2.0bc	2.1bc	3.8ab	1.7c	1.9c	1.7c	5.5a	2.3bc
Chemical odour	2.0b	2.0b	4.7a	1.6b	1.5b	1.9b	4.8a	2.1b
<b>Flavour/taste</b>								
Flavour intensity	6.0a	6.0a	6.3a	6.0a	5.9a	6.8a	6.7a	6.1a
Sour flavour	3.4bcd	4.2abcd	2.9de	4.5ab	5.2a	3.0cd	1.7e	4.3abc
Sweet taste	3.4c	3.6bc	4.1abc	4.4ab	4.6a	3.3c	3.3c	4.1abc
Acidic taste	6.0b	6.4ab	5.8bc	5.1cd	4.9d	7.0a	6.2b	5.7bc
Bitter taste	4.7abc	4.3abc	4.9ab	4.0c	4.1bc	4.7abc	5.2a	4.1bc
Watery flavour	2.5ab	2.5ab	2.2ab	1.8ab	1.7ab	2.1ab	3.0a	1.5b
Green flavour	3.5a	3.4a	2.6ab	2.6ab	3.8a	3.8a	2.0b	3.9a

Flower flavour	2.1ab	2.7a	2.8a	3.1a	2.7a	1.9ab	1.4b	2.5ab
Cloying flavour	2.8bc	1.8c	4.1b	2.5bc	1.8c	3.0bc	6.1a	2.5bc
Chemical flavour	2.6bc	1.9c	4.3ab	1.7c	1.6c	2.7bc	5.0a	1.8c
Texture								
Firmness	4.7ab	4.5b	4.8ab	4.6ab	5.6a	4.5b	2.8c	5.4ab
Juiceness	5.8b	6.4ab	5.8b	6.0b	5.6b	6.2ab	6.8a	5.9b
Astringency	4.7abc	5.2ab	4.8abc	4.0cd	3.7d	5.5a	4.8abc	4.3bcd

<sup>a</sup>The mean of 20 assessments (2 x 10 panellists). Values in a row with different letters are significant different ( $p < 0.05$ ) based on Tukey's multiple comparisons test.

Table 4. Berry weight, pH, soluble solids (SS), titratable acidity (TA), total monomeric anthocyanins (TMA) and colour (L\*, Chroma and Hue) of eight red raspberry genotypes<sup>a</sup>

	'Anitra'	'Glen Ample'	'Glen Carron'	'Glen Fyne'	'Ninni'	'Tulameen'	'Veten'	RU044 03090
Berry weight (g)	6.4 ± 0.8	5.8 ± 0.5	5.5 ± 0.2	5.1 ± 0.3	6.1 ± 0.3	4.9 ± 0.9	3.8 ± 0.2	6.2 ± 0.2
pH	2.89 ± 0.01	2.96 ± 0.02	2.88 ± 0.01	2.90 ± 0.01	3.02 ± 0.01	2.79 ± 0.02	2.93 ± 0.01	2.84 ± 0.01
SS (%)	8.5 ± 0.1	8.2 ± 0.1	8.8 ± 0.3	9.3 ± 0.3	9.7 ± 0.1	9.8 ± 0.7	8.8 ± 0.0	10.2 ± 0.2
TA (%)	2.08 ± 0.05	1.97 ± 0.04	2.16 ± 0.01	1.93 ± 0.03	1.77 ± 0.02	2.80 ± 0.11	2.11 ± 0.01	2.07 ± 0.10
SS/TA	4.1 ± 0.2	4.2 ± 0.1	4.1 ± 0.1	4.8 ± 0.1	5.5 ± 0.1	3.5 ± 0.1	4.2 ± 0.0	4.9 ± 0.1
TMA (mg/100 g)	50.7 ± 1.6	34.5 ± 0.8	41.0 ± 1.3	47.4 ± 0.7	46.7 ± 0.4	46.5 ± 0.5	70.8 ± 12.9	37.5 ± 0.4
L* <sub>Berries</sub> <sup>b</sup>	18.8 ± 1.1	21.6 ± 0.3	21.4 ± 0.6	18.5 ± 1.4	18.8 ± 0.5	19.4 ± 0.2	17.0 ± 0.5	21.4 ± 0.2
Chroma <sub>Berries</sub> <sup>b</sup>	42.1 ± 1.7	41.7 ± 0.1	39.3 ± 0.5	40.7 ± 1.1	37.6 ± 1.8	41.7 ± 0.6	34.7 ± 1.7	37.7 ± 0.2
Hue <sub>Berries</sub> <sup>b</sup>	39.3 ± 2.2	31.9 ± 0.8	31.7 ± 1.6	39.7 ± 3.1	38.1 ± 1.9	37.7 ± 0.3	42.5 ± 1.2	30.4 ± 0.4
L* <sub>Mash</sub> <sup>c</sup>	28.5 ± 0.0	31.6 ± 0.5	31.2 ± 0.3	29.1 ± 0.2	28.5 ± 0.2	29.2 ± 0.2	27.2 ± 0.4	29.9 ± 0.1
Chroma <sub>Mash</sub> <sup>c</sup>	41.4 ± 0.5	42.5 ± 0.4	42.4 ± 0.8	38.0 ± 0.1	38.4 ± 0.3	41.5 ± 0.2	32.1 ± 1.6	40.5 ± 0.2
Hue <sub>Mash</sub> <sup>c</sup>	24.5 ± 0.0	22.2 ± 0.2	22.3 ± 0.1	22.4 ± 0.2	23.0 ± 0.3	23.3 ± 0.2	23.0 ± 0.1	22.2 ± 0.2

