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VALENCIA (SPAIN)

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## Ceramics to produce wines with differentiated characteristics - GOVALMAVIN



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# GOVALMAVIN Project

- Project: **Valorization of traditional materials for the vinification of quality wines**
- Founded by: **Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación**
- Call: Convocatoria de ayuda a proyectos innovadores de Grupos Operativos (2017), en el marco del Programa Nacional de Desarrollo Rural 2014-2020 (PNDR)
- Grant Agreement: 20180020012104
- Country: **Spain**
- Budget: 540.000 €
- Starting: **1<sup>st</sup> August 2018**
- Ending: **15<sup>th</sup> July 2020**
- More information: <https://govalmavin.com/>



# GOVALMAVIN Project

- Main objectives:
  - Development and evaluation of **new Spanish wines** through alternative winemaking and aging methods, using traditional and newly designed technological **ceramic jars**.
  - To optimize the **physical and mechanical properties** of the jars.
  - To produce **high quality wines fermented and/or aged** in the jars of the main Spanish types of grapes: Tempranillo, Garnacha, Monastrell and Macabeo (Viura).
  - To **promote Spanish wines** produced and/or aged in ceramic jars to national and international markets.

## • Consortium

### Miembros Solicitantes



### Miembros Subcontratados



### Miembros Colaboradores



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# GOVALMAVIN Project. ITC's tasks

- Technical characterization of:
  - ✓ Antique ceramic jars
  - ✓ Current ceramic jars
- Analysis of the production issues of current ceramic jars and propose solutions:
  - ✓ New compositions
  - ✓ Improved performance during manufacturing processes
  - ✓ Tailored properties of current ceramic jars
  - ✓ Different manufacturing techniques to increase the size of ceramic jars
- Advise and guide the consortium towards the production of new technologic ceramic jars



# Technical characterization of antique ceramic jars

Real Sitio desde 1503

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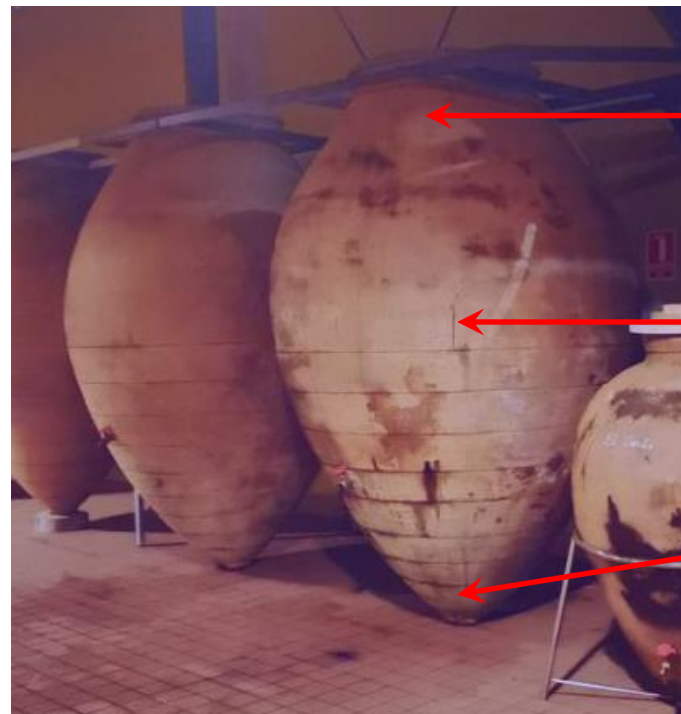


celler del roure



# Technical characterization of antique ceramic jars

Sample	Neck	Base	Belly
Water absorption (%)	15,0	10,3	12,2-13,6
Bulk density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1,82	1,80	1,89-1,94
Open porosity (%)	27,4	18,5	23,0-25,9



