



# Oenological Characteristics of Four Non-Saccharomyces Yeast Strains With $\beta$ -Glycosidase Activity

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Non-Saccharomyces yeast with  $\beta$ -glucosidase activity might positively contribute to the flavor and quality of wines. The contribution of four non-Saccharomyces yeast strains Issatchenkia terricola SLY-4, Pichia kudriavzevii F2-24, P. kudriavzevii F2-16, and Metschnikowia pulcherrima HX-13 with  $\beta$ -glucosidase activity to the flavor and quality of wine making was studied. Compared with those of S. cerevisiae single fermentation, the four non-Saccharomyces yeast strains could grow and consume sugar completely with longer fermentation periods, and with no significantly negative effect on chemical characteristics of wines. Moreover, they produced lower content of C<sub>6</sub> compounds, benzene derivative, and fatty acid ethyl ester compounds and higher content of terpene,  $\beta$ -ionone, higher alcohol, and acetate compounds. Different yeast strains produced different aroma compounds profiles. In general, the sensory evaluation score of adding non-Saccharomyces yeast-fermented wine was better than that of S. cerevisiae, and I. terricola SLY-4 fermentation received the highest one, followed by P. kudriavzevii F2-24, P. kudriavzevii F2-16, and M. pulcherrima HX-13 from high to low. The research results provide a theoretical basis for the breeding of non-Saccharomyces yeast and its application in wine making.

Keywords: oenological characteristics, wine, flavor, β-glucosidase, non-Saccharomyces yeast

# INTRODUCTION

It is an established enological practice to use commercial *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* to ferment wine. Pure *S. cerevisiae* fermentation has an easy control fermentation process and a high consistency of product quality between batches, but it is easy to lead poor flavor complexity and varietal aroma characteristics of wine which are mainly contributed by varietal, fermentative, and aging aroma compounds (Pires et al., 2014).

At present, non-Saccharomyces yeast is widely accepted because of its ability to produce aroma compounds and other excellent brewing characteristics, which has been used in pure or mixed fermentation with *S. cerevisiae* to overcome the defect of imperfect wine flavor (Parker et al., 2017; Canonico et al., 2019; Plessis et al., 2019; Binati et al., 2020). The varietal aroma characteristics of wine are mainly contributed by the volatile varietal aroma compounds; however, these compounds often exist as non-volatile glycoside precursors and are odorless. The nonvolatile glycosides can be hydrolyzed by  $\beta$ -glycosidases and released as volatile compounds

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with flavor (Cabrita et al., 2010; García-Carpintero et al., 2011).  $\beta$ -Glycosidase from different resources will affect the category and concentration of volatile varietal aroma compounds (Baffi et al., 2011). Generally, single fermentation of *S. cerevisiae* is weak in liberating these aroma precursors (Boscaino et al., 2019).

Several non-Saccharomyces yeast strains have been confirmed to have  $\beta$ -glucosidase activity, including *Hanseniaspora uvarum*, Pichia fermentans, Pichia membranifaciens, Wickerhamomyces anomalus, and Rhodotorula mucilaginosa, and they can improve the content of some volatile aroma compounds such as terpenes and benzene derivatives, imparting fruity and floral flavor profile to wine (Sabel et al., 2014; López et al., 2015, 2016; Ovalle et al., 2016; Ma et al., 2017; Sun et al., 2017). Four non-Saccharomyces yeast strains I. terricola SLY-4, P. kudriavzevii F2-24, P. kudriavzevii F2-16, and M. pulcherrima HX-13 were isolated from vineyards of the Helan Mountain region in Ningxia of China by our research group, which produced 98.51, 76.93, 62.72, and 47.95 U/l  $\beta$ -glucosidase activities, respectively (Wang et al., 2018). Adding crude extraction of  $\beta$ -glucosidases from I. terricola SLY-4, P. kudriavzevii F2-24, and M. pulcherrima HX-13 into must could increase the content of terpenes, esters, and fatty acids and enhance the fruity and floral aroma of wine fermented by S. cerevisiae. Wines using different crude  $\beta$ -glucosidase extractions presented distinct volatile compound profiles and varied typical flavor characteristics (Zhang et al., 2020). These results indicated that  $\beta$ -glucosidases from the four non-Saccharomyces yeast strains could enhance the content of aroma compounds with different profiles and improve the fruity and floral aroma of wine. However, the positive or negative effects of these four non-Saccharomyces yeast strains as main brewing yeast on wine-making are not yet known.

