

Court of Master Sommeliers - Deductive Tasting Format



Sight	
Clarity	Clear, Slightly Cloudy, Cloudy
Brightness	Dull, Hazy, Bright, Day Bright, Star Bright
Concentration	Pale, Medium, Deep, Translucent, Opaque
Color	White: Straw, Yellow, Gold Red: Purple, Ruby, Garnet
Hue	Silver, Green, Orange, Blue, Ruby, Garnet, Brown
Rim Variation	Color change from center to edge
Extract / Stain	None, Light, Medium, Heavy
Viscosity / Tears	Low, Medium, High
Gas Evidence	Yes, No
Sediment/Particles	Yes, No
Nose	
Clean / Faulted	TCA, H2S, VA, EA, Brett, Oxidation, other
Intensity	Delicate, Moderate, Powerful
Age Assessment	Youthful, Vinous
Fruit	White: Pomme/Malic, Citric, Pitted/Stone, Tropical, Melon Red: Red, Black, Blue
Fruit Character	Baked, stewed, dried, peels, desiccated, tart, jammy
Non-Fruit	Floral, Vegetal, Herbal, Spice, Other, Vinification
Earth/Mineral - Organic	Forest Floor, Compost, Mushrooms, Potting Soil, Barn
Earth/Mineral - Inorganic	Mineral, Limestone, Chalk, Slate/Petrol, Flint, Volcanic
Wood	Old, New, Large, Small, French, American

Palate - Structure Elements	
Sweetness	Bone Dry, Dry, Off Dry, Sweet, Very Sweet
Tannin	Low, Med-, Medium, Med+, High
Acid	Low, Med-, Medium, Med+, High
Alcohol	Low, Med-, Medium, Med+, High
Body / Texture	Light, Medium, Full, Creamy, Round, Lean
Palate - Flavor Elements	
Fruit	White: Pomme/Malic, Citric, Pitted/Stone, Tropical, Melon Red: Red, Black, Blue
Fruit Character	Baked, stewed, dried, peels, desiccated, tart, jammy
Non-Fruit	Floral, Vegetal, Herbal, Spice, Animal, Fermentation
Organic Earth	Forest Floor, Compost, Mushrooms, Potting Soil, Barn
Inorganic Earth	Mineral, Limestone, Chalk, Slate/Petrol, Flint, Volcanic
Wood	Old, New, Large, Small, French, American
Balance	Does any element dominate
Length / Finish	Short, Med-, Medium, Med+, Long
Complexity	Low, Moderate, Complex
Initial Conclusion	
Old World / New World	
Climate	Cool, Moderate, Warm
Grape Variety / Blend	
Possible Countries	
Age Range	1-3 yrs, 3-5 yrs, 5-10 yrs, 10 yrs+
Final Conclusion	
Vintage	
Grape Variety/blend	
Country of Origin	
Region/Appellation	
Quality/Regional Hierarchy	AOC/DOCG, Grand/Premier Cru, Reserva, Gran Reserva