

SPARKLING WINE TASTE TYPES



The taste type is first defined by the acidity and sweetness of the sparkling wine. Then the taste type will be refined by evaluating the intensity of the flavor, strength and diversity of aroma.

		ACIDITY			
		low acidity	medium-high acidity	high acidity	very high acidity
SWEETNESS	sweet				
	medium-sweet				
	medium-dry				
	dry				
	very dry				

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**MELLOW
& SWEET**

**SMOOTH
& LIGHT**

**CRISP &
FRUITY**

**NUANCED &
STRUCTURED**

**GENEROUS
& TOASTY**

*Applies only for
bottle-aged wines*

SPAIN	AROMATICNESS & INTENSITY	low – powerful	low – medium	powerful	powerful – extremely powerful	powerful – extremely powerful
	CHARACTERISTICS	riply fruity, considerably sweet	fruity, ripely citrusy, uncomplicated	fruity, citrusy, refreshing	citrusy, grapefruity, minerally	riply fruity, nutty, spicy, long
	TOASTINESS	not noticeable – slight	not noticeable – slight	slight	medium – powerful	powerful – extremely powerful
ITALY	AROMATICNESS & INTENSITY	low – powerful	low – medium	medium – powerful	powerful – extremely powerful	powerful – extremely powerful
	CHARACTERISTICS	floral and fruity, considerably sweet	fruity, slightly flowery, uncomplicated	pear notes, flowery, refreshing	pear notes, minerally, green apple notes	riply fruity, nutty, long
	TOASTINESS	–	–	not noticeable – slight	not noticeable – powerful	powerful
FRANCE	AROMATICNESS & INTENSITY	low – powerful	low – medium	medium – powerful	powerful – extremely powerful	powerful – extremely powerful
	CHARACTERISTICS	riply fruity, considerably sweet	fruity, yellow apple notes, uncomplicated	fruity, red apple notes, refreshing	fresh fruit notes, green apple notes, minerally	riply fruity, slightly nutty, long
	TOASTINESS	not noticeable – slight	not noticeable – slight	not noticeable – slight	medium – powerful	powerful – extremely powerful
ROSÉ	AROMATICNESS & INTENSITY	low – powerful	low – medium	medium – powerful	powerful – extremely powerful	powerful – extremely powerful
	CHARACTERISTICS	sweet berry notes, considerably sweet	light berry notes, uncomplicated	berried, fruity, refreshing, lively	fresh berry notes, fruity, minerally	richly fruity, berried, long
	TOASTINESS	not noticeable – slight	not noticeable – slight	not noticeable – slight	medium – powerful	powerful – extremely powerful
CHAMPAGNE	AROMATICNESS & INTENSITY	low – powerful	low – medium	medium – powerful	powerful – extremely powerful	powerful – extremely powerful
	CHARACTERISTICS	riply fruity, considerably sweet	fruity, balanced	richly fruity, refreshing, lively	fresh fruit notes, minerally, multi-dimensional	richly fruity, brioche notes, spicy, long
	TOASTINESS	slight	slight	slight – medium	medium – powerful	powerful – extremely powerful
OTHER BOTTLE FERMENTATION	AROMATICNESS & INTENSITY	low – powerful	low – medium	medium – powerful	powerful – extremely powerful	powerful – extremely powerful
	CHARACTERISTICS	riply fruity, considerably sweet	fruity, uncomplicated	fruity, citrusy, refreshing	fresh fruit notes, minerally	riply fruity, slightly nutty, long
	TOASTINESS	slight	slight	slight	medium – powerful	powerful – extremely powerful
OTHER TANK FERMENTATION	AROMATICNESS & INTENSITY	low – powerful	low – medium	medium – powerful	powerful – extremely powerful	<i>Doesn't apply for tank fermented or impregnated sparkling wines</i>
	CHARACTERISTICS	slightly fruity, considerably sweet	fruity, uncomplicated	fruity, refreshing	fresh fruit notes, minerally	
	TOASTINESS	–	–	–	–	