To investigate the effects of pure fermentations of *I. terricola* SLY-4, *P. kudriavzevii* F2-24, *P. kudriavzevii* F2-16, or *M. pulcherrima* HX-13 on flavor complexity and varietal aroma characteristics of wines, the process and the quality of their pure fermentations will be analyzed. Research results will provide some references of using non-*Saccharomyces* yeast strains to improve the flavor complexity and varietal characteristics of wines.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### **Strains and Medium**

*I. terricola* SLY-4, *P. kudriavzevii* F2-24, *P. kudriavzevii* F2-16, and *M. pulcherrima* HX-13 were isolated from vineyards of the Helan Mountain region in Ningxia of China. They have been identified through sequence analysis of the 26S rDNA D1/D2 domain and kept in our lab. Reference strains were purchased from the China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC 2.3216 *Issatchenkia terricola*; CGMCC 2.454 *Pichia kudriavzevii*; CGMCC 2.3776 *Metschnikowia pulcherrima*). *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* was a commercial strain Actiflore<sup>®</sup> F33 (Laffort, France).

Yeast extract peptone dextrose medium (YPD, 10 g/l yeast extract, 20 g/l peptone, 20 g/l glucose, and 20 g/l agar) was used to inoculate preparation and yeast cell count.

#### Laboratory-Scale Fermentation of Wines

Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from a vineyard of the Helan Mountain region in Ningxia of China were destemmed and crushed into must (239.9 g/l total sugar calculated as glucose and 7.1 g/l total acid calculated as tartaric acid, pH 3.96). Eight hundred milliliters of must was filled into a 1.0–l glass bottle, pasteurized at  $68.5^{\circ}$ C for 30 min. After adding 50 mg/l SO<sub>2</sub>, the must was macerated at  $4^{\circ}$ C for 12 h, and yeast cells were inoculated at  $10^{6}$  CFU/ml and fermented at  $20^{\circ}$ C without agitation. Each kind of yeast was inoculated in triplicate.

## **Viable Yeast Cell Counting**

Samples were taken during fermentation every day and concurrently diluted onto a YPD plate, then incubated at 28°C for 3 days (Suárez et al., 2007). Colonies on the YPD plate were counted as the viable cells of *S. cerevisiae* or non-*Saccharomyces* yeast. Each sample was analyzed in triplicate from the bottles.

# **Analytical Determination of Wines**

The contents of residual sugar, alcohol, total acid, and volatile acid of wine were analyzed through methods recommended by the International Organization of the Vine and Wine (OIV-MA-AS311-02: R2009, 2009; OIV-MA-AS313-01: R2015, 2015; OIV-MA-AS313-02: R2015, 2015; OIV-MA-AS312-01A: R2016, 2016). The residual sugar contents were expressed as glucose (g/L). The total acid content was expressed as tartaric acid (g/L), and the volatile acid content was expressed as acetic acid (g/L). Each wine sample was measured in triplicates from the bottles.

The extraction of volatile aroma compounds from wine was conducted by headspace solid-phase microextraction with 50/30 µm divinylbenzene carboxen polydimethylsiloxane (DVB/CAR/PDMS) fiber (Supelco, Bellefonte, PA, United States). The extracted volatile compounds were analyzed on an Agilent 6890N gas chromatograph (GC) coupled to an Agilent 5975B mass spectrometer with a DB-5 capillary column (30 m  $\times$  0.32 mm  $\times$  0.25  $\mu$ m). An 8-ml sample containing 0.45 g cyclohexanone (internal standard) and 2 g NaCl was put in a 20-ml headspace bottle and stirred by a magnetic bar at 40°C for 15 min. After that, the fiber was exposed to the headspace of bottle for 30 min and immediately desorbed in an injector at 250°C for 3 min. The operating conditions of GC were the following: initial temperature 40°C, increased to 130°C at 3°C/min, then to 250°C at 4°C/min. The injector and detector were set at 250 and 260°C, respectively. The mass spectrometry was operated in electron impact ionization mode at 70 eV, and ion source temperature was 250°C. Detection was carried out in full-scan mode over a range of 30-350 u/s. Compounds were identified by comparing their retention time with MS fragmentation patterns which were obtained from databases Wiley 7.0 and NIST05. All volatile compounds were semi-quantified through the following formula:

#### $Compound \ content(mg/mL) =$

 $\frac{GC \text{ peak area of compound } \times \text{ Quantity of cyclohexanone (mg)}}{GC \text{ peak area of cyclohexanone } \times \text{ volume of sample(mL)}}$ 

#### **Sensory Evaluation of Wines**

The sensory evaluation was performed as described by Belda et al. (2015) with modification. Twenty milliliters of wine was poured into wine glasses and presented in random order. The preferences for appearance, aroma (fruity, floral, and green), and taste of the wine were scored from 0 (weak) to 9 (intense) by a well-trained panelist (six females and four males) from Huazhong Agricultural University, respectively. The final score of each sensory characteristic was the mean value of 10 scores given by 10 assessors, respectively.

#### **Data Statistics Processing and Analysis**

Data and chart were performed by Microsoft Office 2010 and GraphPad Prism 6.0. One-way ANOVA was completed by SPSS 19.0 software (SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, United States). Principal component analysis (PCA) was performed by SIMCA-P 14.1 (Umetrics AB, Umea, Sweden).