<sup>a</sup>The values are means and standard deviations of two parallels, i.e. berries from two punnets (each 300 g). <sup>b</sup>Colour measured on whole berries in a punnet.

<sup>c</sup>Colour measured on berry homogenate.

Table 5. Correlations between colour determined by a sensory panel and total monomeric anthocyanins (TMA) and instrumentally determined colour (L\*, Chroma and Hue)<sup>a</sup>

	Colour hue <sup>b</sup>	Colour intensity <sup>b</sup>	Whiteness <sup>b</sup>
TMA	0.74 *	-0.90 **	-0.80 *
L* <sub>Berries</sub> <sup>c</sup>	-0.85 **	0.94 ***	0.86 **
Chroma <sub>Berries</sub> <sup>c</sup>	-0.56	0.59	0.65
Hue <sub>Berries</sub> <sup>c</sup>	0.77 *	-0.88 **	-0.78 *
L* <sub>Mash</sub> <sup>d</sup>	-0.91 ***	0.93 ***	0.94 ***
Chroma <sub>Mash</sub> <sup>d</sup>	-0.73 *	0.90 **	0.84 **
Hue <sub>Mash</sub> <sup>d</sup>	0.44	-0.43	-0.34

<sup>a</sup>Correlation coefficient, r. Significance: \*,  $p \leq 0.05$ ; \*\*,  $p \leq 0.01$ ; \*\*\*,  $p \leq 0.001$ . <sup>b</sup>Colour determined by the sensory panel. <sup>c</sup>Instrumentally measured colour on whole berries in a punnet. <sup>d</sup> Instrumentally measured colour on berry homogenate.

Table 6. Correlations between odour and flavour determined by the sensory panel and selected chemical variables<sup>a</sup>

Sensory attributes	pH	SS	TA	SS/TA	Ethyl acetate	Acetic acid	Hexanal	(E)-2-Hexenal	(Z)-3-hexen-1-ol	$\alpha$ -Pinene	$\beta$ -Myrcene	$\beta$ -Caryophyllene	trans- $\alpha$ -ionone	trans- $\beta$ -ionone
Odour														
Odour intensity	-0.060	-0.302	0.188	-0.400	0.444	0.748 *	-0.532	-0.613	-0.789 *	0.316	-0.536	0.274	0.013	0.335
Sour odour	0.076	0.216	-0.195	0.351	-0.501	-0.797 *	0.501	0.632	0.666	-0.327	0.406	-0.194	0.222	0.003
Green odour	-0.072	0.379	-0.115	0.349	-0.191	-0.648	0.563	0.668	0.795 *	-0.397	0.428	-0.263	0.116	-0.351
Flower odour	-0.203	0.380	0.124	0.134	-0.446	-0.456	0.068	-0.075	-0.159	0.638	0.170	0.496	0.169	0.821 *
Cloying odour	0.141	-0.312	-0.030	-0.204	0.640	0.905 **	-0.506	-0.662	-0.744 *	0.173	-0.342	-0.041	-0.094	-0.070
Chemical odour	-0.026	-0.346	0.102	-0.352	0.424	0.719 *	-0.619	-0.726 *	-0.830 *	0.428	-0.495	0.214	0.075	0.197
Flavour/taste														
Flavour intensity	-0.454	0.069	0.765 *	-0.676	0.397	0.624	0.011	0.071	-0.086	-0.050	-0.574	0.586	-0.570	0.199
Sour flavour	0.367	0.333	-0.528	0.735 *	-0.381	-0.709 *	0.493	0.357	0.423	0.000	0.738 *	-0.349	0.333	-0.053
Sweet taste	0.379	0.432	-0.610	0.846 **	-0.153	-0.376	0.169	-0.213	-0.141	0.488	0.794 *	-0.265	0.308	0.171
Acidic taste	-0.570	-0.235	0.812 *	-0.911 **	0.061	0.195	-0.005	0.372	0.208	-0.306	-0.849 **	0.578	-0.182	0.152
Bitter taste	0.177	-0.449	0.439	-0.697	0.239	0.647	-0.448	-0.364	-0.452	0.162	-0.707 *	0.389	-0.229	0.038
Watery flavour	0.171	-0.768 *	0.145	-0.600	0.178	0.637	-0.429	-0.226	-0.354	-0.302	-0.670	-0.003	-0.149	-0.137
Green flavour	-0.195	0.494	0.171	0.162	-0.272	-0.659	0.712 *	0.771 *	0.834 **	-0.123	0.304	0.133	0.047	-0.191
Flower flavour	0.261	0.036	-0.512	0.508	-0.552	-0.698	-0.038	-0.135	-0.151	0.429	0.387	-0.104	0.703 *	0.468
Cloying flavour	-0.144	-0.216	0.262	-0.417	0.557	0.861 **	-0.502	-0.562	-0.601	0.104	-0.454	0.141	-0.362	-0.012
Chemical flavour	-0.129	-0.359	0.297	-0.528	0.372	0.743 *	-0.556	-0.586	-0.668	0.296	-0.588	0.305	-0.170	0.120
Astringency	-0.475	-0.386	0.749 *	-0.937 ***	-0.052	0.166	-0.102	0.277	0.067	-0.191	-0.918 ***	0.619	-0.034	0.282

<sup>a</sup>Correlation coefficient, r. Significance: \*,  $p \leq 0.05$ ; \*\*,  $p \leq 0.01$ ; \*\*\*,  $p \leq 0.001$ .



## Figure captions

Fig. 1. Scores plot (A) and loadings plot (B) of factor 1 (PC1) and factor 2 (PC2) from principal component analysis (PCA) of the 20 significant sensory attributes (loadings) in eight raspberry genotypes (scores).

Fig. 2. Semi-quantitative amounts of volatile compounds in eight raspberry genotypes. A: terpenes and C13 norisoprenoids. B: esters and more. C: C6 aldehydes and alcohols.

Fig. 3. Scores plot (A) and loadings plot (B) of factors 1 (PC1) and 2 (PC2) from PLS regression analysis of pH, SS, TA, SS/TA and volatile compounds as X data and odour and flavour as Y data shown in red and blue in the loadings plot, respectively.

