1 2 3	Independent domestication events in the blue-cheese fungus <i>Penicillium</i> roqueforti
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24 Abstract

25 Domestication provides an excellent framework for studying adaptive divergence. Using population 26 genomics and phenotypic assays, we reconstructed the domestication history of the blue cheese 27 mold Penicillium roqueforti. We showed that this fungus was domesticated twice independently. The population used in Roquefort originated from an old domestication event associated with weak 28 29 bottlenecks and exhibited traits beneficial for pre-industrial cheese production (slower growth in 30 cheese and greater spore production on bread, the traditional multiplication medium). The other cheese population originated more recently from the selection of a single clonal lineage, was 31 32 associated to all types of blue cheese worldwide but Roquefort, and displayed phenotypes more 33 suited for industrial cheese production (high lipolytic activity, efficient cheese cavity colonization 34 ability and salt tolerance). We detected genomic regions affected by recent positive selection and 35 putative horizontal gene transfers. This study sheds light on the processes of rapid adaptation and raises questions about genetic resource conservation. 36

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39 Introduction

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41 What are the mechanisms of adaptive divergence (population differentiation under selection) is a 42 key question in evolutionary biology for understanding how organisms adapt to their environment 43 and how biodiversity arises. Domestication is a special case of adaptive divergence, involving strong 44 and recent selection for traits that can be easily identified. Furthermore, closely related non-45 domesticated populations are often available, making it possible to contrast their traits and genomes with those of domesticated populations. Studying domestication can therefore provide a deeper 46 47 understanding of the mechanisms of adaptive divergence. This approach has proved to be powerful 48 for reconstructing the history of divergence and the genetic architecture of traits selected by humans 49 when applied to maize and teosinte or to dog breeds and wolves (Albert et al., 2012; Axelsson et 50 al., 2013; Freedman et al., 2016; Hake and Ross-Ibarra, 2015; Li et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2015) 51 Comparisons of domesticated varieties selected for different phenotypes have also proved to be a 52 powerful approach for elucidating the mechanisms of adaptation, for example in dog breeds and 53 pigeons (Parker et al., 2017; Shapiro et al., 2013)]. Studies on genetic diversity and subdivision in 54 domesticated organisms provides also crucial information for the conservation of genetic resources. Indeed, recent breeding programs have resulted in a massive loss of genetic diversity in crops and 55 56 breeds, potentially jeopardizing adaptive potential for improvement (Gouyon et al., 2010; Harlan, 57 1992; Vavilov, 1992).

Fungi are interesting eukaryotic models for adaptive divergence studies, with their small genomes, easy access to the haploid phase and experimental tractability for *in vitro* experiments (Giraud et al., 2017; Gladieux et al., 2014). Many fungi are used as food sources (Dupont et al., 2016) and some have been domesticated for food production. Propagation of the latter is controlled by humans, and this has resulted in genetic differentiation from wild populations (Almeida et al.,

63 2017, 2014; Gallone et al., 2016; Gibbons et al., 2012; Gonçalves et al., 2016) and the evolution of specific phenotypes beneficial for humans (Dupont et al., 2016; Gallone et al., 2016; Gibbons et al., 64 65 2012; Gibbons and Rinker, 2015; Marsit et al., 2015). Saccharomyces cerevisiae yeasts 66 domesticated for fermentation have provided important insight into adaptive divergence mechanisms, with different yeast lineages independently domesticated for different usages 67 68 (Borneman et al., 2011; Goncalves et al., 2016; Peter et al., 2018). Studies about yeast adaptation for alcohol and cheese production have highlighted the proximal genomic mechanisms involved, 69 70 including horizontal gene transfer, selective sweep, hybridization and introgression (Legras et al., 71 2018; Marsit et al., 2015; Morales and Dujon, 2012; Novo et al., 2009; Peter et al., 2018).

72 Penicillium roqueforti, a filamentous fungus used in the dairy industry to impart the typical 73 veins and flavor of blue cheeses, has recently emerged as an excellent model for studying adaptive 74 divergence (Cheeseman et al., 2014; Ropars et al., 2015). Blue cheeses, including Roquefort, Gorgonzola and Stilton, are highly emblematic foods that have been produced for centuries (Vabre, 75 76 2015). The strongest genetic subdivision reported in P. roqueforti concerns the differentiation of a 77 cheese-specific population that has acquired faster growth in cheese than other populations and 78 better excludes competitors, thanks to very recent horizontal gene transfers, at the expense of slower 79 growth on minimal medium (Gillot et al., 2015; Ropars et al., 2015, 2017). Such genetic 80 differentiation and recent acquisition of traits beneficial to cheesemaking in P. roqueforti suggests 81 genuine domestication, i.e., adaptation under selection by humans for traits beneficial for food 82 production. A second population identified in P. roqueforti and lacking the horizontally-transferred 83 regions includes strains isolated from cheese and other environments, such as silage, lumber and spoiled food (Gillot et al., 2015; Ropars et al., 2014, 2017). Penicillium roqueforti is the main 84 85 contaminant of silage, spoilage typically occurring following breaks in plastic or after opening the 86 stack for cattle feeding. In this context, it can produce harmful mycotoxins causing health disorder in cattle (Malekinejad et al., 2015). In addition, P. roqueforti is one of the most common Penicillium 87

species in spoiled food, where it is also responsible for mycotoxin production (Rundberget et al., 2004). The existence of further genetic subdivision separating populations according to the original environment, or protected designation of origin (PDO) for cheese strains has been suggested, but, because it was based only on a few microsatellite markers, the resolution power was low (Gillot et al., 2015; Ropars et al., 2014, 2017). Secondary metabolite production (aroma compounds and mycotoxins) and proteolysis activity have been shown to differ between strains from different PDOs (Gillot et al., 2017). A high-quality *P. roqueforti* genome reference is available (Cheeseman et al., 2017).

95 2014), allowing more powerful analyses based on population genomics.

96 Another asset of *P. roqueforti* as an evolutionary model is the availability of vast collections 97 of cheese strains and of historical records concerning cheesemaking (Aussibal, 1983; Labbe and 98 Serres, 2009, 2004; Marre, 1906; Marres, 1935; Vabre, 2010). While the presence of P. roqueforti 99 in cheeses was initially fortuitous, since the end of the 19th century, milk or curd has been inoculated 100 with the spores of this fungus for Roquefort cheese production. Spores were initially multiplied on bread, before the advent of more controlled *in vitro* culture techniques in the 20th century (Aussibal, 101 1983; Labbe and Serres, 2009, 2004; Marre, 1906; Marres, 1935; Vabre, 2010). Bread was 102 103 inoculated by recycling spores from the best cheeses from the previous production (i.e., back-104 slopping) (Aussibal, 1983; Labbe and Serres, 2009, 2004; Marre, 1906; Marres, 1935; Vabre, 2010). This corresponds to yearly selection events since the 19th century until ca. 20 years ago when strains 105 106 were stored in freezers. After World War II, strains were isolated in the laboratory for industrial use 107 and selected based on their technological and organoleptic impact in cheeses and compounds 108 produced (Besana et al., 2017), which have likely accelerated domestication. This history further 109 suggests that there may have been genuine domestication, i.e., an adaptive evolution triggered by 110 human selection for cheese quality. Unintentional selection may also have been exerted on other 111 traits, including growth and spore production on bread, the traditional multiplication substrate.

By sequencing multiple *P. roqueforti* genomes from different environments and analyzing

113 large collections of cheese strains, we provide evidence for adaptive divergence. We identified four 114 genetically differentiated populations, two including only cheese strains and two other populations 115 including silage- and food-spoiling strains. We inferred that the two cheese populations 116 corresponded to two independent domestication events. The first cheese population corresponded to strains used for Roquefort production and arose through a weaker and older domestication event, 117 118 with multiple strains probably originating from different cultures on local farms in the PDO area, 119 presumably initially selected for slow growth before the invention of refrigeration systems. The 120 second cheese population experienced an independent and more recent domestication event 121 associated with a stronger genetic bottleneck. The non-Roquefort cheese population showed 122 beneficial traits for modern industrial production of cheese (e.g. faster growth in salted cheese, more 123 efficient cheese cavity colonization and faster lipid degradation activities), while the Roquefort 124 cheese population showed greater spore production on bread, the traditional medium for spore production. The four populations further showed differences in proteolysis activities, with a higher 125 126 variance in the cheese populations. The two cheese populations also had different volatile compound 127 profiles, with likely effects on cheese flavor. These phenotypic differences might be associated with 128 genomic regions affected by recent positive selection and genomic islands specific to a single cheese 129 population. Some of these genomic regions may have been acquired by horizontal gene transfers 130 and have putative functions in the biochemical pathways leading to the development of cheese 131 flavor.

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- 133 **Results**

134 Two out of four populations are used for cheesemaking: one specific to the Roquefort PDO and 135 a worldwide clonal population

We sequenced the genomes of 34 *P. roqueforti* strains from public collections (Ropars et al., 2017),
including 17 isolated from blue cheeses (e.g., Roquefort, Gorgonzola, Stilton), 17 isolated from

non-cheese environments (mainly spoiled food, silage, and lumber), and 11 outgroup genomes from
three *Penicillium* species closely related to *P. roqueforti* (Supplementary Table 1). After data
filtering, we identified a total of 115,544 SNPs from the reads mapped against the reference *P. roqueforti* FM164 genome (29x10⁶ bp, 48 scaffolds).

142 We used three clustering methods free from assumptions about mating system and mode of 143 reproduction, based on genetic differences (principal component analyses, SplitsTree and clustering 144 based on similarities between genotypes along the genomes in 50 SNP-windows). The three 145 methods separated the *P. roqueforti* strains into four genetic clusters (Figs. 1, 2 and 3), two of which 146 almost exclusively contained cheese strains (the exceptions being two strains isolated from a 147 brewery and brioche, Figs. 1 and 2, probably corresponding to feral strains). One cluster contained 148 both silage strains (N=4) and food-spoiling strains (N=4), and the last cluster contained mostly food-149 spoiling strains (N=5) plus strains from lumber (N=2) (Figs. 1 and 2, and Supplementary Table 1). 150 Noteworthy, these two clusters corresponding to strains from other environments did not include a 151 single cheese strain. The two cheese clusters were not the most closely related one to each other, 152 suggesting independent domestication events (Figs. 1 and 2). Moreover, cheese clusters displayed 153 much lower genetic diversity than non-cheese clusters, as shown by their small Θ values 154 (corresponding to 4Neu, i.e., the product of the effective population size and the mutation rate) and 155 more homogeneous colors in distance-based clustering (Table 1 and Fig. 2). One of the two cheese 156 clusters displayed a particularly low level of genetic diversity (Table 1 and Fig. 2) with only 0.03%157 polymorphic sites, and a lack of recombination footprints (i.e., a higher level of linkage 158 disequilibrium, as shown by the more gradual decay of r² values (Supplementary Fig. 1), and by the 159 large single-color blocks along the genomes, Fig. 2). These findings suggest that the second cheese 160 population is a single clonal lineage. The first cheese population also appears to lack recombination 161 footprints, while including several clonal lineages (Fig. 2). Given such a lack of recombination 162 footprints, clustering methods free of assumptions on modes of recombination were better suited to

analyse the dataset. The Structure software, that assumes random mating, nevertheless yieldedsimilar results (Supplementary Fig. 2).

165 We used genome sequences to design genetic markers (Supplementary Table 2) for assigning a 166 collection of 65 strains provided by the main French supplier of *P. roqueforti* spores for artisanal 167 and industrial cheesemakers, 18 additional strains from the National History Museum collection in 168 Paris (LCP) and 31 strains from the collection of the Université de Bretagne Occidentale (UBOCC, 169 Supplementary Table 1) to the four genetic clusters. Out of these 148 strains, 55 were assigned to 170 the more genetically diverse of the two cheese clusters. The majority of these strains included strains 171 used for Roquefort PDO cheese production (N=30); three strains originated from Bleu des Causses cheeses (Supplementary Fig. 3, Supplementary Table 1), produced in the same area as Roquefort 172 173 and using similarly long storage in caves. The remaining strains of this cluster included samples 174 from other blue cheeses (N=13), unknown blue cheeses (N=5) or other environments (N=4), the 175 latter likely associated with feral strains. Because of the strong bias of usage toward Roquefort 176 production, we refer to this cluster hereafter as the "Roquefort population". Of the remaining 95 177 strains, 60 belonged to the second cheese cluster, which was less genetically diverse and contained mainly commercial strains used to produce a wide range of blue cheeses (Supplementary Fig. 3, 178 179 Supplementary Table 1). This cluster was therefore named the "non-Roquefort population". A 180 single strain (LCP00146) in this non-Roquefort population had been likely sampled from a 181 Roquefort cheese, but it did not appear phenotypically different from other strains in its genetic 182 group; the "Roquefort" origin may however be dubious as no brand was recorded for this strain 183 from an old collection. The Roquefort population also included 13 strains used to inoculate other 184 types of blue cheese (e.g. Gorgonzola or Bleu d'Auvergne), but strains from these types of cheeses 185 were more common in the non-Roquefort population. The non-Roquefort cluster contained strains 186 harbouring *Wallaby* and *CheesyTer*, two large genomic regions recently shown to have been 187 transferred horizontally between different *Penicillium* species from the cheese environment and

188 conferring faster growth on cheese (Cheeseman et al., 2014; Ropars et al., 2015), whereas all the
189 strains in the Roquefort cluster lacked those regions.

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191 Two independent domestication events in Penicillium roqueforti for cheesemaking

192 We compared 11 demographic scenarios with approximate Bayesian computation (ABC), 193 simulating either a single domestication event (the most recent divergence event then separating the 194 two cheese populations) or two independent domestication events, with different population tree 195 topologies and with or without gene flow (Supplementary Fig. 4). Parameters in the scenarios 196 modeled corresponded to the divergence dates, the strength and dates of bottlenecks and population 197 growth, and rates of gene flow. ABC simulates sequence evolution under the various scenarios using 198 the coalescent theory framework and compares various population statistics under a Bayesian 199 framework between the simulation outputs and the observed data to identify the most likely scenario 200 (Beaumont et al., 2002). The ABC results showed that the two *P. roqueforti* cheese populations 201 (Roquefort and non-Roquefort) resulted from two independent domestication events (Fig. 4). The 202 highest posterior probabilities were obtained for the S4 scenario, in which the two cheese 203 populations formed two lineages independently derived from the common ancestral population of 204 all *P. roqueforti* strains (Fig. 4, model choice and parameter estimates in Supplementary Fig. 4). We 205 inferred much stronger bottlenecks in the two cheese populations than in the non-cheese 206 populations, with the most severe bottleneck found in the non-Roquefort cheese population. Some 207 gene flow (m=0.1) was inferred between the two non-cheese populations but none with cheese 208 populations. The bottleneck date estimates in ABC had too large credibility intervals to allow 209 inferring domestication dates (Supplementary Fig. 4E). We therefore used the multiple sequentially 210 Markovian coalescent (MSMC) method to estimate times since domestication, considering that they 211 corresponded to the last time there was gene flow between genotypes within populations, given the

212 lack of recombination footprints in cheese population and the mode of conservation and clonal 213 growth of cheese strains by humans, and given that this also corresponds to bottleneck date estimates 214 in coalescence. The domestication for the Roquefort cheese population was inferred seven times 215 longer ago than for the non-Roquefort cheese population, both domestication events being recent 216 (ca. 760 versus 140 generations ago, Fig. 5B-C). Unfortunately, generation time, and even 217 generation definition, are too uncertain in the clonal *P. roqueforti* populations to infer domestication 218 dates in years. In addition, the MSMC analysis detected two bottlenecks in the history of the 219 Roquefort cheese population (Fig. 4B).

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221 Contrasting fitness traits between cheese populations

222 We tested whether different phenotypes relevant for cheesemaking had evolved in the two cheese 223 clusters, relative to other populations (Fig. 5, Supplementary Table 3). We first produced 224 experimental cheeses inoculated with strains from the different *P. roqueforti* populations to assess 225 their ability to colonize cheese cavities, a trait that may have been subject to human selection to 226 choose inocula producing the most visually attractive blue cheeses. The fungus requires oxygen and 227 can therefore sporulate only in the cheese cavities, its spores being responsible for the typical color 228 of blue-veined cheeses; the application of highly salted solutions followed by tin foil wrapping 229 prevents sporulation on the surface of cheeses. Strains from the non-Roquefort cheese population 230 were the most efficient colonizers of cheese cavities (Supplementary Table 4); no difference was 231 detected between strains from the Roquefort and non-cheese populations (Fig. 5).

As *P. roqueforti* strains were traditionally multiplied on bread loaves for cheese inoculation, they may have been subject to unintentional selection for faster growth on bread. However, growth rate on bread did not significantly differ between populations (Fig. 5, Supplementary Table 4).

We then assessed lipolytic and proteolytic activities in the *P. roqueforti* populations. These activities 235 236 are important for energy and nutrient uptake, as well as for cheese texture and the production of 237 volatile compounds responsible for cheese flavors (Gillot et al., 2017; McSweeney, 2004). Lipolysis 238 was faster in the non-Roquefort cheese population than in the Roquefort and silage/food spoiling 239 populations (Fig. 5, Supplementary Table 4). A strong population effect was found for proteolytic 240 activity (Supplementary Table 4), with faster proteolysis activities in cheese populations (Fig. 5), 241 although posthoc pairwise tests were not significant. Variances showed significant differences between populations (Levene test F-ratio=5.97, d.f.=3, P<0.0017), with the two cheese populations 242 243 showing the highest variances, and with extreme values above and below those in non-cheese 244 populations (Fig. 5). Noteworthy, proteolysis is a choice criterion for making different kinds of blue 245 cheeses that is often showcased by culture producers (e.g. https://www.lip-sas.fr/index.php/nos-246 produits/penicillium-roquefortii/18-penicillium-roquefortii). This suggests that some cheese strains may have been selected for higher and others for lower proteolytic activity. Alternatively, selection 247 248 could have been relaxed on this trait in the cheese populations, leading to some mutations decreasing 249 and other increasing proteolysis in different strains, thus increasing variance in the populations.

The ability of *P. roqueforti* strains to produce spores may also have been selected by humans, both unwittingly, due to the collection of spores from moldy bread, and deliberately, through the choice of inocula producing bluer cheeses. We detected no difference in spore production between the *P. roqueforti* populations grown on cheese medium or malt. However, we observed significant differences in spore production on bread medium. The Roquefort population produced the highest number of spores and significantly more than the non-Roquefort population (Fig. 5, Supplementary Table 4).

257 High salt concentrations have long been used in cheesemaking to prevent the growth of spoiler and 258 pathogenic microorganisms. We found that the ability to grow on salted malt and cheese media

decreased in all *P. roqueforti* populations (Supplementary Table 4). We found a significant interaction between salt and population factors, and post hoc tests indicated that the Roquefort population was more affected by salt than the other populations (Supplementary Fig. S5, Supplementary Table 4).

Volatile compound production was also investigated in the two cheese populations, as these compounds are important for cheese flavor (McSweeney, 2004). We identified 52 volatile compounds, including several involved in cheese aroma properties, such as ketones, free fatty acids, sulfur compounds, alcohols, aldehydes, pyrazines, esters, lactones and phenols (Curioni and Bosset, 2002) (Fig. 6). The two cheese populations presented significantly different volatile compound profiles, differing by three ketones, one alcohol and two pyrazines (Fig. 6). The Roquefort population produced the highest diversity of volatile compounds (Fig. 6A).

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271 Detection of genomic regions population specific or affected by recent positive selection

272 We identified five regions present in the genomes of strains from the non-Roquefort cheese 273 population and absent from the other populations. We also detected five other genomic islands 274 present in several *P. roqueforti* strains but absent from the non-Roquefort cheese strains (Fig. 7). 275 Nine of these ten genomic regions were not found in the genomes of the outgroup *Penicillium* 276 species analyzed here and they displayed no genetic diversity in P. roqueforti. No SNPs were 277 detected even at synonymous sites or in non-coding regions, suggesting recent acquisitions, by 278 horizontal gene transfer. The absence of the genomic islands in some populations and outgroups 279 prevented running gene topology analyses designed for horizontal gene transfer analyses but were 280 even stronger evidence for the existence of horizontal gene transfer. Only FM164-C, one of the 281 genomic islands specific to the non-Roquefort population, was present in the outgroup genomes, in 282 which it displayed variability, indicating a loss in the other lineages rather than a gain in the non-

283 Roquefort population and the outgroup species (Fig. 7A). The closest hits in the NCBI database for 284 genes in the ten genomic islands were in *Penicillium* genomes. Most of the putative functions 285 proposed for the genes within these genomic regions were related to lipolysis, carbohydrate or 286 amino-acid catabolism and metabolite transport. Other putative functions concerned fungal development, including spore production and hyphal growth (Fig. 7). In the genomic regions 287 288 specific to the non-Roquefort cheese population, we also identified putative functions potentially 289 relevant for competition against other microorganisms, such as phospholipases, proteins carrying 290 peptidoglycan- or chitin-binding domains and chitinases (Fig. 7) (Gooday et al., 1992). Enrichment 291 tests were non-significant, probably due to the small number of genes in these regions.

292 Footprints of positive selection in P. roqueforti genomes were first detected using an extension of 293 the McDonald-Kreitman test which identifies genes with more frequent amino-acid changes than 294 expected under neutrality, neutral substitution rates being assessed by comparing the rates of 295 synonymous and non-synonymous substitutions within and between species or populations to 296 account for gene-specific mutation rates. We ran the test with three levels of population subdivision. 297 First, no significant footprint of positive selection was detected for any gene by comparing the whole 298 P. roqueforti species with P. paneum. In a second test, a set of 15 genes was identified as evolving 299 under positive selection in the Roquefort cheese population but not in the other pooled P. roqueforti 300 populations (Fig. 8A). Interestingly, eight of these 15 genes clustered at the end of the largest 301 scaffold (Fig. 8B). In a third test, four genes were identified as evolving under positive selection in 302 the non-Roquefort cheese population but not in the pooled non-cheese P. roqueforti populations 303 (Fig. 8A). Two of these genes corresponded to a putative aromatic ring hydroxylase and a putative 304 cyclin evolving under purifying selection in Roquefort and non-cheese P. roqueforti populations 305 (Fig. 8A). Aromatic ring hydroxylases are known to be involved in the catabolism of aromatic amino 306 acids, which are precursors of flavor compounds (Ardö, 2006; Yvon and Rijnen, 2001).

307 Secondly, we looked for regions of low diversity and high divergence between the two cheese 308 populations as these are footprints of recent divergent selection, i.e. positive selection in one or both 309 of the two cheese populations but for differentiated alleles. The identified regions showed a good 310 overlap with those detected in the Snipre analysis (Fig. 9); in particular, the same genomic island at 311 the end of scaffold 1 stood out (Fig. 9). In the regions of high divergence and low diversity, we 312 found a significant enrichment in transcription related genes (GO:0000981 RNA polymerase II 313 transcription factor activity, sequence-specific DNA binding; Fisher's exact test p-value<0.01; 314 Supplementary Fig. 6). We found a particularly high divergence on the gene coding for RPB2 315 subunit of RNA polymerase II with a high number of fixed differences that were specific to the 316 Roquefort population; fixed differences were synonymous, suggesting that important changes 317 concern rather the regulation level than the protein itself.

