Wine Characteristics

Body

This refers to the perceived "weight" and viscosity of the wine. A full-bodied wine feels thick, coating the sides of the glass as you swirl. A light-bodied wine is almost like water. A medium-bodied wine is somewhere in-between.

Sweetness

Needs no explanation. The opposite of sweet is dry. A wine can also be medium-dry or off-dry (i.e. just a hint of sweetness, but almost too faint to move the needle).

Acidity

Acidity in wine is tart and zesty. Acidity is a big deal for white wines; it makes them refreshing and crisp. Acidic wines give you a tingling sensation that focuses on the front and sides of your tongue.

Tannin

It's all about the tannins for red wine. High tannin wines are astringent and will leave a lingering bitter/dry feeling in your mouth. Lower tannin wines are smooth and soft.

Blind
Wine Tasting

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Whites

Chardonnay: Fruity and buttery with a velvety feel that's atypical to dry white wines.

Pinot Grigio: Simple, light-bodied, dry and crisp.

Riesling: Very sweet with intense fruit flavors. Highly acidic.

Moscato: Fruity, sweet and delicate.

Sauvignon Blanc: Dry, tart and acidic with herbal flavors, as well as tropical fruit.

White #1

Body:
Full / Medium / Light

Sweetness:
Sweet / Off-Dry / Dry

Impressions:

Score (1-10):

Guess:

White #2

Body:
Full / Medium / Light

Sweetness:
Sweet / Off-Dry / Dry

Impressions:

Score (1-10):

Guess:

White #3

Body:
Full / Medium / Light

Sweetness:
Sweet / Off-Dry / Dry

Impressions:

Score (1-10):

Guess:

White #4

Body:
Full / Medium / Light

Sweetness:
Sweet / Off-Dry / Dry

Impressions:

Score (1-10):

Guess:

White #5

Body:
Full / Medium / Light

Sweetness:
Sweet / Off-Dry / Dry

Impressions:

Score (1-10):

Guess:

Reds

Merlot: Fruity, spicy and very soft. Less tannic than cabernet.

Pinot Noir: Delicate and fresh. Very soft tannins with fruity aromas.

Zinfandel: Typically zesty. Ranges from medium- to full- bodied and dry to off-dry.

Syrah: Robust, spicy and dry. Often tastes of black fruits.

Cabernet Sauvignon: Full-bodied with herbal notes.

Red #1

Body:
Full / Medium / Light

Sweetness:
Sweet / Off-Dry / Dry

Impressions:

Score (1-10):

Guess:

Red #2

Body:
Full / Medium / Light

Sweetness:
Sweet / Off-Dry / Dry

Impressions:

Score (1-10):

Guess:

Red #3

Body:
Full / Medium / Light

Sweetness:
Sweet / Off-Dry / Dry

Impressions:

Score (1-10):

Guess:

Red #4

Body:
Full / Medium / Light

Sweetness:
Sweet / Off-Dry / Dry

Impressions:

Score (1-10):

Guess:

Red #5

Body:
Full / Medium / Light

Sweetness:
Sweet / Off-Dry / Dry

Impressions:

Score (1-10):

Guess: