



# AWS Wine Evaluation Chart

Name:

Date:

Wine Host:

Theme:

House Host:

*See Reverse Side for Scoring Guidelines*

Order	Wine	Price	Appearance (3 Max)	Aroma/ Bouquet (6 Max)	Taste/ Texture (6 Max)	Aftertaste (3 Max)	Overall Impression (2 Max)	Total Score (20 Max)
W 1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								

## APPEARANCE

<b>3 - Excellent</b>	Brilliant, with outstanding characteristic color
<b>2 - Good</b>	Minor, unintentional haze and/or slight unexpected effervescence
<b>1 - Poor</b>	Substantial haze and/or unexpected effervescence
<b>0 - Objectionable</b>	Murky beyond reasonable expectation

## AROMA and BOUQUET

<b>6 - Extraordinary</b>	Unmistakable, intense, remarkable, characteristic aroma of grape variety or wine style; outstanding, complex aroma and bouquet
<b>5 - Excellent</b>	Clean, characteristic aroma; complex aroma and bouquet
<b>4 - Good</b>	Clean, characteristic aroma; distinguishable aroma and bouquet
<b>3 - Marginal</b>	Clean, marginally characteristic, simple aroma and bouquet
<b>2 - Deficient</b>	Not clean, with slight off odors
<b>1 - Poor</b>	Not clean, with noticeable, identifiable fault
<b>0 - Objectionable</b>	Pronounced faulted aromas

## TASTE and TEXTURE

<b>6 - Extraordinary</b>	Unmistakable, intense, characteristic flavors of grape variety or wine type; balanced; exceptionally complex flavors; impressive
<b>5 - Excellent</b>	Characteristic flavors; balanced; some measure of intensity and/or complexity
<b>4 - Good</b>	Characteristic flavors; balanced; somewhat lacking in intensity and/or complexity
<b>3 - Marginal</b>	Somewhat characteristic, but marginal in balance and/or intensity; simple
<b>2 - Deficient</b>	Lacking distinguishable flavors; weak, out-of-balance, thin, and/or off flavors
<b>1 - Poor</b>	Flawed; substantially out of balance; lacking identifiable flavors and/or texture
<b>0 - Objectionable</b>	Identifiably faulted; disagreeable flavors; not drinkable

## AFTERTASTE

<b>3 - Excellent</b>	Long, lingering, complex aftertaste; impressive
<b>2 - Good</b>	Moderate, simple finish; typical for the style
<b>1 - Poor</b>	Short and/or not distinguishable aftertaste
<b>0 - Objectionable</b>	Unpleasant, disagreeable aftertaste

## OVERALL IMPRESSION

<b>2</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Poor</b>

## TOTAL SCORES

<b>8 – 20</b>	<b>Extraordinary</b>
<b>15 – 17</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>12 – 14</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>9 – 11</b>	<b>Marginal</b>
<b>6 – 8</b>	<b>Deficient</b>

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