

2009 TTB Expo Presentation

# Laboratory Techniques for Small Wineries

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# Overview

- Basic Assumptions
  - Target audience
  - Basic terminology
- Analytical Tests
  - Wine alcohol determination
  - Sulfur dioxide determination
  - Acidities
  - Fill of wine containers
- Other Practical Information

# Basic Assumptions

- Audience
  - Small winery
  - Limited laboratory experience
  - Limited laboratory equipment
- Overview of Basic Techniques
  - Basic terminology
  - Basic equipment

# Basic Terminology

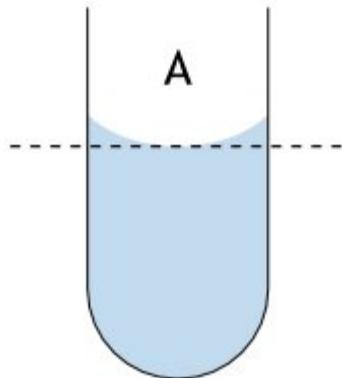
**Volumetric glassware:**  
**Calibrated “To Deliver”**

Pipettes

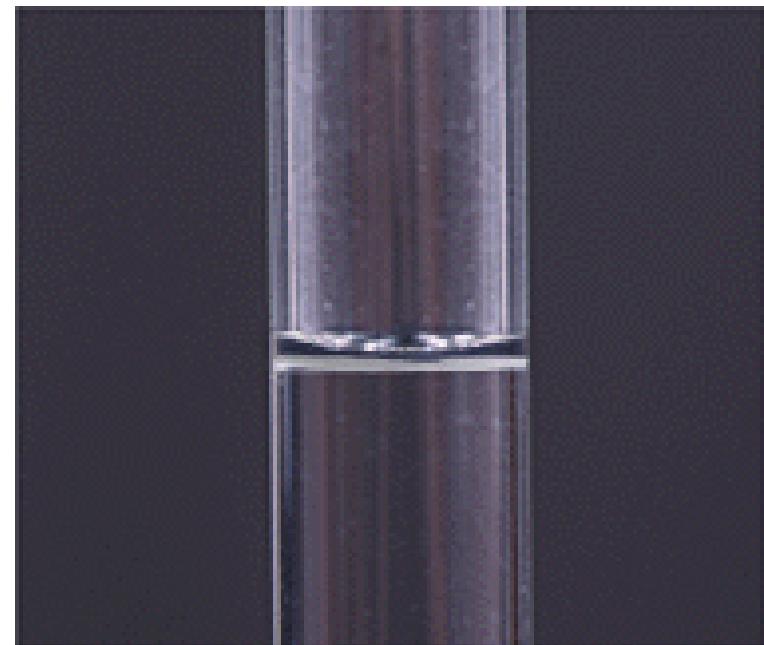
Volumetric flasks

Graduated Cylinders

Burettes



**Reagents:** Substances consumed during  
a chemical reaction; Chemicals.

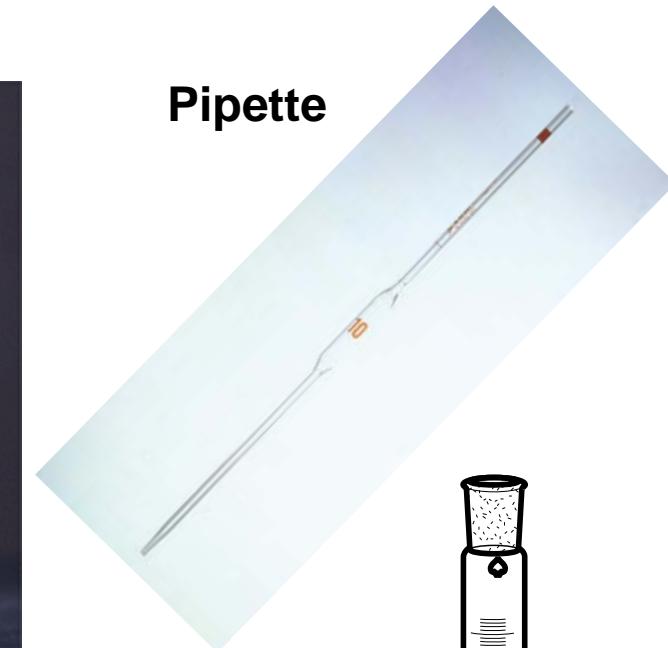


**How to read a water meniscus**

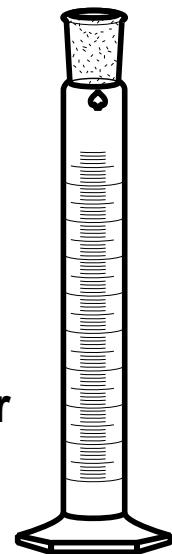
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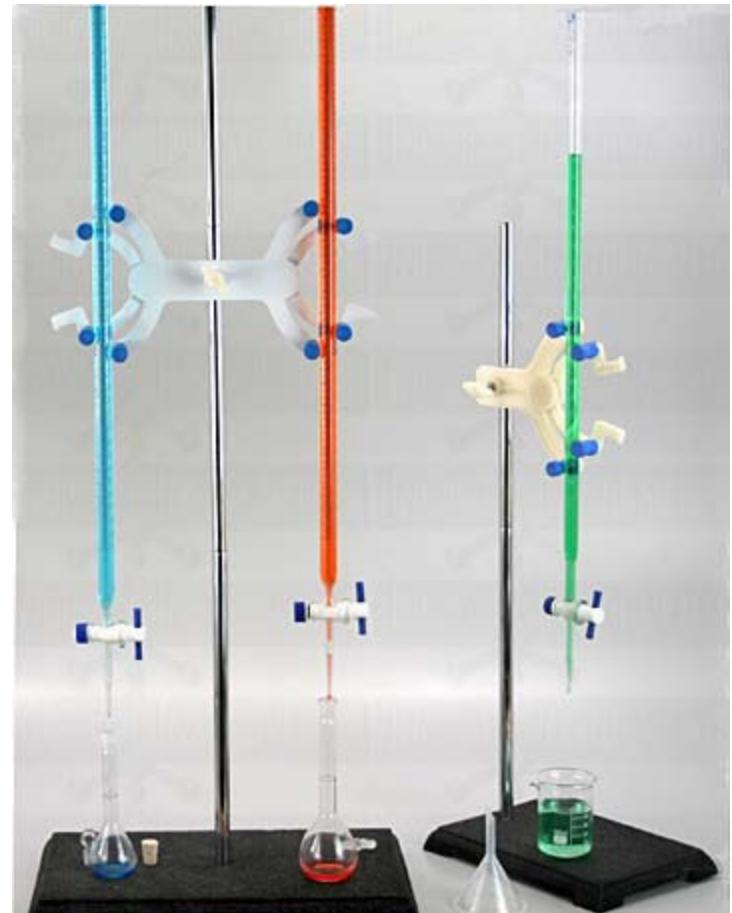
**Volumetric flask**



