Cachaça Tasting Guide

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Date:

Producer:

Region:

Aged: _____ / Unaged / Column / Pot Wood Type:

Appearance / Clarity / Color Value: 10pts

Guidelines: If the product is perfectly clear and bright with no sediment, it should score a 10

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Cloudy/Sediment ◆——— Clear/Bright

Aroma / Bouquet Value: 20pts

Guidelines: If the aromas are clean, complex and pleasant score up to 20 pts. I list some of the descriptive terms & aromas I often find when tasting. Strong notes of petroleum and rubbing alcohol are negatives.

Descriptive Terms: *fresh sugarcane, cut-grass, floral, leafy, citrus, cucumber, celery, dill, herbal, wt/blk peppercorn, pine, salt, slate, mineral, charcoal, smoke*

Wood: *light – heavy, oak, toast, vanilla, clove, spices, cinnamon, cardamom, coconut, banana*

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Unpleasant ◆——— Clean/Pleasant

Palate / Taste Value: 25pts

Guidelines: How does it feel in your mouth? Is it clean/rich/vibrant and balanced? Upon entry, at the mid-point and finish? Is it clean, soft, warm and rich or is it hot, harsh and burning. Only evaluate what happens in your mouth - a spirit that is clean, rich and warm (not hot/burning) should score very high - up to 25 points.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Unpleasant ◆——— Clean/Vibrant/Balance/Pleasant

Finish Value: 20pts

Guidelines: What happens in your mouth after you sip, swish or spit? Is it a clean flavor? Does it last a long time? Is it hot? A long, warm, clean and balanced finish should receive a very high score, up to 20 points.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Off/Flat/Short ◆——— Clean/Balanced/Long

Tongue Value: 25pts

Guidelines: Only think of how your tongue feels (after you swallow or spit) - does it burn? Is it sweet? Great cachaça producers do not add sugar! Just like the best tequila, scotch and vodka producers. High scores are given to products that are warm and soft - low scores for spirits that are hot/harsh/burning and/or sweet. Hence a spirit that is warm, soft and smooth rates up to 25 points; with 10 points being awarded if there is no residual sugar, 5 points if it is lightly sweet and zero points if sweetness is very noticeable. Heat factor values at 15 points - with warm and soft given up to 15 points and down to zero points for a spirit that is hot and burning.

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Hot/Burn/Sweet ◆——— Warm/Soft/Smooth

Notes:

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