

MUSINGS ON THE VINE - VOCABULARY & MECHANICS OF WINE TASTING REFERENCE

Appearance

Red	Robe	Color	Garnet, Ruby, Purple, Brick Red, Pink
		Intensity	Opaque, Inky, Dark, Deep, Pale, Faded, Translucent
		Clarity	Bright, Dull, Cloudy
	Disc	Color	Rose, Pink, Lilac, Burnt Orange, Rusty, Magenta
		Intensity	Faded, Tinted
		Clarity	Clear, Cloudy
White	Robe	Color	Light Yellow, Straw, Yellow-Green, Golden
		Intensity	Dark, Deep, Pale
		Clarity	Bright, Dull, Cloudy
	Disc	Color	Light Yellow, Golden, Amber, None
		Intensity	Faded, Tinted
		Clarity	Clear, Cloudy

Aromas

Fruity	Citrus	Grapefruit, Lemon, Lime, Orange, Tangerine
	Berry	Blackberry, Raspberry, Strawberry, Black Currant, Blueberry
	Tree Fruit	Cherry, Sour Cherry, Apricot, Peach, Apple, Plum, Pear, Nectarine
	Tropical Fruit	Pineapple, Melon, Banana, Papaya, Kiwi
	Dried Fruit	Strawberry Jam, Blackberry Jam, Raisin, Prune, Fig
	Other	Artificial Fruit, Methyl Anthranilate (fragrance additive)
Vegetative	Fresh	Stemmy, Cut Green Grass, Bell Pepper, Eucalyptus, Mint
	Canned/Cooked	Green Beans, Asparagus, Green Olive, Black Olive, Artichoke
	Dried	Hay, Straw, Tea, Tobacco
Spicy	Peppery	Black Pepper, Red Pepper, White Pepper, Cayenne
	Savory	Clove, Nutmeg, Allspice, Licorice, Anise, Cinnamon
Floral	Soft	Geranium, Violet, Lavender
	Perfumed	Lilac, Rose, Honeysuckle
	Sweet	Orange Blossom, Linalool (Lychee Nuts)

Bouquets

Nutty	Dry	Almond, Macadamia, Hazelnut, Marzipan
	Oily	Walnut, Cashew, Peanut
Caramelized	Sweet	Honey, Butterscotch, Caramel, Toffee
	Creamy	Butter, Milk Chocolate, Mocha, Dark Chocolate
	Burnt	Soy Sauce, Molasses
Woody	Phenolic	Vanilla
	Resinous	Cedar, Oak, Briarwood, Pine
	Burned/Charred	Smokey, Burnt Toast, Coffee
Earthy	Moldy*	Moldy Cork, Mildew
	Loamy	Mushroom, Dust, Soil, Barnyard, Saddle Leather, Peat Moss
	Stony	Flint, Wet Stone, Mineral, Limestone, Chalk
	Autumnal	Mums, Dried Leaves, Forest Floor
	Chemical	Petroleum
Oxidized	Sulfur*	Wet Wool, Wet Dog, Sulfur Dioxide (Rotten Eggs), Burnt Match, Cabbage, Skunk, Garlic
	Papery*	Wet Cardboard, Filter Paper
	Pungent*	Acetic Acid (Vinegar), Ethyl Acetate (Nail Polish Remover)
	Other*	Fusel Oil, Turpentine, Sorbate, Soapy, Fishy, Briny
	Foul*	Rot
Pungent	Tired	Acetaldehyde (Sherry), Madierized
	Cool	Menthol
Microbiological	Hot	Ethanol (Alcohol)
	Yeasty	Baker's Yeast, Lees, Flor-Yeast
	Lactic	Sweaty, Yogurt, Sauerkraut
	Other*	Mousey, Horsey, Band-Aid, Antiseptic

* In excessive concentrations, these bouquets are considered odors, and may indicate a flawed wine.

Taste

Tartness (Acid)	Tartaric	Aspirin, Chalk, Chewable Antacid
	Malic	Green Apple, Bitter, Sharp, Acrid
	Citric	Tangy, Citrus Fruits, Lively
	Lactic	Sour Cream, Yogurt, Soft, Round, Creamy
Sweetness	Glucose	Syrupy, Unctuous, Honeyed, Cloying
	Fructose	Lightly Sweet
Body	Glycerol/Alcohol (Structure)	Light, Medium, Full Bodied
Astringency	Tannins	Tea Bag, Peanut Skin
Tactile	Hot/Alcohol	Biting, Warmth
	Bubbles, CO ₂	Sparkling, Spritz, Frothy, Petulant
	Prickly	Quinine, Tonic