# RESULTS

#### Growth and Sugar Consumption Kinetics of Yeast Strains During Wine Fermentation

The growth and sugar consumption kinetics of yeast strains indicated that four non-*Saccharomyces* yeast strains could grow normally during wine fermentation (**Figure 1**). Compared with that of *S. cerevisiae*  $(2.25 \times 10^9 \text{ cells/ml})$ , the biomasses of four non-*Saccharomyces* yeast strains were higher. *M. pulcherrima* HX-13 had the highest biomass  $(11.45 \times 10^9 \text{ cells/ml})$ , followed by *I. terricola* SLY-4  $(4.8 \times 10^9 \text{ cells/ml})$ , *P. kudriavzevii* F2-16  $(3.05 \times 10^9 \text{ cells/ml})$ , and *P. kudriavzevii* F2-24  $(2.8 \times 10^9 \text{ cells/ml})$ . Compared with that of *S. cerevisiae* (7 days), the fermentation periods of the four non-*Saccharomyces* yeasts were longer (9–13 days). *M. pulcherrima* HX-13 had the shortest fermentation period (9 days) among the non-*Saccharomyces* yeasts, followed by *I. terricola* SLY-4 (10 days), *P. kudriavzevii* F2-24 (10 days), and *P. kudriavzevii* F2-16 (13 days).

# Chemical Characteristics of Wines Fermented by Yeast Strains With $\beta$ -Glucosidase Activity

The chemical characteristics of wines fermented by different yeast strains showed that all the fermentations contained 2.71–3.64 g/l residue sugar (expressed as glucose), about 12% ethanol (v/v), 5.13–5.44 g/l total acid (expressed as tartaric acid), and 0.23–0.31 g/l volatile acid (expressed as acetic acid) (**Table 1**). These results indicated there was no negative effect on the chemical characteristics of wines.

## Volatile Compounds of Wines Fermented by Yeast Strains With $\beta$ -Glucosidase Activity

The total ion current chromatograms of gas chromatographymass spectrometry (GC-MS) analysis for all the fermentations indicated that different fermentations had unique chromatogram profiles. Fifty-three kinds of volatile compounds were classified into variety aroma compounds and fermentative aroma compounds. Eleven variety aroma components were clustered into  $C_6$  compound, terpene, norisoprenoid, and benzene derivative compound. Forty-two fermentative aroma components were clustered into compounds of higher alcohol, fatty acid, ester (acetic ester, fatty acid ethyl ester, and other ester), aldehyde, and ketone (**Table 2**).

The effects of non-*Saccharomyces* yeast strains on the aroma compounds were evaluated as follows.

Compared with those of the *S. cerevisiae* single fermentation, the total contents of varietal aroma compounds in non-*Saccharomyces* yeast fermentations were lower (45.49– 62.64 mg/l). Among the varietal aroma compounds, lower contents of C<sub>6</sub> compounds (0.21–0.54 mg/l) and benzene derivative compounds (44.68–61.49 mg/l) and higher contents of terpene (0.26–0.89 mg/l) and C<sub>13</sub>-norisoprenoid compounds (0.01–0.03 mg/l) were produced. Limonene, linalool, citronellol, nerol,  $\beta$ -ionone, phenylethyl alcohol, and phenylethyl acetate were the main odor active variety aroma compounds (OAV > 1) (**Table 2** and **Figure 2**).

Compared with the *S. cerevisiae* single fermentation, the four non-*Saccharomyces* yeast fermentations contained higher contents of fermentative aroma compounds (499.00–636.72 mg/l) (**Table 2** and **Figure 2**), especially higher alcohol (233.21–308.67 mg/l), and ester compounds (250.04–319.98 mg/l), and they produced higher concentrations of acetate compounds (195.87–242.58 mg/l) and lower concentrations of fatty acid ethyl ester compounds (32.11–77.40 mg/l). Isoamyl alcohol, isobutanol, 2-methylpentanol, 1-octanal, ethyl acetate, isobutyl acetate, isoamyl acetate, 2-methylbutyl acetate, ethyl butyrate, ethyl hexanoate, ethyl octanoate, ethyl 9-decenoate, ethyl decanoate, ethyl laurate, isoamyl caprylate, and isoamyl caproate were the main odor active fermentation aroma compounds.

# PCA of Volatile Compounds From Wines Fermented by Yeast Strains With $\beta$ -Glucosidase Activity

A principal component analysis (PCA) was carried out to reveal the correlation and segregation of volatile compounds with different yeast strain fermentations. Here 68.2% of variance was explained, and PC1 and PC2 accounted for 41% and 27.2% of variance, respectively. The P. kudriavzevii F2-16 fermentation and the P. kudriavzevii F2-24 fermentation were mainly grouped with varietal aroma compounds such as limonene, linalool, citronellol, and some kinds of fermentative aroma compounds such as 1-octanol, 2-methyl-1-butanol, isopentanoic acid, and 2methylbutyric acid. The I. terricola SLY-4 fermentation and the *M. pulcherrima* HX-13 fermentation were closely clustered with various fermentative aroma compounds such as 2,3-butanediol, isoamyl alcohol, isobutyl acetate, acetic acid 2-methyl, ethyl butyrate, octanoic acid, 1-decanol, ethyl decanoate, phenylethyl acetate, and hexanoic acid. S. cerevisiae fermentation was grouped with some fermentative aroma compounds such as



FIGURE 1 | Growth and sugar consumption kinetics of yeast strains during wine fermentation: (A) S. cerevisiae fermentation; (B) I. terricola SLY-4 fermentation; (C) P. kudriavzevii F2-24 fermentation; (D) P. kudriavzevii F2-16 fermentation; (E) M. pulcherrima HX-13 fermentation. - Growth kinetics of yeast strains - Sugar consumption kinetics of yeast strains.

Wines	Time (days)	Residual sugar (g/L)	Alcohol content (%, v/v)	Total acid (g/L)	Volatile acid (g/L)	
SCw	7	$3.57 \pm 0.19^{a}$	$12.85 \pm 0.36^{a}$	$5.44 \pm 0.19^{a}$		
SLY-4w	10	$3.64 \pm 0.07^{a}$	$12.91 \pm 0.28^{a}$	$5.44 \pm 0.19^{a}$	$0.31 \pm 0.01^{a}$	
F2-24w	13	$2.71 \pm 0.07^{b}$	$12.69 \pm 0.08^{a}$	$5.25 \pm 0.19^{b}$	$0.26 \pm 0.01^{b}$	
F2-16w	13	$3.53 \pm 0.20^{a}$	$12.08 \pm 0.38^{a}$	$5.13 \pm 0.18^{b}$	$0.25 \pm 0.01^{b}$	
HX-13w	9	$3.50\pm0.30^{\text{a}}$	$12.96 \pm 0.13^{a}$	$5.31 \pm 0.11^{b}$	$0.24\pm0.00^{\text{b}}$	

Different inline letters in the same row of values indicate significant differences determined by Duncan test at 95% confidence level.

SCw, S. cerevisiae fermentation; SLY-4w, I. terricola SLY-4 fermentation; F2-24w, P. kudriavzevii F2-24 fermentation; F2-16w, P. kudriavzevii F2-16 fermentation; HX-13w, M. pulcherrima HX-13 fermentation.

TABLE 2 | Volatile compounds in different wines (mg/L).