**Pipette**



**Graduated cylinder**

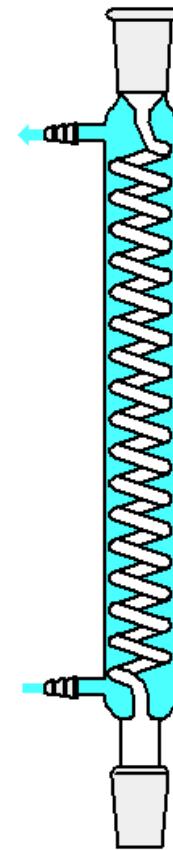


**Burettes**

# Common glassware



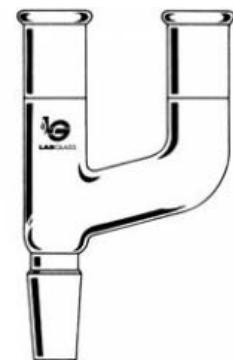
Flasks



Condenser



Adapters

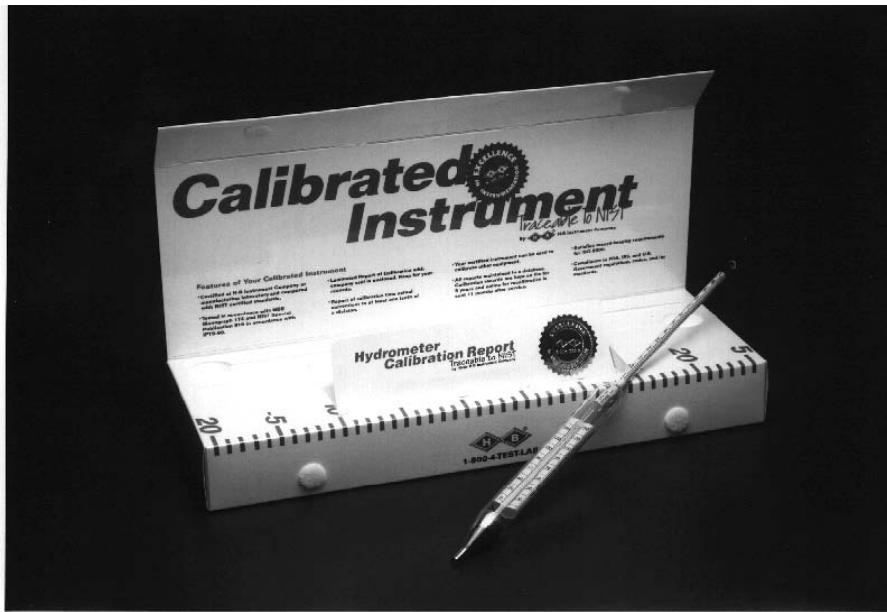


# Analytical Tests

## Determination of Alcohol in Wine

# Basic Equipment

## Distillation – Hydrometry



**Hydrometer**  
**Either**  
**Specific Gravity divisions 0.001**  
**Proof divisions 0.2° proof**  
**Percent Alcohol divisions 0.1%**



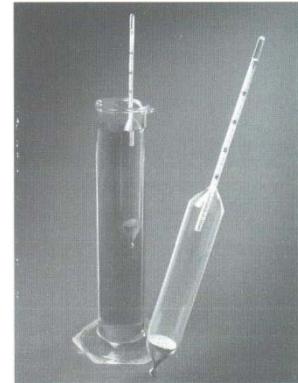
# Basic Equipment

## Distillation – Hydrometry

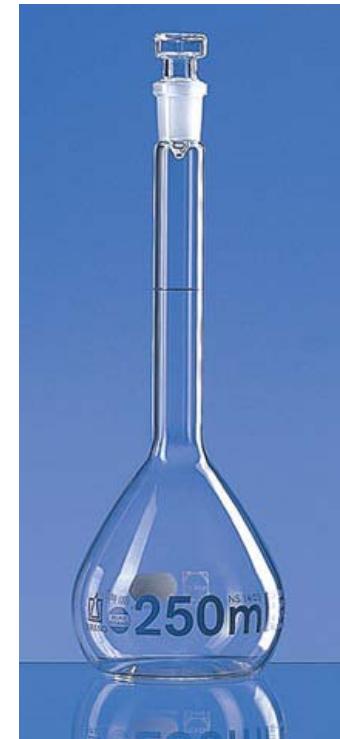


**Thermometer**  
**Calibrated divisions  $0.2^{\circ}\text{F}$**

**Hydrometer cylinder**  
**Clear glass 2.5" diameter**



**250 mL volumetric flask**



# Basic Equipment

## Distillation – Hydrometry



**Distillation Apparatus  
Electric or gas heater  
Condenser**



**Constant Temperature Waterbath**



**Conversion table as appropriate:**  
**Table 1 of the Gauging Manual ([www.ttb.gov](http://www.ttb.gov))**  
**Table 913.02 of the Official Methods of Analysis (18<sup>th</sup> Ed.)**  
**Alcohol Correction Table Bureau of Internal revenue Bulletin 7 (1937)**

