

APPEARANCE

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

AROMA AND BOUQUET

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

TASTE AND TEXTURE

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

AFTERTASTE

- 3 - Excellent** - Long, lingering, complex, aftertaste, impressionable.
- 2 - Good** - Moderate, simpler finish. typical for the style.
- 1 - Poor** - Short or not distinguishable aftertaste.
- 0 - Objectionable** - Unpleasant, disagreeable aftertaste.

OVERALL IMPRESSION

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

TOTAL SCORES

- 18-20 - Extraordinary**
- 15-17 - Excellent**
- 12-14 - Good**
- 9-11 - Marginal**
- 6-8 - Deficient**

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