Compounds	Concentration (mg/L)					Odor threshold	OAV	Odors descriptions
	SCw SLY-4w F2-24w F2-16w HX-13w							
Varietal aroma	$85.29 \pm 12.88^{a}$	$60.16 \pm 0.40^{b}$	45.49 ± 6.18 <sup>c</sup>	$62.64\pm0.53^{\mathrm{b}}$	$57.89 \pm 4.23^{b}$			
C <sub>6</sub> compounds	$0.78 \pm 0.04^{a}$	$0.54 \pm 0.02^{b}$	$0.21 \pm 0.04^{d}$	$0.25 \pm 0.01^{d}$	$0.33\pm0.00^{\circ}$			
1-Hexanol	$0.36 \pm 0.05^{a}$	$0.02 \pm 0.01^{\circ}$	$0.03 \pm 0.01^{\circ}$	$0.06 \pm 0.02^{\circ}$	$0.11 \pm 0.01^{b}$	8	<0.1	Green, herb
cis-2-Hexen-1-ol	$0.42 \pm 0.02^{\circ}$	$0.52 \pm 0.03^{b}$	$0.19 \pm 0.05^{d}$	$0.20 \pm 0.01^{d}$	$0.23 \pm 0.01^{d}$	0.4	>0.1	Green, herb
Terpenes	$0.04 \pm 0.01^{e}$	$0.26 \pm 0.01^{d}$	$0.59 \pm 0.01^{b}$	0.89 ± 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	$0.33\pm0.04^{\circ}$			
Limonene	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	$0.15 \pm 0.01^{b}$	$0.22 \pm 0.01^{a}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	0.1	>1	Lemon, citrus
Linalool	$0.01 \pm 0.00^{9}$	$0.10 \pm 0.01^{\circ}$	0.17 ± 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	$0.12 \pm 0.01^{b}$	$0.02 \pm 0.01^{d}$	0.025	>1	Muscat, flowery, fruity
Citronellol	$0.02 \pm 0.01^{d}$	$0.09 \pm 0.01^{\circ}$	$0.17 \pm 0.01^{b}$	$0.42 \pm 0.01^{a}$	$0.17 \pm 0.01^{b}$	0.01	>1	Citrus
Nerol	$0.01 \pm 0.00^{d}$	$0.08 \pm 0.02^{\circ}$	$0.11 \pm 0.01^{b}$	$0.14 \pm 0.02^{a}$	$0.14 \pm 0.03^{a}$	0.03	>1	Citrus
C <sub>13</sub> -Norisoprenoids	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	$0.03 \pm 0.01^{a}$	$0.01 \pm 0.00^{b}$	$0.02 \pm 0.01^{b}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$			
β-lonone	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	$0.03 \pm 0.01^{a}$	$0.01 \pm 0.00^{b}$	$0.02 \pm 0.01^{\rm b}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	9*10 <sup>-5</sup>	>1	Raspberry, violet, swe
Benzene derivatives	84.51 ± 12.91 <sup>a</sup>	$59.34 \pm 0.41^{b}$	44.68 ± 6.21 <sup>c</sup>	$61.49 \pm 0.56^{b}$	$57.23 \pm 4.27^{b}$			fruity
Benzaldehyde	$0.29 \pm 0.06^{b}$	$0.81 \pm 0.02^{a}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	$0.87 \pm 0.06^{a}$	2	<0.1	
Benzyl alcohol	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\rm b}$	$0.30 \pm 0.01^{a}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{b}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\rm b}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{b}$	200	<0.1	Almond, fatty
Phenethyl alcohol	$72.16 \pm 11.14^{a}$	$30.99 \pm 1.56^{d}$	$40.35 \pm 6.09^{\circ}$	$55.14 \pm 0.75^{b}$	$33.24 \pm 4.92^{d}$	14	>1	Rose, soft tommy
Phenylethyl acetate	12.07 ± 1.71 <sup>c</sup>	$27.25 \pm 2.00^{a}$	$4.33 \pm 0.12^{d}$	$6.35 \pm 0.20^{d}$	$23.13 \pm 0.59^{b}$	0.25	>1	Floral, rose
Fermentative aroma	404.89 ± 1.45 <sup>d</sup>	499.00 ± 9.53 <sup>c</sup>	530.83 ± 14.26 <sup>b</sup>	524.77 ± 23.19 <sup>b</sup>	$636.72 \pm 12.92^{a}$			
Higher alcohols	202.03 ± 1.93 <sup>e</sup>	$233.21 \pm 1.86^{d}$	$273.88 \pm 7.06^{\circ}$	$285.47 \pm 4.60^{b}$	$308.67 \pm 10.16^{a}$			