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319 Discussion

320 We report here the genetic subdivision of *P. roqueforti*, the fungus used worldwide for blue cheese 321 production, with unprecedented resolution, providing insights into its domestication history. 322 Population genomics studies on strains from various substrates and from a large collection of 323 cheeses identified four genetically differentiated populations, two of which being cheese 324 populations likely originating from independent and recent domestication events. One P. roqueforti 325 cheese population included all the genotyped strains but one used for PDO Roquefort cheeses, 326 produced in the French town of Roquefort-sur-Soulzon, where blue cheeses have been made since 327 at least the 15th century, and probably long before (Aussibal, 1983; Labbe and Serres, 2009, 2004; 328 Marre, 1906; Marres, 1935; Vabre, 2015, 2010). The strains from this Roquefort cheese population 329 lack the horizontally-transferred Wallaby and CheesyTer genomic islands contrary to the other non-330 Roquefort cheese population.

331 We observed that the two *P. roqueforti* cheese populations differed on several traits important for 332 cheese production, probably corresponding to historical differences. Indeed, the Roquefort population has retained moderate genetic diversity, consistent with soft selection during pre-333 334 industrial times on multiple farms near Roquefort-sur-Soulzon, where specific strains were kept for several centuries. The Roquefort cheese population grew slower in cheese (Ropars et al., 2015) and 335 336 had weaker lipolytic activity. Slow maturation is particularly crucial for the storage of Roquefort 337 cheeses for long periods in the absence of refrigeration (Marre, 1906) because they are made of 338 ewe's milk, a product available only between February and July. During storage, cheeses could 339 become over degraded by too high rates of lipolysis, thus likely explaining the low lipolysis activity 340 in Roquefort strains. By contrast, most other blue cheeses are produced from cow's milk, which is 341 available all year. The Roquefort population showed greater sporulation on bread, which is 342 consistent with unconscious selection for this trait when strains were cultured on bread in Roquefort-343 sur-Soulzon farms before cheese inoculation during the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th 344 centuries.

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346 Lipolytic activity is known to impact texture and the production of volatile compounds affecting 347 cheese pungency (Alonso et al., 1987; De Llano et al., 1992, 1990; Martín and Coton, 2016; Thierry 348 et al., 2017; Woo and Lindsay, 1984). The Roquefort and non-Roquefort populations showed 349 different volatile compound profiles, suggesting also different flavor profiles. The discovery of 350 different phenotypes in the two cheese populations, together with the availability of a protocol for 351 inducing sexual reproduction in P. roqueforti (Ropars et al., 2014), pave the way for crosses to 352 counteract degeneration after clonal multiplication and bottlenecks, for variety improvement and 353 the generation of diversity.

Both cheese populations were found to have gone through bottlenecks. The cheese populations were

355 the easiest to sample compared to other environments, where *P. roqueforti* is relatively rarely found. 356 It seems therefore highly unlikely that the lower genetic diversity in the cheese populations would 357 reflect sampling biases. In particular, the least diverse cheese population was the one including the 358 highest numbers of countries and sampled cheese types, indicating genuine strong bottleneck. There 359 was no particular sampling bias regarding geography either (Table S1). A previous study showed 360 that these bottlenecks, together with clonal multiplication, decreased fertility, with different stages 361 in sexual reproduction affected in the two populations identified here as the Roquefort and non-362 Roquefort lineages (Ropars et al., 2016b). The non-Roquefort cheese population, despite suffering 363 from a more severe and more recent bottleneck, was found to be used in the production of all types 364 of blue cheese worldwide, including Gorgonzola, Bleu d'Auvergne, Stilton, Cabrales and Fourme d'Ambert. The non-Roquefort cheese population grows more rapidly on cheese (Ropars et al., 365 366 2015), exhibits greater ability to colonize cheese cavities, higher salt tolerance and faster lipolysis 367 than the Roquefort population. These characteristics are consistent with the non-Roquefort cheese 368 population resulting from a very recent strong selection of traits beneficial for modern and 369 accelerated production of blue cheese using refrigeration techniques, followed by a worldwide 370 dissemination for the production of all types of blue cheeses. Such drastic losses of genetic diversity 371 in domesticated organisms are typical of strong selection for industrial use by a few international 372 firms and raise concerns about the conservation of genetic resources, the loss of which may hinder 373 future innovation. More generally in crops, the impoverishment in genetic diversity decreases the 374 ability of cultivated populations to adapt to environmental and biotic changes to meet future needs 375 (Gouyon et al., 2010; Harlan, 1992; Vavilov, 1992). The PDO label, which imposes the use of local 376 strains, has probably contributed to the conservation of genetic diversity in the Roquefort population 377 (see "Cahier des charges de l'appellation d'origine protégée Roquefort", i.e., the technical 378 specifications for Roquefort PDO). We inferred two bottlenecks in the Roquefort population, more 379 ancient than in the non-Roquefort population, likely corresponding to a pre-industrial domestication

380 event when multiple local farms multiplied their strains, followed by a second bottleneck when 381 fewer strains were kept by the first industrial societies. For other blue cheeses, even if their 382 production was also ancient, the performant non-Roquefort clonal lineage could have been recently 383 chosen to fit modern industrial production demands due to the lack of PDO rules imposing the use 384 of local strains. However, despite a much lower genome-wide diversity in domesticated populations, 385 proteolysis and volatile compounds diversity was found higher in cheese than in non-cheese 386 populations. In fact, different strains with more or less rapid proteolysis and lipolysis are sold for 387 specific blue cheese types (e.g., milder or stronger), in particular by the French LIP company 388 (https://www.lip-sas.fr/index.php/nos-produits/penicillium-roquefortii/18-penicillium-roquefortii). 389 Such a high phenotypic diversity within the cheese populations is consistent with diversification of 390 usage under domestication, and in particular when different characteristics are desired according to 391 cheese type. This has already been observed in relation to the diversification of crop varieties or 392 breeds in domesticated animals (Parker et al., 2017; Shapiro et al., 2013).

When studying adaptation in domesticated organisms, it is often useful to contrast traits and 393 394 genomic variants between domesticated and closely related wild populations to determine the nature 395 of the adaptive changes occurring under artificial selection (Swanson-Wagner et al., 2012; Xue et 396 al., 2016). The only known non-cheese populations of P. roqueforti occur essentially in human-397 made environments (silage, food and lumber), consistent with the specific adaptation of these 398 populations to these environments. The two non-cheese populations were inferred to have diverged 399 very recently, and displayed footprints of recombination and marked differentiation from the cheese 400 populations. Domesticated populations are expected to be nested within their source populations, 401 suggesting that we have not sampled the wild population that is the most closely related from cheese 402 strains yet. The high level of diversity and inferred demographic history of *P. roqueforti* indicate 403 that most food-spoiling strains belong to differentiated populations and are not feral cheese strains. 404 In addition, not a single cheese strain was found in the food spoiling and silage populations. This

405 was shown by both genome sequences and by the genotyping of a larger number of strains using a 406 few selected markers, in the present study and based on microsatellite markers in a previous work 407 (Ropars et al., 2017). Consequently, *P. roqueforti* spores from blue cheeses may, rarely, spoil food 408 and food-spoiling and silage strains are not used for cheesemaking nor recombine with cheese 409 strains. Such a lack of incoming gene flow into cheese populations allowed trait differentiation in 410 cheese strains as expected under domestication.

411 It came as a surprise that the two non-cheese populations split more recently from each other than 412 from the cheese lineages. In particular, the non-Roquefort population diverged the earliest from the 413 unidentified ancestral population, and this has likely occurred in another environment than cheese. 414 Much more recently, selection in industrial times has likely only kept the most performant clonal 415 lineage of this population for cheesemaking, losing most of the initial diversity as indicated by the 416 very strong and recent bottleneck inferred in this lineage. Possible scenarios to explain the existence 417 of two separated clusters thriving in food and silage differentiated from cheese strains include the 418 very recent adaptive differentiation of a population from silage on human food or vice versa. The 419 finding that silage strains are only found in one cluster (the orange one in Fig.1 to 5) suggests an 420 adaptation to this ecological niche, although experiments will be required to test this hypothesis. 421 Food spoiling strains are in contrast found in three clusters and may thus not constitute a specific 422 population adapted to this environment and may instead represent migrants from several populations 423 belonging to other ecological niches. Green and orange clusters may alternatively represent 424 populations thriving in yet unidentified environments, dispersing to silage and food. Another 425 hypothesis would be a single domestication event for cheesemaking before the divergence of the 426 four lineages, followed by an escape and subsequent differentiation of the orange and green lineages 427 in other human related habitats. This hypothesis however would not predict such high genetic 428 diversity in the green and orange populations, and in particular the similar nucleotidic diversity 429 levels in the two non-cheese populations as in the *P. carneum* and *P. paneum* outgroups. Given the

very low genetic diversity in the cheese populations, coalescence events occurred recently in the
past, preventing tests of the occurrence of bottlenecks in the common ancestor of the four *P*. *roqueforti* populations.

433 The history of blue cheese production may provide circumstantial clues as to the origin of P. 434 roqueforti cheese populations. Indeed, the first blue cheeses likely resulted from the sporadic 435 accidental contamination of cheese with spores from the environment, such as moldy food. 436 However, this would not be consistent with the demographic history inferred here for cheese and 437 food-spoiling strains, as the cheese strains were not found to be nested within the food-spoiling 438 strains, some of which originated from moldy bread. Furthermore, old French texts suggest that the 439 blue mold colonized the cheese from within (Labbe and Serres, 2009, 2004; Vabre, 2015), which 440 would indicate that the milk or curd was contaminated. French cheese producers began to inoculate cheeses with *P. roqueforti* spores from moldy rye bread at the end of the 19th century (Labbe and 441 442 Serres, 2009, 2004; Vabre, 2015). Breads were specifically made with a 2:1 mixture of wheat and 443 rye flour and were baked rapidly at high temperature (500°C), to yield a protective crust, around a 444 moist, undercooked interior (Aussibal, 1983; Marre, 1906); the mold developed from the inside of 445 the bread after one to five months in the Roquefort caves (Labbe and Serres, 2009, 2004; Vabre, 446 2015). Surveys of the microorganisms present in their caves (Chaptal, 1789; Marcorelle and 447 Chaptal, 1833; Marre, 1906) and our unsuccessful attempts to obtain samples from a maturing cellar 448 suggest that *P. roqueforti* spores did not originate from the caves, which were nevertheless crucial 449 due to the ideal conditions provided for *P. roqueforti* development (Marre, 1906). Bread may have 450 been colonized from the environment or from rye flour if the source P. roqueforti population was a 451 rye endophyte or pathogen. This last hypothesis would be consistent with the lifestyle of many 452 *Penicillium* species, which live in close association with plants, often acting as plant pathogens or 453 necrotrophs (Ropars et al., 2016a), and with the occurrence of a *P. roqueforti* population in lumber and silage. Actually, a recent study reports the finding of *P. roqueforti* as an endophyte and could 454 19

455 be inoculated on wheat (Ikram et al., 2018), although species identification should be checked with 456 more powerful markers. If this hypothesis is correct, then cheeses may historically have become 457 contaminated with *P. roqueforti* from fodder during milking.