# Alcohol Correction Table

% Read	At 57° F	At 58° F	At 59° F	At 61° F	At 62° F	At 63° F	At 64° F	At 65° F	At 66° F	At 67° F	At 68° F	At 69° F	At 70° F	At 72° F	At 74° F	At 76° F	At 78° F	At 80° F
1	0.14	0.10	0.05	-0.05	-0.10	-0.16	-0.22	-0.28	-0.34	-0.41	-0.48	-0.55	-0.62	-0.77	-0.93	----	----	----
2	0.14	0.10	0.05	-0.05	-0.11	-0.17	-0.23	-0.29	-0.35	-0.42	-0.48	-0.56	-0.63	-0.78	-0.94	-1.10	-1.28	-1.46
3	0.14	0.10	0.05	-0.06	-0.12	-0.18	-0.24	-0.30	-0.36	-0.43	-0.50	-0.57	-0.64	-0.80	-0.96	-1.13	-1.31	-1.50
4	0.14	0.10	0.05	-0.06	-0.12	-0.19	-0.25	-0.32	-0.38	-0.45	-0.52	-0.59	-0.67	-0.83	-1.00	-1.17	-1.35	-1.54
5	0.15	0.10	0.05	-0.07	-0.13	-0.20	-0.26	-0.33	-0.40	-0.47	-0.54	-0.62	-0.70	-0.86	-1.03	-1.21	-1.40	-1.60
6	0.17	0.11	0.06	-0.07	-0.14	-0.20	-0.27	-0.34	-0.42	-0.50	-0.57	-0.66	-0.74	-0.90	-1.09	-1.27	-1.46	-1.66
7	0.18	0.12	0.06	-0.07	-0.14	-0.21	-0.29	-0.36	-0.44	-0.52	-0.60	-0.68	-0.77	-0.94	-1.13	-1.32	-1.52	-1.73
8	0.19	0.13	0.06	-0.08	-0.16	-0.23	-0.31	-0.39	-0.47	-0.55	-0.64	-0.73	-0.81	-0.99	-1.18	-1.38	-1.59	-1.80
9	0.21	0.14	0.07	-0.08	-0.16	-0.24	-0.32	-0.41	-0.50	-0.58	-0.67	-0.76	-0.86	-1.04	-1.25	-1.46	-1.67	-1.89
10	0.23	0.16	0.08	-0.08	-0.17	-0.25	-0.34	-0.43	-0.52	-0.61	-0.71	-0.80	-0.90	-1.10	-1.32	-1.54	-1.76	-1.99
11	0.25	0.16	0.08	-0.09	-0.18	-0.27	-0.37	-0.46	-0.56	-0.65	-0.75	-0.85	-0.96	-1.16	-1.39	-1.61	-1.84	-2.09
12	0.27	0.18	0.09	-0.10	-0.20	-0.29	-0.39	-0.49	-0.59	-0.70	-0.80	-0.91	-1.02	-1.23	-1.46	-1.70	-1.94	-2.20
13	0.29	0.19	0.10	-0.10	-0.21	-0.31	-0.42	-0.52	-0.63	-0.74	-0.85	-0.97	-1.08	-1.31	-1.55	-1.80	-2.05	-2.31
14	0.32	0.21	0.11	-0.11	-0.22	-0.32	-0.44	-0.55	-0.66	-0.78	-0.91	-1.02	-1.14	-1.39	-1.65	-1.91	-2.17	-2.44
15	0.35	0.23	0.12	-0.12	-0.24	-0.35	-0.48	-0.60	-0.71	-0.84	-0.97	-1.10	-1.23	-1.50	-1.76	-2.03	-2.30	-2.58
16	0.37	0.24	0.12	-0.13	-0.26	-0.38	-0.52	-0.65	-0.77	-0.90	-1.03	-1.17	-1.31	-1.60	-1.88	-2.16	-2.44	-2.72
17	0.40	0.26	0.13	-0.14	-0.27	-0.41	-0.54	-0.68	-0.82	-0.96	-1.10	-1.25	-1.40	-1.70	-1.99	-2.28	-2.58	-2.87
18	0.44	0.29	0.14	-0.14	-0.29	-0.44	-0.58	-0.73	-0.88	-1.03	-1.18	-1.33	-1.49	-1.80	-2.10	-2.41	-2.72	-3.02
19	0.47	0.32	0.16	-0.15	-0.30	-0.46	-0.62	-0.78	-0.94	-1.10	-1.26	-1.42	-1.58	-1.90	-2.22	-2.54	-2.86	-3.17
20	0.51	0.34	0.17	-0.16	-0.32	-0.49	-0.66	-0.82	-0.98	-1.15	-1.33	-1.48	-1.65	-2.00	-2.32	-2.65	-2.98	-3.33
21	0.53	0.35	0.18	-0.17	-0.34	-0.51	-0.68	-0.85	-1.02	-1.20	-1.38	-1.54	-1.72	-2.06	-2.41	-2.76	-3.10	-3.45
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# Reagents