1-Propanol	2.51 ± 0.17°	$6.89 \pm 0.02^{b}$	$2.85 \pm 0.49^{\circ}$	$8.30 \pm 0.41^{a}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{d}$	306	<0.1	Fresh, alcohol
Isobutyl alcohol	$8.06 \pm 0.61^{d}$	$10.73 \pm 0.52^{d}$	$29.50 \pm 1.06^{\circ}$	$61.01 \pm 4.47^{b}$	$73.57 \pm 3.23^{a}$	40		Mild sweet, alcohol
1-Butanol	$0.41\pm0.00^{\circ}$	$0.85\pm0.17^{\text{ab}}$	$0.69\pm0.13^{\rm b}$	$1.00\pm0.15^{\rm a}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm d}$	150	<0.1	Medicinal, fusel, pungency
Isoamyl alcohol	$120.46 \pm 3.21^{b}$	$167.28 \pm 0.05^{a}$	$172.69 \pm 7.57^{a}$	$109.57 \pm 3.90^{\circ}$	$169.06 \pm 1.60^{a}$	30	>1	Alcohol, harsh, bitter, banana
2-Methyl-1-butanol	$68.74 \pm 0.50^{b}$	45.36 ± 1.20 <sup>c</sup>	$66.97 \pm 0.00^{b}$	102.68 ± 3.11 <sup>a</sup>	$64.47 \pm 14.99^{b}$	65	>0.1	
2,3-Butanediol	$0.77\pm0.04^{\rm c}$	$1.26\pm0.01^{\rm b}$	$0.64\pm0.19^{\rm c}$	$1.67\pm0.21^{\rm a}$	$1.44\pm0.02^{b}$	120	<0.1	Butter, creamy, chemical
3-Methyl-1-pentanol	$0.56 \pm 0.10^{a}$	$0.36 \pm 0.01^{b}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\circ}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\rm c}$	0.5	>1	Fusel
1-Octanol	$0.27 \pm 0.03^{\circ}$	$0.50 \pm 0.05^{b}$	$0.44 \pm 0.01^{b}$	$1.26 \pm 0.15^{a}$	$0.14\pm0.03^{d}$	0.9	0.1-1	Waxy
1-Decanol	$0.27 \pm 0.08^{a}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	$0.12 \pm 0.01^{d}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	0.4	0.1-1	Citrus, fatty
Fatty acids	5.11 ± 0.06 <sup>c</sup>	$9.16 \pm 0.33^{a}$	$4.44 \pm 0.14^{d}$	$5.91 \pm 0.32^{b}$	$5.28 \pm 0.22^{\circ}$			
Isobutyric acid	$0.18 \pm 0.01^{b}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	$0.68 \pm 0.03^{a}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	8.1	<0.1	Phenol, chemical, fatt
2-Methylbutyric acid	$0.32\pm0.04^{\text{b}}$	$0.00 \pm 0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.29\pm0.00^{\rm b}$	$1.26 \pm 0.11^{a}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\circ}$	0.25	>1	Cheese
Isopentanoic acid	$0.00\pm0.00^{\circ}$	$0.63\pm0.07^{\rm b}$	$0.47\pm0.02^{b}$	$1.02 \pm 0.49^{a}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\circ}$	0.033	>1	Sweaty feet
Hexanoic acid	$1.54 \pm 0.06^{b}$	$2.21 \pm 0.03^{a}$	$1.52 \pm 0.06^{b}$	$1.13 \pm 0.00^{d}$	$2.25 \pm 0.10^{a}$	0.42	>1	Cheese, rancid
Octanoic acid	$3.01\pm0.04^{\rm c}$	$5.84\pm0.20^{\text{a}}$	$2.06\pm0.05^{\text{e}}$	$1.83\pm0.04^{\rm f}$	$2.57\pm0.11^{\rm d}$	0.5	>1	Rancid, harsh, cheese fatty acid
Decanoic acid	$0.06\pm0.00^{\text{cd}}$	$0.48 \pm 0.03^{b}$	$0.11 \pm 0.01^{\circ}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\text{d}}$	$0.46 \pm 0.01^{b}$	1	<0.1	Unpleasant
Esters	194.88 ± 3.24 <sup>e</sup>	251.99 ± 10.90 <sup>b</sup>	250.04 ± 21.92 <sup>b</sup>	231.50 ± 19.11 <sup>b</sup>	$319.98 \pm 23.37^{a}$			
Acetic esters	$90.82 \pm 3.40^{\circ}$	$203.12 \pm 4.25^{b}$	$217.94 \pm 25.24^{ab}$	195.87 ± 14.59 <sup>b</sup>	$242.58 \pm 17.28^{a}$			

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Oenological Characteristics of Four Non-Saccharomyces

#### TABLE 2 | Continued

Compounds	Concentration (mg/L)					Odor threshold	OAV	Odors
	SCw	SLY-4w	F2-24w	F2-16w	HX-13w			descriptions
Ethyl acetate	$50.46 \pm 2.14^{d}$	$107.46 \pm 8.00^{bc}$	$143.02 \pm 10.44^{a}$	$112.46 \pm 11.00^{b}$	$94.47 \pm 11.00^{\circ}$	7.5	>1	Fruity, sweet
Propyl acetate	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm f}$	$0.41 \pm 0.00^{\circ}$	$0.33\pm0.01^{\rm d}$	$1.13\pm0.00^{\text{a}}$	$0.70\pm0.02^{\rm b}$	4.7	<1	Fruity
Isobutyl acetate	$0.63\pm0.07^{\rm d}$	$1.27 \pm 0.15^{c}$	$0.82\pm0.05^{\rm d}$	$2.53\pm0.40^{\text{b}}$	$10.23 \pm 0.26^{a}$	1.6	>0.1	Garnetberry, fruity, flowery
Isoamyl acetate	$33.70\pm0.94^{\rm d}$	$85.91 \pm 5.35^{bc}$	$71.47 \pm 14.98^{b}$	$75.31 \pm 3.15^{\circ}$	$117.79 \pm 6.00^{a}$	0.03	>1	Banana
2-Methylbutyl acetate	$5.78 \pm 2.11^{\rm bc}$	$7.53 \pm 1.32^{b}$	$2.30\pm0.12^{\rm d}$	$4.45\pm0.05^{\rm c}$	$19.39\pm0.00^{\text{a}}$	0.02-0.05	>1	Fruity
Pentanol acetate	$0.00\pm0.00^{\text{b}}$	$0.18\pm0.05^{\text{a}}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\text{b}}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm b}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\text{b}}$			
3-Methylpentyl acetate	$0.00\pm0.00^{\text{b}}$	$0.37 \pm 0.07^{a}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\text{b}}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\text{b}}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\text{b}}$			
Hexyl acetate	$0.19\pm0.03^{\rm b}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	1.5	0.1–1	Pleasant fruity, pea
Octyl acetate	$0.06\pm0.00^{\text{b}}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\mathrm{c}}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\mathrm{c}}$			
Fatty acid ethyl esters	$101.42 \pm 0.20^{a}$	$48.87 \pm 6.65^{\circ}$	$32.11 \pm 3.32^{d}$	$35.63 \pm 4.52^{d}$	$77.40 \pm \mathbf{6.09^{b}}$			
Ethyl propanoate	$0.25\pm0.02^{\rm d}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm e}$	$0.48\pm0.02^{\rm c}$	$1.48 \pm 0.25^{a}$	$1.10\pm0.06^{\rm b}$	1.8-2.1	0.1–1	
Ethyl butyrate	$2.35\pm0.10^{\text{b}}$	$1.81\pm0.54^{\rm bc}$	$1.45\pm0.39^{\rm c}$	$2.10\pm0.09^{\rm b}$	$5.47 \pm 0.50^{a}$	0.02	>1	Sour fruit, strawberry, fruity
Ethyl hexanoate	$44.99\pm0.34^{\text{a}}$	$12.43\pm2.10^d$	$11.24\pm1.09^{\rm d}$	$10.67\pm1.22^{\rm d}$	$31.77 \pm 2.32^{b}$	0.014	>1	Green apple, fruity strawberry, anise
Ethyl heptanoate	$38.78\pm0.54^{\text{a}}$	$16.47 \pm 1.12^{\circ}$	$11.58\pm1.02^{\rm d}$	$11.95\pm0.70^{\rm d}$	$23.47\pm2.42^{b}$	0.005	>1	Fruity, sweet, anise wax
Ethyl octanoate	$0.06\pm0.01^{\rm b}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	1.3	<0.1	banana
Ethyl non-anoate	$1.19\pm0.06^{\text{a}}$	$0.19\pm0.03^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.43\pm0.02^{\text{b}}$	0.1	>1	Green, fruity, fatty
Ethyl 9-decenoate	$8.09\pm0.26^{\rm c}$	$12.39 \pm 1.71^{b}$	$4.67\pm0.55^{\rm d}$	$5.06\pm1.91^{\rm d}$	$9.65\pm0.49^{\rm c}$	0.1	>1	Fruity, fatty, pleasant, wax flav
Ethyl decanoate	$4.04\pm0.62^{\text{b}}$	$3.48\pm0.83^{\text{b}}$	$1.73 \pm 0.14^{\rm c}$	$2.16\pm0.15^{\rm c}$	$3.26\pm0.29^{\text{b}}$	1.5	>1	Waxy
Ethyl dodecanoate	$0.64\pm0.05^{\text{b}}$	$0.59\pm0.03^{\rm c}$	$0.18\pm0.01^{\rm e}$	$0.75\pm0.01^{\text{a}}$	$0.30\pm0.02^{\rm d}$	2	0.1–1	Fatty, butter
Ethyl myristate	$0.76\pm0.03^{\text{b}}$	$0.63\pm0.18^{\text{b}}$	$0.36\pm0.09^{\rm c}$	$0.34\pm0.08^{\rm c}$	$1.01 \pm 0.01^{a}$	100-200	<0.1	Green, fruity
Diethyl succinate	$0.30\pm0.01^{\rm d}$	$0.90\pm0.12^{b}$	$0.44\pm0.03^{c}$	$1.14\pm0.13^{\text{a}}$	$0.98 \pm 0.01^{b}$	1.5	0.1–1	Fatty
Ethyl palmitate	$38.78\pm0.54^{\text{a}}$	$16.47 \pm 1.12^{\circ}$	$11.58\pm1.02^{\rm d}$	$11.95\pm0.70^{\rm d}$	$23.47 \pm 2.42^{b}$	0.005	>1	Fruity, sweet, anise wax
Other esters	$\textbf{2.64} \pm \textbf{0.04}^{a}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\circ}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\circ}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\circ}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\circ}$			
Isoamyl octanoate	$1.29\pm0.06^{\text{a}}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	0.13	>1	Sweet, cheese
Isoamyl hexanoate	$1.35\pm0.10^{\text{a}}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\circ}$			
Carbonyl compounds	$\textbf{2.89} \pm \textbf{0.06}^{b}$	$\textbf{4.64} \pm \textbf{0.16}^{a}$	$\textbf{2.48} \pm \textbf{0.46}^{b}$	$1.90 \pm 0.21^{\circ}$	$2.79\pm0.51^{\rm b}$			
1-Non-anal	$0.17\pm0.01^{\text{b}}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\text{d}}$	$0.27\pm0.03^{\text{a}}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\text{d}}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\text{d}}$	0.015	>1	Waxy
1-Decanal	$0.32\pm0.03^{\text{b}}$	$0.23\pm0.05^{\rm c}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm e}$	$0.00\pm0.00^{\rm e}$	$0.62 \pm 0.01^{a}$	0.001	>1	Sweet
2,3-Butanedione	$0.94\pm0.02^{\rm d}$	$3.16\pm0.05^{\text{a}}$	$1.52\pm0.07^{\rm b}$	$1.09\pm0.06^{\rm c}$	$1.04\pm0.05^{\rm c}$	0.1	>1	Butter, cheese
2,3-Pentanedione	1.46 ± 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	$1.26 \pm 0.07^{ab}$	$0.70 \pm 0.36^{\circ}$	$0.81 \pm 0.27^{\rm bc}$	$1.14 \pm 0.47^{abc}$	<0.1	>1	Butter, cheese

Data show average of triplicates ± SD. Different letters indicated differences among wines determined by Duncan test at the 95% confidence level.

SCw, S. cerevisiae fermentation; SLY-4w, I. terricola SLY-4 fermentation; F2-24w, P. kudriavzevii F2-24 fermentation; F2-16w, P. kudriavzevii F2-16 fermentation; HX-13w, M. pulcherrima HX-13 fermentation. Bold values represent the total content of a class of substances.





