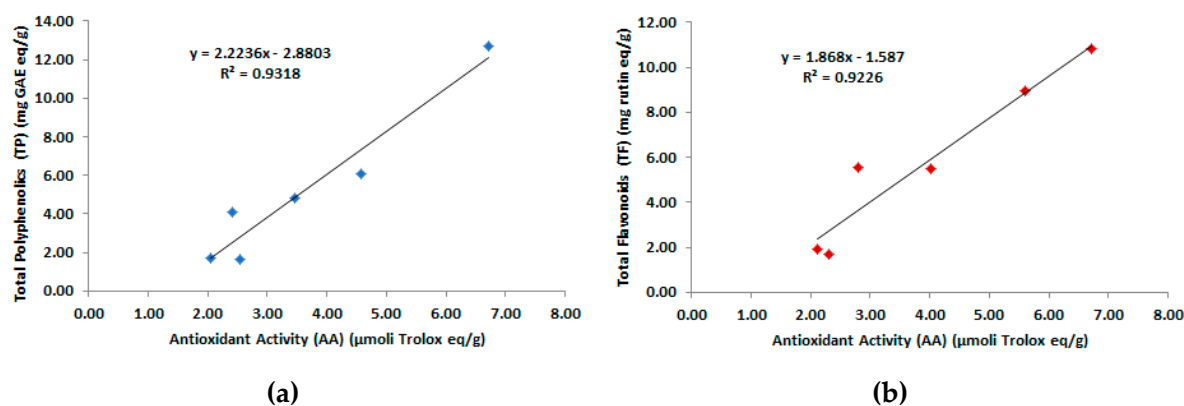
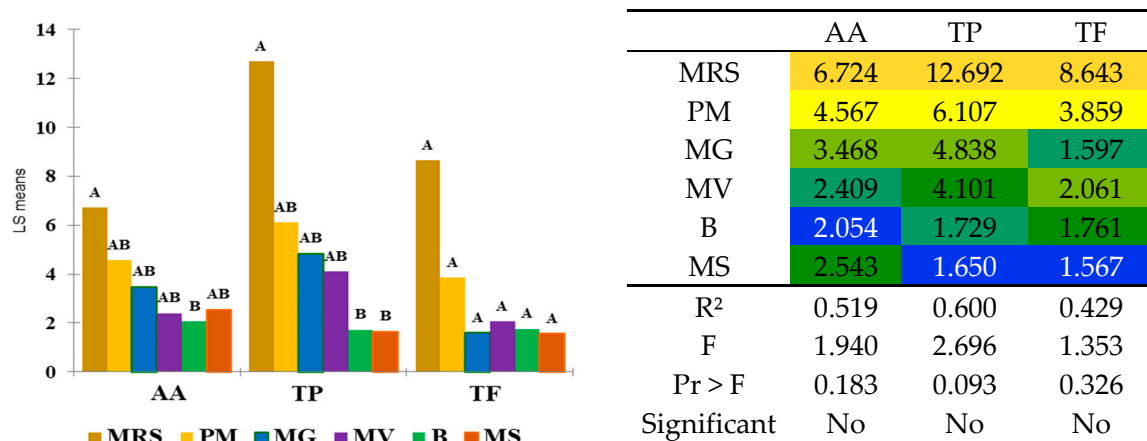


## Supplementary material

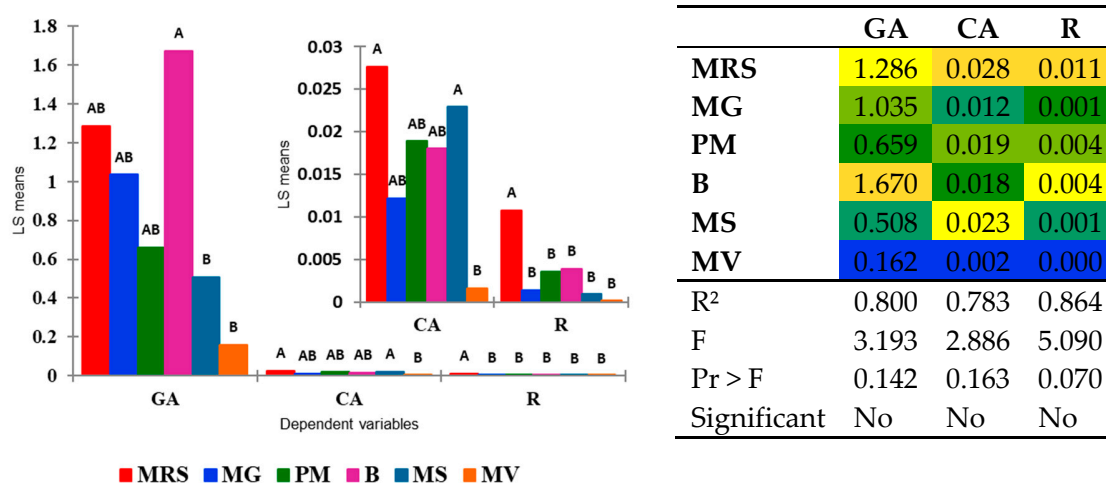
### 1. Supplementary Figures



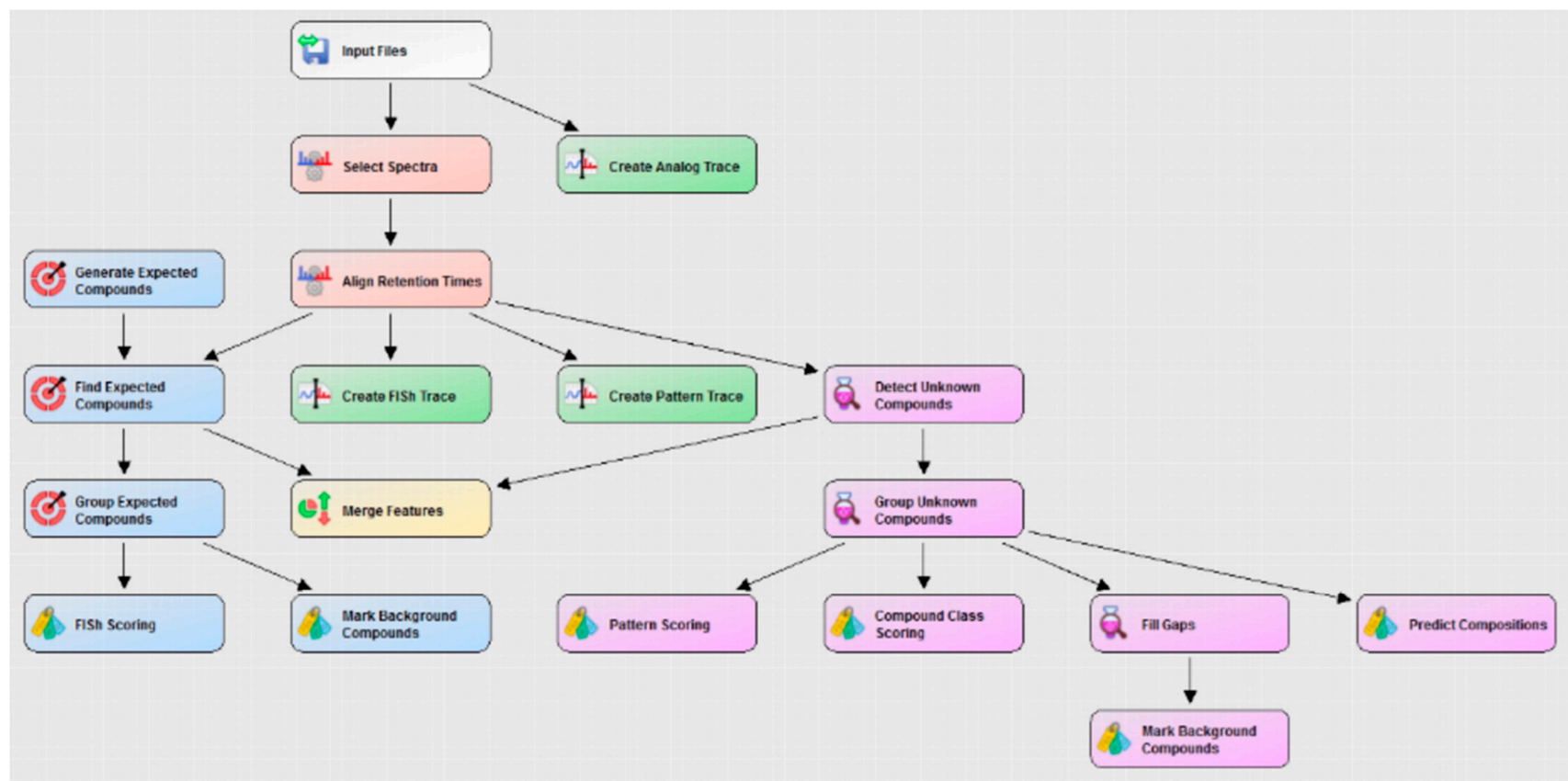
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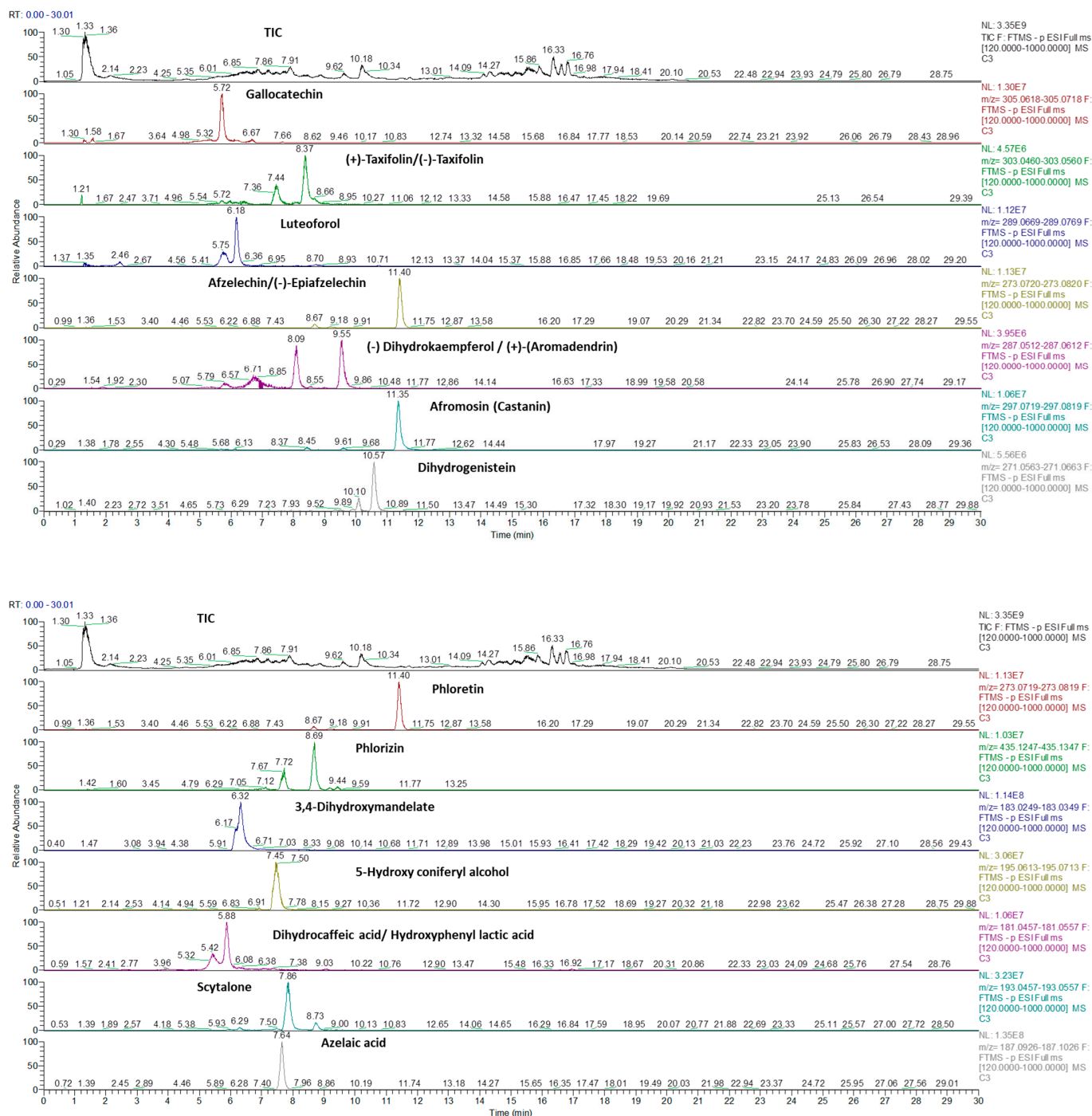
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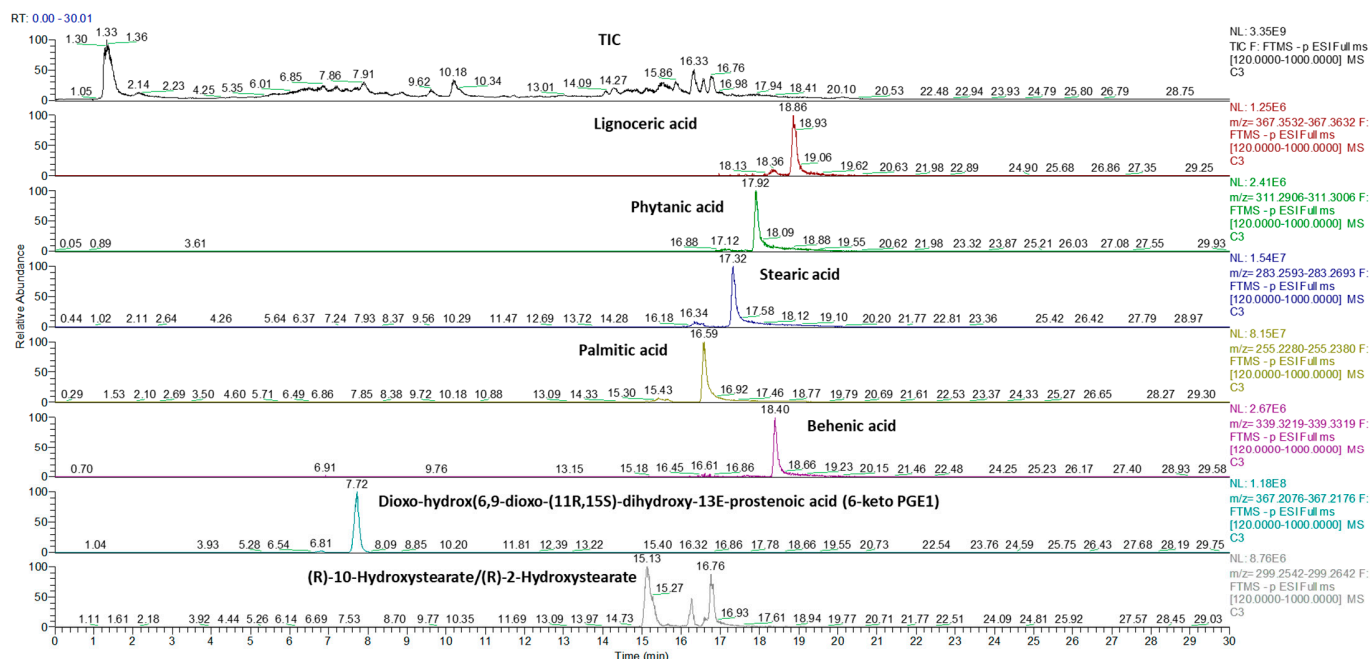
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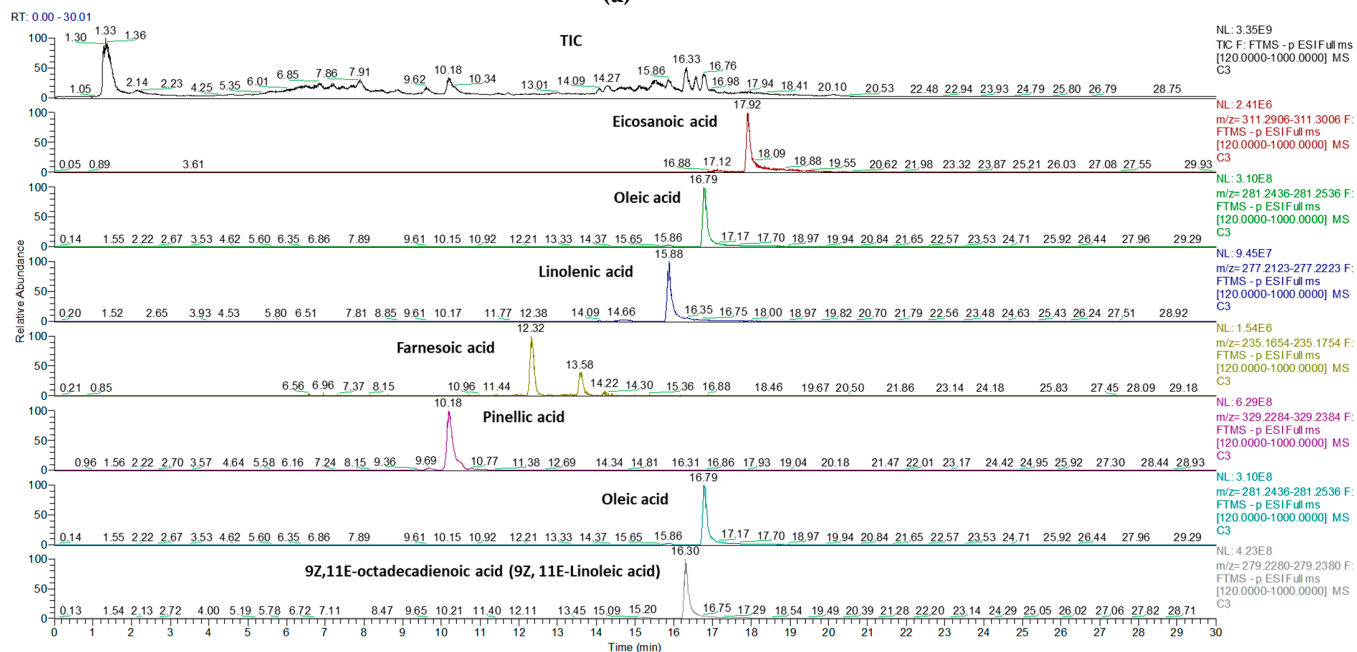
**Figure S4.** Untargeted Metabolomics workflow: Find and identify the differences between samples.



