

Analysis and prediction of wine quality

of the “Vinho Verde” wines in Portugal

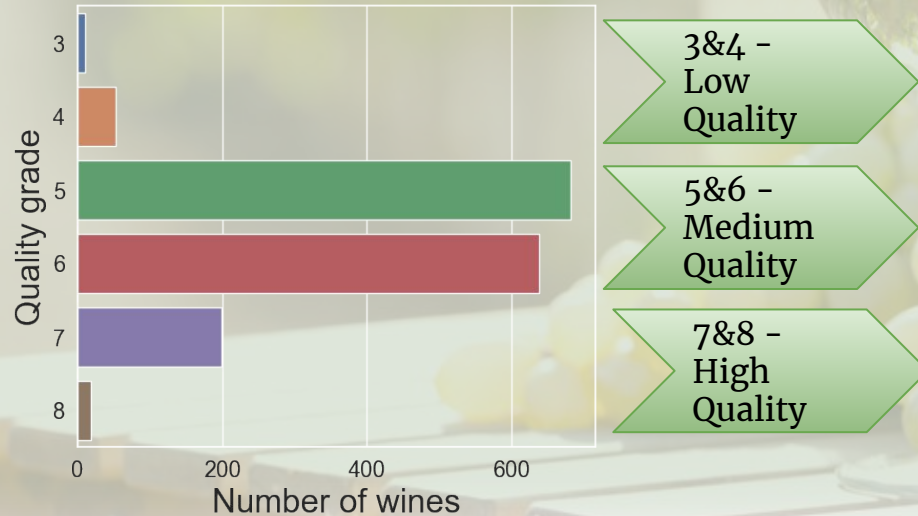
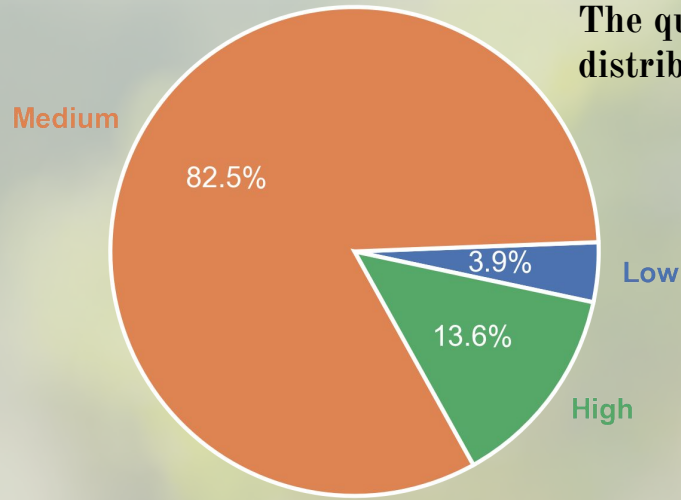
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Based on data by Cortez et al., 2009

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Analysis

The quality of the wines distribution in our data

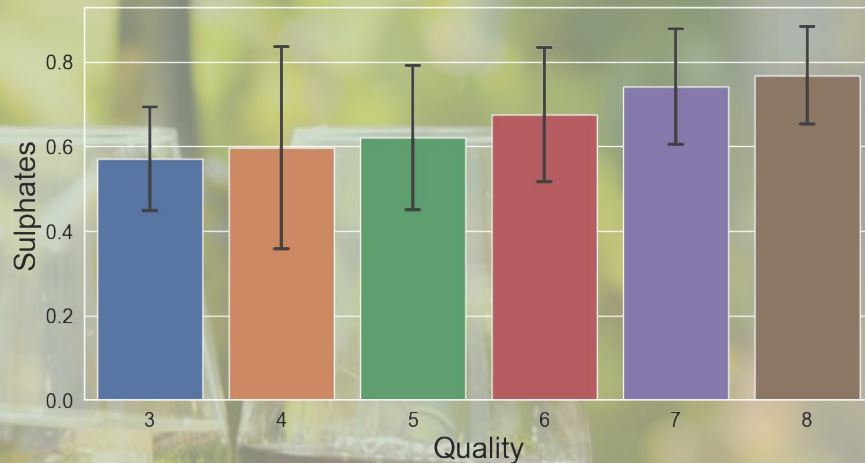


- The Vinho Verde wines are DOC wines native to the old Minho province of Portugal
- It is characterized by slight carbonation and is consumed normally not long after bottling
- 1599 different wines of the label were recorded, produced b/w 1998 and 2007
- The records contain:
 - The chemical parameters of each wine (acidity, sugars, alcohol, etc.)
 - A mark of the quality of the wine (being graded on a scale of 3 to 8)

