



SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO TEA TASTING · 形 色 香 味 韵 · WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT

The Five Qualities — Scored Tasting Sheet

Work the five qualities in sequence. Circle the descriptor that best fits, note the specific characteristics, then score each quality against its weight. Stay in observation: record what is present, not what you expect. One sheet per tea.

SAMPLE NO. 	DATE 	ASSESSOR 	BLIND?
VESSEL 	WATER TEMP. 	STEEP / INFUSIONS 	LEAF : WATER

THE FIVE QUALITIES · WEIGHTED GRID

circle the scale · note characteristics · score by weight

形 Form Xíng 5%	CONDITION · INTEGRITY whole · mostly whole · mixed · broken UNIFORMITY · GRADE SIGNAL uniform · fairly even · uneven · tippy · coarse DRY LEAF COLOUR / NOTE	/ 5
色 Colour Sè 10%	CLARITY bright · clear · dull · cloudy INTENSITY pale · medium · deep HUE pale yellow · yellow-green · golden · amber · orange-red · red · dark brown	/ 10
香 Nose Xiāng 25%	CONDITION clean · off / faulty INTENSITY (dry leaf · steam · cooled liquor) light · medium · pronounced AROMA FAMILIES floral · fruity · green · vegetal · roasted / nutty · sweet / honey · woody · mineral · aged / earthy CHARACTERISTICS	/ 25
味 Palate Wèi 45%	TASTE SENSATIONS (note order they appear) sweet · bitter · umami 鲜 · astringent 涩 · sour BODY light · medium · full TEXTURE smooth · silky · coating · drying · brisk 回甘 RETURNING SWEETNESS · 生津 MOUTH-WATERING 回甘: none · some · strong 生津: yes · no FLAVOUR CHARACTERISTICS · BALANCE	/ 45
韵 Finish Yùn 15%	LENGTH short · medium · long 韵 RESONANCE · THE LINGERING IMPRESSION faint · present · lingering · complex NOTE WHAT REMAINS (FRAGRANCE, SWEETNESS, FEELING)	/ 15

QUALITY CONCLUSION

circle one · justify in writing

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faulty

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simple

正
sound

良
good

优
fine

绝
outstanding

WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION — NAME THE FAMILY, LIKELY REGION OR PROCESSING, AND THE EVIDENCE FROM ABOVE THAT SUPPORTS YOUR CONCLUSION