

Wine Aroma Descriptor Manual

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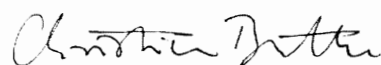
This manual is designed to help users describe in discrete and common terms some of the subtle aromas of different varietal and regional wines and their blends. It should be a practical resource to winemakers and scientists, wine educators and judges, wine journalists, chefs and wine marketers, as well as wine consumers.

The lists of descriptors are a combination of terms we found in a wide variety of wine magazines, wine books, professional tasting notes, and enological research publications — most importantly University of California–Davis Professor Ann C. Noble’s *Wine Aroma Wheel* (www.winearomawheel.com).

We limit the number of descriptors per wine to the 25 most frequently used in four basic (and arbitrary) aroma categories to allow tasters to do a thorough judging of an individual wine within a reasonable amount of time. At the same time, the manual invites the taster to add descriptors that may be unique to a particular wine style and more accurate to characterize it. Note that this tasting technique does not constitute a scientifically rigorous Descriptive Analysis, which requires a trained panel and agreed-upon aroma standards.

The manual is an incomplete and fundamentally imperfect work-in-progress. The ultimate and synergistic complexity of many a wine’s volatile aroma often cannot be communicated through individual descriptors alone. A taster’s wine aroma perception is genetically determined, culturally influenced, and based on very personal wine experiences and aroma associations. Our goal is to find the most attractive yet distinct set of descriptors for wines that are representative of a particular varietal and terroir, blends that express their typicity, or regional wines that exemplify vintages of their respective appellations.

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Cabernet Franc

PRODUCER:

APPELLATION:

VINTAGE:

PRICE:

FLORAL	FRUITY	AGING	SPICY
<input type="checkbox"/> Dried flowers	<input type="checkbox"/> Blackberry	<input type="checkbox"/> Caramel	<input type="checkbox"/> Allspice
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose	<input type="checkbox"/> Blueberry	<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar	<input type="checkbox"/> Anise
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cranberry	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate (dark)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bay leaf
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Plum	<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee	<input type="checkbox"/> Clay
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Raspberry	<input type="checkbox"/> Leather	<input type="checkbox"/> Coriander
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Cabernet Sauvignon

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APPELLATION:

VINTAGE:

PRICE:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Myrtle	<input type="checkbox"/> Cranberry	<input type="checkbox"/> Cigar box	<input type="checkbox"/> Clay
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Raspberry (red)	<input type="checkbox"/> Maple syrup	<input type="checkbox"/> Marjoram
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Molasses	<input type="checkbox"/> Mushroom
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco	<input type="checkbox"/> Pepper (white)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Vanilla	<input type="checkbox"/> Potting soil
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Wine Aroma Descriptors



Chardonnay

PRODUCER:

APPELLATION:

VINTAGE:

PRICE:

FLORAL	FRUITY	AGING	SPICY
<input type="checkbox"/> Acacia	<input type="checkbox"/> Apple (baked)	<input type="checkbox"/> Almond	<input type="checkbox"/> Allspice
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<input type="checkbox"/> Hyacinth	<input type="checkbox"/> Banana	<input type="checkbox"/> Biscuit	<input type="checkbox"/> Cinnamon
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tangerine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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