

Flavour Wheel for Plum and Mirabelle Prune Distillates



What is a flavour wheel?

In order to better characterize the diversity of plum or mirabelle prune distillates, 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.

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

ded 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 plum and mirabelle prune distillates and help generate individual flavour profiles for each variety.

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