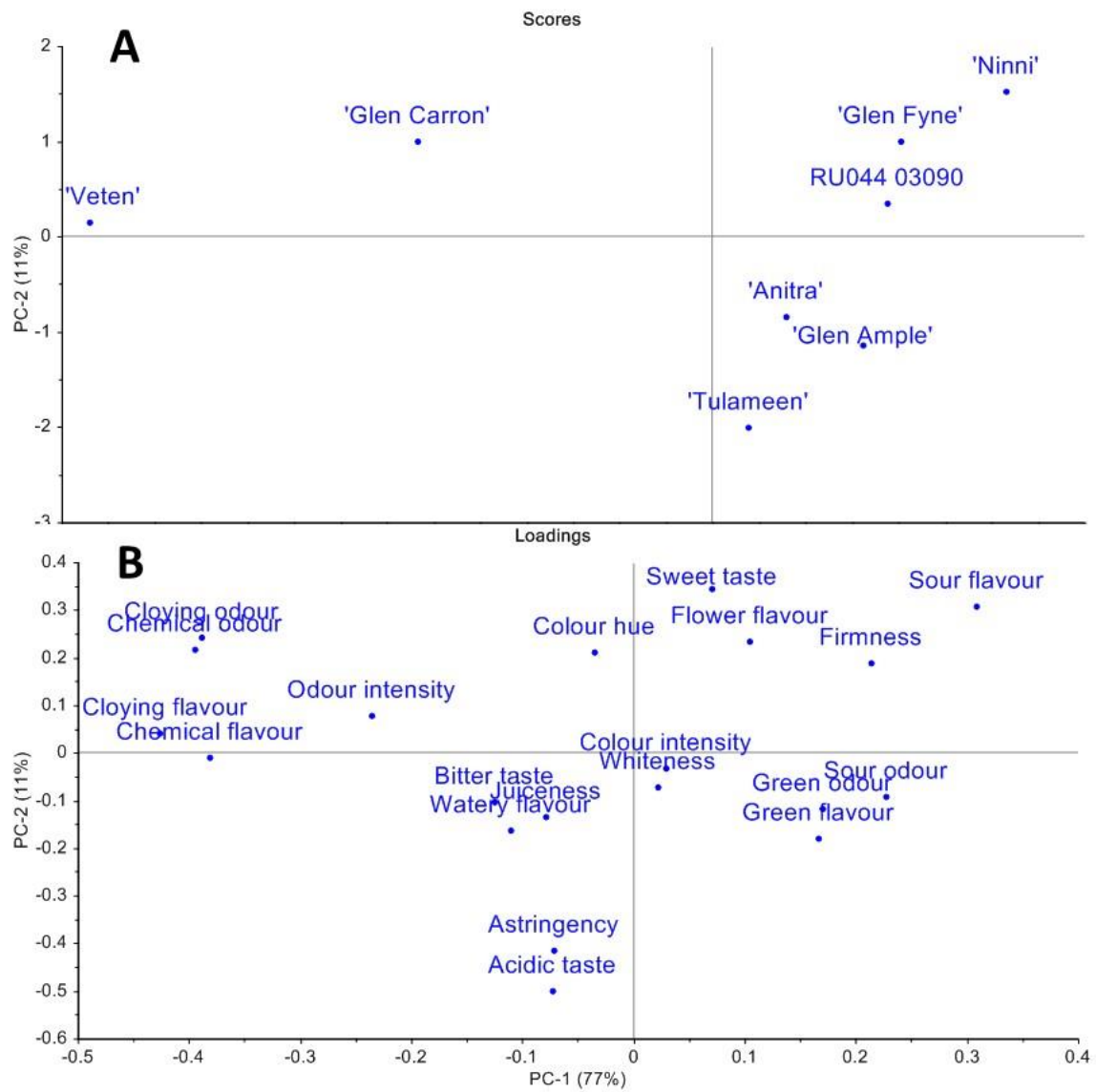


Fig. 1.

