



Flavour Wheel for Absinthe

What is a flavour wheel?

In order to better characterize the Absinthe-diversity produced in Switzerland, Agroscope has developed this flavor wheel for Absinthe. 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 seven categories: fruity, vegetable, spicy, roasted, off-flavours, palate and cloudiness. In the inner circle these categories are divided into respective sub-categories such as seeds, roots, spices,



etc. The outer circle consists of 55 unique attributes, which are characterized by flavour references. They provide evidence of the great diversity of flavours and tastes in Absinthe and help generate individual flavour profiles for each variety.

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