

Flavour Wheel for apple juice and cider What is a flavour wheel?

In order to better characterize the diversity of Swiss apple juice and cider, Agroscope has developed a flavour wheel in collaboration with the Swiss Fruit Association. 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.

The flavour wheel for apple juice and cider consists of three concentric circles. These circles are divided into nine categories separated by color: fruity, floral, vegetable, spicy, roasted, fatty, off-flavours, taste and colour. In the inner cir-

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cle these categories are divided into respective sub-categories such as stone fruit, berries, citrus, etc. The outer circle consists of unique attributes, which are characterized by flavour references. They provide evidence of the great diversity of flavours and tastes in different apple juices and ciders and help generate individual flavour profiles for each apple juice and cider.

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