

Appearance

**Clarity / Brightness :**

star bright / day bright / bright / dull

**Colour (inc hue / tinges):**

White ( water-white / green / lemon / straw / gold / amber / brown )

Red ( purple / ruby / garnet / mahogany / tawny )

**Intensity :**

pale / medium / deep

**Rim Variation :**

discuss and indicate maturity

**Viscosity :**

light / medium / high (discuss tears more if extraction is evident)

**Other observations :**

i.e. bubbles / sediment etc.

Nose

**Condition :**

clean / unclean (if so discuss – corked / sulphur / oxidised / maderised etc )

**Intensity :**

restrained / medium / pronounced

**Development**

: youthful / mature

**Fruit character**

- fruits etc : ripeness/ jammy/ cooked etc or vinous if aged and fruit not in evidence

**Other Sensations :**

complexity / depth / floral notes / minerality / spice / earthy notes / herbaceous/ yeast / ripeness

botrytis character/ buttery / petrol / wet wool / mushroomy / nutty etc

**Oaked or Not ?**

(If so indicate old or new oak / French or American) : vanilla / cedar / mahogany / coconut / smoky / charred / cinnamon / toast / cigar box

Palate

**Sweetness :**

dry / off dry / medium dry / medium / medium sweet / sweet

**Acidity :**

crisp or high/ medium low / balanced / low

**Tannic structure :**

light / medium / high

**Body :**

light / medium / full (usually taken as the alcohol content)

**Fruit character :**

fruits etc

**Other Sensations :**

herbs / spice / floral etc – as for nose

**Alcohol :**

light / medium / high (Light under 10%, Medium 11% – 13.5%, High above 13.5%)

**Balance :**

Is the wine balanced ? Relate to acidity, tannin, fruit, body and alcohol.

**Wood :**

Can wood be detected on palate – use the same descriptors as for the nose

Wine -

**Finish / Length :**

long/ medium/ short – taken to indicate quality, long equalling high quality.

Initial Conclusion

Cool or Warm Climate

New or Old World

Blend or Single Grape Variety

Level of Quality

Maturity & Development

Final Conclusion

Country / Region / Appellation

Vintage