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# ADVERTISEMENT IMPACT ON CONSUMERS PREFERENCES: A CHOICE EXPERIMENT APPROACH

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

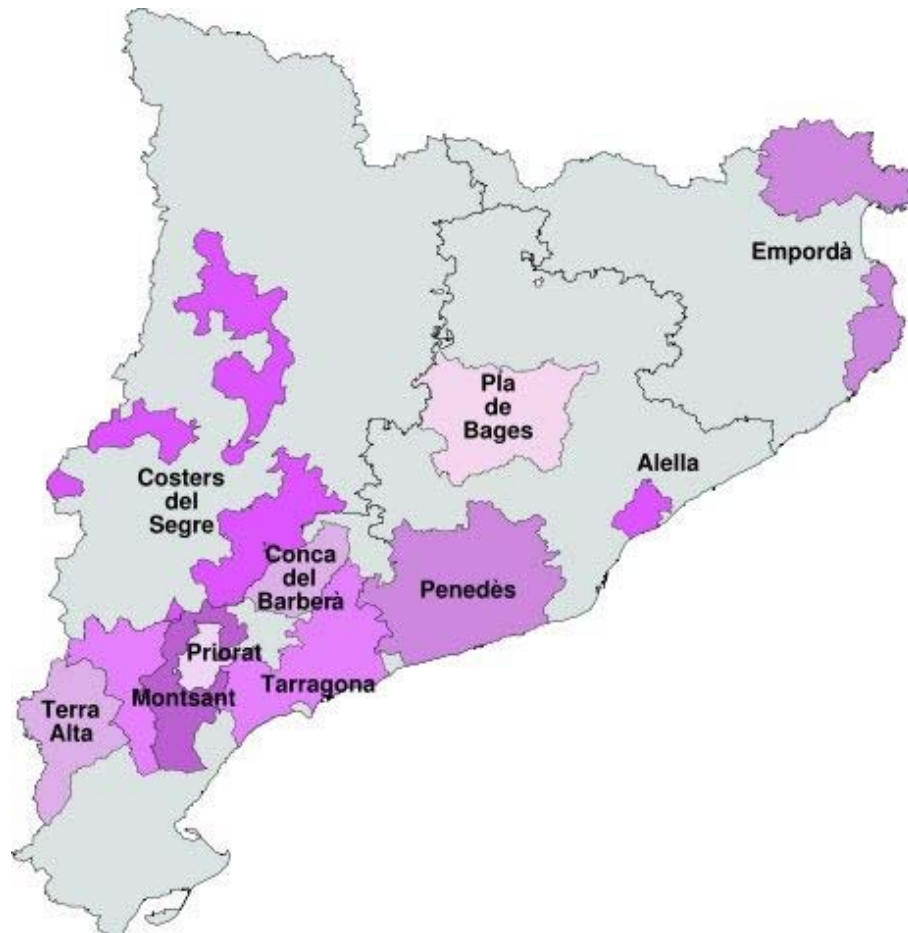


## ❑ **ECONOMIC** Contribution

- Wine making in Catalonia contributes up to the 6,6% of the Gross Value Added of the Agro food sector.
- It is considered one of the most important sector for Catalonia's internationalization

