

# Cross Flow Filtration in Winemaking

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# Agenda

- What is Cross Flow filtration?
- Why is Cross Flow popular?
- Advantages of Bucher Vaslin System
- Q&A- Winemaker, Chris Bertsche
- Review any of your questions
- Benoit Murat- Bucher Vaslin NA

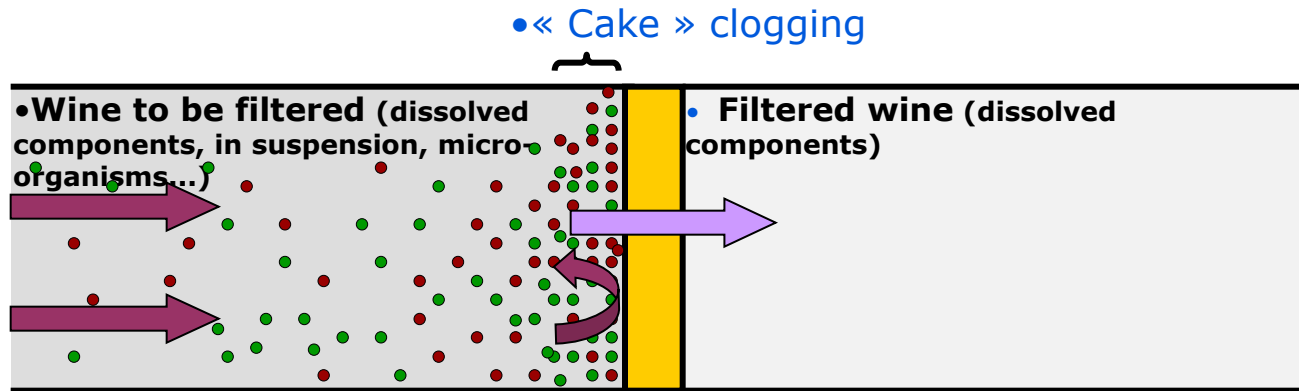


# What is Cross Flow Filtration?

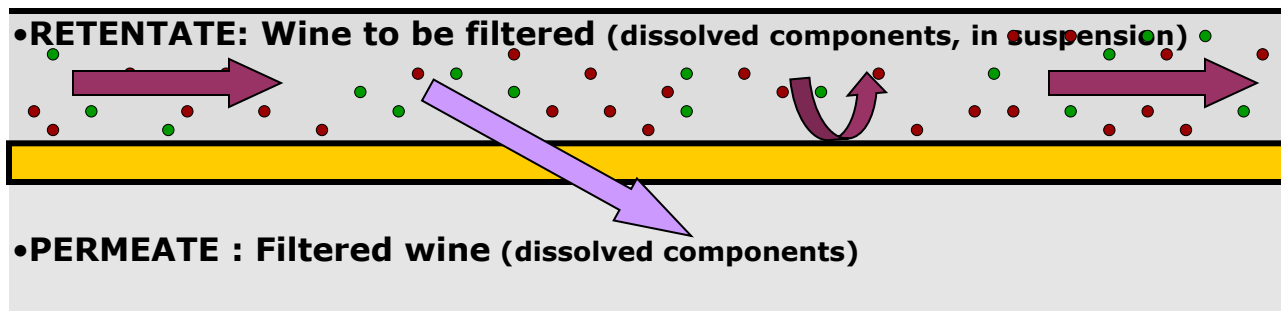
- Also called Tangential Flow Filtration “T.F.F.”
- Definition: method of clarification where product flow is parallel to the filter surface to minimize clogging, and maximize efficiency

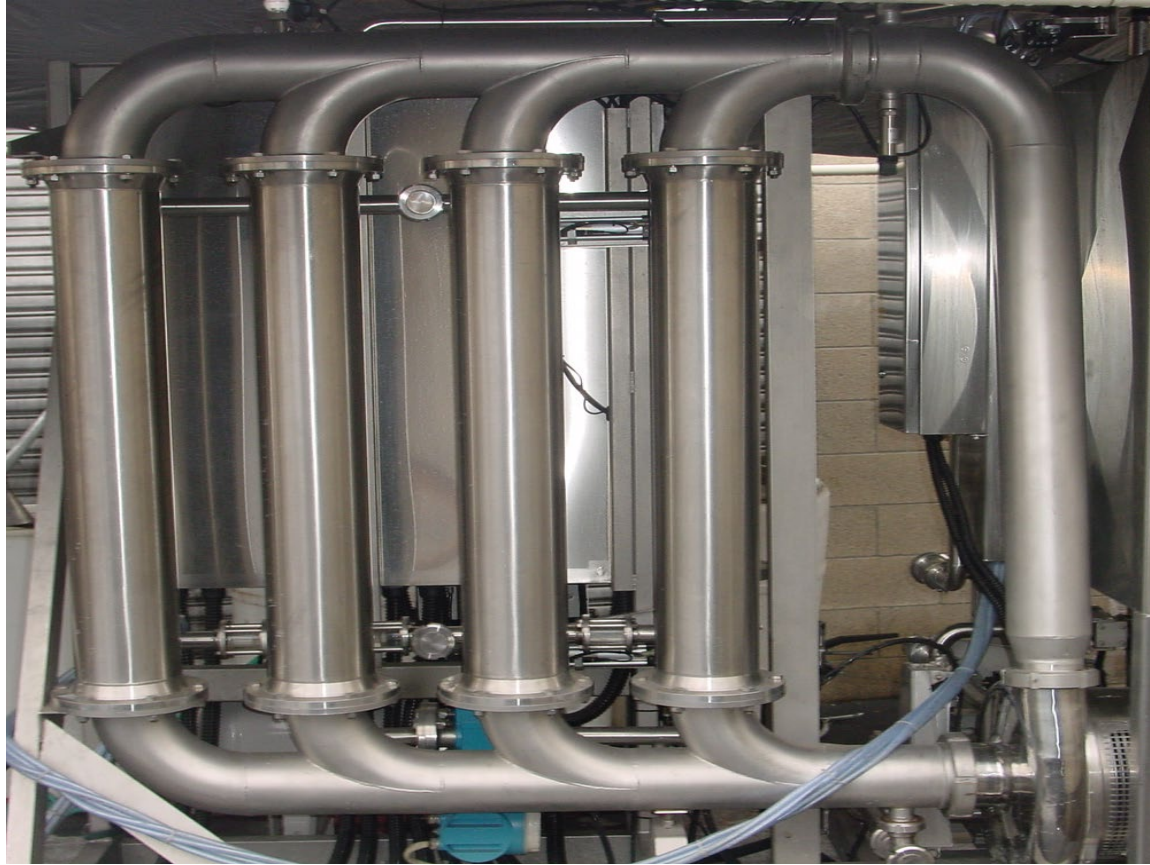


## •- Dead-end filtration



## •- Cross flow filtration

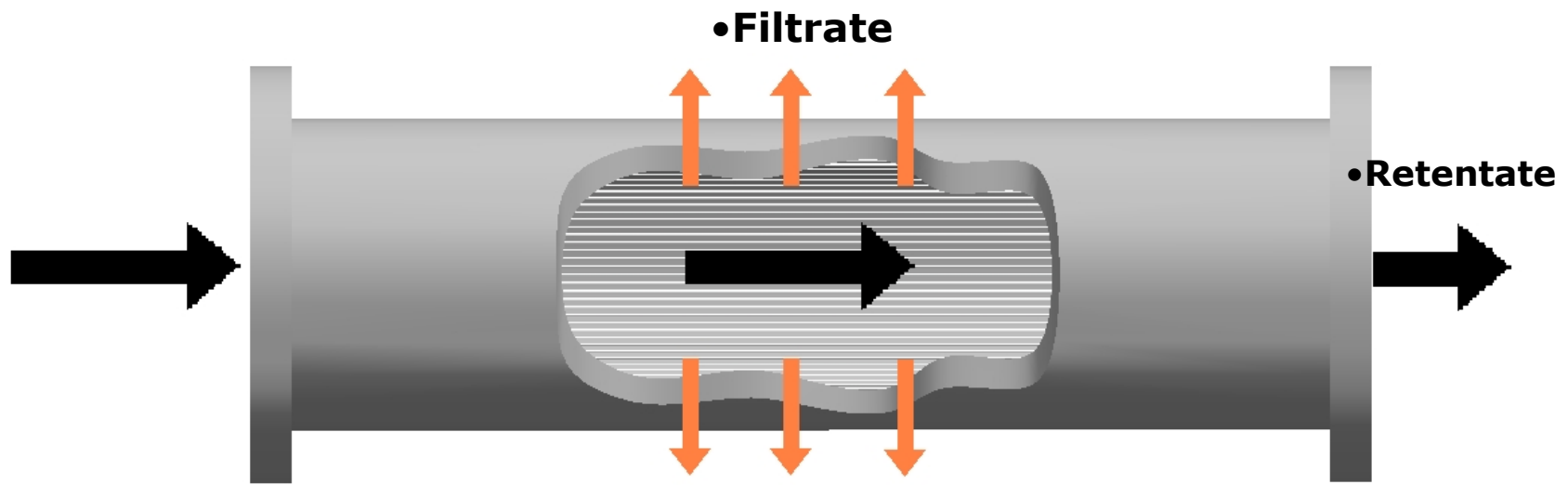




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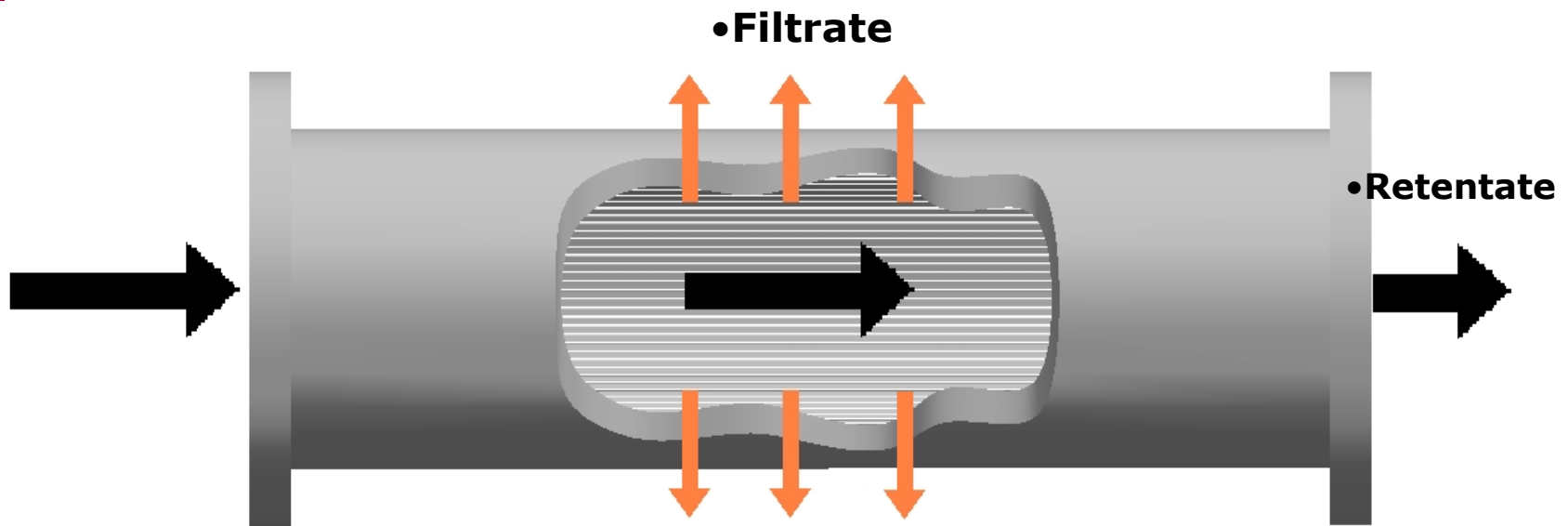
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Only part of the liquid crosses the membrane on each passage

- **Retentate** = Coarse components, bigger than the diameter of the pores of the membrane
- **Filtrate (permeate)** = Filtered Wine.





-During the course of the filtration, your retentate is becoming more concentrated with solids

-At the end of the filtration, you are left with filtered wine, and your retentate with the solids



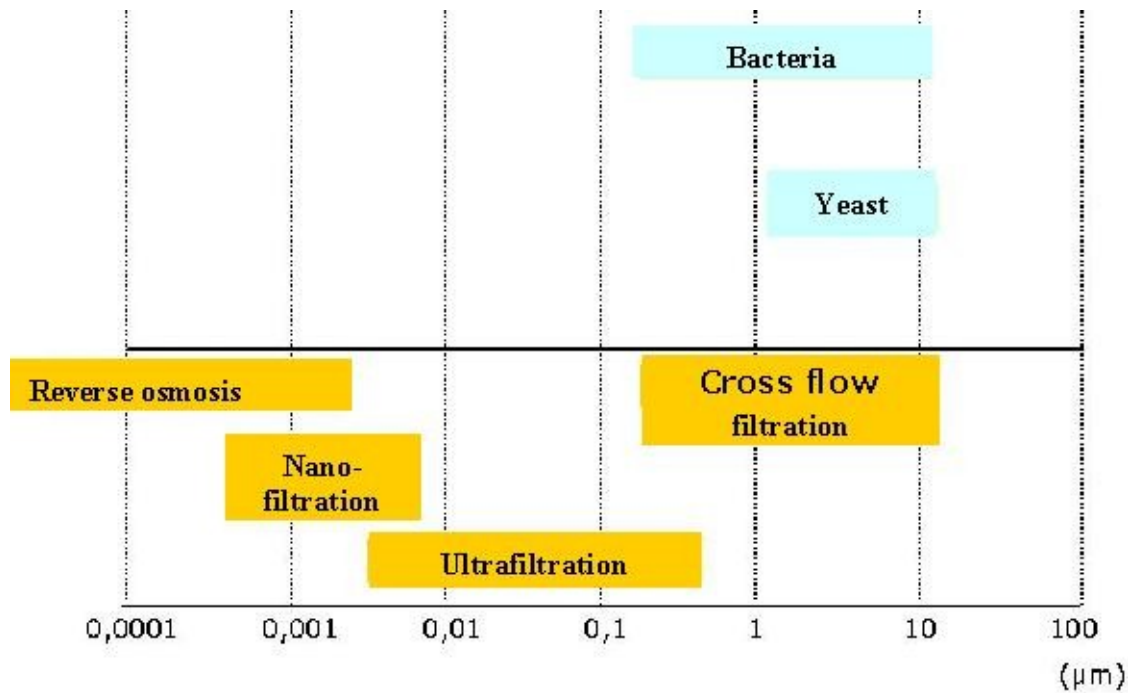


# What Size are the Particles in Wine?

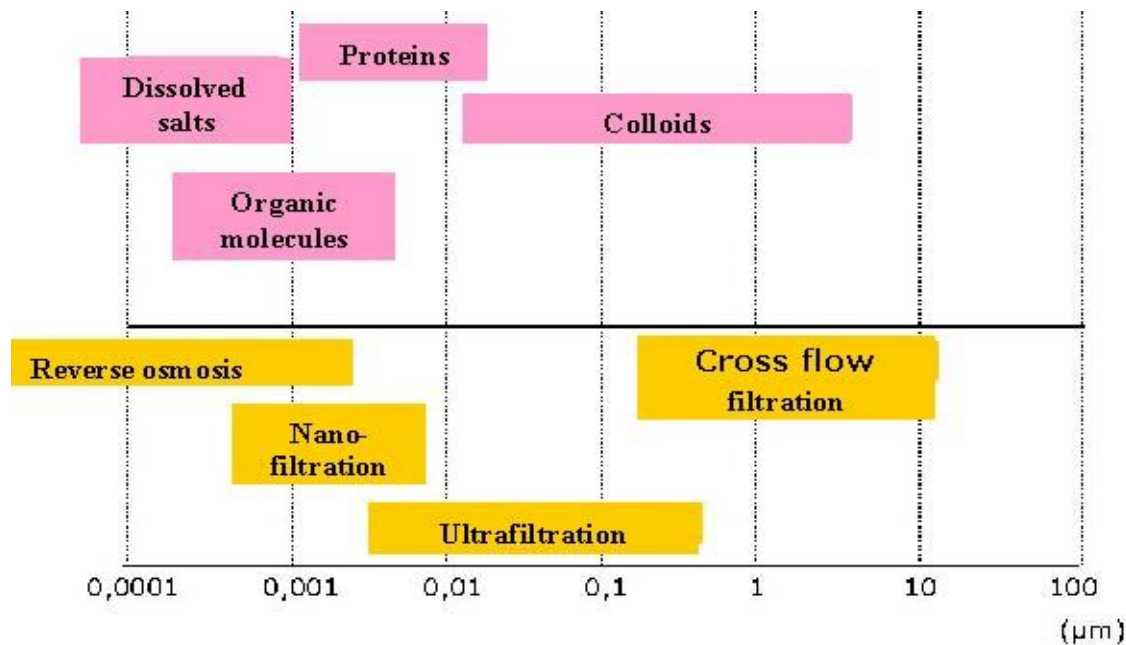
- Grape Solids, Tartrates, Fining Agents
  - 100 to 1,000 microns
- Colloidal or Precipitated Proteins
  - < 0.2 to 5 microns
- Yeast and Bacteria
  - 0.65 to 3 microns