- Reagents:
  - Antifoam
  - Distilled water
  - 2 N aqueous Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH) solution
- Also:
  - Ice
  - Boiling Beads/Chips

# Basic Equipment

## Distillation – Densitometry



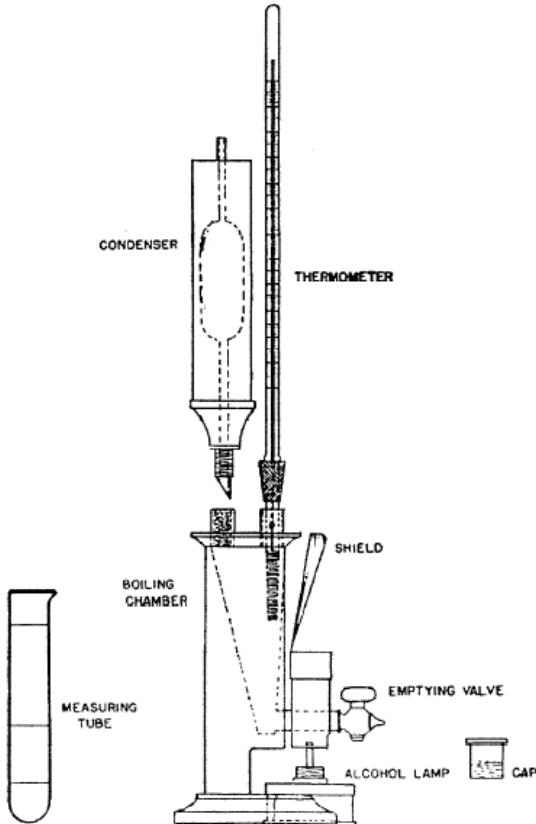
Densitometer



100 ml volumetric flask

# Basic Equipment

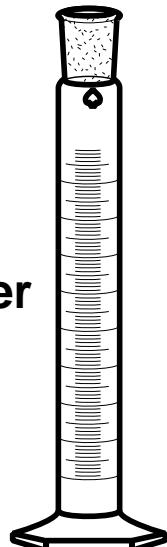