## ❑ **SOCIAL** and **ENVIRONMENTAL** functions

# 1. INTRODUCTION



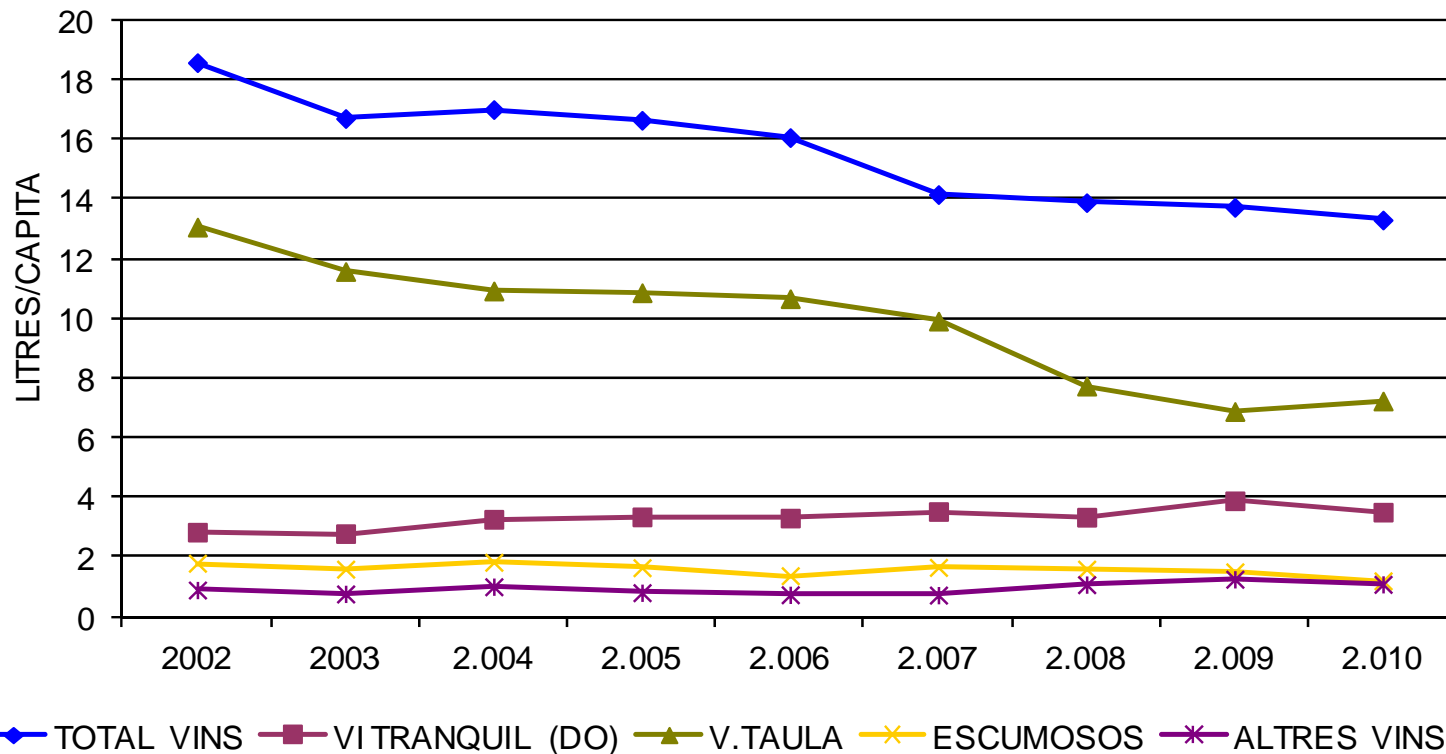
In Catalonia there are 12  
**DESIGNATIONS OF ORIGIN (DO).**

Grape **SURFACE** registered under  
a DO is **HIGHER THAN 90%** of the  
**TOTAL** Grape Surface in Catalonia  
→ **SPECIALIZATION** in Quality  
Wines (QWpsr)



# 1. INTRODUCTION

## Wine CONSUMPTION DECREASE



Consumers are **EXPERIENCING A CHANGE** of habits, diminishing wine consumption frequencies, but **DEMANDING HIGHER QUALITY WINES**

# 1. INTRODUCTION

The TOTAL  
market share of  
Catalan DO is  
small

	TAM DG2004	TAM DG2005	TAM DG2006
<b>Catalan Wines (11 DO)</b>	<b>24,6</b>	<b>23,7</b>	<b>23,4</b>
<b>Catalunya</b>	<b>4,7</b>	<b>7,1</b>	<b>7,8</b>
<b>Penedès</b>	<b>16,3</b>	<b>12,5</b>	<b>12,1</b>
<b>Costers del Segre</b>	<b>3,3</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>3,4</b>
<b>Rioja</b>	<b>25,5</b>	<b>25,9</b>	<b>24,9</b>
<b>Navarra</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>5,0</b>
<b>Valdepeñas</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>5,2</b>	<b>5,4</b>
<b>Mancha</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>3,2</b>
<b>Ribera del Duero</b>	<b>4,2</b>	<b>3,5</b>	<b>4,0</b>
<b>Cariñena</b>	<b>8,9</b>	<b>13,6</b>	<b>13,4</b>
<b>Somontano</b>	<b>11,7</b>	<b>9,8</b>	<b>9,3</b>
<b>Others DO (14 DO)</b>	<b>12,1</b>	<b>12,4</b>	<b>11,4</b>

## 2. OBJECTIVES

□ Under this environment, strategic plan to highlight the **ORIGIN** of the Catalan wine as a relevant factor for consumers' decisions → **ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN** for local wines (Christmas 2007). Our objectives are:

1. To assess **CONSUMER PREFERENCES** and willingness to pay of **RED WINE CONSUMED IN A SPECIAL OCCASION** in Catalonia.
2. To determine if the preferences were **MODIFIED** after the **ADVERTISEMENT CAMPAIGN**.