**Figure S5.** TIC and the extracted chromatograms of the main phytochemical compounds identified in chestnut methanolic extract (the chromatograms were extracted from TIC using a 5 ppm mass accuracy window; negative ion mode, full scan, base peak in the range 75-1000 m/z)

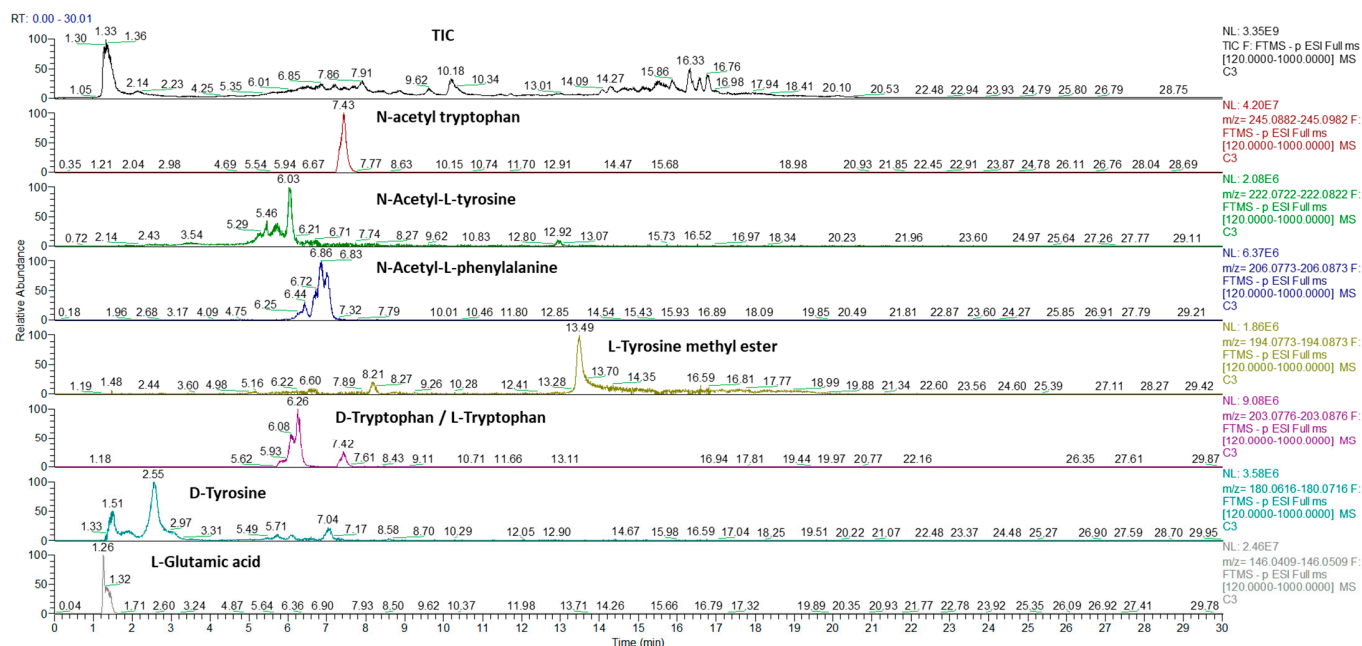


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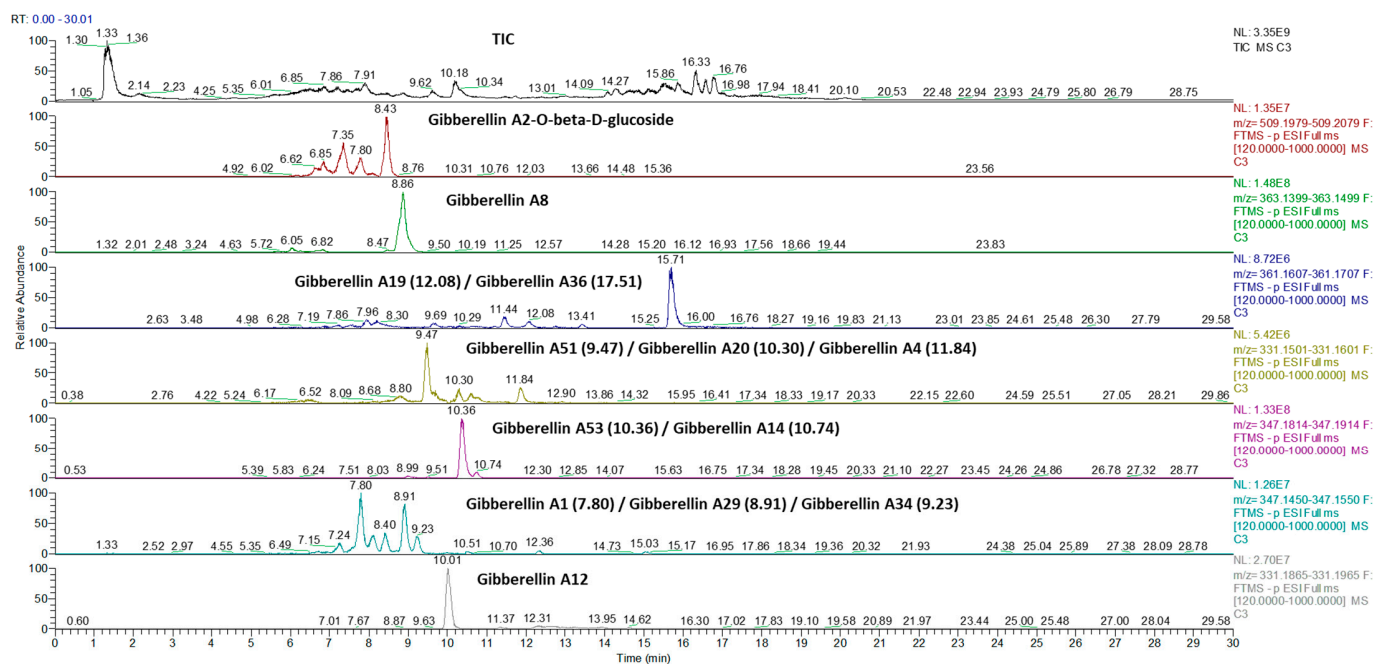