## Ebulliometry



**Ebulliometer**



**50 ml pipette**



**100 mL graduated cylinder**

# Basic Equipment & Reagents

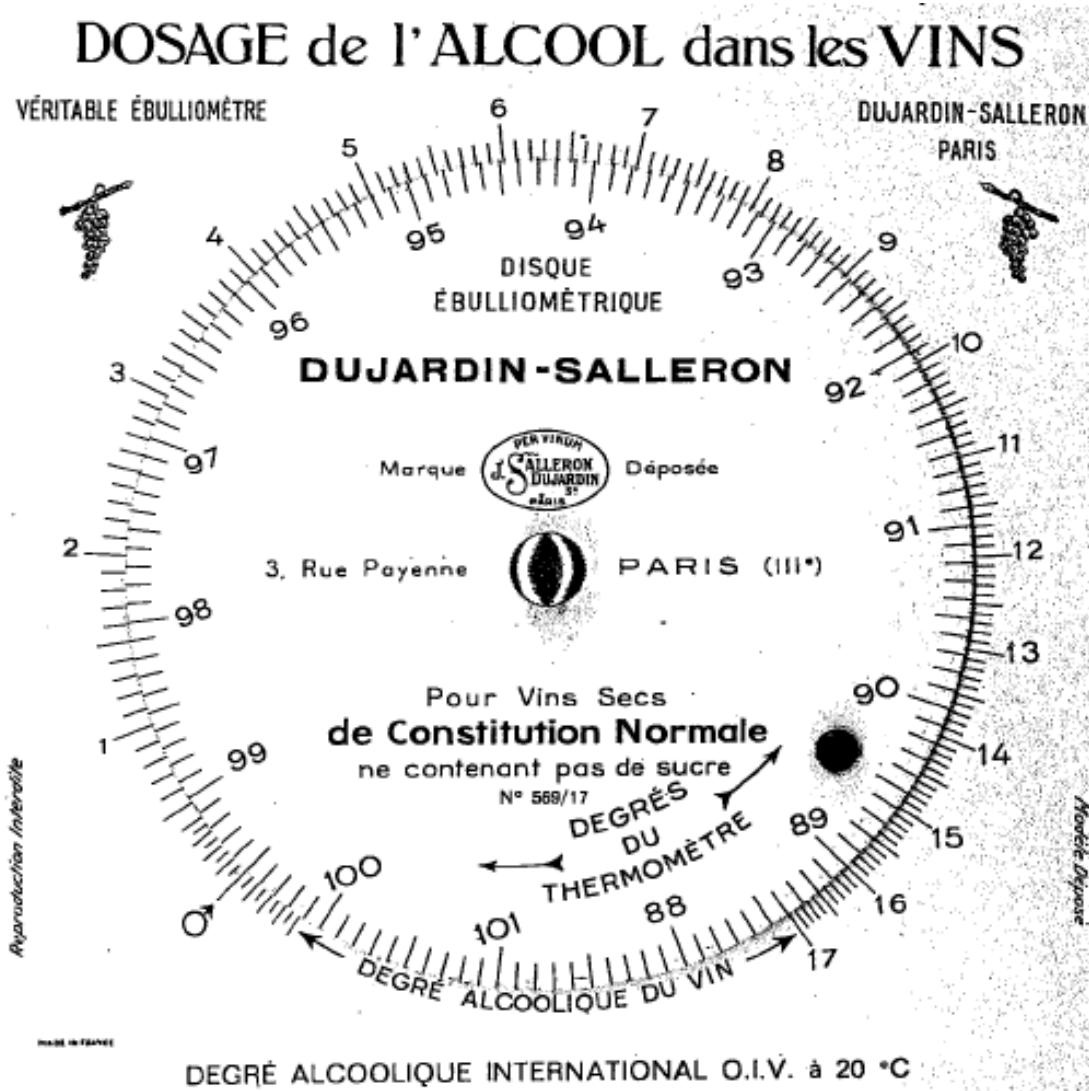
## Ebulliometry

- Alcohol/micro Bunsen burner
- 200 mL volumetric flask
- Narrow range ebulliometer thermometer
- Slide rule/conversion table

**Reagents:**  
Antifoam  
Distilled water



# Interpreting the Slide Rule



Boiling point of the water?

Alcohol content if wine boils at 91.15 degrees?