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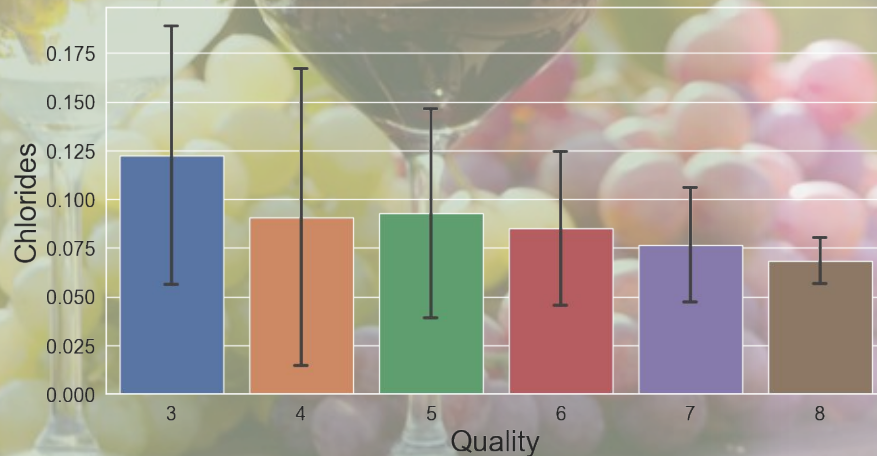
- **Sulphates:**

- seems to on average, linearly influence the quality of the wine
- increase in sulphates -> increase in quality

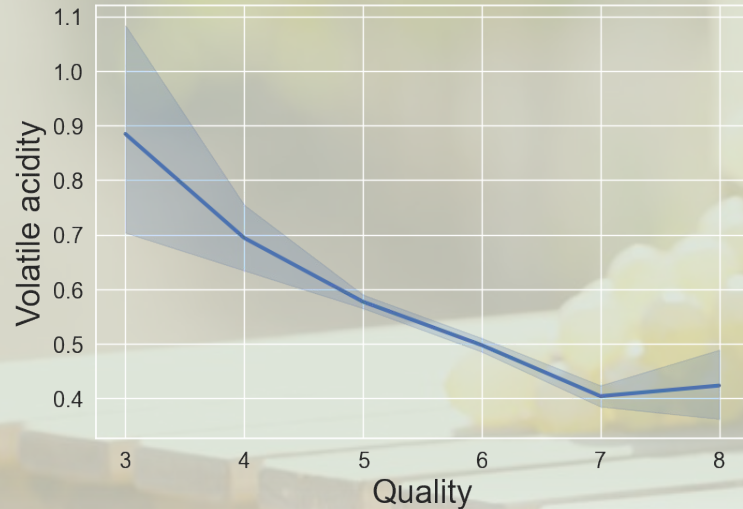
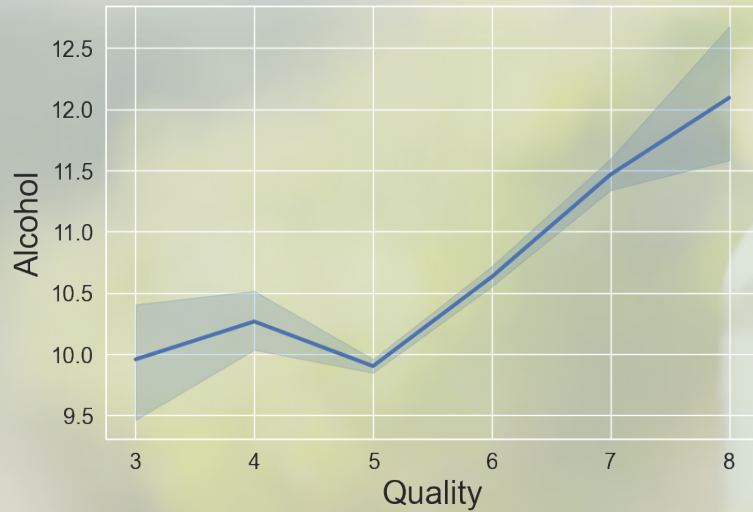


- **Chlorides:**

- seem to have an inverse linear relationship with quality on average
- decrease in chlorides -> increase in quality
- note that the variance of the chloride saturation decreases with increase of quality



Analysis



- **Alcohol:**
 - There is a clear increase in quality with the increase of alcohol
 - Especially for the medium and high end wines
- **Volatile acidity:**
 - A decrease in volatile acidity can be seen with the increased quality
 - This is mostly true for the low and medium end wines

Consideration

- Big fraction of the high and low quality wines are chemically quite similar
- Thus none of the macro factors like:
 - density,
 - alcohol,
 - acidity, etc.

, could be used to conclusively determine whether the wine is of high quality or not

- Other parameters, like:
 - aroma
 - different kinds of minerals
 - different kinds of sulphates

, in the wine may play big role as well



- ★ Big overlap of the wine features.
- ★ Irrespective of quality.
- ★ => Difficult to predict dependencies

The Machine Learning Models

- The ML model is trained to differentiate 2 kinds of wine
 - Of high quality (grades 7 & 8) - '1'
 - Of lower quality (grades 3,4,5 & 6) - '0'
- The best ML models generated were by optimized SVM (Support vector machine) algorithms
- Because of the high overlap of the data two different models for identifying high quality wines were trained:
 - Model 1: High Precision model - Precision = 83%
 - Model 2: Low Recall model - Recall = 77%

