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RESEARCH ARTICLE:

Development of fermented beverage from aonla (*Emblica officinalis* Gaertn.) blends

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SUMMARY : Blended beverage was prepared by using different fruit combination of aonla, sapota, pineapple and grapes, where the TSS (14 °B) was maintained by using raisin juice. Fermentation was carried out for 72 hours using *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* var. *ellipsoideus* (MTCC 552). Later, the fermentate was transferred to pre sterilized bottles and pasteurized and then left for ageing. Among all the parameters alcohol per cent and titratable acidity increased and the TSS, pH, ascorbic acid content decreased during storage time. Treatment T_7 [Grated aonla (50 %) with Grape must (50 %)] was found to be best as suggested by sensory panel when compared to other treatment with respect to TSS (8.70°B), pH (4.29), acidity (0.65 %), ascorbic acid (45.00 mg 100-1) and alcohol content (3.29 %) followed by Treatment T_5 [Grated Aonla (50 %) with pineapple pulp (50 %)].

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