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**Figure S6.** TIC and the extracted chromatograms of the main saturated (a) and unsaturated (b) fatty acids identified in chestnut methanolic extract (the chromatograms were extracted from TIC using a 5 ppm mass accuracy window; negative ion mode, full scan, base peak in the range 75-1000 m/z)



**Figure S7.** TIC and the extracted chromatograms of the main amino acids identified in chestnut methanolic extract (the chromatograms were extracted from TIC using a 5 ppm mass accuracy window; negative ion mode, full scan, base peak in the range 75-1000 m/z)



**Figure S8.** TIC and the extracted chromatograms of the main gibberellin plant hormones identified in chestnut methanolic extract (the chromatograms were extracted from TIC using a 5 ppm mass accuracy window; negative ion mode, full scan, base peak in the range 75-1000 m/z)

## 2. Supplementary Tables

**Table S1.** Sums of Growing Degree Hours and Growing Degree Days for the sweet chestnut cultivars

Cultivar		$\Sigma$ of Growing Degree Hours (GDH)				$\Sigma$ of Growing Degree Days (GDD, °D)			
		2015	2016	2017	<i>Mean</i>	2015	2016	2017	<i>Mean</i>
'Précocce Migoule'	Start of harvesting	60100	61811	60486	60799	2212	2141	2172	2175
	End of harvesting	61755	62388	61352	61832	2281	2165	2208	2218
'Bournette'	Start of harvesting	60421	61980	61168	61190	2226	2148	2200	2191
	End of harvesting	61578	63629	61794	62334	2274	2217	2226	2239
'Marsol'	Start of harvesting	61054	61980	60977	61337	2252	2148	2192	2197
	End of harvesting	62032	63175	61587	62265	2293	2198	2218	2236
'Marissard'	Start of harvesting	61348	62165	61352	61622	2264	2156	2208	2209
	End of harvesting	62388	63710	62062	62720	2308	2221	2237	2255
'Marigoule'	Start of harvesting	62567	63844	62395	62935	2315	2226	2251	2264
	End of harvesting	63617	64045	62850	63504	2359	2235	2270	2288
'Maraval'	Start of harvesting	62951	63767	62454	63057	2331	2223	2254	2269
	End of harvesting	63741	64265	63005	63670	2364	2244	2277	2295

**Table S2.** Quality performance data for the phenolic acids and flavonoids profiling by UHPLC-MS/MS in negative ionization mode

No.	Compound	Retention time [min]	Accurate mass [M-H] <sup>-</sup>	Mass fragments	Calibration curve		Performance characteristics		
					Linearity	R <sup>2</sup>	LOD (µg/g)	LOQ (µg/g)	Recovery (%)
Phenolic acids									
1	Gallic acid	4.57	169.0133	125.0231	0-10 mg/L	0.9956	0.12	0.4	85
2	3,4-Dihydroxybenzoic	5.46	153.0183	109.0281	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9949	0.36	1.2	84
3	4-Hydroxybenzoic acid	6.37	137.0232	93.0331	0-10 mg/L	0.9914	1.08	3.6	82
4	Chlorogenic acid	6.52	353.0879	191.0553	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9639	0.12	0.4	80
5	Syringic acid	6.89	197.0450	182.0212, 166.9976, 153.0547, 138.0311, 123.0075	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9850	0.36	1.2	86
6	Caffeic acid	6.68	179.0338	135.044	0-10 mg/L	0.9995	0.12	0.4	89
8	<i>p</i> -Coumaric acid	7.27	163.0392	119.0489	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9730	0.36	1.2	93
9	<i>t</i> -Ferulic acid	7.86	193.0500	178.0262, 134.0361	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9879	0.6	2.0	88
10	Ellagic acid	8.28	300.9990	300.9990	0-10 mg/L	0.9837	1.2	4.0	98
11	Cinnamic acid	8.50	147.0441	119.0489, 103.0387	0-10 mg/L	0.9996	0.48	1.6	84
Catechins									
13	(+)-Catechin	6.18	289.0719	109.0282, 125.0232,	0-10 mg/L	0.9919	0.36	1.2	95
14	(-)-Epicatechin	6.55		137.0232, 151.0390, 203.0708, 245.0817	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9840	0.12	0.4	86
Flavonols									
15	Quercetin	10.02	301.0356	151.0226, 178.9977, 121.0282, 107.0125	0-10 mg/L	0.9912	0.48	1.6	92
16	Myricetin	8.81	317.0305	178.9977, 151.0025	0-10 mg/L	0.9980	0.36	1.2	101
17	Naringin	7.77	579.1718	363.0721	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9997	0.24	0.8	95
18	Hesperidin	7.99	609.1824	377.0876	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9781	0.6	2.0	84
19	Rutin	7.81	609.1462	3345.0614	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9720	0.36	1.2	99
20	Kaempferol	11.15	285.0406	151.0389, 117.0180	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9537	0.72	2.4	82
21	Isorhamnetin	11.51	315.0512	300.0276	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9582	0.24	0.8	90
22	Apigenin	11.81	269.0457	117.0333, 151.0027, 107.0126	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9927	0.36	1.2	87



<b>23</b>	Pinocembrin	12.02	255.0663	213.0551, 151.0026, 107.0125	0-10 mg/L	0.9866	0.6	2.0	96
<b>24</b>	Chrysin	12.93	253.0506	143.0491, 145.0284, 107.0125, 209.0603, 63.0226,	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9731	0.48	1.6	100
<b>25</b>	Galangin	12.58	269.0458	169.0650, 143.0491	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9595	0.72	2.4	96
<b>26</b>	Pinostrobin	14.35	269.081	179.0554	0-10 mg/L	0.9947	0.72	2.4	95
<b>Stilbens</b>									
<b>27</b>	<i>t</i> -Resveratrol	8.25	227.0707	185.0813, 143.0337	0-7.5 mg/L	0.9959	0.48	1.6	91

**Table S3.** Climatic conditions (temperature and precipitation) in the main European chestnut producing countries and Romania during 2017, 2016 and 2017 harvest year according to <https://climateknowledgeportal.worldbank.org/>

	2015		2016		2017		Average	
	T <sub>mean</sub> °C	Precipitation mm	T <sub>mean</sub> °C	Precipitation mm	T <sub>mean</sub> °C	Precipitation mm	T <sub>mean</sub> °C	Precipitation mm
<b>Italy</b>	13.52	776.87	13.34	847.76	13.19	749.33	13.35	791.32
<b>Spain</b>	14.48	472.9	14.34	628.21	14.59	453.6	14.47	518.24
<b>Portugal</b>	16.07	547.74	15.94	926.14	16.33	559.91	16.11	677.93
<b>Turkey</b>	11.76	624.88	12.15	619.92	11.92	513.42	11.94	586.07
<b>Romania</b>	10.79	615.54	10.38	738.28	10.36	653.63	10.51	669.15