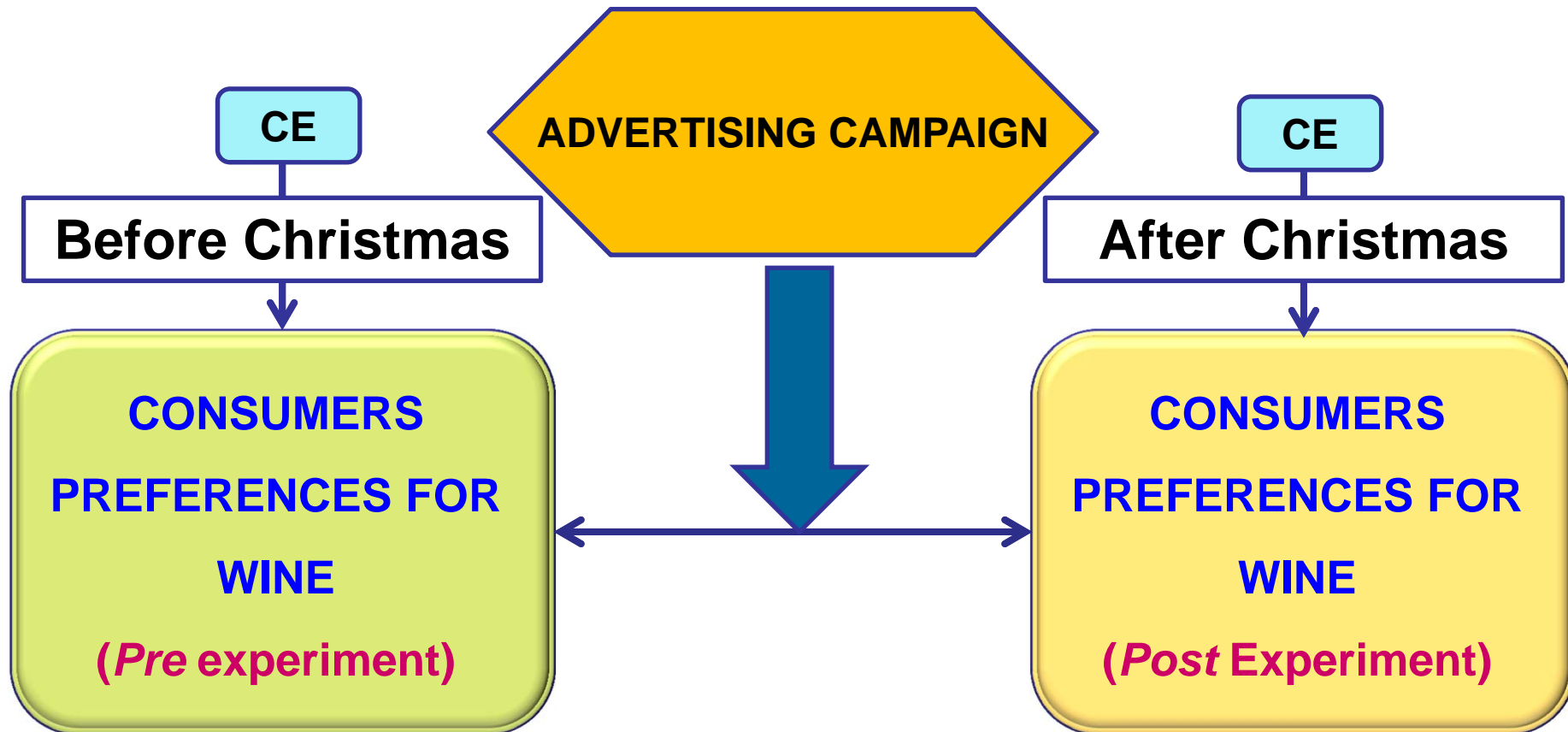


Aquestes festes destapa  
el millor de tu mateix

**Catalunya**  
País de grans vins

 Generalitat de Catalunya  
Institut Català  
de la Vinya i el Vi

## 3. METHODS: Framework





## 3. METHODS: The Choice Experiments

- ❑ **The Choice Experiments (CE) is a suitable method to analyze consumers’ preferences for “complex” goods in order to evaluate simultaneously their descriptors (attributes & levels).**
- ❑ **It uses experimental design to create different hypothetical scenarios of a product (alternatives) grouped in “CHOICE SETS” to be evaluated by respondent.**

## 3. METHODS: The Choice Experiments

- ❑ Researchers usually face **TWO APPROACHES**:
  1. Excluding the “opt-out” option from choice sets by forcing participants to select an alternative.
  2. Including in the choice set the “opt-out” option allowing for a non-forced choice task.
- ❑ The issue of including or excluding the opt-out alternative in CE has been addressed by several studies. An extended literature review guided us to choose for a forced approach due to the following issues:

❑ **Why EXCLUDING an opt-out option?**

1. Our interest is to **COMPARE LEVELS AND ATTRIBUTES:**  
**(ORIGEN & THE IMPACT OF ADVERTISEMENT ON IT).**
2. The **PROCRASTINATION OF THE CHOICE IS DAMAGING:**  
The timing of the experiment is Christmas and consumers are “forced” to buy wine for celebrations i.e. the cost of delay is high or the product is needed (**CHRISTMAS**).
3. To avoid potential **“GREATER EASY WAY OUT”** we hypothesize, that consumers in the post experiment (after Christmas) are more likely to choose the non-choice option as the interest of celebration has passed

## 3. METHODS: The Econometric Model

- ❑ In **FORCED CHOICE**, the IIA (**INDEPENDENCE OF IRRELEVANT ALTERNATIVES**) constraint of **MNL/CL** tend to be violated
- ❑ We look out for models that can **OVERCOME** this limitations →  
The **HETEROSCEDASTIC EXTREME VALUE MODEL (HEV)** relaxes the restrictive IIA property by allowing different scale parameters across alternatives

## 3. METHODS: The Econometric Model

- Probability that an individual will choose alternative  $i$  from the set  $C$

$$P_i = \Pr(U_i > U_j) = \Pr(\varepsilon_j \leq V_i - V_j + \varepsilon_i) = \int_{\varepsilon_i = -\infty}^{\varepsilon_i = +\infty} \prod_{j \in C, j \neq i} \Lambda \left[ \frac{V_i - V_j + \varepsilon_i}{\theta_j} \right] \frac{1}{\theta_i} \lambda \left( \frac{\varepsilon_i}{\theta_i} \right) d\varepsilon_i$$

- The above probability expression collapses to the MNL

$$P_{in} = \frac{e^{\mu V_{in}}}{\sum_{i=1}^{i=I} e^{\mu V_{in}}}$$

**ARE DIFFERENT  
IN THE HEV**

- The Utility function in the basic model (i.e. without heterogeneity):

$$V_{in} = \sum_k \beta_k X_{ki}$$



## 3. METHODS: The Econometric Model

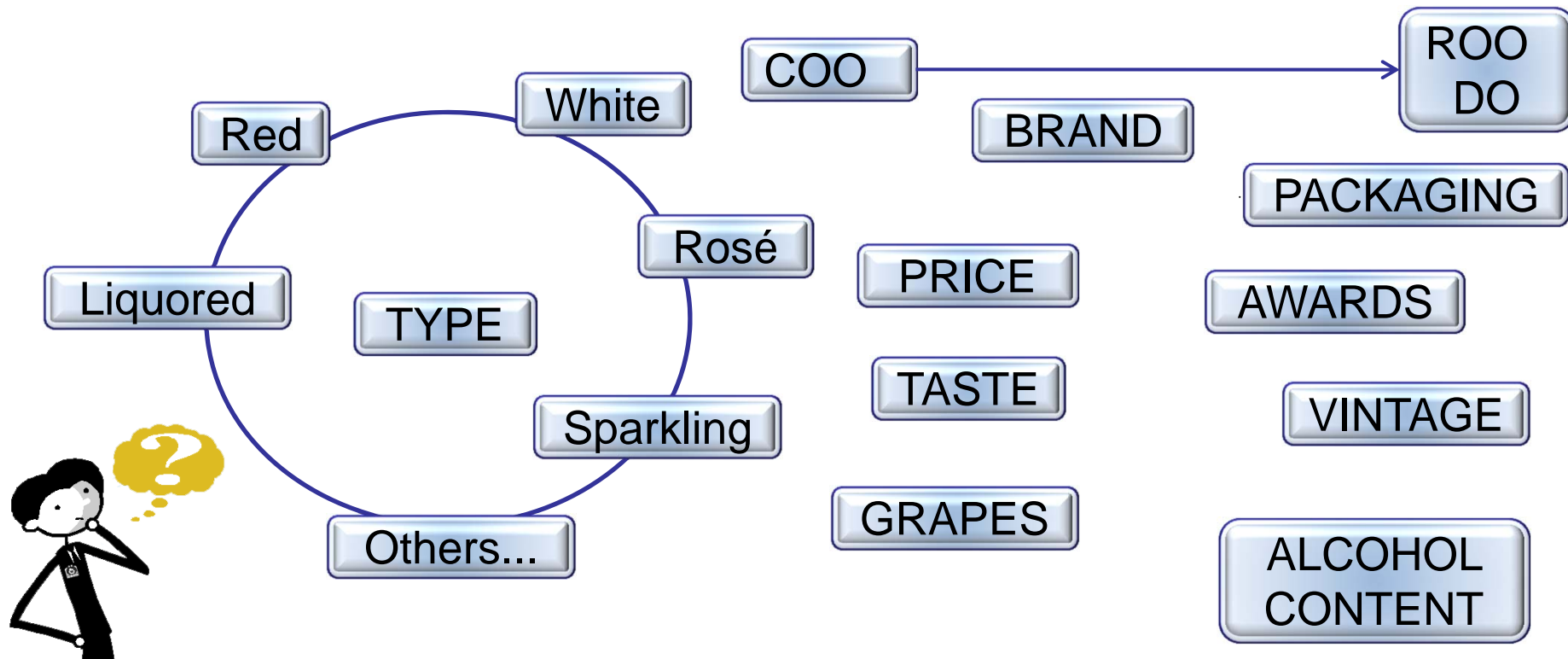
- The Utility function to analyze consumers' heterogeneity:

$$V_{in} = \sum_k \beta_k X_{ki} + \sum_k \sum_p \alpha_{kp} (X_{ki} \times S_{pn})$$

The relationship between the valuations of attributes and respondents particular characteristics (social, demographic and behavioral variables) are included.

## 4. EMPIRICAL APPLICATION: Attributes and Levels

- Wine is a difficult and confusing product for consumers to choose (Lockshin *et al.*, 2006) → immense number of cues

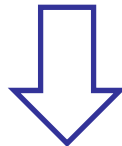


## 4. EMPIRICAL APPLICATION: Attributes and Levels

### PRICE

When consumers do not have information about the product, it generally performs as a proxy to infer the quality of the product when:

1. The product cannot be evaluated
2. The risk of making a wrong choice is high



It will depend on the consumption occasion



Christmas

## 4. EMPIRICAL APPLICATION: Attributes and Levels

**BRAND**

For some authors is the key unit of decision

*In our super communicated societies consumers' minds reject to store some information → the amount of information that consumers use to make a decision is small*

Or **GENERIC TYPES**

**ROO  
DO**

Plays a key role in the consumers' decision making process

**GRAPE VARIETY**

## 4. EMPIRICAL APPLICATION: Attributes and Levels

### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

- ❑ Plays a key role in the consumers' decision making process

- ❑ In Spain, DO have been claimed as main determinant of wine prices and significant for consumers choices.
- ❑ Nevertheless, studies in Catalonia had not been yet performed



## 4. EMPIRICAL APPLICATION: Attributes and Levels

### **KWOLEDGE OF THE WINE**

- 1. Previous knowledge of the wine**
- 2. Recommended wine and,**
- 3. Prestigious wine.**

**Prior tasting experience and recommendations have been determined as consumers’ main selection cues when buying wine in retail stores.**





**By the third level we try to ascertain the effect of a known brand name in front of the other two alternatives.**

## 4. EMPIRICAL APPLICATION: Attributes and Levels

Attributes	symbols	Levels
<i>Origin</i>	A <sub>1</sub>	Catalonia (regional), Spain (national), Imported (international)
<i>Knowledge</i>	A <sub>2</sub>	Own Experience, Recommendation, Prestige
<i>Variety</i>	A <sub>3</sub>	Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache, Merlot
<i>Price</i>	A <sub>4</sub>	€6 , €10, €14

- ❑ A full orthogonal factorial design → 81 hypothetical products can be generated from  $3^4 \times 3^4$  (6,561) possible combinations.
- ❑ Orthogonal fractional factorial design → 9 choice sets

## 4. EMPIRICAL APPLICATION: Experimental design

ELECTION # 1	Alternative “A”	Alternative “B”
Origin 	Foreign	Catalonia
Knowledge 	Prestigious	Personal experience
Variety 	Grenache	Merlot
Price 	€6	€14
<p>1. Considering that “A” and “B” are the only available products, which product would you choose?      “A” <input type="checkbox"/>      “B” <input type="checkbox"/></p>		

## 4. EMPIRICAL APPLICATION: Sampling

- Data used in this analysis was obtained from a face-to-face questionnaire with 299 and 400 consumers that were qualified by having purchased a bottle of wine in the last 3 months.

