

Beyond Flavour, Table of Structure
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White Variety	Shape of acidity	Type of acidity	Level of acidity
Chardonnay	Linear, horizontal	Firm, broad	Moderate
Riesling	Vertical	Steely	High
Chenin Blanc	Crescendo	Bracing	High
Pinot Gris	Linear, horizontal	Tingly, zesty, humming	Moderate
Sauvignon Blanc	Spherical	Prickly, unintegrated	High
Melon de Bourgogne	Supernova	Jagged, sharp	High
Aligoté	Spherical	Sharp, jagged	High
Gewürtztraminer	Ball/point	Soft	Low
Muscat	Linear	Firm	Moderate
Pinot Blanc	Linear	Bright	Moderate
Marsanne	Circle	Bright	Moderate
Viognier	Linear	Steely, bright	Moderate
Semillon	Linear, horizontal	Electric, buzzing, zesty	High
Grüner Veltliner	Rollercoaster	Tangy, humming, buzzing	High
Albariño	Wall to wall	Zesty, tart	High
Viura (Macabeo)	Diffuse	Soft, fruit-wrapped	Moderate
Verdejo	Linear	Zesty	Moderate
Vinho Verde varieties	Rinse, shower	Tart, prickly	High
Assyrtiko	Square	Powerful	High
Furmint	Shower, rinse	Prickly, zesty, popping	High
Torrontés	Linear	Firm, juicy	Moderate
Garganega	Linear	Consistent, steady	Moderate
Cortese	Linear	Zesty	Moderate
Verdicchio	Linear	Steely	Moderate
Arneis	Linear	Firm	Moderate
Vermentino	Linear	Firm, zesty	High
Fiano	Linear	Steely	High
Greco	Expanding, radiating outwards	Zesty	Moderate

Red Variety	Location of tannin	Type of tannin	Level of tannin
Cabernet Sauvignon	Gums	Grippy, fine grained	High
Merlot	Gums	Grippy, grainy, clayey	Moderate
Pinot Noir	Tongue, roof of mouth	Silky, velvety, chalky	Moderate
Syrah	Tongue, gums	Powdery, chalky, velvety	Moderate
Grenache	Everywhere	Sticky, diffuse, gangly	Moderate
Cabernet Franc	Gums	Grippy, grainy	Moderate
Malbec	Gums, jaw	Grippy, grainy	High
Carmenère	Gums	Powerful, grainy	High
Gamay	Gums	Chalky	Moderate
Mourvèdre	Gums	Heavy, coarse	High
Carignan	Gums	Grainy	High
Tannat	Gums	Powerful, dry, dripping	High
Blaufränkisch	Gums, rear gums	Chalky, grainy	Moderate
Tempranillo	Cheeks	Chalky	Moderate
Mencia	Cheeks	Chalky	Moderate
Xinomavro	Rear gums	Grippy, grainy	Moderate
Saperavi	Gums	Sticky, grainy	Moderate
Touriga Nacional blends	Gums	Grippy	High
Zinfandel	Everywhere	Velvety, chewy, loose knit, diffuse	Moderate
Pinotage	Gums, cheeks	Powerful, coarse	High
Dolcetto	Gums	Grainy	Moderate
Barbera	Gums	Grainy, chalky	Moderate
Nebbiolo	Gums	Long grained, sandy	High
Corvina	Gums	Chalky, dusty	Moderate
Sangiovese	Gums	Sandy, grainy	Moderate
Montepulciano	Gums	Chalky, grainy	Moderate
Aglianico	Gums	Sandy, coarse	High
Nero d'Avola	Gums, rear gums	Grainy, sandy	Moderate
Nerello Mascalese	Gums	Sandy, grainy	High
Primitivo	Gums	Chalky	Moderate
Negroamaro	Gums	Coarse, grippy	High

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