

# DEDUCTIVE WINE TASTING GRID



## Visual Assessment

Sediment/clarity	Clear	Hazy	Thick suspended sediment
Color intensity	Pale	Medium	Dark/Deep
Color	<b>White:</b> Nearly clear Straw Yellow Gold Green <b>Red:</b> Deep pink Ruby Red Garnet Purple		
Color around the wine's rim	<b>White:</b> Copper Silver Green Gold <b>Red:</b> Brown Orange Blue Ruby Garnet		
Rim width	No rim	Narrow rim	Wide rim
Color left on glass walls after swirl	Clear (none)	Light	Medium Strong
Tears (drips down the side of the glass after pouring)	Clear (none)	Medium	Heavy
Bubbles (gas evidence)	None	Slight	Medium Heavy



## Aromatic Assessment

Possible faults	<p>No faults          Moldy cardboard/wet dog (cork taint/TCA)          Rotten egg/burnt rubber/skunk (sulphur/mercaptan)          Stewed fruit/jam (heat damage)          Overwhelming off odors (microbial damage)</p>
Aromatic intensity	Light Moderate Powerful Overwhelming
Fruit aromas	<p><b>White:</b> Pears/apples Citrus fruits Melon          Stone fruits Tropical fruits  <b>Red:</b> Red fruits Black/dark fruits Blue fruits</p>
Fruit aroma characteristics	<p>Tart Fresh Baked or stewed          Jammy Dried</p>
Earth aromas	Mushroom Forest floor Soil Compost
Wood aromas	<p>No oak New oak Old oak          French oak American oak</p>
Mineral Aromas	Flint Wet stone Slate
Other aromas	<p>Herbal Floral Vegetable Barnyard          Spice Animal Petrochemical</p>



## Taste

Sweetness	Bone dry	Dry	Off dry
	Semi-sweet	Sweet	
Fruit flavors	Short	Medium	Medium + High
Fruit flavor characteristics	Tart	Fresh	Baked or stewed
	Jammy		Dried
Earth flavors	Mushroom	Forest floor	Soil Compost
Wood flavors	No oak	New oak	Old oak
	French oak	American oak	
Mineral flavors	Flint	Wet stone	Slate Chalk
Other aromas	Herbal	Floral	Vegetable
	Spice	Animal	Petrochemical
Bitter	Yes		No
Tannins	Low	Medium	Medium + High
Acidity	Low	Medium	Medium + High
Alcohol	Low	Medium	Medium + High
Body	Light	Medium	Full
Texture	Lean/spare	Creamy/buttery	Round/full
Balance	List dominating elements:		
Finish length	Short	Medium	Medium + High
Complexity	Short	Medium	Medium + High



## First Impression

Grapes/variety			
Style	Old World		New World
Climate	Cool	Moderate	Warm
Country			
Age range	Youthful (1 to 3 years)	Young (3 to 5 years)	Medium (5 to 10 years)
		Medium (5 to 10 years)	Old (10+ years)



## Final Conclusions

Grape/Variety/Blend	
Country	
Region	
Vintage	
Quality	