



Aroma wheel for hard and semi-hard cheese



First published in 1997, the aroma wheel for hard and semi-hard cheese is the result of cooperation among cheese sensory researchers working within the framework of a European research program (AIR-CT94-2039).

The version presented here is a slight modification of the original wheel; however, its purpose remains the same – to provide an appropriate language for the objective description of odour and aroma of hard and semi-hard cheeses.

The aroma wheel is made up of three levels. The first one is constituted by eight families: lactic, vegetable, floral, fruity, brown, animal, spicy and others. In the second level sub-families such as fresh

lactic, heated lactic and acidified lactic are presented. Seventy-one descriptors characterising odour and aroma of cheese are shown in the third level.

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