# Cross Flow Removes Yeast and Bacteria



# Cross Flow allows desirable components to pass through the membrane



# Advantages of Cross Flow

- One Pass Filtration
- Minimal Wine Transfer- less oxidation
- Improved Wine Quality (flavor/aroma)
- Minimal Wine Loss
- Minimal Color Loss



# Advantages of Cross Flow

- Time & Labor Savings- 1 x person
- Longer Membrane Life on Cartridges
- No need for filter aids- cost savings
- No flavor issues with DE or sheets
- No health/disposal issues with DE

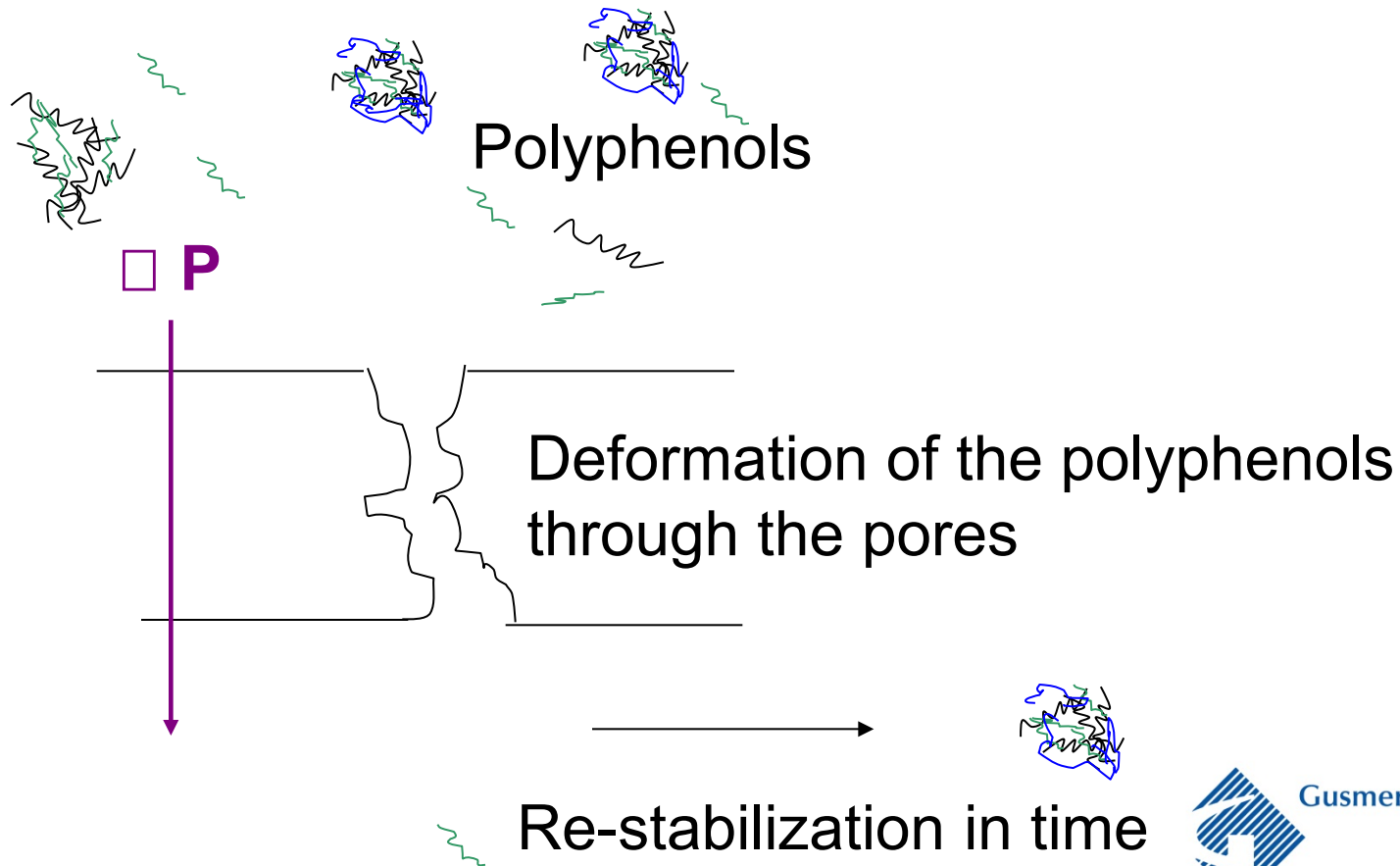


# Cleaning

- Caustic most common
- Non chlorinated-Hydrogen Peroxide
- Enzymes
- Make sure your water is clean!



