

Flavour Wheel for Kirsch

What is a flavour wheel?

In order to better characterize the diversity of Swiss Kirsch, Agroscope has developed a flavour wheel. The common vocabulary facilitates the description and tasting. A standardised system with objective criteria increases the accuracy of the sensory description and enhances the competence of the panelist.

The flavour wheel for Kirsch consists of three concentric circles. These circles are divided into seven flavour categories (separated by color): fruity, floral, vegetable, spicy, roasted, off-flavours and taste. In the inner circle these categories

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are divided into respective sub-categories such as stone fruit, berries, citrus, etc. The outer circle consists of 65 unique attributes, which are characterized by flavour references. They provide evidence of the great diversity of flavours and tastes in different distillates and help generate individual flavour profiles for each Kirsch.

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