458 Comparison between non-cheese and cheese populations allowed us to identify specific traits and 459 genes that have been under selection in cheese as opposed to other environments. Furthermore, the 460 two independently domesticated *P. roqueforti* cheese populations, exhibiting different traits, 461 represent a good model for studying the genomic processes involved in adaptation. We could not 462 run analyses of selective sweep detection based on local decrease in genetic diversity in the 463 genomes; indeed, because of the clonality of cheese populations, the whole genome will have 464 hitchhiked with any selected locus. This effect has likely contributed to the strong bottlenecks. We 465 were nevertheless able to identify candidate genes and evolutionary mechanisms potentially 466 involved in adaptation to cheese in *P. roqueforti*. The horizontally-transferred *CheesvTer* genomic island probably contributes to the faster growth of the strains identified here as constituting the non-467 468 Roquefort population (Ropars et al., 2015). Indeed, CheesyTer includes genes with putative 469 functions involved in carbohydrate utilization (e.g. β-galactosidase and lactose permease genes) that 470 are specifically expressed at the beginning of cheese maturation, when lactose and galactose are 471 available. This horizontal gene transfer may thus have been involved in adaptation to recently developed industrial cheese production processes in the non-Roquefort cheese population, 472 473 conferring faster growth. We also identified additional genomic islands specific to the non-474 Roquefort cheese population, probably acquired recently and including genes putatively involved 475 in fungal growth and spore production. In the genomic islands specific to the cheese populations, 476 several genes appeared to be involved in lipolysis, carbohydrate or amino-acid catabolism and 477 metabolite transport, all of which are important biochemical processes in the development of cheese 478 flavor. In the Roquefort cheese population, a genomic region harboring genes with footprints for 479 positive selection included several genes encoding proteins potentially involved in aromatic amino-20

480 acid catabolism corresponding to precursors of volatile compounds. Further studies are required to481 determine the role of these genes in cheese flavor development.

482 In conclusion, we show that *P. roqueforti* cheese populations represent genuine domestication. Of 483 course, the domestication process in cheese fungi has been more recent and different from the ones 484 in emblematic crops or animals. Nevertheless, we did observe strong genetic differentiation from 485 non-cheese populations, strong bottlenecks and trait differentiation with likely benefits for cheese 486 production. This suggests genuine domestication, as has been reported previously in other fungi 487 (Almeida et al., 2014; Baker et al., 2015; Gallone et al., 2016; Gibbons et al., 2012; Gonçalves et 488 al., 2016; Libkind et al., 2011; Sicard and Legras, 2011), and defined as "the genetic modification" 489 of a species by breeding it in isolation from its ancestral population in an effort to enhance its utility 490 to humans" (Gibbons and Rinker, 2015). Furthermore, a previous study has shown that the non-491 Roquefort cheese strains have acquired genes conferring better growth in cheese (Ropars et al., 492 2015). Our study revealed genetic divergence of cheese population from non-cheese populations, as 493 well as the evolution of specific traits, with beneficial characteristics for cheese production. These 494 findings therefore indicate the occurrence of domestication, a special case of adaptive divergence. 495 We found that gene flow was prevented by clonality of cheese lineages and lack of migration 496 between cheese and non-cheese populations, and that adaptation occurred on several traits beneficial 497 for cheese production (lipolysis, proteolysis, spore production, volatile compound production, 498 growth in salted cheese, cheese cavity colonization ability). Genomic footprints of adaptation were 499 found in terms of rapid amino-acid changes and horizontal gene transfers. The two independent 500 domestication events identified here interestingly represent adaptations to different production 501 modes. Our findings concerning the history of P. roqueforti domestication thus shed light on the 502 processes of adaptation to rapid environmental change, but they also have industrial implications 503 and raise questions about the conservation of genetic resources in the agri-food context.

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506 Methods

507 Isolation attempts of Penicillium roqueforti in ripening cellar and dairy environments

508 In order to investigate whether a wild *P. roqueforti* population occurred in ripening cellars or dairy 509 environments that could be at the origin of the observed cheese populations, we sampled spores 510 from the air in an artisanal cheese dairy company (GAEC Le Lévejac, Saint Georges de Lévejac, France. ca 60 km from Roquefort-sur-Soulzon, producing no blue cheese to avoid feral strains, i.e. 511 512 dispersal from inoculated cheeses), sampling was performed in the sheepfold, milking parlour, 513 cheese dairy and ripening cellar. We also sampled spores from the air in an abandoned ripening 514 cellar in the town of Meyrueis (ca 70 km from Roquefort-sous-Soulzon) where Roquefort cheeses used to be produced and stored in the early 19th century. In total, 55 Petri dishes containing malt 515 516 (2% cristomalt, Difal) and 3% ampicillin were left open for six days as traps for airborne spores (35 517 Petri dishes in the abandoned ripening cellar and 20 Petri dishes in the artisanal cheese dairy 518 company). Numerous fungal colonies were obtained on the Petri dishes. One monospore was 519 isolated from each of the 22 Penicillium-like colonies. DNA was extracted using the Nucleospin 520 Soil Kit (Macherey-Nagel, Düren, Germany) and a fragment of the β-tubulin gene was amplified 521 using the primer set Bt2a/Bt2b (Glass and Donaldson, 1995), and then sequenced. Sequences were 522 blasted against the NCBI database to assign monospores to species. Based on β-tubulin sequences, 523 ten strains were assigned to P. solitum, six to P. brevicompactum, two to P. bialowienzense, one to P. echinulatum and two to the Cladosporium genus. No P. roqueforti strain could thus be isolated 524 525 from this sampling procedure.

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527 Genome sequencing and analysis

The genomic DNAs of cheesemaking strains obtained from public collections belonging to *P. roqueforti*, seven strains of *P. paneum*, one strain of *P. carneum* and one strain of *P. psychrosexualis* (Supplementary Table 1) were extracted from fresh haploid mycelium after monospore isolation and growth for five days on malt agar using the Nucleospin Soil Kit (Macherey-Nagel, Düren, Germany). Sequencing was performed using the Illumina HiSeq 2500 paired-end technology (Illumina Inc.) with an average insert size of 400 bp at the GenoToul INRA platform and resulted in a 50x-100x coverage. In addition, the genomes of four strains (LCP05885, LCP06096, LCP06097)

and LCP06098) were used that had previously been sequenced using the ABI SOLID technology
(Cheeseman et al., 2014). GenBank accession numbers are HG792015-HG792062.

537 Identification of presence/absence polymorphism of blocks larger than 10 kbp in genomes was 538 performed based on coverage using mapping against the FM164 P. roqueforti reference genome. In 539 order to identify genomic regions that would be lacking in the FM164 genome but present in other 540 strains, we used a second assembled genome, that of the UASWS P. roqueforti strain collected from 541 bread, sequenced using Illumina HiSeq shotgun and displaying 428 contigs (Genbank accession 542 numbers: JNNS01000420-JNNS01000428). Blocks larger than 10 kbp present in the UASWS 543 genome and absent in the FM164 genome were identified using the nucmer program v3.1 (Kurtz et 544 al., 2004). Gene models for the UASWS genome were predicted with EuGene following the same 545 pipeline as for the FM164 genome (Cheeseman et al., 2014; Foissac et al., 2008). The 546 presence/absence of these regions in the P. roqueforti genomes was then determined using the 547 coverage obtained by mapping reads against the UASWS genome with the start/end positions 548 identified by *nucmer*. The absence of regions was inferred when less than five reads were mapped. 549 In order to determine their presence/absence in other *Penicillium* species, the sequences of these 550 regions were blasted against nine *Penicillium* reference genomes (Supplementary Table 1). PCR 551 primer pairs designed using Primer3Plus (http://www.bioinformatics.nl/cgiwere 552 <u>bin/primer3plus/primer3plus.cgi/</u>) in the flanking sequences of these genomic regions in order to 553 check their presence/absence in a broader collection of P. roqueforti strains based on PCR tests 554 (Supplementary Table 2). For each genomic island, two primer pairs were designed when possible (i.e. when sufficiently far from the ends of the scaffolds and not in repeated regions): one yielding 555 556 a PCR product when the region was present and another one giving a band when the region was 557 absent, in order to avoid relying only on lack of amplification for inferring the absence of a genomic 558 region. PCRs were performed in a volume of 25 µL, containing 12,5 µL template DNA (ten folds 559 diluted), 0.625 U Taq DNA Polymerase (MP Biomedicals), 2.5 µL 10x PCR buffer, 1 µL of 2.5 mM dNTPs, 1 µL of each of 10 µM primer. Amplification was performed using the following 560 program: 5 min at 94°C and 30 cycles of 30 s at 94°C, 30 s at 60°C and 1 min at 72°C, followed by 561 562 a final extension of 5 min at 72°C. PCR products were visualized using stained agarose gel 563 electrophoresis. deposited European Nucleotide Archive Data were at the (http://www.ebi.ac.uk/ena/) under the accession number: PRJEB20132 for whole genome 564 565 sequencing and PRJEB20413 for Sanger sequencing.

566 For each strain, reads were mapped using stampy v1.0.21 (Lunter and Goodson, 2011) against the

567 high-quality reference genome of the FM164 P. roqueforti strain (Cheeseman et al., 2014). In order 568 to minimize the number of mismatches, reads were locally realigned using the genome analysis 569 toolkit (GATK) IndelRealigner v3.2-2 (McKenna et al., 2010). SNP detection was performed using the GATK Unified Genotyper (McKenna et al., 2010), based on the reference genome in which 570 571 repeated sequences were detected using RepeatMasker (Smit et al., 2013) and masked, so that SNPs 572 were not called in these regions. In total 483,831 bp were masked, corresponding to 1.67% of the 573 FM164 genome sequence. The 1% and 99% quantiles of the distribution of coverage depth were assessed across each sequenced genome and SNPs called at positions where depth values fell in 574 575 these extreme quantiles were removed from the dataset. Only SNPs with less than 10% of missing 576 data were kept. After filtering, a total of 115,544 SNPs were kept.

577 Population structure was assessed using a discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) 578 with the Adegenet R package (Jombart, 2008). The genetic structure was also inferred along the 579 genome by clustering the strains according to similarities of their genotypes, in windows of 50 580 SNPs, using the Mclust function of the mclust R package (Fraley et al., 2012; Fraley and Raftery, 581 2002) with Gower's distance and a Gaussian mixture clustering with K=7 (as the above analyses 582 indicated the existence of four *P. roqueforti* populations and there were three outgroup species).

We performed a neighbor-net analysis using the network approach to visualize possible recombination events within and between populations with the phangorn R package (Schliep, 2010). The substitution model used for building the distance matrix was JC69 (Jukes and Cantor, 1969)

The genetic diversity were estimated using the $\theta\pi$ and, θ w with the compute programs associated to libsequence v1.8.9 (Thornton, 2003) on 1145 sliding windows of 50 kb with 25 kb of overlap distributed along the longest eleven scaffolds of the FM164 assembly (> 200 kb). Linkage disequilibrium per genetic cluster (i.e. non-Roquefort, Roquefort, Lumber/food spoiler and silage/food spoiler) was estimated using the r2 statistics, with VCFtools v 0.1.15 (Danecek et al., 2011) and the following parameters: --geno-r2 --ld-window-bp 15000. Plots were generated using R.

To identify genes evolving under positive selection in *P. roqueforti* genomes, first, we used the method implemented in SnIPRE (Eilertson et al., 2012), a Bayesian generalization of the log-linear model underlying the McDonald-Kreitman test. This method detects genes in which amino-acid changes are more frequent than expected under neutrality, by contrasting synonymous and nonsynonymous SNPs, polymorphic or fixed in two groups, to account for gene-specific mutation rates.

598 Secondly, we performed a scan of the divergence statistics dxy between the two cheese populations, 599 calculated using a custom R script in 50kbp windows overlapping over 25 kbp along the genome. 600 We considered genes belonging to the 1% most divergent regions and the 5% least genetically 601 diverse (π values) as under positive selection in one of the populations. We did not consider the 602 other pairwise comparisons, i.e. using orange and green populations (Figs. 1 to 5), because most SNPs in those populations were shared by several strains, as shown by high diversity, positive Dt 603 604 and low FST values (Table 1). Consequently, islands of high divergence and low diversity were 605 restricted to cheese populations that were already found using pairwise comparison between cheese 606 populations. We performed GO annotation enrichment tests using separate Fisher's exact tests on the three ontologies (BP: biological process; CC: cellular component; MF: metabolic function). 607

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610 Strain genotyping

611 We identified two genomic regions with multiple diagnostic SNPs allowing discriminating the two 612 cheese clusters. Two PCR primer pairs were designed (Supplementary Table 2) to sequence these regions in order to assign the 65 strains (Supplementary Table 1) that can be purchased at the 613 Laboratoire Interprofessionnel de Production d'Aurillac (LIP) (the main French supplier of P. 614 615 roqueforti spores for artisanal and industrial cheese-makers; https://www.lip-sas.fr/) to the identified 616 clusters. PCR products were then purified and sequenced at Eurofins (France). Because one of the 617 cheese clusters included strains carrying the Wallaby and CheesvTer genomic islands while the 618 second cluster strains lacked these genomic regions (Ropars et al., 2015), we used previously 619 developed primer pairs to check for the presence/absence of CheesyTer and Wallaby (Ropars et al., 620 2015).

Sequences were first aligned together with those extracted from sequenced genomes, allowing assignation of LIP strains to one of the two cheese populations using MAFFT software (Katoh and Standley, 2013) and then the alignments were visually checked. Then a tree reconstruction was made using RAxML following GTRCAT substitution model, using 2 partitions corresponding to the two fragments and 1000 bootstraps tree were generated (Stamatakis, 2006).

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627 Strain phenotyping

628 For all experiments, strains were picked up at random in each group. Experimental cheeses were 629 produced in an artisanal dairy company (GAEC Le Lévejac, Saint Georges de Lévejac, France). The 630 same ewe curd was used for all produced cheeses. Seven P. roqueforti strains were used for 631 inoculation (two from each of the Roquefort, non-Roquefort and silage/food spoiler clusters, and 632 one from the lumber/food spoiler cluster; their identity is given in Supplementary Table 1) using 633 17.8 mg of lyophilized spores. Three cheeses were produced for each strain in cheese strainers (in 634 oval pots with opposite diameters of 8 and 9 cm, respectively), as well as a control cheese without 635 inoculation. After 48 h of draining, cheeses were salted (by surface scrubbing with coarse salt), pierced and placed in a maturing cellar for four weeks at 11°C. Cheeses were then sliced into six 636 equal pieces and a picture of each slice was taken using a Nikon D7000 (zoom lens: Nikon 18-637 105mm f:3.5-5.6G). Pictures were analyzed using the geospatial image processing software ENVI 638 (Harris Geospatial Solution) (Fig. 6). This software enables pixel classification according to their 639 640 level of blue, red, green, and grey into two to four classes depending on the analyzed image. This 641 classification allowed assigning pixels to two classes corresponding to the inner white part and the 642 cavities of the cheese, respectively (Fig. 6). For each picture, the percentage of pixels corresponding 643 to the cavities was then quantified. Because the software could not reliably assign pixels to the 644 presence versus absence of the fungus in cavities, we visually determined the cavity areas that were colonized by *P. roqueforti* using images. This allowed calculating a cheese cavity colonization rate. 645 646 Because *Penicillium* spores have a high dispersal ability which could cause contaminations, we 647 confirmed strain identity present in cheeses by performing Sanger sequencing of four diagnostic 648 markers designed based on SNPs and specific to each strain (Supplementary Table 2). For each 649 cheese, three random monospore isolates were genotyped, and no contamination was detected (i.e. 650 all the sequences obtained corresponded to the inoculated strains).

651 To compare the growth rates of the different P. roqueforti clusters on bread (i.e. the traditional 652 multiplication medium), 24 strains were used (eight from each of the Roquefort and non-Roquefort cheese clusters, five from the silage/food spoiler cluster, and three from the lumber/food spoiler 653 654 cluster; the identities of the strains are shown in Supplementary Table 1). Each strain was inoculated 655 in a central point in three Petri dishes by depositing 10 µL of a standardized spore suspension (0.7x10⁹ spores/mL). Petri dishes contained agar (2%) and crushed organic cereal bread including 656 rye (200 g/L). After three days at 25°C in the dark, two perpendicular diameters were measured for 657 658 each colony to assess colony size.

659 The lipolytic and proteolytic activities of *P. roqueforti* strains were measured as follows:

660 standardized spore suspensions (2500 spores/inoculation) for each strain (n=47: 15 from the 661 Roquefort cluster, 15 from the non-Roquefort cheese cluster, 10 from the silage/food spoiler cluster 662 and seven from the lumber/food spoiler cluster, identity in Supplementary Table 1) were inoculated 663 on the top of a test tube containing agar and tributyrin for lypolytic activity measure (10 mL/L, 664 ACROS Organics, Belgium) or semi-skimmed milk for the proteolytic activity measure (40 g/L, from large retailers). The lipolytic and proteolytic activities were estimated by the degradation 665 666 degree of the compounds, which changes the media from opaque to translucent. For each media, 667 three independent experiments have been conducted. For each strain, duplicates were performed in each experiment and the limit of translucency / opaqueness in the medium was recorded. Measures 668 were highly repeatable between the two replicates (Pearson's product-moment correlation 669 670 coefficient of 0.93 in pairwise comparison between replicates, P<0.0001). We measured the distance between the initial mark and the hydrolysis, translucent front, after 7, 14, 21 and 28 days of growth 671 672 at 20°C in the dark.

673 A total of 47 strains were used to compare spore production between the four *P. roqueforti* clusters 674 (Supplementary Table 1), 15 belonging to the non-Roquefort cluster, 15 to the Roquefort cluster, 675 10 to the silage/food spoiler cluster and seven to the lumber/food spoiler cluster. After seven days 676 of growth on malt agar in Petri dishes of 60 mm diameter at room temperature, we scraped all the 677 fungal material by adding 5 mL of tween water 0.005%. We counted the number of spores per mL in the solution with a Malassez hemocytometer (mean of four squares per strain) for calibrating 678 spore solution. We spread 50 μ L of the calibrated spore solution (i.e. 7.10⁶ spores.mL⁻¹) for each 679 680 strain on Petri dishes of 60 mm diameter containing three different media, malt, cheese and bread 681 agar (organic "La Vie Claire" bread mixed with agar), in duplicates (two plates per medium and per 682 strain). After eight days of growth at room temperature, we took off a circular plug of medium with spores and mycelium at the top, using Falcon 15 mL canonical centrifuge tubes (diameter of 15 683 684 mm). We inserted the plugs into 5 mL Eppendorf tubes containing 2 mL of tween water 0.005% 685 and vortexed for 15 seconds to detach spores from the medium. Using a plate spectrophotometer, 686 we measured the optical density (OD) at 600 nm for each culture in the supernatant after a four-fold 687 dilution (Supplementary Table 3).

To compare salt tolerance between *P. roqueforti* clusters, 26 strains were used (eight from the Roquefort cluster, ten from the non-Roquefort cluster, three from the silage/food spoiler cluster, and five from the lumber/food spoiler cluster; strain identities are shown in Supplementary Table 1). For each strain and each medium, three Petri dishes were inoculated by depositing 10 μ L of standardized spore suspension (0.7x10⁹ spores/mL) on Petri dishes containing either only malt (20

693 g/L), malt and salt (NaCl 8%, which corresponds to the salt concentration used before fridge use to 694 avoid contaminants in blue cheeses), only goat cheese, or goat cheese and salt (NaCl 8%). The goat 695 cheese medium was prepared as described in a previous study (Ropars et al., 2015). Strains were 696 grown at 25°C and colony size measured daily for 24 days.

697 Volatile production assays were performed on 16 Roquefort strains and 19 non-Roquefort cheese 698 strains grown on model cheeses as previously described (Gillot et al., 2017). Briefly, model cheeses 699 were prepared in Petri dishes and incubated for 14 days at 25 °C before removing three 10 mmdiameter plugs (equivalent to approximately 1 g). The plugs were then placed into 22 mL Perkin 700 701 Elmer vials that were tightly closed with polytetrafluorethylene (PTFE)/silicone septa and stored at 702 -80°C prior to analyses (Gillot et al., 2017). Analyses and data processing were carried out by 703 headspace trap-gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (HS-trap-GC-MS) using a Perkin Elmer 704 turbomatrix HS-40 trap sampler, a Clarus 680 gas chromatograph coupled to a Clarus 600T 705 quadrupole MS (Perkin Elmer, Courtaboeuf, France), and the open source XCMS package of the R 706 software (http://www.r-project.org/), respectively, as previously described (Pogačić et al., 2015).

All phenotypic measures are reported in Supplementary Table 3. Statistical analyses for testing differences in phenotypes between populations and/or media (Supplementary Table 4) were performed with R software (http://ww.r-project.org).

710 Differences in volatile profiles among the two *P. roqueforti* cheese populations were analyzed using 711 a supervised multivariate analysis method, orthogonal partial least squares discriminant analysis 712 (OPLS-DA). OPLS is an extension of principal components analysis (PCA), that is more powerful 713 when the number of explained variables (Y) is much higher than the number of explanatory 714 variables (X). PCA is an unsupervised method maximizing the variance explained in Y, while partial 715 least squares (PLS) maximizes the covariance between X and Y(s). OPLS is a supervised method 716 that aims at discriminating samples. It is a variant of PLS which uses orthogonal (uncorrelated) 717 signal correction to maximize the explained covariance between X and Y on the first latent variable, 718 and components >1 capture variance in X which is orthogonal (uncorrelated) to Y. The optimal 719 number of latent variables was evaluated by cross-validation (Pierre et al., 2011). Finally, to identify 720 the volatile compounds that were produced in significantly different quantities between the two 721 populations, a t-test was performed using the R software (<u>http://www.r-project.org/</u>).

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723 Demographic modeling using approximate Bayesian computation (ABC)

724 The likelihoods of 11 demographic scenarios for the *P. roqueforti* populations were compared using 725 approximate Bayesian computation (ABC) (Beaumont, 2010; Lopes and Beaumont, 2010). The 726 scenarios differed in the order of demographic events, and included 21 parameters to be estimated 727 (Supplementary Fig. 4). A total of 262 fragments, ranging from 5 kb to 15 kb, were generated from 728 observed SNPs by compiling in a fragment all adjacent SNPs in complete linkage disequilibrium. 729 The population mutation rate θ (the product of the mutation rate and the effective population size) 730 used for coalescent simulations was obtained from data using θ_w the Watterson's estimator. 731 Simulated data were generated using the same fragment number and sizes as the SNP dataset 732 generated from the genomes. Priors were sampled in a log-uniform distribution (Supplementary Fig. 733 4C). For each scenario, one million coalescent simulations were run and the following summary 734 statistics were calculated on observed and simulated data using msABC (Pavlidis et al., 2010) : the number of segregating sites, the estimators π (Nei, 1987) and θ_w (Watterson, 1975) of nucleotide 735 736 diversity, Tajima's D (Tajima, 1989), the intragenic linkage disequilibrium coefficient ZnS (Kelly, 737 1997), F_{ST} (Hudson et al., 1992), the percentage of shared polymorphisms between populations, the percentage of private SNPs for each population, the percentage of fixed SNPs in each population, 738 739 Fay and Wu's H (Fay and Wu, 2000), the number of haplotypes (Depaulis and Veuille, 1998) and 740 the haplotype diversity (Depaulis and Veuille, 1998). For each summary statistic, both average and 741 variance values across simulated fragments were calculated. The choice of summary statistics to 742 estimate posterior parameters is a crucial step in ABC (Csilléry et al., 2010). Summary statistics 743 were selected using the AS.select() function with the neuralnet method in the "abctools" R package 744 (Nunes and Prangle, 2015). In total, 101 summary statistics were kept for subsequent analyses. 745 Cross validation was run with the neuralnet method using 100 samples and a tolerance of 0.01 (Supplementary Fig. 4D). Model selection was performed using four tolerance rates ranging from 746 747 0.005 to 0.1 and rejection, logistic regression and neural network methods. Because there was still 748 an uncertainty on the choice between scenarios 4 and 5 after model selection (i.e. whether it was the 749 non-Roquefort or Roquefort population that diverged first from the ancestral population) 750 (Supplementary Fig. 4 F), an extra one million simulations were run for each of those two scenarios 751 and model selection was performed again. All tolerance rates and methods favored scenario 4 over 752 scenario 5 with absolute confidence of 1.000.

753 The posterior probability distributions of the parameters, the goodness of fit for each model and 754 model selection (Supplementary Fig. 4E) were calculated using a rejection-regression procedure 755 (Beaumont, 2010). Acceptance values of 0.005 were used for all analyses. Regression analyses was 756 performed "abc" using the R package (Csilléry al., 2012) et

757 (<u>http://cran.rproject.org/web/packages/abc/index.html</u>).

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759 Estimate of time since domestication

760 The multiple sequentially Markovian coalescent (MSMC) software was used to estimate the 761 domestication times of cheese populations (Schiffels and Durbin, 2014). The estimate of the last 762 time gene flow occurred within each cheese population was taken as a proxy of time since domestication as it also corresponds in such methods to bottleneck date estimates and is more 763 764 precisely estimated. Recombination rate was set at zero because sexual reproduction has likely not 765 occurred since domestication in cheese populations (see results). Segments were set to 766 21*1+1*2+1*3 for the Roquefort population which contains three haplotypes (Fig. 2) and to 767 10*1+15*2 for the non-Roquefort population, which contains two closely related haplotypes (Fig. 768 2). In both cases, MSMC was run for 15 iterations and otherwise default parameters. The mutation 769 rate was set to 10^{-8} .

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Figure 1: Diversity and population subdivision in *Penicillium roqueforti*. Unrooted phylogenetic network of P. roqueforti strains generated with SplitsTree4 from SNP variation. The scale bar indicates the number of substitutions per site. The letters indicate the origin of the strains, C =cheese, F = spoiled food, S = silage and L = lumber. The color indicates assignment to one of the four *P. roqueforti* populations identified, as in the other figures. Blue, non-Roquefort; purple, Roquefort; green, lumber/food spoilage, and; orange, silage/food spoilage.

006 Figure 2: Clustering of Penicillium roqueforti along the FM164 reference genome using nonoverlapping 50 SNP sliding windows. Clustering was done in each window using the "mclust" 007 008 function with Gaussian mixture modelling and using the Gower's distance between haplotypes. The 009 maximum number of clusters was fixed to seven, corresponding to the three outgroup species plus 010 the four populations of *P. roqueforti*. Each color corresponds to a cluster. Windows containing fewer 011 than 50 SNPs at the edge of scaffolds are not represented. The dendrogram on the left side was 012 reconstructed using hierarchical clustering based on the Gower's distance between clusters for the 013 entire genome. The histogram on the top left represents the distribution of the number of clusters 014 inferred for the whole genome. The letters indicate the origin of the strains, C = Cheese, F = Food, S = Silage and L = Lumber.015

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Figure 3: Genetic and phenotypic differentiation among *Penicillium roqueforti* populations. Colors correspond to the genetic clusters as in other figures. A: genetic differentiation assessed by a discriminant analysis of principal components (DAPC) based on genome-wide singlenucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs). The dots represent the strains and the colors the four populations identified based on the genealogical tree in Fig. 1 as well as the similarity clustering in Fig. 2. The

insets show the distribution of eigenvalues for the principal component analysis (PCA) and for the discriminant analysis (DA). B: phenotypic differentiation among *P. roqueforti* genetic clusters illustrated by a PCA based on all tested phenotypes. Colors correspond to the genetic clusters as in other figures. Missing data correction has been done using Bayesian correction in the pcaMethods package (Stacklies et al., 2007).

027 Figure 4: Demographic history of *Penicillium roqueforti* populations. A. Demographic scenario 028 (S4) with the highest posterior probability for the history of *Penicillium roqueforti* populations. 029 Estimates of time since divergence are indicated in units of 2N_e generations (Supplementary Figure .030 4 E); effective population sizes and their variation (bottlenecks) are represented by the widths of the 031 genealogy branches, with relative sizes being represented to scale. The color indicates assignment 032 to the *P. roqueforti* populations as in the other figures. B. Estimated past migration rate (gene flow) 033 within each of the two cheese populations backward in time (t=0 represents the present time). The 034 dashed red lines represent the inferred times of domestication, estimated as the last time gene flow 035 occurred within cheese populations. C. Estimated demographic history for the Roquefort population 036 using the multiple sequentially Markovian coalescent (MSMC) method. The inferred population 037 effective size is plotted along generations backward in time (t=0 represents the present time). The 038 dashed red line represents the inferred domestication time, estimated as the last time gene flow 039 occurred within the Roquefort population (Fig. 4B). The scheme above the figure represents a 040 schematic view of the effective population size along generations, representing the two bottlenecks.

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Figure 5: Differences in phenotype between *Penicillium roqueforti* populations for various traits relevant for cheesemaking. The color indicates assignment to the *P. roqueforti* populations identified, as in the other figures. Horizontal lines on the boxplots represent the upper quartile, the median and the lower quartile. Dots represent the outlier values. Different letters indicate significant

046 differences (Supplementary Table 4). A: Lipolytic activity measured at four different dates; B: 047 Proteolytic activity measured at four different dates; C: Spore production on bread medium 048 measured as optical density by spectrophotometer; **D**: Cheese cavity occupation (i.e., percentage of 049 total cheese cavity space colonized by the fungus, as measured on images) estimated in experimental 050 cheeses by image analysis. The two clusters of non-cheese strains were pooled, as there were too 051 few strains per cluster to test differences between the lumber/food spoiler and silage/food spoiler 052 clusters. (a) Picture of a cheese slice. (b) Corresponding image analysis using the geospatial image 053 processing software ENVI (Harris Geospatial Solution). Colors correspond to pixel classification 054 based on their color on the picture. In yellow and blue: the inner white part of the cheese; in green 055 and red: cavities.

056 Figure 6: A: Differences in volatile compound profiles of the two Penicillium roqueforti 057 cheese populations. Orthogonal projection of the latent structure discriminant analysis (OPLS-058 DA), with each dot representing the score of the averaged volatile profile of a strain from the non-059 Roquefort cheese population (in red) or the Roquefort population (in blue) in the two principal 060 components. B: Identified volatile compounds emitted by the non-Roquefort and the 061 **Roquefort populations**, chemical class, quantification ion: mass (m) to charge (z) ratio, and results 062 of t-test statistical comparisons between the two populations: quantification estimate, standard error, degrees of freedom (Df), t values and P values (Pr(>|t|)). In bold are the volatile compounds whose 063 064 quantity was found significantly different between the two populations.

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Figure 7: A: Presence/absence of the ten genomic islands identified in this study in the 35 *Penicillium roqueforti* and nine *Penicillium* outgroup species, in addition to the *CheesyTer* and *Wallaby* horizontally-transferred regions identified in a previous study. The ten genomic islands were detected as absent from one of the two *P. roqueforti* genomes with high-quality

070 assemblies, while present in the second reference genome; the two reference *P. roqueforti* genomes 071 are those of the FM164 strain (isolated from Gorgonzola cheese) and of the UASWS strain (isolated 072 from bread Supplementary Table1 for information on outgroup reference genomes. For each .073 genomic island, its name is indicated, together with its scaffold or contig and its start/end positions. 074 Each strain is represented as a line, the presence of a genomic island is indicated by a colored box 075 and its absence by a white box. The grey intensity indicates the percentage of sequence identity in 076 these genomic islands, either within *P. roqueforti* or compared to outgroups. Strain assignment to 077 the identified genetic clusters is indicated, with the same colors as in other figures. B: Fisher exact 078 test for function enrichment of the genes identified in the presence/absence regions based on 079 the InterPro annotation. For each annotation, the Table gives the InterPro number, the number of 080 occurrences in the presence/absence regions and in the FM164 reference genome, the p-value before 081 and after FDR correction and the functional annotation. Annotations are shown only for genes with 082 significant enrichment before multiple testing correction. Annotations followed by a star refer to putative functions related to fungal growth and sporulation. Annotations followed by two stars refer 083 to putative functions related lipolysis, carbohydrate or amino-acid catabolism and metabolite 084 085 transporter.

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087 Figure 8: A: Genes detected as evolving under positive selection using the SnIPRE software (i.e. genes with higher numbers of non-synonymous substitutions than expected under neutrality, 088 089 controlling for gene-specific mutation rates). Values represent the estimates of the γ selection 090 coefficient. In red, genes under positive selection ($\gamma > 0$), in blue genes under purifying selection (γ .091 < 0), as detected based on analyses in the Roquefort cluster, the non-Roquefort cluster and in the 092 pooled *Penicillium roqueforti* strains from the four clusters. The asterisks after the gene names 093 highlight the eight genes clustered in the ProqFM164S01 scaffold in B. B: Selection effect (γ) 094 estimated per gene along the ProgFM164S01 scaffold in the Roquefort population. The selection

coefficient γ was calculated with SnIPRE. The red dots correspond to genes evolving under positive selection (γ significantly greater than 0), the blue dots to genes evolving under purifying selection (γ significantly **lower** than 0), and the gray dots to genes evolving under neutrality (γ not significantly different from 0).

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Figure 9: Scans of genetic differentiation (d_{xy}) between non-Roquefort and Roquefort *Penicillium roqueforti* populations, and of genetic diversities (π) within non-Roquefort and Roquefort populations. Values were calculated in 50 kb sliding windows, overlapping over 25 kb. Red dots correspond to windows located in the 1% highest d_{xy} (small dashed line) and 5% lowest π values (long dashed line). Outliers detected in Snipre (Fig 8) are shown as green dots.

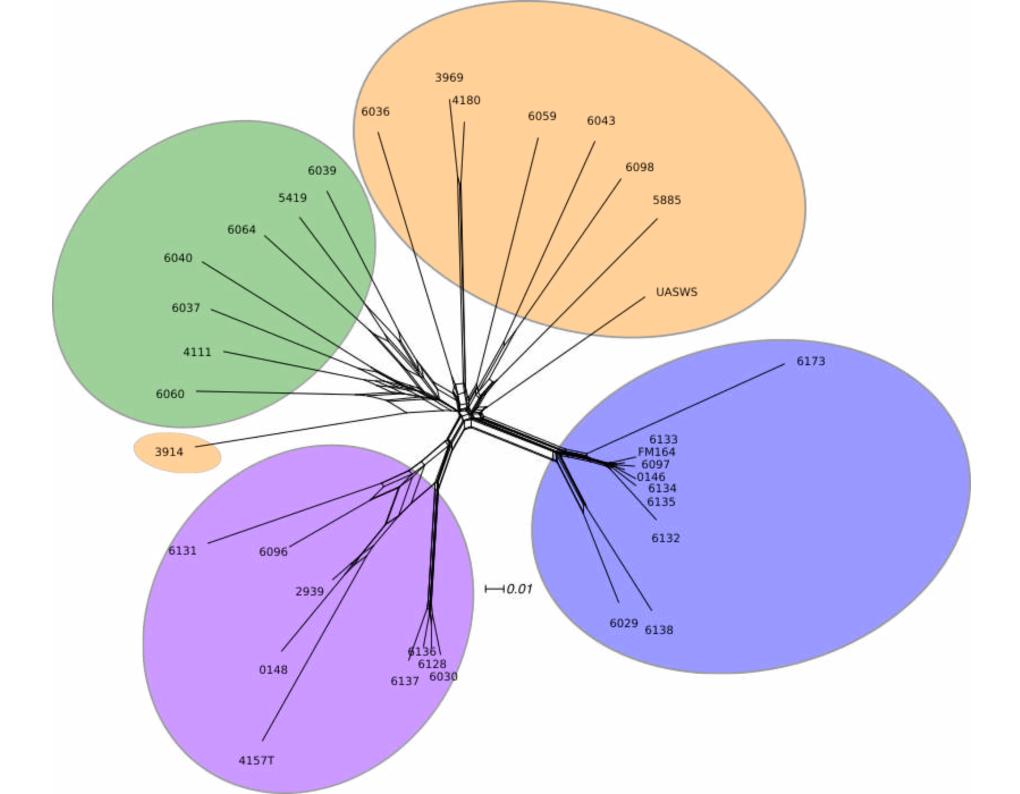
Table 1: Population genetics statistics in the four *Penicillium roqueforti* populations. A:
Statistics calculated by averaging values on 1144 sliding windows of 50 kb with 25 kb overlap. B:
F_{ST} values calculated on pairwise comparisons.

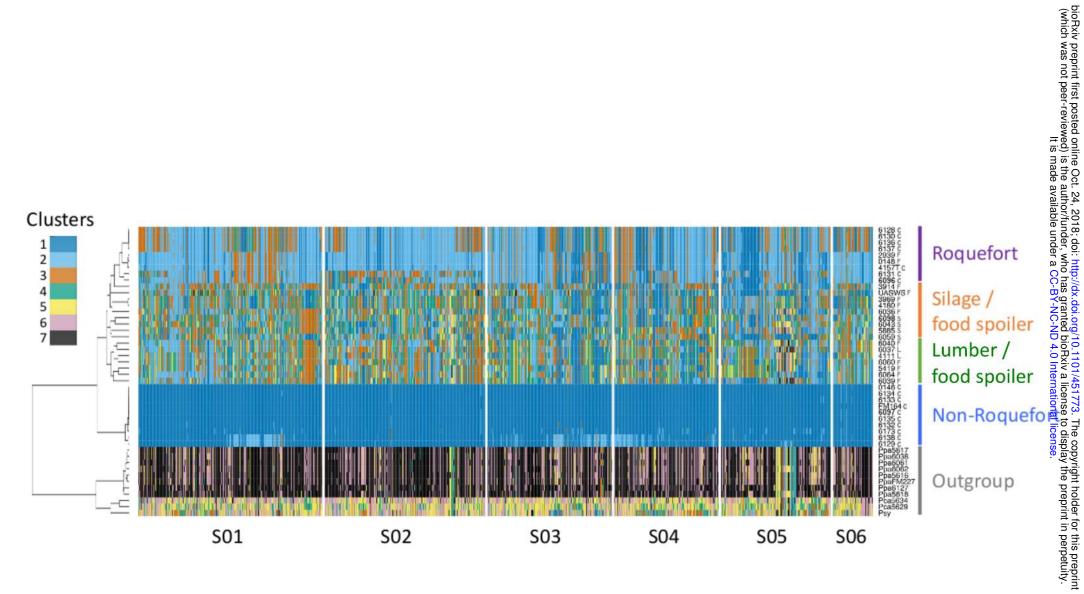
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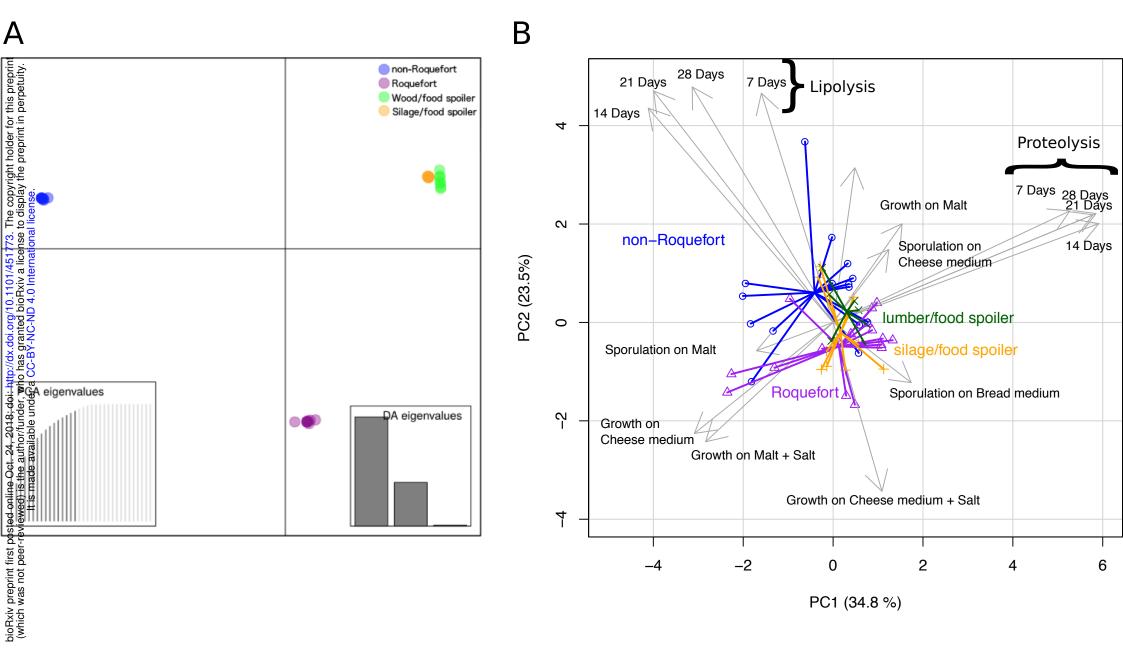
A)	Number of segregating sites per kilobase	π per site	Watterson's O per site	\mathbf{D}_{t}	$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{f}}$
Silage/Food spoiler	2.28	0.00098	0.00084	0.75689	0.00001
Lumber/ Food spoiler	1.59	0.00078	0.00070	0.77300	-0.00004
Non-Roquefort	0.25	0.00008	0.00011	-1.27191	-0.00021
Roquefort	1.03	0.00043	0.00040	0.56090	-0.00007
Penicillium roqueforti	2.75	0.00107	0.00070	1.80833	0.48170

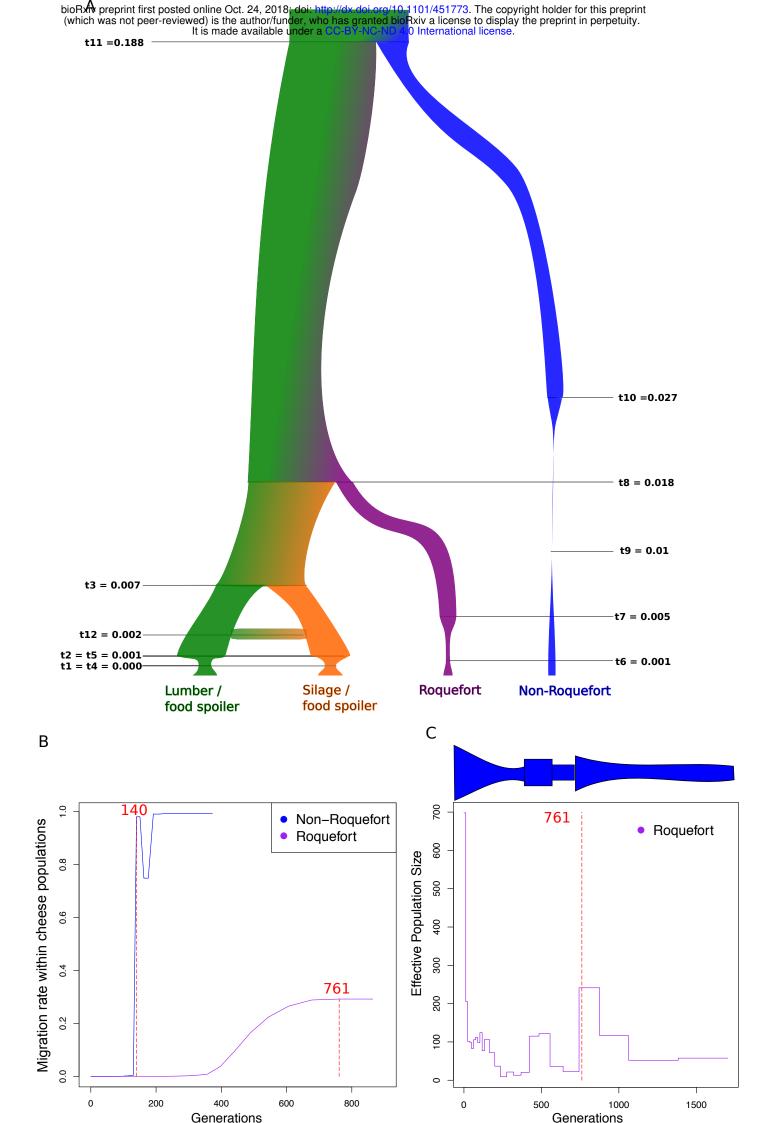
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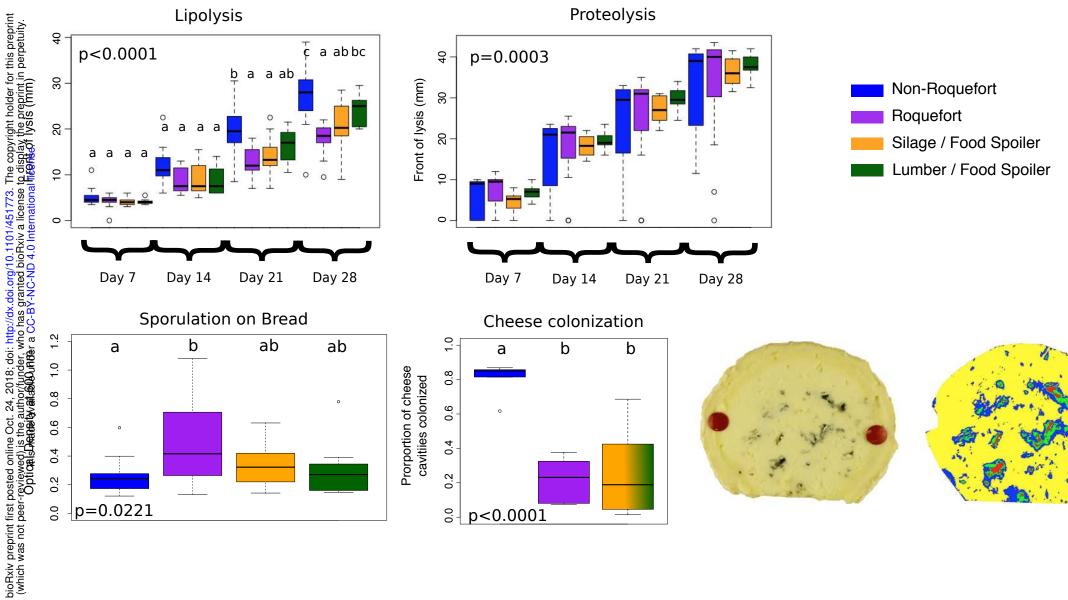
	Silage/Food spoiler	Lumber/ Food spoiler	Non-Roquefort
Roquefort	0.21	0.27	0.62
Non-Roquefort	0.38	0.49	
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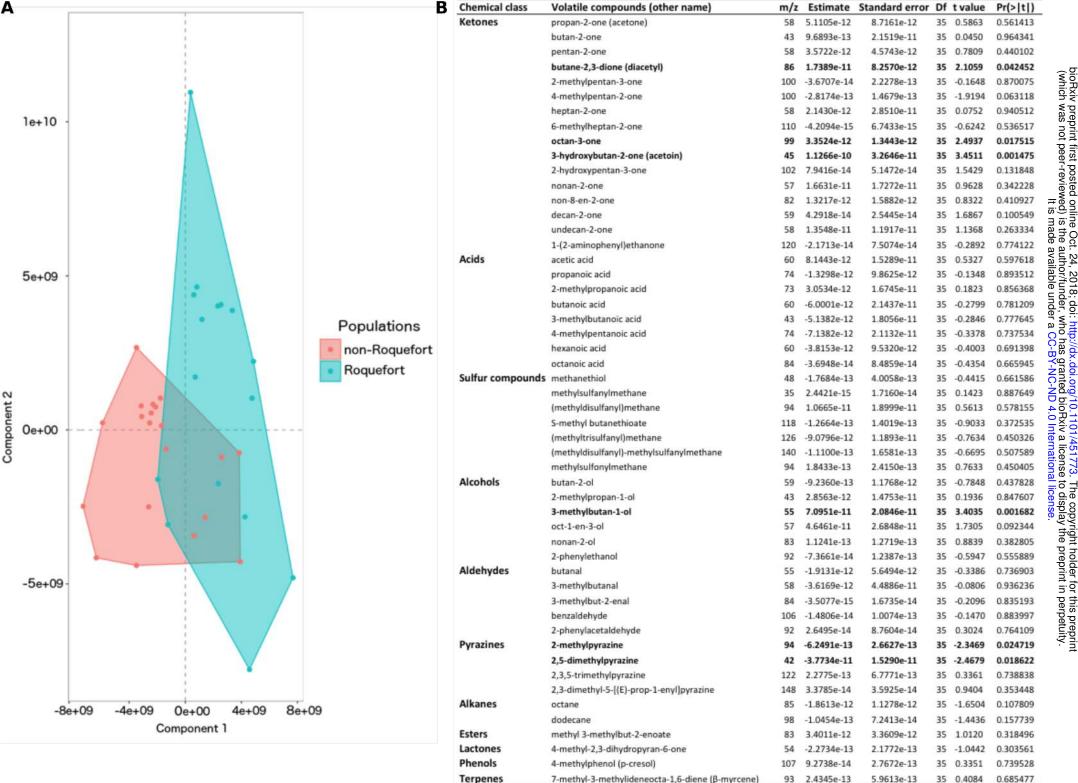




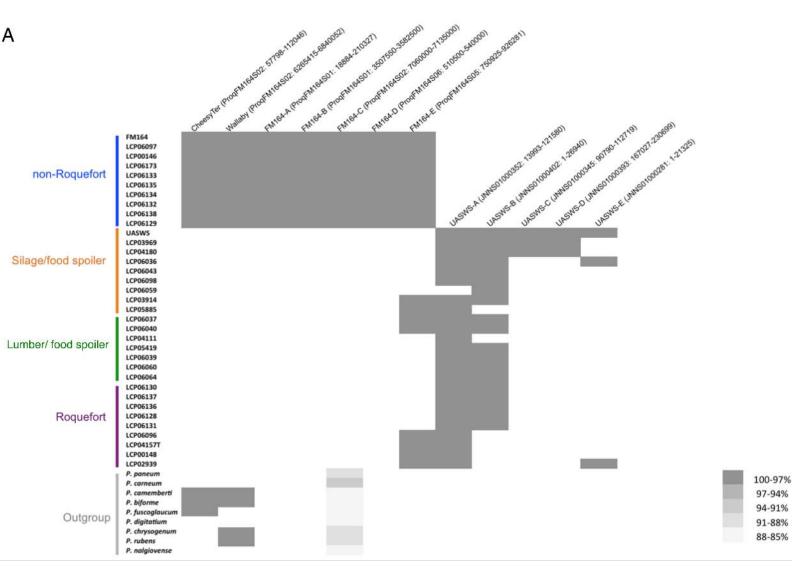








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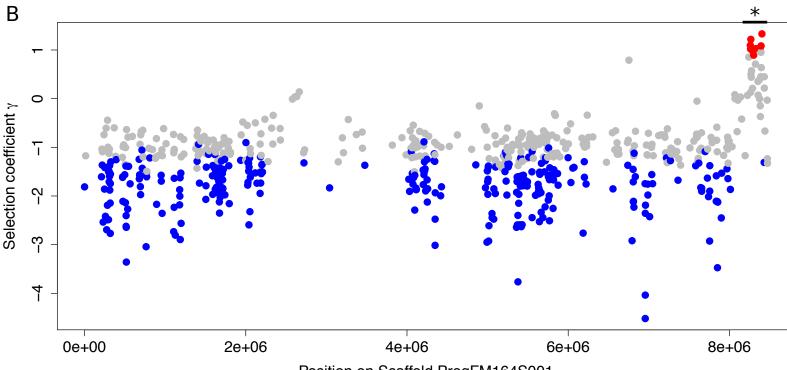


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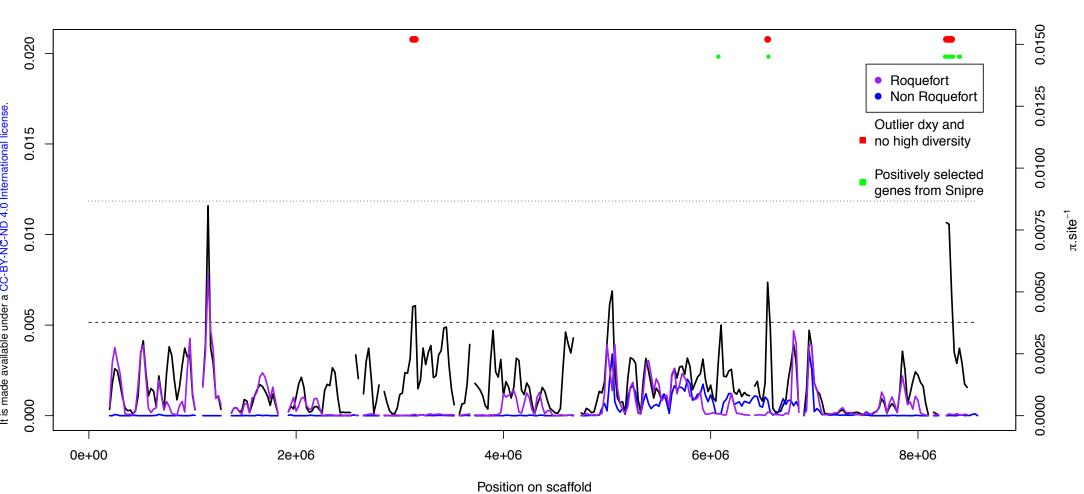
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IPR000641	2	3	0.00484	0.15383	CbxX/CfqX* (Foulger, D. & Errington, J. 1991)	
IPR001138	2	350	0.02629	0.18840	Zn(2)-C6 fungal-type DNA-binding domain	
IPR001223	3	20	0.01446	0.15548	Glycoside hydrolase family 18, catalytic domain* (Tzelepis, GD. et al. 2012)	
IPR002100	2	13	0.04378	0.20115	Transcription factor, MADS-box	
IPR002641	1	1	0.04444	0.20115	Patatin-like phospholipase domain *; **	
		-		0.000.00	(La Camera, S. et al. 2005; Zimmermann, R. et al. 2004	
IPR003286	2	5	0.00987	0.15548	Reverse transcriptase Glycoside hydrolase family 71 *	
IPR005197	2	10	0.02877	0.19033	(Hasegawa, S. & Nordin JH, 1969)	
IPR006600	2	6	0.01296	0.15548	HTH CenpB-type DNA-binding domain	
IPR007087	4	42	0.01990	0.17570	Zinc finger, C2H2	
IPR008160	1	1	0.04444	0.20115	Collagen triple helix repeat	
IPR011547	1	1	0.04444	0.20115	SLC26A/SulP transporter domain ** (Bradfield, G. et al. 1970)	
IPR013069	2	14	0.04929	0.21197	BTB/POZ domain	
IPR013103	2	4	0.00715	0.15383	Reverse transcriptase	
IPR018122	1	1	0.04444	0.20115	Fork head domain conserved site1	
IPR018834	2	4	0.00715	0.15383	DNA/RNA-binding domain, Est1-type	
IPR020683	8	101	0.00348	0.15383	Ankyrin repeat-containing domain	
IPR020829	1	1	0.04444	0.20115	Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase, cata domain ** (Rogers, S. et al. 1986)	
IPR022198	2	6	0.01296	0.15548	Protein of unknown function DUF3723	
IPR024088	1	1	0.04444	0.20115	Tyrosine-tRNA ligase, bacterial-type	
IPR028343	1	0	0.02247	0.17570	Fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase ** (Rogers, DT. et al. 1988)	

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Gene	Roquefort	Non Roquefort	Penicillium roqueforti	Protein Length	Annotation
ProqFM164S01g002533	Neutral	0.659	-2.164	504	Aromatic-ring-hydroxylase-like
ProqFM164S01g002740	Neutral	0.965	-1.912	461	F-box-domain C-cyclin-like
ProqFM164S01g003510 *	1.097	Neutral	Neutral	253	Unknown function
ProqFM164S01g003511 *	1.021	Neutral	Neutral	166	Unknown function
ProqFM164S01g003514 *	1.219	Neutral	-2.228	332	Unknown function
ProqFM164S01g003523 *	0.980	Neutral	-2.869	940	UDP-glucuronosyl/UDP-glucosyltransferase
ProqFM164S01g003529 *	0.895	Neutral	Neutral	534	Putative glycosyl transferase
ProqFM164S01g003542 *	1.029	Neutral	-1.119	3848	Transcription associated protein
ProqFM164S01g003561 *	1.010	Neutral	-1.614	503	sap61, CWF-complex-protein
ProqFM164S01g003566 *	1.084	Neutral	-1.809	601	Beta-lactamase/transpeptidase-like
ProqFM164S01g003570 *	1.332	Neutral	Neutral	65	Unknown function
ProqFM164S03g000676	1.244	Neutral	Neutral	232	Unknown function
					Regulator-of-chromosome-
ProqFM164S03g001307	0.776	Neutral	Neutral	1635	condensation/beta-lactamase-inhibitor-
					protein-II
ProqFM164S04g000246	1.001	Neutral	Neutral	528	Major-facilitator-superfamily
ProgFM164S04g000250	1.442	0.912	Neutral	335	RPB3, DNA-directed-RNA-polymerase-II-
11001101043048000230	1.442	0.312	incultat	555	subunit
ProqFM164S04g000252	1.241	Neutral	Neutral	435	Acyl-CoA-N-acyltransferase
ProqFM164S04g000579	1.183	Neutral	Neutral	78	Unknown function
ProqFM164S04g000895	Neutral	0.912	Neutral	124	Unknown function
ProqFM164S06g000156	Neutral	0.956	Neutral	400	Unknown function



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