# Comportment of Polyphenols



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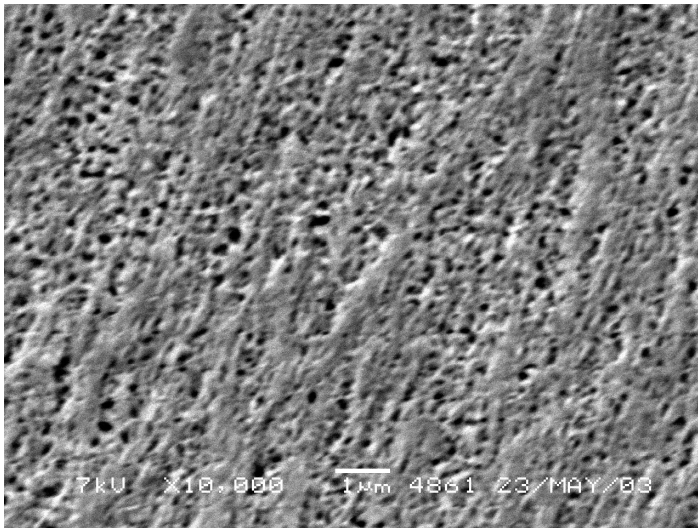
# How is Bucher Vaslin Unique?



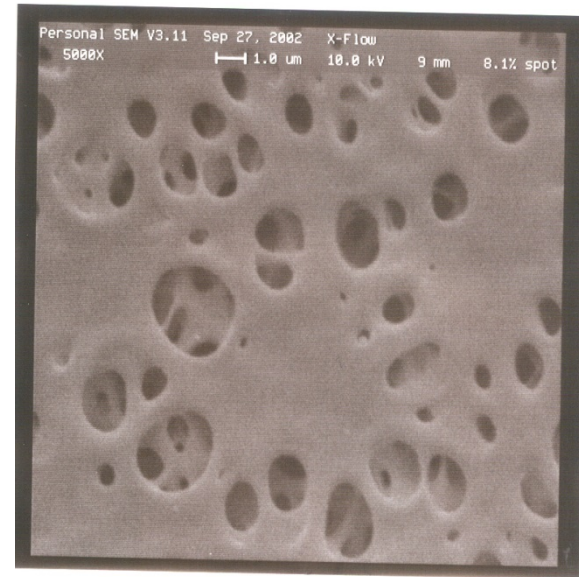
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# PES Membrane - specific for Wine



