

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a tall, slender glass filled with golden beer. The hand is positioned at the top of the glass, with fingers wrapped around it. The person is wearing a dark watch with a brown leather strap on their left wrist. The glass sits on a wooden coaster on a dark wooden table. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with a railing.

# BEER TASTING CHEAT SHEET

Over 250 words to help you  
describe your beer



**BEER TASTING**  
MASTERY



# APPEARANCE

COLOR	HEAD	CLARITY	CARBONATION
Yellow	Bright-white	Brilliant	Flat
Straw	White	Sparkling	Still
Honey	Off-white	Vibrant	Lively
Gold	Tan	Clear	Effervescent
Copper	Mocha	Hazy	Gusher
Orange	Frothy	Cloudy	
Amber	Rocky	Opaque	
Orange	Thin		
Ruby	Persistent		
Auburn	Lingering		
Maple	Sturdy		
Brown	Dissipating		
Black	Dots of lace		





# FLAVOR AND AROMA

HOPS	YEAST	OFF-FLAVORS	FINISH
Catty	Red Apple	Burnt Rubber	Bone Dry
Dank	Banana	Butter	Dry
Earthy	Belgian-like	Butterscotch	Sweet
Floral	Blackberry	Cardboard	Cloying
Grapefruit	Bubblegum	Catty	Bitter
Grassy	Candy	Celery	Astringent
Herbal	Currant	Cheesy	Harsh
Lemon	Dried Fruit	Cooked Vegetables	Puckering
Lime	Fruit bomb	Corn	Short-lived
Mowed lawn	Funky	Garlic	Lingering
Minty	Hay	Green Apple	Sour
Tropical	Jammy	Harsh	Tart
Orange	Juicy	Metallic	Thirst-quenching
Passion fruit	Juicy Fruit	Musty	
Peppery	Melon	Onion	
Perfumey	Pear	Papery	
Piney	Pineapple	Skunky	
Resinous	Raspberry	Solvent	
Spicy	Rustic	Soy Sauce	
Vegetal	Straw	Sulphur	
Woody	Strawberry	Tomato	
Zesty	Apricot	Vinegar	





# FLAVOR AND AROMA

MALT			
Animal Cracker	Charcoal	Grainy	Plum
Biscuit	Charred	Granola	Prune
Blackberry	Chocolate	Honey	Raisins
Blueberry	Coffee	Husky	Roasted
Bread	Cooked Pasta	Licorice	Saltine Cracker
Bread crust	Corn-like	Maple	Spicy
Brown Sugar	Cracker	Milk Chocolate	Toast
Burnt	Dark Chocolate	Molasses	Toffee
Caramel	Dough	Nutty	Vanilla Wafer
Caramelized Sugar	Fig	Oatmeal	White Bread
Cereal	Flour	Pizza Dough	Worty





# MOUTHFEEL

BODY	CARBONATION	SENSATIONS	
Watery	Flat	Acidic	Silky
Thin	Still	Astringent	Slick
Light	Dull	Creamy	Smooth
Medium	Low	Chewy	Soft
Heavy	Medium	Crisp	Sour
Full	High	Dry	Spirit-like
Dense	Overcarbed	Hearty	Spritzzy
Robust		Hot	Syrupy
		Metallic	Tart
		Mouthcoating	Tingly
		Oily	Velvety
		Prickly	Viscous
		Puckering	Warm
		Sharp	





## INTENSITY

Weak	Balanced
Mild	Assertive
Muted	Powerful
Subtle	Strong
Washed-out	Intense



## BIG PICTURE

Accessible	Drain Pour
Artificial	Elegant
Balanced	Masterful
Complex	One Dimensional
Delicate	World-Class



## OTHER TERMS

Allspice	Clove	Mineral
Attic-like	Cloying	Oak
Bitter	Coconut	Peaty
Black Pepper	Coriander	Refined
Big League Chew	Damp	Sherry
Boozy	Dark Fruit	Starburst
Brown Sugar	Decayed Wood	Tannic
Cellar-like	Farm-like	Tobacco
Chalky	Granny's Banana Custard	Twizzler
Cigar	Ginger/Ginger Snap	Vanilla
Christmas Fruit Cake	Hot dog water	White Pepper
Cookies	Leathery	Wine-like
Cinnamon	Medicinal	Young

