

Tasting notes

Five steps

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- Write the glass number and the wine's colour at the top of a page.
- Look, then smell, then taste. Circle one word on each line, the one closest to what you find.
- Tick the aromas you find and leave the rest. Write anything else under Other.
- Make your guess before anyone tells: grape, country and age, and why you thought so.
- At the reveal, write the answer beside your guess, then what you missed and what you imagined.

The scales

Colour depth: hold the glass over a white sheet and look straight down through the wine.

Mouth-watering is the acidity; mouth-drying is the tannin, the grip on your gums.

Weight is how full the wine feels in the mouth; warmth is the alcohol at the back of the throat.

How long it lasts: count the seconds the taste stays after you swallow or spit.

An example, filled in

TASTING NOTES · GLASS

1

Red wine

Name

Date

Circle one word on each line. Describe first, judge last.

LOOK

Colour depth

pale

medium

deep

Colour

purple

red

brick red

brownish

SMELL

Smell strength

faint

clear

strong

Fruit

red fruit

black fruit

blue fruit

How ripe

sharp and fresh

ripe

jammy or dried

TASTE

Sweetness

dry

off-dry

sweet

Mouth-watering

a little

some

a lot

Mouth-drying

smooth

a little dry

rough

Weight

light

medium

full

Warmth

barely

some

a lot

END

How long it lasts

short

medium

long

AROMAS · TICK WHAT YOU FIND

FRUIT

☐ strawberry

☒ cherry

☒ raspberry

☐ plum

☐ blackberry

☐ blackcurrant

FLOWERS AND HERBS

☒ violet

☐ rose

☐ dried herbs and thyme

☐ mint and eucalyptus

☐ green bell pepper

☐ tomato leaf

SPICE AND OAK

☐ black pepper

☐ liquorice

☐ vanilla

☐ clove and cinnamon

☐ smoke and toast

☐ cedar and cigar box

EARTH AND AGE

☐ leather

☒ forest floor

☒ mushroom

☐ tobacco

☐ wet stone and graphite

☐ dried fruit and prune

Other

	MY GUESS	THE ANSWER
GRAPE	Pinot Noir	Pinot Noir
COUNTRY, REGION	France, Burgundy	France, Burgundy
AGE	3 to 5 years	
WHY I THOUGHT SO	Pale, red fruit, fresh, little tannin	

LAST, JUDGE IT

How good

poor

acceptable

good

very good

outstanding

Would I buy it

no

maybe

yes

WHAT I MISSED

WHAT I IMAGINED

Work out which glass is which, step by step: Deduvin

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