•Inner structure x 10 000

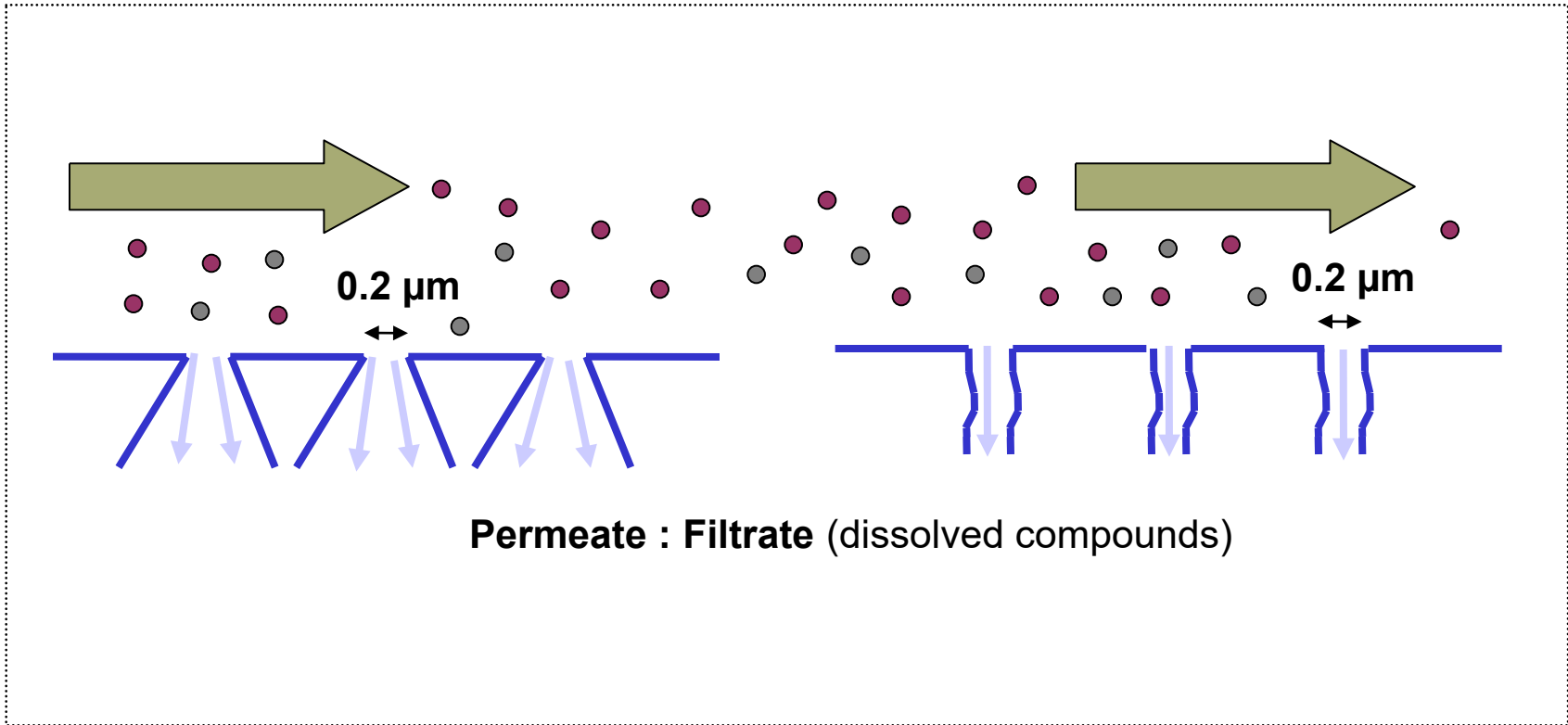


•Outer structure x 5000

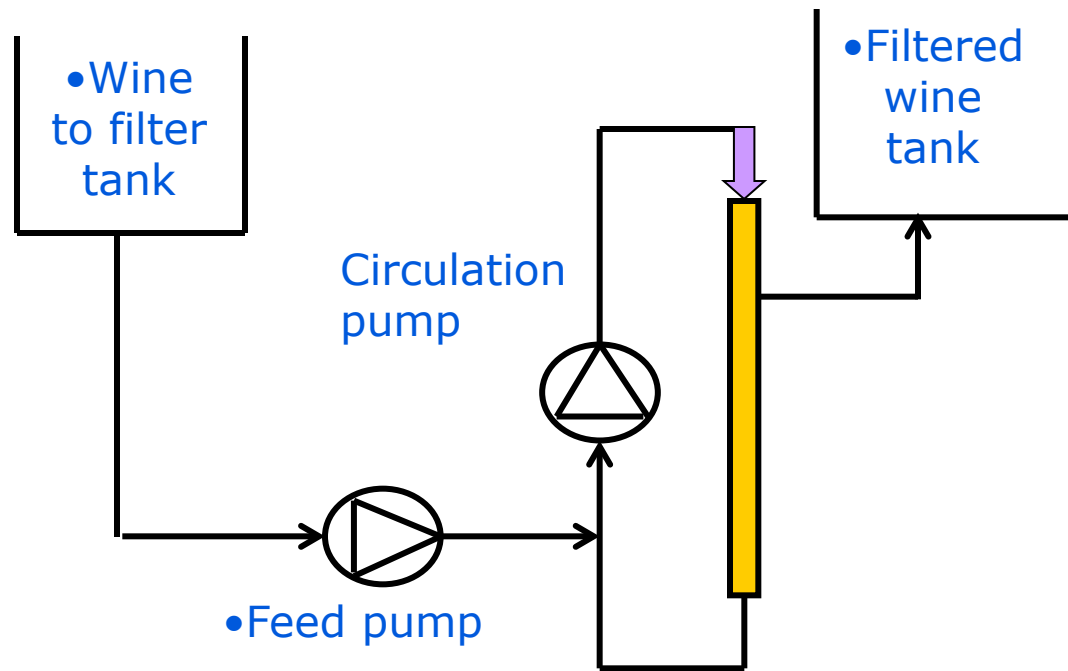


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# .2 micron asymmetric membrane



# Low Pressure- max 1.2 bar

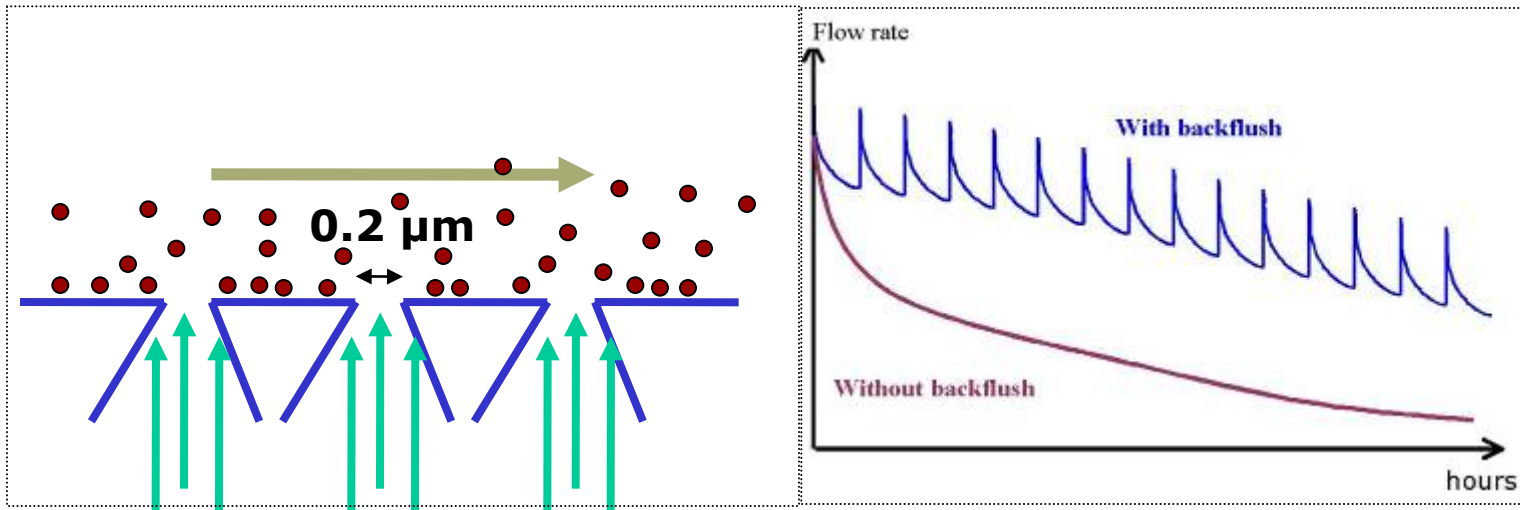


# Unique Back-Flush Process

Surface Deposits remain in suspension

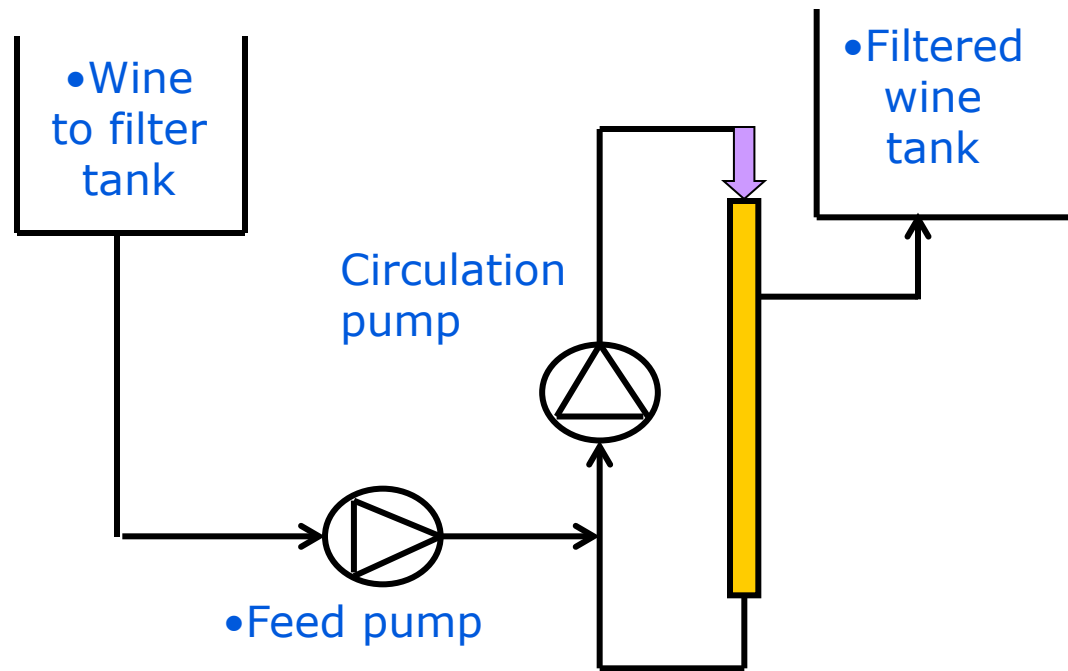
Consistent 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  rating for entire filtration