***Pre-experiment (before Christmas)***

299 questionnaires

***Christmas advertisement Campaign***

Broadcasting the advertisement on Television and public bus

***Post –experiment (after Christmas)***

400 questionnaires

## 4. EMPIRICAL APPLICATION: Heterogeneity analysis

### □ Included variables to analyze consumers' heterogeneity:

#### **Social and economic variables:**

- Gender
- Age
- Household social class
- Place of birth

#### **Variables related to attitude towards Catalan wines:**

- Catalan wines have good flavor, texture and palate
- Catalan wines possess well known brands and have public prestige and,
- Catalan wines are reasonably priced

#### **Behavioral variables related to wine involvement:**

- Wine purchase frequency
- Reading the information about wine published on the press



## 4. EMPIRICAL APPLICATION: Heterogeneity analysis

□ As an example, the utility function for the gender variable:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{jn} = & \beta_{ORIG_1} \cdot ORIG_{1j} + \beta_{ORIG_2} \cdot ORIG_{2j} \\
 & + \beta_{KNOW_1} \cdot KNOW_{1j} + \beta_{KNOW_2} \cdot KNOW_{2j} \\
 & + \beta_{VAR_1} \cdot VAR_{1j} + \beta_{VAR_2} \cdot VAR_{2j} \\
 & + \beta_{Price} \cdot PRICE_j \\
 & + \beta_{ORIG_1 \times GEN} \cdot ORIG_{1 \times GEN} + \beta_{ORIG_2 \times GEN} \cdot ORIG_{2 \times GEN} \\
 & + \beta_{KNOW_1 \times GEN} \cdot KNOW_{1 \times GEN} + \beta_{KNOW_2 \times GEN} \cdot KNOW_{2 \times GEN} \\
 & + \beta_{VAR_1 \times GEN} \cdot VAR_{1 \times GEN} + \beta_{VAR_2 \times GEN} \cdot VAR_{2 \times GEN} \\
 & + \beta_{PRICE_1 \times GEN} \cdot PRICE_{\times GEN}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Scale parameters are significantly different from 1.0 showing variance variability among alternatives. it implies that the assumption of independently and identically distributed (IID) across alternatives is violated, confirming that the specified model in this study is appropriate

Grenache	-0.165	0.037	0.000	Grenache	-0.194	0.042	0.000
Merlot	-0.112	0.037	0.002	Merlot	-0.099	0.041	0.015
Price	-0.086	0.017	0.000	Price	-0.166	0.021	0.000
<i>Scale Parameters of Extreme Value</i>				<i>Scale Parameters of Extreme Value</i>			

- Results demonstrate that, in both models, all parameters (variables coefficients) are statistically significant with the exception of the level “recommended” of the “Knowledge” attribute, indicating that all the attributes considered are significant determinants of consumer welfare.

- ❑ IPs are LOWER in the POST experiment → post experiment time is (January), which is conditioned by 2 issues:
  - 1) households must accommodate from the high expenditure related to Christmas.
  - 2) The winter sales start. As a consequence, consumers' overall WTP for food and beverage is low.
- ❑ Results have to be interpreted in RELATIVE TERMS

<i>levels</i>	<i>implicit Price</i>	<i>implicit Price</i>	<i>pre to post</i>	<i>difference</i>
Catalonia	3.70 (2.80; 5.42)	2.65 (2.18; 3.35)	-28.31%***	26.785
Spain	1.77 (1.06; 2.85)	0.50 (0.12; 0.92)	-72.04%***	61.518
Foreign	-5.48 (-7.96; -4.05)	-3.15 (-3.93; -2.54)	42.48%***	-51.064
Experience	0.63 (0.47; 0.92)	0.81 (0.67; 1.03)	30.34%***	-7.308
Recommended	0.55 (-0.18; 1.34)	-0.17 (-0.63; 0.21)	-131.46%***	43.241
Prestige	-1.18 (-2.10; -0.49)	-0.64 (-1.06; -0.25)	-45.62%***	-32.228
Cabernet Sauvignon	3.23 (2.45; 4.73)	1.77 (1.46; 2.24)	-45.10%***	44.866
Grenache	-1.92 (-3.16; -1.16)	-1.18 (-1.68; -0.76)	-38.79%***	-34.668
Merlot	-1.31 (-2.20; -0.61)	-0.60 (-1.01; -0.22)	-54.34%***	-38.659

## 5. RESULTS

### The economic interpretation: the Implicit Price-IP

Percentage change of IP between Levels	PRE advertisement	POST advertisement	Sig.
Catalonia compared to Spain	52,16%	81,13%	***
Catalonia compared to Foreign	248,11%	218,87%	***
Spain compared to Foreign	409,60%	730,00%	***
Experience compared to Recommended	12,70%	120,99%	***
Experience compared to Prestige	287,30%	179,01%	***
Recommended compared to Prestige	314,55%	-267,47%	***
Cabernet Sauvignon compared to Grenache	159,44%	166,67%	-
Cabernet Sauvignon compared to Merlot	140,56%	133,90%	-
Grenache compared to Merlot	31,77%	49,15%	-

Prestigious wines increase their relative importance in the post experiment

Finally, no significant changes have been detected in relation to grape varieties.



