Flavour Wheel for Whisky

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What is a flavour wheel?

In order to better characterize the Whisky-diversity produced in the alpine region, Agroscope has developed this flavor wheel for whisky. The common vocabulary facilitates the description and tasting. A standardized system with objective criteria increases the accuracy of the sensory description and enhances the competence of the panelist.

This flavour wheel consists of three concentric circles. These circles are divided into ten flavour categories (separated by color): fruity, floral, cereal, vegetable, woody, roasted, spicy, winey, off-flavours and taste. In the inner circle these categories are divided into respective sub-categories such as stone fruit, berries, citrus, etc. The outer circle consists of 75 unique attributes, which are characterized by flavour references. They provide evidence of the great diversity of flavours and tastes in whiskys and help generate individual flavour profiles for each variety.



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