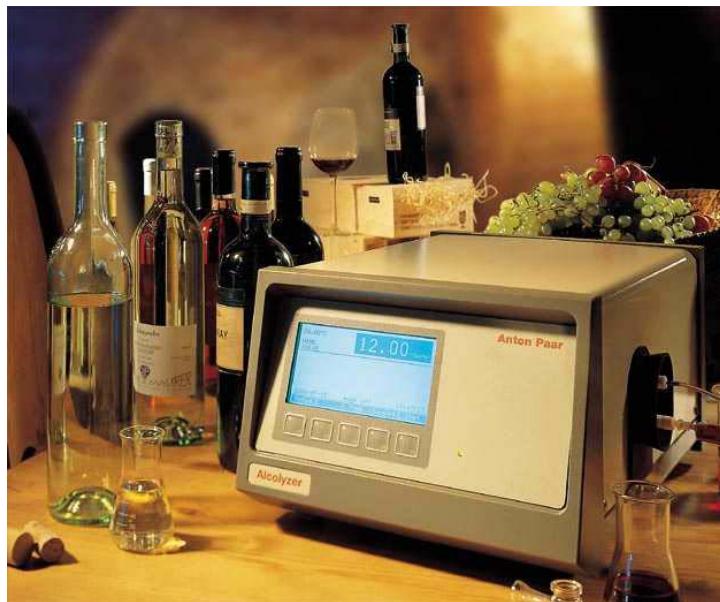
# Basic Equipment

## Ebulliometry

**Electronic Ebulliometer**



# Basic Equipment Near Infrared



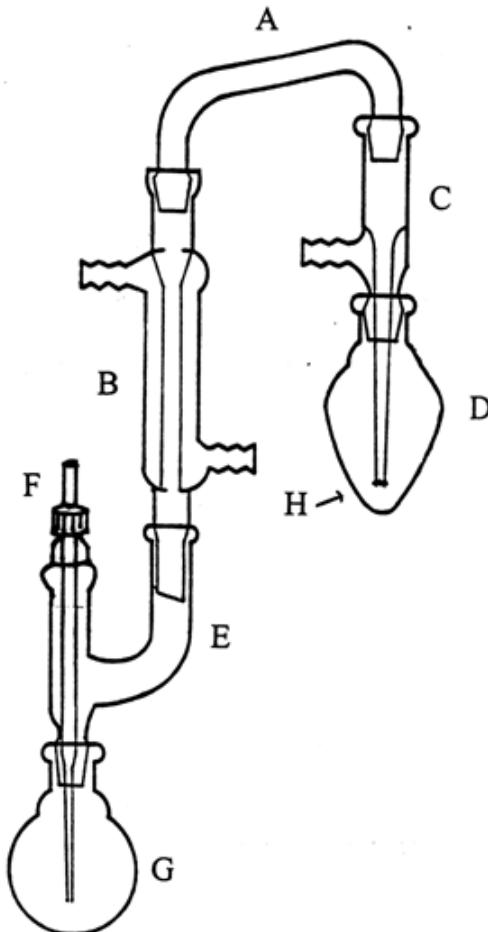
# Analytical Tests

## Determination of Sulfite in Wine (Sulfur Dioxide)

Aeration-Oxidation  
Ripper

# Basic Equipment

## Sulfur Dioxide – Aeration Oxidation



- A. Connecting adapter 19/22
- B. Graham Condenser
- C. Vacuum adapter
- D. 50 mL pear flask
- E. Claissen adapter
- F. Pasteur pipette
- G. Round bottom flask
- H. Sintered end of vacuum adapter

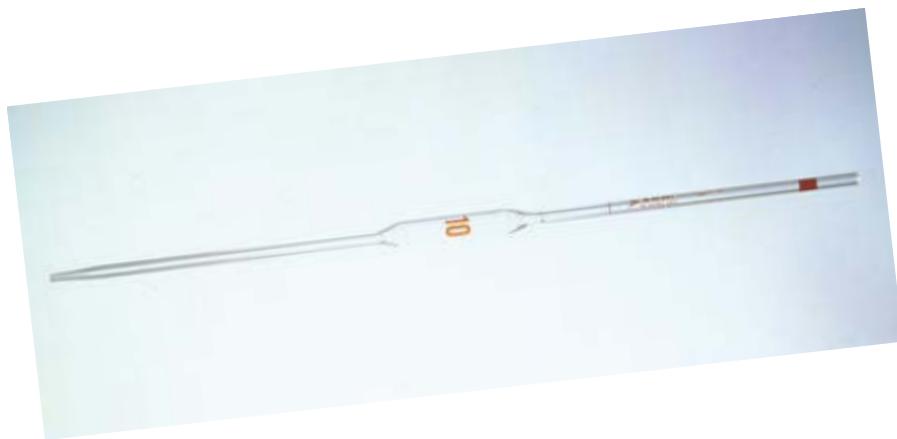
apparatus for SO<sub>2</sub> determination by aeration-oxidation

# Reagents

- Reagents:
  - 0.01 N Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH)  
Buy premixed or dissolve 0.41 grams NaOH to 1 liter
  - 0.3% hydrogen peroxide  
Dilute 10 mL of 3% hydrogen peroxide to 100 mL
  - Indicator Solution  
0.100 g methyl red and 0.05 g methylene blue in  
100 mL of 50% ethanol in water
  - 25% phosphoric acid or 4 M hydrochloric acid
  - Standardized 0.01 N sulfuric acid (for calibrating the 0.01 N NaOH)

# Basic Equipment

## Sulfur Dioxide – Ripper Method



# Reagents

- Reagents:
  - 1 N Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH)  
Buy premixed or carefully dissolve 41 grams NaOH to 1 L water
  - 1+3 Sulfuric Acid Solution  
Add 10 mL of concentrated sulfuric acid carefully to 30 mL of water
  - 1% Starch Indicator Solution  
Mix starch in cold water, drop in boiling water, heat until clear
  - 0.020 N Iodine solution standardized against sodium thiosulfate
  - Standardized sodium thiosulfate solution

# Analytical Tests

## Wine Acidities

Total Acidity

Volatile Acidity

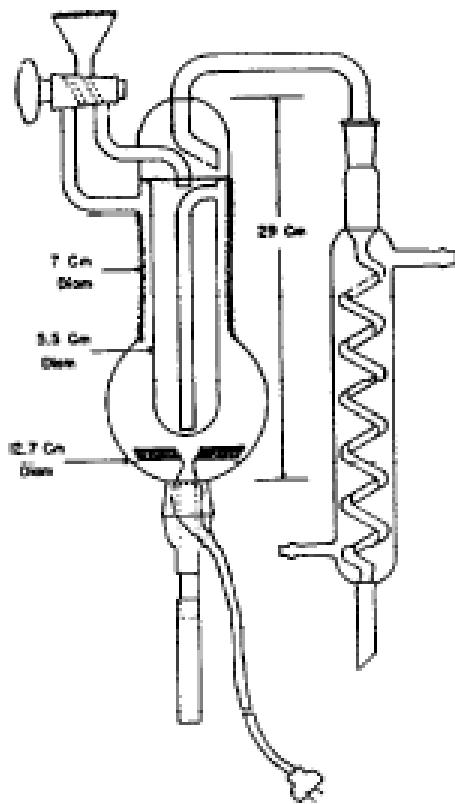
# Basic Equipment

## Titratable Acidity



# Basic Equipment

## Volatile Acidity



**Cash Still**



# Basic Equipment

## Volatile Acidity

**Self Evacuating Cash Still**

### **Reagents:**

**0.3% peroxide to correct for sulfite**

**0.1 N sodium hydroxide**

**Indicator: Phenolphthalein**



# Analytical Tests

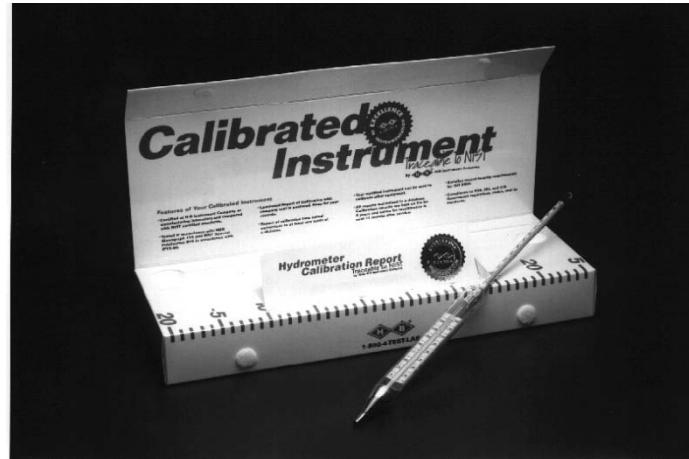
Fill

# Basic Equipment

## Fill



Top loader balance



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