HOW TO USE THIS SHEET

Tasting notes

Five steps

1. Write the glass number and the wine's colour at the top of a page.
2. Look, then smell, then taste. Circle one word on each line, the one closest to what you find.
3. Tick the aromas you find and leave the rest. Write anything else under Other.
4. Make your guess before anyone tells: grape, country and age, and why you thought so.
5. 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	FLOWERS AND HERBS	SPICE AND OAK	EARTH AND AGE
☐ strawberry	☑ violet	☐ black pepper	☐ leather
☑ cherry	☐ rose	☐ liquorice	☑ forest floor
☑ raspberry	☐ dried herbs and thyme	☐ vanilla	☑ mushroom
☐ plum	☐ mint and eucalyptus	☐ clove and cinnamon	☐ tobacco
☐ blackberry	☐ green bell pepper	☐ smoke and toast	☐ wet stone and graphite
☐ blackcurrant	☐ tomato leaf	☐ cedar and cigar box	☐ 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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