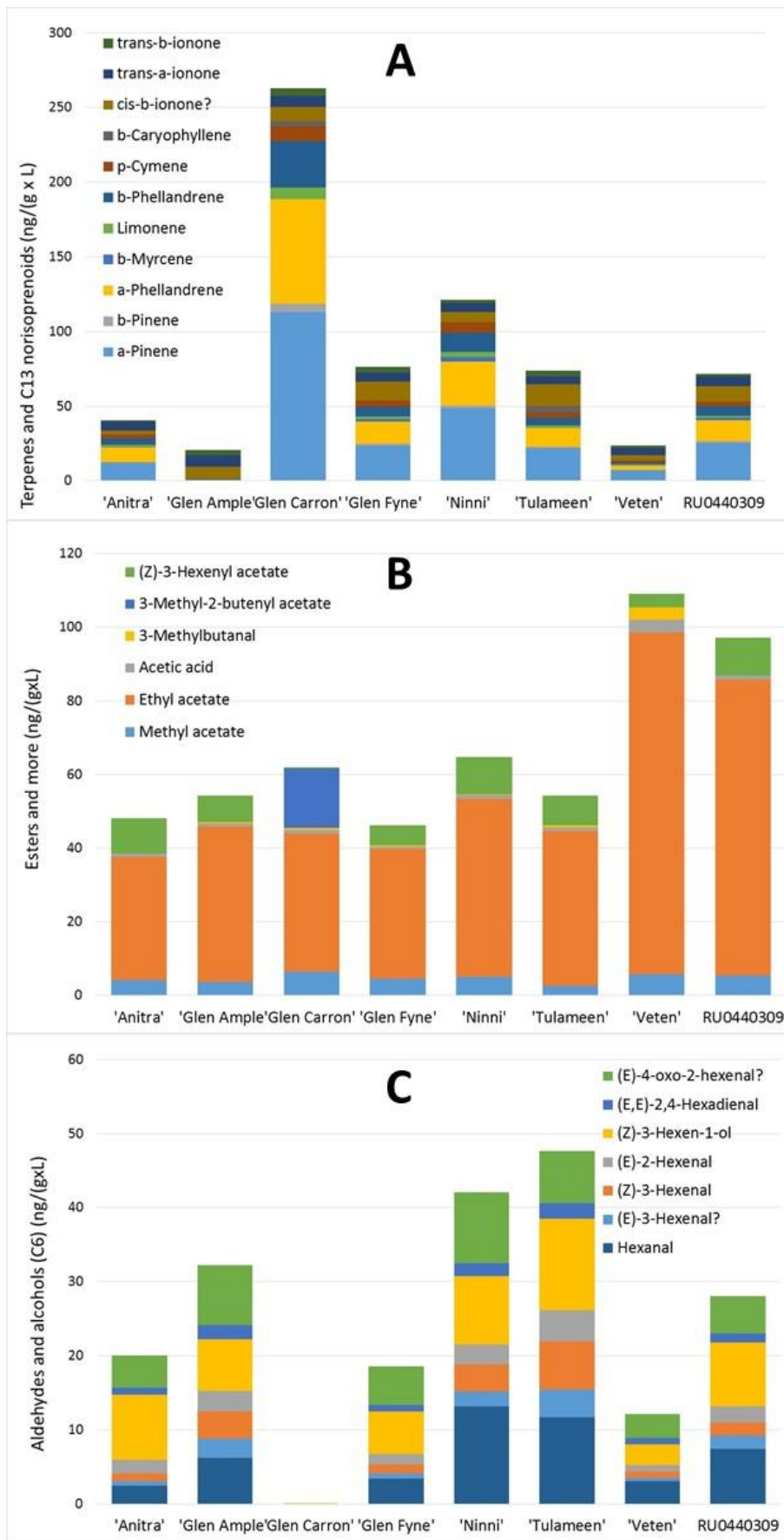


Fig. 2

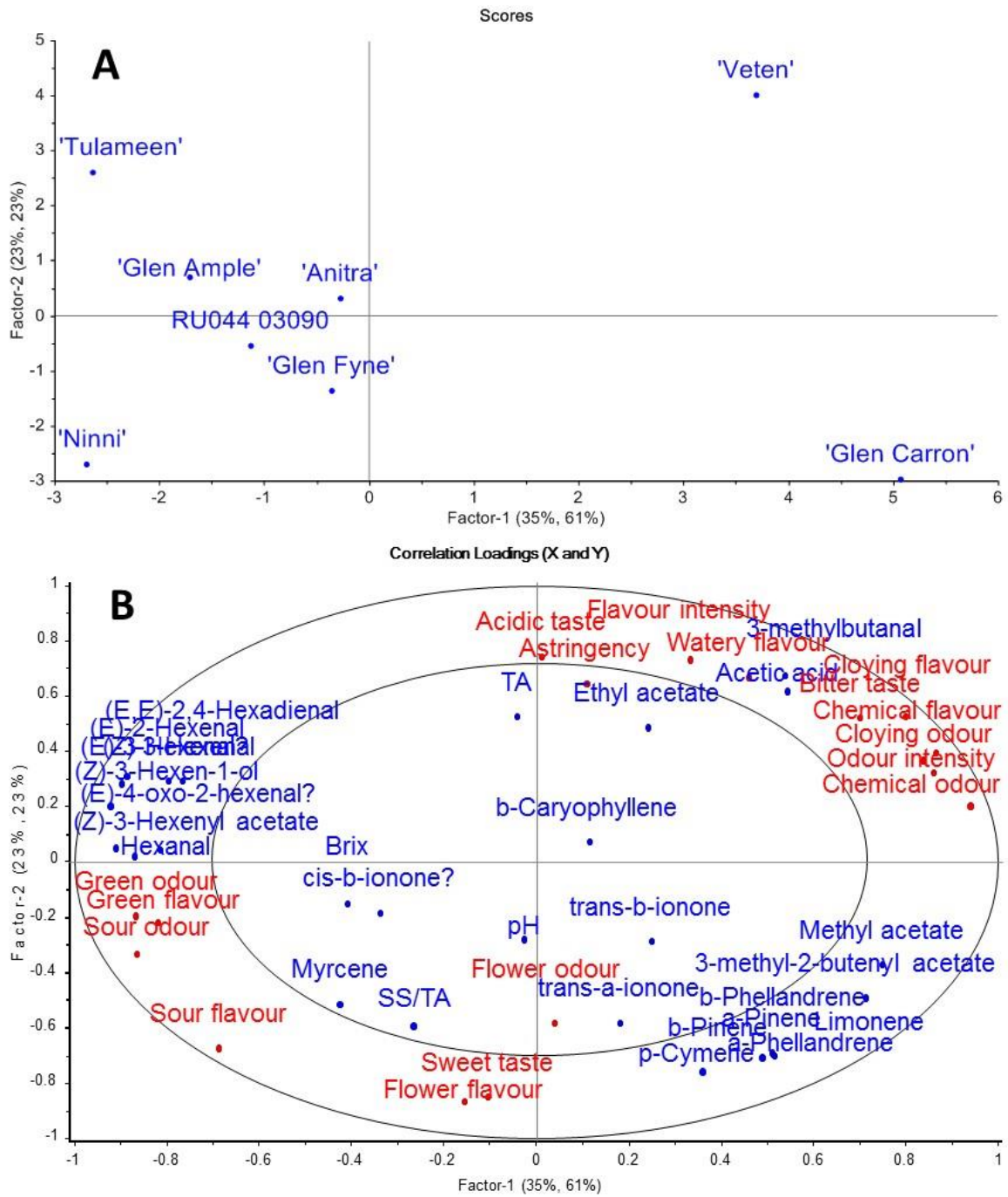


Fig. 3

1 **Supplementary information**

2 Table S1. Correlations (R) between volatile compounds in the raspberry samples. Correlations of statistical significance are highlighted in yellow ( $p \leq 0.05$ )  
 3 and pink ( $p \leq 0.005$ ).

