

**Friday Worksheet**  
**Volumetric 6**

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A wine bottle is marked as having an alcohol content of 13.0% v/v. In other words, for every 100 mL of wine 13.0 mL of ethanol is present. To test this claim a student conducted a titration to determine the amount of alcohol in 20.0 mL of wine.

Three 20.0 mL aliquots of the wine were titrated with a 1.652 M  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  solution and an average titre of 20.00 mL was obtained.

Wine is thought to be a good source of antioxidants.

- 1) Write the balanced reduction reaction where  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$  is reduced to  $Cr^{3+}$   
 $Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + 14H^+(aq) + 6e \rightarrow 2Cr^{3+}(aq) + 7H_2O(l)$
- 2) Write the balanced half equation for the oxidation of  $CH_3CH_2OH$  to  $CH_3COOH$   
 $CH_3CH_2OH(aq) + H_2O(l) \rightarrow CH_3COOH(aq) + 4H^+(aq) + 4e$
- 3) Write the overall balanced equation for the reaction.  
 $2Cr_2O_7^{2-}(aq) + 16H^+(aq) + 3CH_3CH_2OH(aq) \rightarrow 4Cr^{3+}(aq) + 11H_2O(l) + 3CH_3COOH(aq)$
- 4) Determine the mol of  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$  in the average titre.  
 $n = C \times V = 1.652M \times 0.0200 L = 0.0330$
- 5) Determine the mol of ethanol present in the 20.0 mL aliquot.  
 $\Rightarrow \text{mol of ethanol} = (3/2) \times \text{mol of } Cr_2O_7^{2-} = (3/2) \times 0.0330 = 0.0496$
- 6) Determine the mass, in grams, of ethanol present in the 20.0 mL aliquot.  
 $\Rightarrow \text{mass of ethanol} = 0.0496 \times 46 = 2.28 \text{ grams}$
- 7) If ethanol has a density of 0.789 g/mL at room temperature what volume of ethanol is present in the 20.0 mL aliquot?  
 $\Rightarrow d = m/V = 0.789 \text{ g/mL} \times 2.28g / V$   
 $\Rightarrow V = 2.28 / 0.789 \text{ g/mL} = 2.89 \text{ mL}$
- 8) Calculate the concentration of the ethanol in %v/v to the right number of significant figures.  
 $\Rightarrow 2.89 / 20.0 = 14.5\% \text{ v/v}$
- 9) The table below represents the results from the three titrations conducted by the student.

Titre	Start (mL)	Finish(mL)	Total (mL)
1	0.00	21.20	21.20
2	21.20	40.06	19.94
3	1.20	20.20	19.00

- a) How accurate are the results of the investigation. Explain how the investigation can be changed to make the result more accurate.  
*More titrations need to be done in order to obtain concordant results. Only concordant results can be averaged.*
- b) How would the student explain the higher percentage of alcohol in the wine?  
*The wine contains antioxidants which will react with the  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ .*