



# Using Third Party Laboratories to Grow your Quality Program

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# Outline

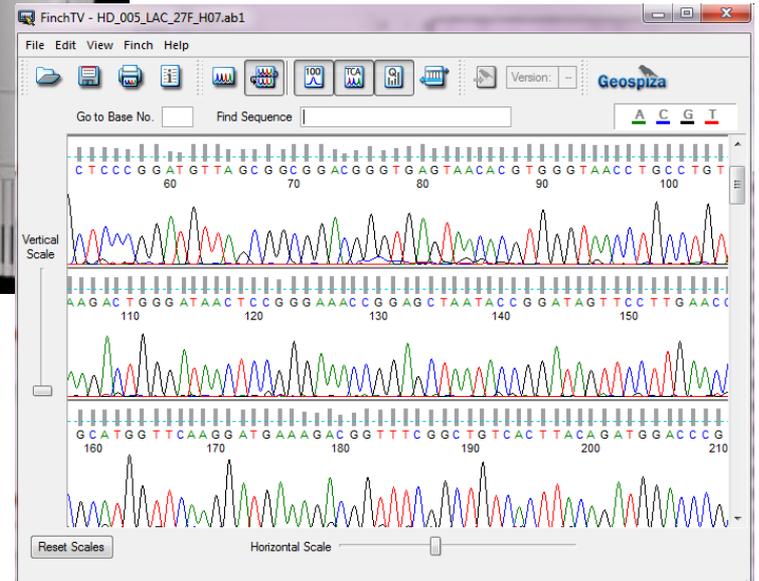
- Why have quality control?
- What is third party validation?
- How can it be used to grow and support your quality program?

# Why a Quality Program?

- Consistent beer from batch to batch
- Predictable fermentation rates
- Consistent flavor profiles
- Detection, identification and control of brewing contaminants
- Allows you to be preventative not reactive

# Third Party Validation

Third party labs fill gaps in your quality assurance program by providing analysis that requires equipment you don't have or validation that your own analysis makes sense.



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# Why Use TPV?

Independent testing labs are not affiliated with the raw material supplier, the manufacturer, the consumer, or the company whose name appears on the product.

# TPV and Your (Growing) Brewery

- Regular analysis of brewing, fermentation, micro and taste can take a brewer to high levels of proficiency and consistency
- Utilizing third part laboratories allows for analysis to be conducted without huge up front cost

# TPV and Your (Growing) Brewery

- New product evaluation:
  - Raw material changes
  - Flavor matching (Color & BU too) when upgrading brewhouse or scaling from pilot
  - Hop utilization curves for brewhouse or cellar
  - Process changes (yeast, hop additions, etc)



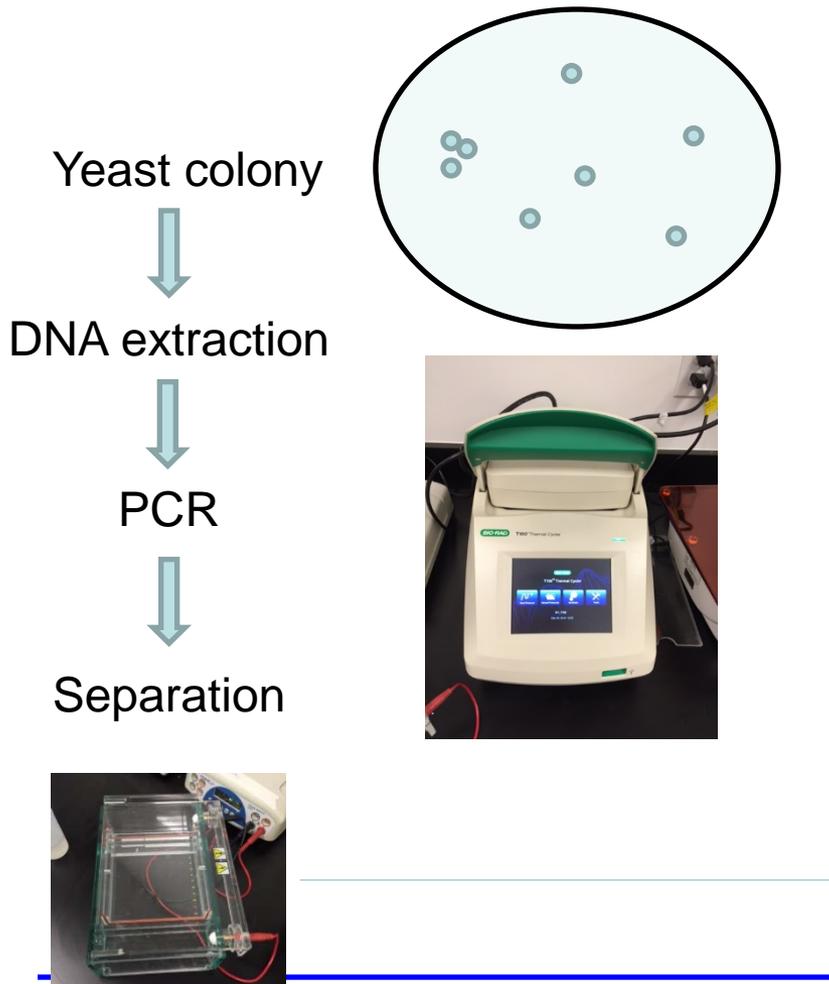
# TPV and Your (Growing) Brewery

- Analysis for labeling for color, ABV, BU, calories
  - Entering new markets? Website?
- When it comes down to it quantitative metrics about your brews makes you and your brewery better

# Example of TPV

- Yeast found in barrel
  - LCSM +
  - WLD –
  - Round morphology, smaller than brewer's yeast (close in size to champagne yeast)
- They IDed as non-Saccharomyces wild yeast, wanted validation before bottling

# Example of TPV



Sequencing  
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Analysis



# TPV doesn't stop here

- Third party validation can also be used for:
  - Validation of test methods
  - Validation of equipment
  - Validation of technician competency
  - Validation of laboratory competency

# Resources For You

- Analytical Food & Beverage Laboratories
- Local breweries with more advanced laboratories
- Biotech companies
- BAPS by LGC standards



# Creating Your Own Ring Studies

- Craft industry has an amazing collaborative feeling
  - QA/QC manager?
    - Try setting up your own ring studies locally with brewing labs near you
      - Learn from each other and validate each other
    - Similar benefits to accredited labs but more cost effective!

# ASBC Check Sample



Methods of Analysis

Journal

Books

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References

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## Welcome to the ASBC Check Sample Program

Accuracy and quality control in the laboratory are the principles on which ASBC was founded as a scientific society. For more than 70 years, ASBC has aided malting and brewing laboratories in improving data accuracy and technical proficiency.

### Why ASBC Check Sample?

Participating laboratories rely on check sample services for a number of reasons, including:

- Comparison of subscriber results with those of other industry laboratories (results are anonymous)
- Confirming analysis proficiency of laboratory personnel within the same facility or corporate multi-site system
- Monitoring of instrumentation
- Identification of areas for method improvement
- Benchmarking of best practices
- Qualification of contract laboratories
- Evaluation of alternative analytical methodologies
- Enhancement of process control capabilities by providing an independent means to assure gauge-related contributions to data variability
- Ensure accuracy of labeling information

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# The Cons of Third Party Validation

- The Yin to the Yang
  - Cost per sample
  - Turn around time
  - Losing “control” over experimental set-up
  - Conflicting results

# The Take Away

- Third party validation is like partnering and expanding lab services
- TPV can be used to validate your results
- TPV is really secondary to a brewery's own internal QA program

# Questions?

THANK YOU!

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