	Methyl acetate	Ethyl acetate	Acetic acid	3-methylbutanal	3-Methyl-2-butenyl acetate	(Z)-3-Hexenyl acetate	Others	Hexanal	(E)-3-Hexenal?	(Z)-3-Hexenal	(E)-2-Hexenal	(Z)-3-Hexen-1-ol	(E,E)-2,4-Hexadienal	(E)-4-oxo-2-hexenal?	Total C6	a-Pinene	b-Pinene	a-Phellandrene	b-Myrcene	Limonene	b-Phellandrene	p-Cymene	b-Caryophyllene	cis-b-ionone?	trans-a-ionone	trans-b-ionone
Methyl acetate		0.441	0.448	0.319	0.559	-0.491	0.569	-0.490	-0.785	-0.802	-0.854	-0.784	-0.779	-0.626	-0.737	0.574	0.572	0.560	0.211	0.554	0.567	0.524	-0.273	-0.393	0.276	-0.066
Ethyl acetate	0.441		0.814	0.680	-0.253	0.007	0.983	0.045	-0.096	-0.171	-0.168	-0.158	-0.056	-0.121	-0.096	-0.271	-0.265	-0.311	0.100	-0.312	-0.308	-0.315	-0.331	-0.302	-0.309	-0.485
Acetic acid	0.448	0.814		0.967	-0.059	-0.381	0.816	-0.209	-0.289	-0.267	-0.362	-0.438	-0.226	-0.302	-0.328	-0.182	-0.183	-0.207	-0.202	-0.210	-0.204	-0.259	-0.179	-0.489	-0.379	-0.313
3-methylbutanal	0.319	0.680	0.967		-0.068	-0.467	0.666	-0.226	-0.261	-0.198	-0.326	-0.428	-0.206	-0.293	-0.313	-0.205	-0.207	0.226	-0.281	-0.229	-0.224	-0.269	-0.077	-0.392	-0.473	-0.180
3-Methyl-2-butenyl acetate	0.559	-0.253	-0.059	-0.068		-0.742	-0.086	-0.519	-0.478	-0.446	-0.617	-0.702	-0.700	-0.718	-0.646	0.916	0.925	0.921	-0.334	0.903	0.921	0.770	0.511	0.093	0.511	0.633
(Z)-3-Hexenyl acetate	-0.491	0.007	-0.381	-0.467	-0.742		-0.087	0.684	0.556	0.489	0.714	0.880	0.697	0.743	0.764	-0.537	-0.565	-0.536	0.518	-0.511	-0.536	-0.377	-0.359	-0.027	-0.228	-0.641
Total Others	0.569	0.983	0.816	0.666	-0.086	-0.087		-0.026	-0.190	-0.261	-0.279	-0.269	-0.180	-0.238	-0.202	-0.103	-0.100	-0.143	0.082	-0.145	-0.139	-0.165	-0.271	-0.329	-0.228	-0.430
Hexanal	-0.490	0.045	-0.209	-0.226	-0.519	0.684	-0.026		0.832	0.848	0.851	0.785	0.852	0.852	0.943	-0.239	-0.244	-0.265	0.482	-0.229	-0.268	-0.093	0.108	0.357	-0.364	-0.192
(E)-3-Hexenal?	-0.785	-0.096	-0.289	-0.261	-0.478	0.556	-0.190	0.832		0.975	0.961	0.800	0.930	0.761	0.924	-0.389	-0.370	-0.407	-0.015	-0.392	-0.413	-0.364	0.356	0.506	-0.209	0.053
(Z)-3-Hexenal	-0.802	-0.171	-0.267	-0.198	-0.446	0.489	-0.261	0.848	0.975		0.953	0.786	0.907	0.754	0.923	-0.332	-0.323	-0.347	-0.008	-0.326	-0.354	-0.277	0.431	0.509	-0.332	0.099
(E)-2-Hexenal	-0.854	-0.168	-0.362	-0.326	-0.617	0.714	-0.279	0.851	0.961	0.953		0.923	0.954	0.830	0.971	-0.492	-0.492	-0.500	0.097	-0.479	-0.506	-0.408	0.226	0.398	-0.320	-0.119
(Z)-3-Hexen-1-ol	-0.784	-0.158	-0.438	-0.428	-0.702	0.880	-0.269	0.785	0.800	0.786	0.923		0.831	0.760	0.910	-0.523	-0.549	-0.522	0.268	-0.498	-0.527	-0.377	0.050	0.284	-0.419	-0.341
