## ANCHOR YEAST T/A RYMCO (PTY) LTD



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## ANCHOR YEAST REHYDRATION PROTOCOL

Yeast rehydration is one of the most important steps in winemaking. It ensures a strong and healthy fermentation. The recommended inoculation dosage for active dried wine yeast is 20-30 g/hL to ensure a viable yeast population of more than 1 x 10<sup>6</sup> viable yeast cell per millilitre of must.

After inoculation there is a slight increase in yeast biomass after which the fermentation starts. Increased inoculation rates are required for more challenging fermentation conditions.

- The rehydration mixture should be 20 times the volume of the yeast (1 kg of yeast in 20 L of rehydration mixture).
- The rehydration mixture should consist of 30% juice or must (no sulphur) and 70% hot water (non-chlorinated; 40-43°C) and dissolve 20 g/hL Anchorferm/Revive (rehydration nutrient) in the mixture. Stir to disperse.
- Once the medium reaches 37°C, add 20-30 g/hL active dried wine yeast while actively stirring to break up any lumps.
- Let the suspension stand for 20 minutes. Stir gently after 20 minutes.
- Slowly add an equal amount of the must to be fermented, to the yeast suspension. Avoid cold shocks of more than 10°C. Repeat the temperature adjustment step until the yeast suspension is within 10°C of the must to be inoculated.
- Add the yeast suspension to the bottom of the fermentation vessel as you start filling or inoculate directly, ensuring you mix the yeast suspension thoroughly with the must.

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