Attribute: *Origin*

## 6. RESULTS

### Heterogeneity of Consumers Preferences. The Implicit Price-IP

ORIGIN VARIABLES	CATALAN				SPANISH				FOREIGN															
	PRE_ Advertisement		POST_ Advertisement		PRE_ Advertisement		POST_ Advertisement		PRE_ Advertisement		POST_ Advertisement													
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female												
Gender	0.94 (0.01; 2.78)	4.70 (-8.77; 27.9)	2.20 (1.73; 2.98)	3.19 (2.50; 4.43)	0.83 (0.07; 2.56)	1.30 (-3.06; 5.84)	0.38 (-0.13; 0.96)	0.63 (0.10; 1.30)	-1.77 (-5.10; -0.75)	-6.00 (-26.1; 17.4)	-2.58 (-3.60; -1.86)	-3.83 (-5.23; -2.93)												
Age	2.05 (1.4; 4.0)	2.56 (1.8; 4.2)	2.27 (-5.8; 2.3)	5.32 (1.3; 23.)	1.86 (1.4; 2.7)	3.06 (2.2; 5.0)	2.08 (1.6; 2.8)	6.25 (3.7; 16.)	1.07 (0.1; 2.7)	1.41 (0.6; 2.9)	1.59 (0.3; 3.8)	0.74 (-0.8; 3.6)	0.27 (-0.4; 1.0)	0.35 (-0.4; 1.3)	0.80 (0.2; 1.4)	0.54 (-1.1; 2.9)	-3.12 (-6.2; -1.7)	-3.97 (-6.7; 2.6)	-3.86 (-8.4; 2.2)	-6.06 (-8.5; 2.1)	-2.13 (-3.3; 1.3)	-3.40 (-5.5; 2.2)	-2.88 (-4.0; 2.1)	-6.79 (-18.; 3.7)
Social class	High 5.16 (2.7; 16.2)	Average 2.88 (2.12; 4.36)	Low 4.71 (2.63; 15.02)	High 2.21 (1.75; 2.95)	Average 3.51 (2.62; 5.23)	Low 2.08 (1.53; 3.30)	High 1.57 (-0.15; 6.08)	Average 1.90 (1.01; 3.18)	Low 1.46 (-0.42; 5.94)	High -0.08 (-0.53; 0.44)	Average 1.03 (0.25; 1.92)	Low 0.62 (-0.22; 1.57)	High -6.73 (-21.5; 3.2)	Average -4.78 (-7.26; 3.35)	Low -6.17 (-19.7; 3.24)	High -2.14 (-2.96; 3.17)	Average -4.55 (-6.80; -1.43)	Low -2.69 (-4.36; 1.73)	High -6.73 (-21.5; 3.2)	Average -4.78 (-7.26; 3.35)	Low -6.17 (-19.7; 3.24)	High -2.14 (-2.96; 3.17)	Average -4.55 (-6.80; -1.43)	Low -2.69 (-4.36; 1.73)
Place of birth	Cat. 4.55 (2.9; 9.19)	Spain 3.55 (2.46; 6.16)	Foreign 1.81 (1.24; 3.39)	Cat. 3.61 (2.87; 4.82)	Spain 1.50 (1.09; 2.32)	Foreign 0.16 (0.12; 0.27)	Cat. 3.05 (1.65; 6.40)	Spain 0.87 (-0.16; 2.17)	Foreign -0.15 (-1.33; 0.92)	Cat. 0.41 (-0.03; 0.95)	Spain 0.91 (0.02; 1.96)	Foreign 0.38 (-0.54; 1.41)	Cat. -7.6 (-14.8; 4.8)	Spain -4.42 (-7.5; 2.84)	Foreign -1.65 (-3.29; 0.68)	Cat. -4.02 (-5.28; 3.17)	Spain -2.40 (-4.07; 1.43)	Foreign -0.55 (-1.56; 0.26)						
Purchase frequency	Low 5.15 (2.85; 17.98)	High 3.20 (2.42; 4.75)	Low 2.31 (1.78; 3.26)	High 2.87 (2.27; 3.85)	Low 2.41 (0.69; 8.27)	High 1.56 (0.80; 2.65)	Low 0.69 (0.12; 1.41)	High 0.38 (-0.11; 0.93)	Low -7.55 (-26.49; -3.98)	High -4.76 (-7.05; -3.47)	Low -3.00 (-4.24; -2.20)	High -3.24 (-4.36; -2.48)												
Read information in the press	Yes 4.91 (3.27; 9.47)	No 2.79 (2.00; 4.56)	Yes 4.02 (3.02; 5.89)	No 1.59 (1.29; 2.06)	Yes 2.13 (0.92; 4.72)	No 1.48 (0.67; 2.87)	Yes 0.50 (-0.14; 1.29)	No 0.51 (0.07; 1.01)	Yes -7.04 (-14.15; -4.51)	No -4.27 (-7.07; -2.93)	Yes -4.52 (-6.63; -3.30)	No -2.10 (-2.79; -1.58)												
Catalan wines have good flavor, texture and palate	Agree 2.78 (-5.92; 13.86)	Disagree 2.12 (0.34; 12.02)	Agree 3.07 (2.54; 3.90)	Disagree -0.6 (-1.19; -0.40)	Agree 1.13 (-1.66; 6.01)	Disagree 4.23 (-16.74; 21.76)	Agree 0.42 (0.03; 0.86)	Disagree 1.04 (-0.11; 2.77)	Agree -3.91 (-16.76; -1.15)	Disagree -6.35 (-33.17; 26.84)	Agree -3.49 (-4.39; -2.82)	Disagree -0.44 (-1.80; 0.63)												
Catalan wines are well-known and have public prestige	Agree 4.17 (3.14; 6.28)	Disagree 0.60 (-2.08; 4.20)	Agree 3.13 (2.59; 3.97)	Disagree -0.50 (-0.99; -0.34)	Agree 1.85 (-7.65; 11.12)	Disagree 1.23 (-1.05; 6.15)	Agree 0.35 (0.39; 3.38)	Disagree 1.48 (-0.04; 0.78)	Agree -6.02 (-8.93; -4.42)	Disagree -1.83 (-9.06; 4.69)	Agree -3.48 (-4.37; -2.82)	Disagree -0.98 (-2.56; 0.01)												
Catalan wines are reasonably priced	Agree 4.13 (3.14; 6.12)	Disagree 0.28 (-0.68; 1.70)	Agree 3.37 (2.73; 4.37)	Disagree 0.47 (0.36; 0.69)	Agree 1.52 (0.78; 2.59)	Disagree 3.64 (-8.14; 19.50)	Agree 0.42 (-0.03; 0.91)	Disagree 0.77 (0.13; 1.55)	Agree -5.65 (-8.24; -4.18)	Disagree -3.92 (-20.74; 7.12)	Agree -3.78 (-4.90; -2.99)	Disagree -1.24 (1.81; 2.78)												