**Neck**

**Belly**

**Base**

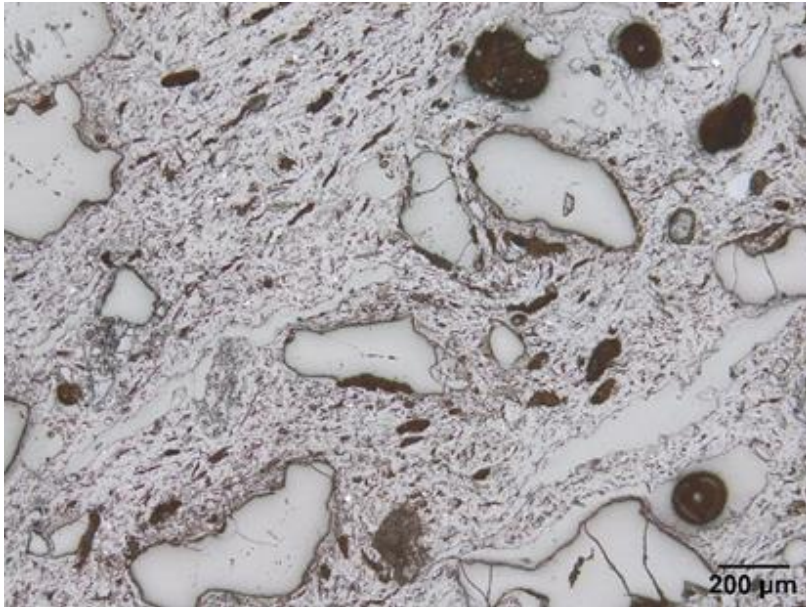


# Ceramic characterization of antique clay jars

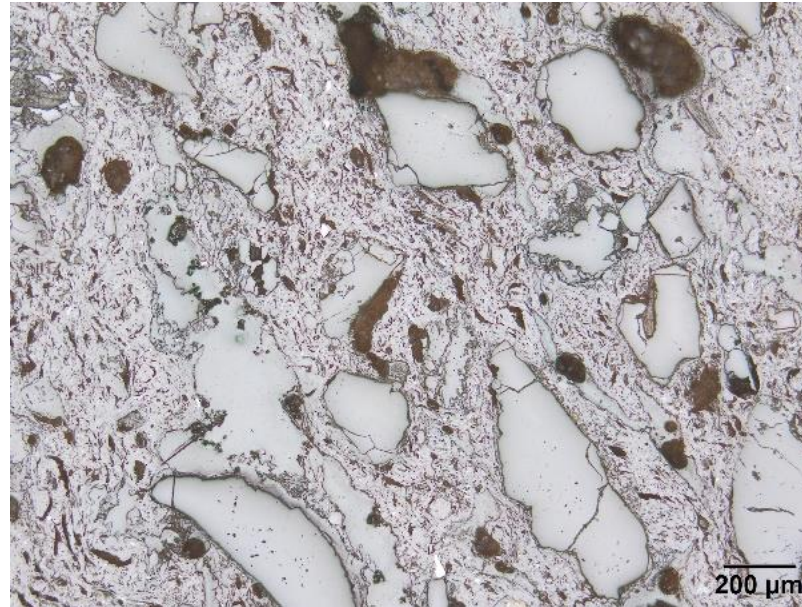
Optical microscope observation

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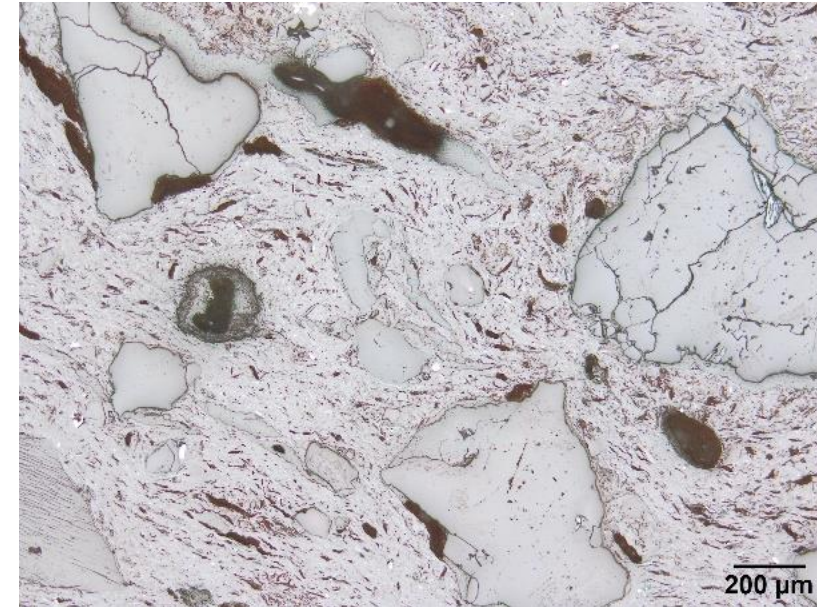
Neck



