

ACADEMY OF CHEESE



TASTING LEVEL 1

Structured Approach to Tasting Cheese



Name of cheese if known	Cheesemaker / country / region if known	Date tasted
Milk type if known Cow / goat / sheep / buffalo / mixed	Heat treatment if known Raw / pasteurised / thermised	Rennet if known Animal / vegetarian

PRE-TASTE ASSESSMENT

RIND

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| <input type="radio"/> Rind not present to inspect | <input type="radio"/> Dry cheese or natural rind | <input type="radio"/> Other mould | <input type="radio"/> Inorganic outer |
| <input type="radio"/> Rindless/no rind | <input type="radio"/> White mould | <input type="radio"/> Washed rind | <input type="radio"/> Organic outer |

Comment:

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PASTE/ INTERIOR

TEXTURE

Soft

Hard

CONSISTENCY

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Even | <input type="radio"/> Mousse-like | <input type="radio"/> Dual textured | <input type="radio"/> Cracks |
| <input type="radio"/> Crumbly | <input type="radio"/> Crystalline | <input type="radio"/> Holey | <input type="radio"/> Inconsistent |

COLOUR

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> White | <input type="radio"/> Yellow | <input type="radio"/> Inconsistent |
| <input type="radio"/> Ivory | <input type="radio"/> Orange | |

BLUEING

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> None | <input type="radio"/> Significant |
| <input type="radio"/> Slight | <input type="radio"/> Not deliberate |

Comment:

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SMELL

INTENSITY

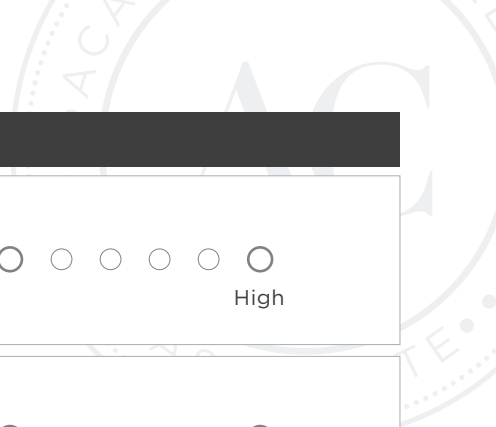
Low High

AMMONIA

Low High

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SIMPLE FLAVOURS

<p>SWEET</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Low High</p>	<p>SALT</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Low High</p>
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<p>SAVOURY</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Low High</p>	<p>BITTER</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Low High</p>
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ACIDITY

Low High

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COMPLEX FLAVOURS

<p>DAIRY</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Low High</p>	<p>FRUITY/FLORAL</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Low High</p>
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<p>VEGETABLE LEAF/HERBACEOUS</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Low High</p>	<p>MINERAL/CHEMICAL</p> <p><input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Low High</p>
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ANIMAL/FUNGAL/FERMENTED

Low High

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CONCLUSION

TASTE COMPLEXITY Low Medium High

LENGTH Short Medium Long

RIPENESS (MOULD RIPENED) Under ripe Ripe Over ripe

Comment:

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MAKE

Soft Crumbly Hard Hard cooked

POST-MAKE

Internal (Blue) Mould External Mould / Yeast Ripened Washed Rind Flavoured or Smoked

Wrapped, Rolled or Physical Processed

Comment:

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