



**APPEARANCE**

- 3 - Excellent - Brilliant with outstanding characteristic color.
- 2 - Good - Clear with characteristic color.
- 1 - Poor - Slight haze and/or slight off color.
- 0 - Objectionable - Cloudy and/or off color.

**AROMA AND BOUQUET**

- 6 - Extraordinary - Unmistakable characteristic aroma of grape-variety or wine-type. Outstanding and complex bouquet. Exceptional balance of aroma and bouquet.
- 5 - Excellent - Characteristic aroma. Complex bouquet. Well balanced.
- 4 - Good - Characteristic aroma. Distinguishable bouquet.
- 3 - Acceptable - Slight aroma and bouquet. Pleasant.
- 2 - Deficient - No perceptible aroma or bouquet or with slight off odors.
- 1 - Poor - Off odors.
- 0 - Objectionable - Objectionable or offensive odors.

**TASTE AND TEXTURE**

- 6 - Extraordinary - Unmistakable characteristic flavor of grape-variety or wine-type. Extraordinary balance. Smooth, full-bodied and overwhelming.
- 5 - Excellent - All of the above but a little less. Excellent but not overwhelming.
- 4 - Good - Characteristic grape-variety or wine-type flavor. Good balance. Smooth. May have minor imperfections.
- 3 - Acceptable - Undistinguished wine but pleasant. May have minor off flavors. May be slightly out of balance, and/or somewhat thin or rough.
- 2 - Deficient - Undistinguished wine with more pronounced faults than above.
- 1 - Poor - Disagreeable flavors, poorly balanced, and/or unpleasant texture.
- 0 - Objectionable - Objectionable or offensive flavors and/or texture.

**AFTERTASTE**

- 3 - Excellent - Lingering outstanding aftertaste.
- 2 - Good - Pleasant aftertaste.
- 1 - Poor - Little or no distinguishable aftertaste.
- 0 - Objectionable - Unpleasant aftertaste.

**OVERALL IMPRESSION**

- 2 - Excellent
- 1 - Good
- 0 - Poor

**TOTAL SCORES**

- 18 - 20 Extraordinary
- 15 - 17 Excellent
- 12 - 14 Good
- 9 - 11 Commercially Acceptable
- 6 - 8 Deficient
- 0 - 5 Poor and Objectionable

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**WINE AROMA WHEEL**