FIGURE 3 | PCA plot of volatile compounds from wines fermented by different yeast strains. ● Wine samples; ■ Aroma compounds; SCw, *S. cerevisiae* fermentation; SLY-4w, *I. terricola* SLY-4 fermentation; F2-24w, *P. kudriavzevii* F2-24 fermentation; F2-16w, *P. kudriavzevii* F2-16 fermentation; HX-13w, *M. pulcherrima* HX-13 fermentation.



isoamyl octanoate, 3-methyl-1-pentanol, ethyl 9-decenoate, ethyl octanoate, and ethyl hexanoate (**Figure 3**).

## Sensory Evaluation of Wines Fermented by Different Yeast Strains With $\beta$ -Glucosidase Activity

Compared with that of the *S. cerevisiae* single fermentation, all the non-*Saccharomyces* yeast fermentations had no significant difference in appearance, but they had a stronger fruity and floral flavor and a weaker green flavor with exception of *M. pulcherrima* HX-13 fermentation. *I. terricola* SLY-4 fermentation had the best taste, followed by the fermentations of *S. cerevisiae*, *P. kudriavzevii* F2-24, *P. kudriavzevii* F2-16, and *M. pulcherrima* HX-13. The order of total acceptance for the wines from high to low was fermentation of *I. terricola* SLY-4, *P. kudriavzevii* F2-24, *P. kudriavzevii* F2-16, *M. pulcherrima* HX-13, and *S. cerevisiae* (Figure 4).

# DISCUSSION

Compared with those of the *S. cerevisiae* single fermentation, the four non-*Saccharomyces* yeast strains had higher biomasses and longer fermentation periods which were also reported by Andorrà et al. (2010) and Belda et al. (2015). Those results mean that the four non-*Saccharomyces* yeast strains consumed sugar more slowly than *S. cerevisiae* did, but they could consume it completely.

Compared with *S. cerevisiae*, the four non-*Saccharomyces* yeast strains had no negative effects on the chemical characteristics of wines. Specifically, they produced lower

contents of C<sub>6</sub> compounds and benzene derivative and higher contents of terpene,  $\beta$ -ionone, higher alcohol, and ester compounds, these phenomena were also reported by Nyanga et al. (2013); Del Mónaco et al. (2014), Lu et al. (2017), and Sun et al. (2017). Low concentrations of C<sub>6</sub> compounds would reduce the green flavor of wines (Mendez-Costabel et al., 2014; Vilanova et al., 2016), while high contents of terpene, isoprenoid, benzene derivative, ester, and higher alcohol would enhance the fruity and floral flavor of wines (Pretorius and Lambrechts, 2000; Swiegers and Pretorius, 2005; Noguerol-Pato et al., 2012; Sun et al., 2017). The sensory evaluation results of wines indeed indicated that the green flavor of wines was reduced by the four non-Saccharomyces yeast strains with exception of M. pulcherrima HX-13, and their fruity and floral flavors were enhanced. More importantly, the first report about M. pulcherrima could produce high content of varietal aroma compounds in wine. The volatile compound profiles of the four non-Saccharomyces yeast fermentations were significantly different from those of S. cerevisiae fermentation. Moreover, the volatile compound profiles of P. kudriavzevii F2-16 and P. kudriavzevii F2-24 fermentations were remarkably different from those of I. terricola SLY-4 and M. pulcherrima HX-13 fermentations. Different volatile compounds profiles would take different flavor characteristics on wines (Lu et al., 2017; Siebert et al., 2018), which was consistent with sensory evaluation results of wines.

#### CONCLUSION

Compared with those of S. cerevisiae single fermentation, the four non-Saccharomyces yeast strains could grow and consume sugar completely and had no significantly negative effect on chemical characteristics of wines. All the four non-Saccharomyces yeast strains could improve the flavor and quality of wines. Moreover, different yeast strains produced different aroma compounds profiles and take on different aroma characteristics of wines. The four non-Saccharomyces yeast strain fermentations received higher acceptance of sensory evaluation than S. cerevisiae did, and I. terricola SLY-4 fermentation got the highest sensory evaluation score, followed by P. kudriavzevii F2-24, P. kudriavzevii F2-16, and M. pulcherrima HX-13 fermentation from high to low. However, pure non-Saccharomyces yeast fermentation had disadvantages with long fermentation periods and lower content of benzene derivative and fatty acid ethyl ester compounds. To overcome the disadvantages of pure non-Saccharomyces yeast fermentation, co-fermentation of several non-Saccharomyces yeast strains with different aroma compound profiles, or pure S. cerevisiae fermentation of must with addition of complex  $\beta$ -glucosidase (crude or purified) from different non-Saccharomyces yeast strains, might be used to further improve the kind of aroma compounds and the flavor complexity of wine and shorten the fermentation period of wine. The research results will provide non-Saccharomyces yeast strains to improve the flavor and quality of wines, and a reference for the selection of other non-Saccharomyces yeasts strains with better oenological characteristics.

#### DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The original contributions presented in the study are included in the article/supplementary material, further inquiries can be directed to the corresponding author.

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