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APPEARAN	ICE	
Clarity		clear – hazy
Intensity		pale – medium – deep
Colour	white rosé red	lemon – gold – amber pink – salmon – orange purple – ruby – garnet – tawny

NOSE	
Condition	clean – unclean
Intensity	light – medium – pronounced
Aroma characteristics	<i>e.g.</i> fruits, flowers, spices, vegetables, oak aromas, other

PALATE	
Sweetness	dry - off-dry - medium - sweet
Acidity	low – medium – high
Tannin	low – medium – high
Body	light – medium – full
Flavour characteristics	<i>e.g.</i> fruits, flowers, spices, vegetables, oak flavours, other
Finish	short – medium – long

CONCLUSIONS	
Quality	faulty – poor – acceptable – good – very good – outstanding



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WSET Level 2 Wine-Lexicon:

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	CHARA	CTERISTICS

FLORAL / FRUIT Are the flavours simple/generic or specific? Fresh or cooked? Ripe or unripe?			
Floral	blossom, rose, violet		
Green Fruit	green apple, red apple, gooseberry, pear, grape		
Citrus Fruit	grapefruit, lemon, lime (juice or zest?)		
Stone Fruit	peach, apricot, nectarine		
Tropical Fruit	banana, lychee, mango, melon, passion fruit, pineapple		
Red Fruit	redcurrant, cranberry, raspberry, strawberry, red cherry, plum		
Black Fruit	blackcurrant, blackberry, blueberry, black cherry		
Dried Fruit	fig, prune, raisin, sultana, kirsch, jamminess, cooked, baked, stewed fruits, preserved fruits		

SPICE / VEGETABLE	
Underripeness	green bell pepper (capsicum), grass, white pepper, leafiness, tomato, potato
Herbaceous	grass, asparagus, blackcurrant leaf
Herbal	eucalyptus, mint, medicinal, lavender, fennel, dill
Vegetable	cabbage, peas, beans, black olive, green olive
Sweet Spice	cinnamon, cloves, ginger, nutmeg, vanilla
Pungent Spice	black/white pepper, liquorice, juniper

OAK / OTHER	
Simplicity / Neutrality	simple, neutral, indistinct
Autolytic	yeast, biscuit, bread, toast, pastry, lees
Dairy	butter, cheese, cream, yoghurt
Oak	vanilla, toast, cedar, charred wood, smoke, resinous
Kernel	almond, coconut, hazelnut, walnut, chocolate, coffee
Animal	leather, meaty, farmyard
Maturity	vegetal, mushroom, hay, wet leaves, forest floor, game, savoury, tobacco, cedar, honey, cereal
Mineral	earth, petrol, rubber, tar, stony/steely, wet wool