Shaded cells are statistically significant at 90 %.

## 6. RESULTS

### Heterogeneity of Consumers Preferences. The Implicit Price-IP

- MALE** show more consistent results than **FEMALE**. Male indicate a clearer preference for the **CATALAN** origin and the **CABERNET SAUVIGNON** grape
- Consumers' preferences for Catalan origin and for the Cabernet Sauvignon variety **INCREASE WITH AGE**
- The **YOUNGEST** segment shows the highest IP for a previously **EXPERIENCED** wine.



## 6. RESULTS

### Heterogeneity of Consumers Preferences. The Implicit Price-IP

- Those that READ information show a higher IP for the origin attribute (CATALAN), non-significant results for Merlot and, prestigious wines are not relevant for them (nor negative nor positively influencing).
  - Their results manifest a stronger influence by wine articles and advertisement as a consequence of their reading.
- 
- Those who agree with the proposed statements about Catalan wines reveal higher IP's for them.

## 7. CONCLUSIONS

- ❑ The proposed spot does **NOT** affect the **RANKING** of the preferred attributes.
- ❑ The most preferred product is a **CATALAN** wine made from the **CABERNET SAUVIGNON** variety and **PREVIOUSLY TASTED** by the consumer.
- ❑ After the advertising, the **RELATIVE IMPORTANCE** of the “Catalan” level has **INCREASED** compared to the Spanish one. This is especially relevant due to the competitive positioning of Spanish wines in Catalonia, particularly those from La Rioja.

## 7. CONCLUSIONS

- Consumer preference towards French grape varieties can not be generalized, since it is specific for Cabernet sauvignon**
- Consumers prefer a previously tasted wine over a prestigious or recommended one → Importance of wine fairs and public tastings as a marketing strategy to let local wines be known by the consumer**

## 7. CONCLUSIONS

- ❑ Instead **OF BIG PROMOTION CAMPAIGNS** focused in special consumption occasions, smaller pieces of information along the year could be more effective in increasing consumer knowledge towards Catalan wines

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION!!!**

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 **Wine in Moderation**

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