Belly



Base



# Technical characterization of current ceramic jars

- Made by Alfatec by traditional and mechanical methods
- Lower volume (120-130 l)
- Use of local clays from South Spain
- 2 types of compositions: white and red
- Problems:
  - ✓ Reduced dimensional stability
  - ✓ Deformation of neck and opening
  - ✓ Low productivity

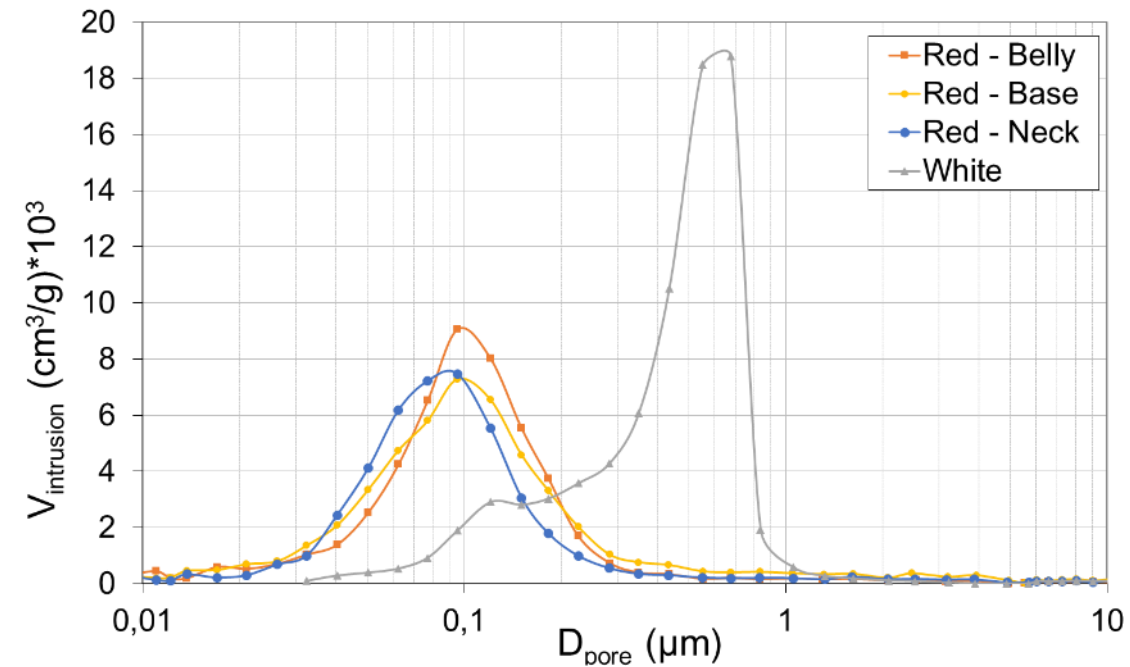
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# Technical characterization of current ceramic jars

Sample	Red			White
	Neck	Belly	Base	
Water absorption (%)	1,9	3,6	1,5	7,6
Bulk density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	2,29	2,25	2,27	2,16
Open porosity (%)	4,3	8,0	3,4	16,4
Air permeability $K_p$ (m <sup>2</sup> ) · 10 <sup>-17</sup>	0,01	↓↓	0,04	2,5
$d_{50}$ (μm)	0,10	0,11	0,12	0,57



# Technical characterization of current ceramic jars

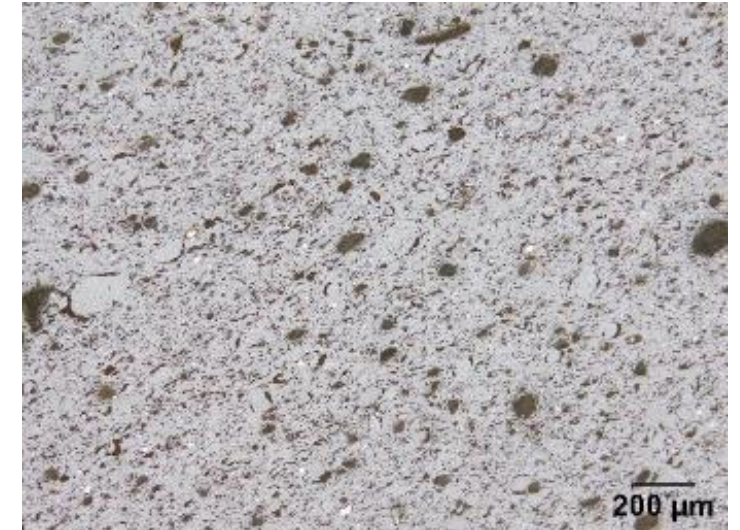
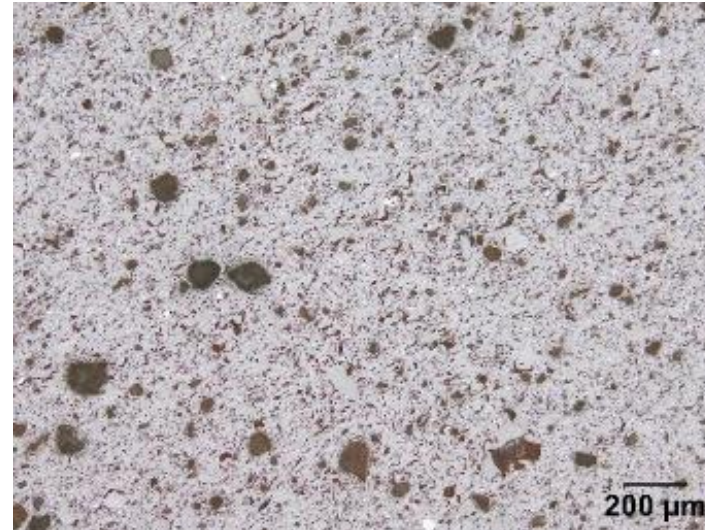
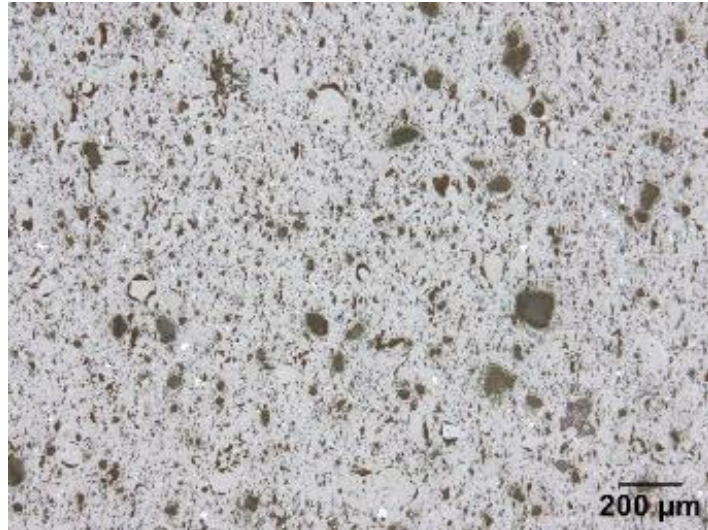
Optical microscope observation

Neck

Belly

Base

RED



WHITE



Clear field

# Conclusions

## Technical characterization of ceramic jars:

ANTIQUÉ CERAMIC JARS	CURRENT CERAMIC JARS
Heterogenous properties between different areas of the jar	
Heterogenous properties between different jars	
High open porosity: it is necessary to seal them to avoid sweating	Lower open porosity: in red jars, it is not necessary to seal them
Heterogenous microstructure	Reduced pore size
	Small differences in open porosity and pore size provoke big differences in behaviour





# Thanks!

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