(E,E)-2,4-Hexadienal	-0.779	-0.056	-0.226	-0.206	-0.700	0.697	-0.180	0.852	0.930	0.907	0.954	0.831		0.923	0.956	-0.591	-0.577	-0.604	0.158	-0.582	-0.608	-0.517	0.031	0.261	-0.246	-0.203
(E)-4-oxo-2-hexenal?	-0.626	-0.121	-0.302	-0.293	-0.718	0.743	-0.238	0.852	0.761	0.754	0.830	0.760	0.923		0.905	-0.520	-0.509	-0.530	0.471	-0.500	-0.531	-0.374	-0.221	0.175	-0.176	-0.279
Total C6	-0.737	-0.096	-0.328	-0.313	-0.646	0.764	-0.202	0.943	0.924	0.923	0.971	0.910	0.956	0.905		-0.443	-0.446	-0.457	0.312	-0.428	-0.462	-0.316	0.109	0.364	-0.344	-0.196
a-Pinene	0.574	-0.271	-0.182	-0.205	0.916	-0.537	-0.103	-0.239	-0.389	-0.332	-0.492	-0.523	-0.591	-0.520	-0.443		0.996	0.998	0.028	0.998	0.998	0.955	0.466	0.198	0.383	0.555
b-Pinene	0.572	-0.265	-0.183	-0.207	0.925	-0.565	-0.100	-0.244	-0.370	-0.323	-0.492	-0.549	-0.577	-0.509	-0.446	0.996		0.992	0.009	0.989	0.992	0.936	0.467	0.233	0.438	0.602
a-Phellandrene	0.560	-0.311	-0.207	-0.226	0.921	-0.536	-0.143	-0.265	-0.407	-0.347	-0.500	-0.522	-0.604	-0.530	-0.457	0.998	0.992		0.014	0.999	1.000	0.955	0.462	0.179	0.392	0.552
b-Myrcene	0.211	0.100	-0.202	-0.281	-0.334	0.518	0.082	0.482	-0.015	-0.008	0.097	0.268	0.158	0.471	0.312	0.028	0.009	0.014		0.048	0.019	0.267	-0.545	0.014	-0.130	-0.388
Limonene	0.554	-0.312	-0.210	-0.229	0.903	-0.511	-0.145	-0.229	-0.392	-0.326	-0.479	-0.498	-0.582	-0.500	-0.428	0.998	0.989	0.999	0.048		0.999	0.966	0.456	0.176	0.367	0.533
b-Phellandrene	0.567	-0.308	-0.204	-0.224	0.921	-0.536	-0.139	-0.268	-0.413	-0.354	-0.506	-0.527	-0.608	-0.531	-0.462	0.998	0.992	1.000	0.019	0.999		0.956	0.453	0.173	0.395	0.548
p-Cymene	0.524	-0.315	-0.259	-0.269	0.770	-0.377	-0.165	-0.093	-0.364	-0.277	-0.408	-0.377	-0.517	-0.374	-0.316	0.955	0.936	0.955	0.267	0.966	0.956		0.368	0.219	0.222	0.448
b-Caryophyllene	-0.273	-0.331	-0.179	-0.077	0.511	-0.359	-0.271	0.108	0.356	0.431	0.226	0.050	0.031	-0.221	0.109	0.466	0.467	0.462	-0.545	0.456	0.453	0.368		0.581	-0.076	0.698
cis-b-ionone?	-0.393	-0.302	-0.489	-0.392	0.093	-0.027	-0.329	0.357	0.506	0.509	0.398	0.284	0.261	0.175	0.364	0.198	0.233	0.179	0.014	0.176	0.173	0.219	0.581		-0.004	0.706
trans-a-ionone	0.276	-0.309	-0.379	-0.473	0.511	-0.228	-0.228	-0.364	-0.209	-0.332	-0.320	-0.419	-0.246	-0.176	-0.344	0.383	0.438	0.392	-0.130	0.367	0.395	0.222	-0.076	-0.004		0.353
trans-b-ionone	-0.066	-0.485	-0.313	-0.180	0.633	-0.641	-0.430	-0.192	0.053	0.099	-0.119	-0.341	-0.203	-0.279	-0.196	0.555	0.602	0.552	-0.388	0.533	0.548	0.448	0.698	0.706		
Terpenes and C13 noriso	0.517	-0.331	-0.251	-0.263	0.907	-0.518	-0.168	-0.226	-0.358	-0.299	-0.455	-0.481	-0.571	-0.503	-0.415	0.996	0.992	0.996	0.026	0.995	0.996	0.959	0.497	0.261	0.380	0.594

4