Wine to be filtered

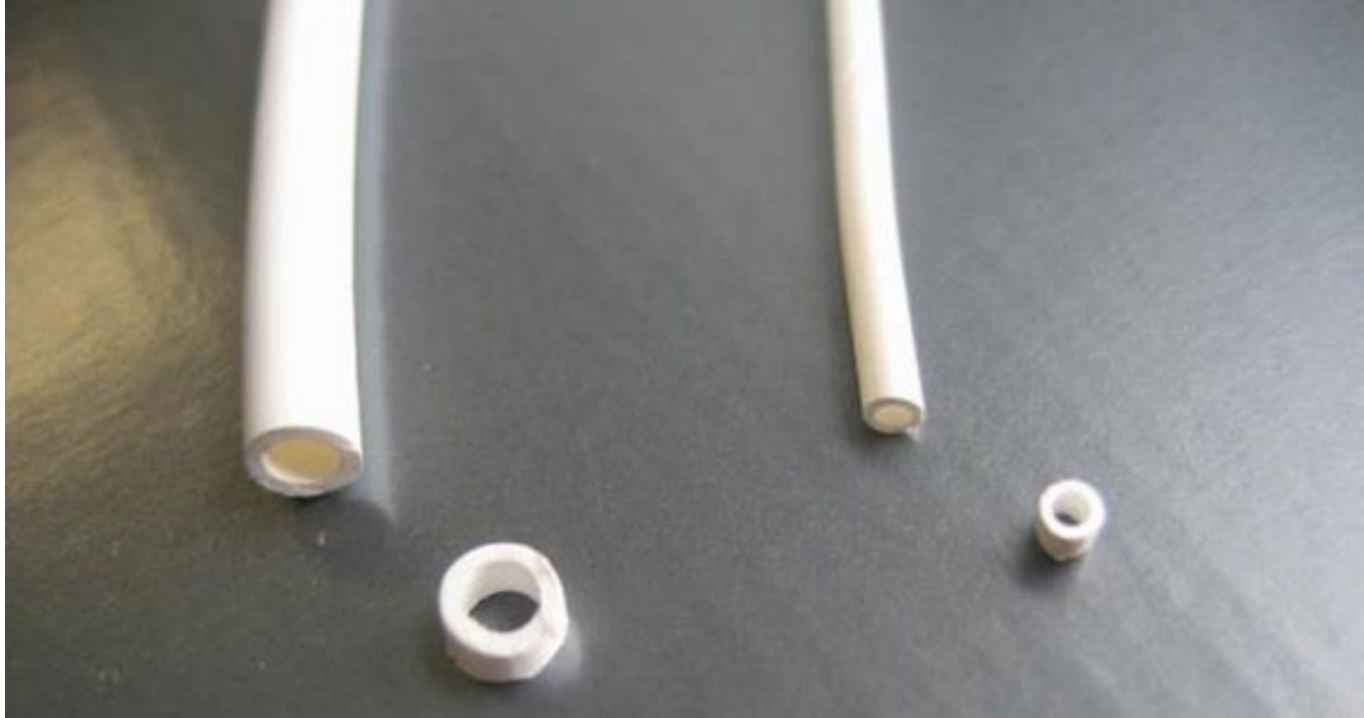


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# Simple 2 pump Design



# Ability to Process Juice Lees

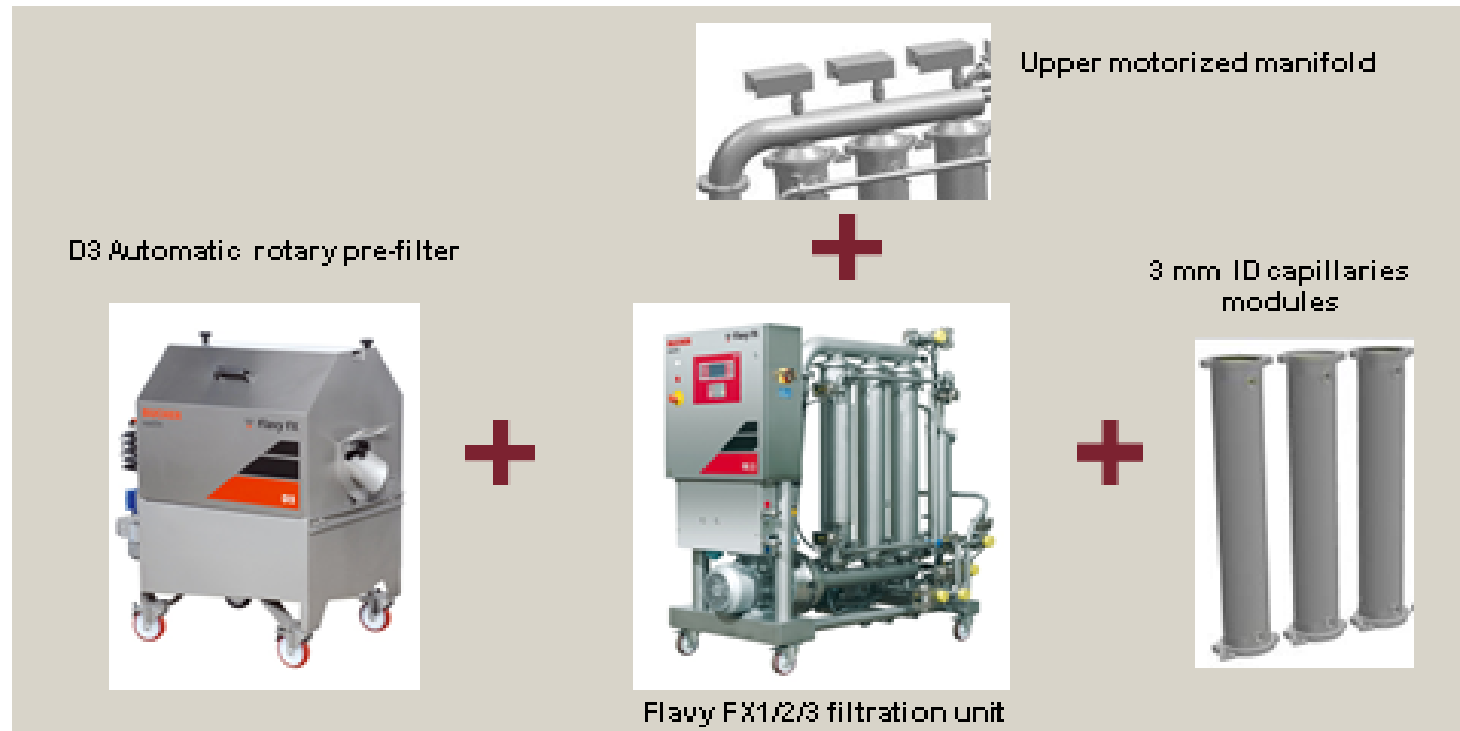


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# Ability to Process Juice Lees

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## The Juice lees filter



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# Bucher Vaslin Advantages

- PES Membrane Specifically for Wine
- Operates at low pressure to prevent heating
- Back Flush design increases flow rates
- Fully Automated- can run overnight
- Ability to Process Juice Lees



# Bucher Vaslin Advantages

- Simple design- 2 pump system
- Lowest water consumption on the market
- Water prefilter on every machine
- Ability to filter sparkling wines
- Ideal for difficult to filter wines



# Bucher Vaslin Options

- Conductivity Probe for Chemicals
- Nitrogen Injection (decarbonate)
- Injection of UF Bentonite
- Injection of Oenological Products
- Tank Management- 2 inlets 2 Outlets
- Tandem Concept- minimizes wine loss
- Winect Mobile Application



# Bucher Vaslin Summary

- Flow rates FX2 = 200- 600 GPH
- Flow rates FX300 = 3,000-9,000 GPH
- FX2 price starting at \$ 75,000
- No better filter to protect wine quality
- Bucher best on difficult to filter wines
- Over 100 Bucher filters in the U.S.



# Q&A: Bucher Vaslin Reference

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QUESTIONS?



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