

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a tall, clear 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 background is a blurred outdoor setting with wooden decking. A dark grey diagonal banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title and subtitle in white text.

BEER TASTING CHEAT SHEET

Over 250 words to help you
describe your beer



BEER TASTING
MASTERY



APPEARANCE

COLOR	HEAD	CLARITY	CARBONATION
Amber	Bright White	Brilliant	Flat
Auburn	Dissipating	Clear	Bubbly
Black	Dots of lace	Cloudy	Dull
Brown	Fluffy	Dull	Effervescent
Chocolate	Frothy	Hazy	Gusher
Clear	Lingering	Opaque	Lively
Coffee	Off White	Sparkling	Still
Copper	Persistent	Vibrant	
Gold	Rocky		
Honey	Rocky		
Maple	Tan		
Orange	Thin		
Root-Beer	White		
Ruby			
Russet			
Straw			
Tan			



FLAVOR AND AROMA

HOPS	YEAST	OFF-FLAVORS	FINISH
Catty	Red Apple	Burnt Rubber	Astringent
Dank	Banana	Butter	Bitter
Earthy	Belgian-like	Butterscotch	Dry
Floral	Blackberry	Cardboard	Harsh
Grapefruit	Bubblegum	Catty	Lingering
Grassy	Candy	Celery	Quenching
Herbal	Currant	Cheesy	Puckering
Lemon	Dried Fruit	Cooked Vegetables	Short-lived
Lime	Fruit bomb	Corn	Sour
Mowed lawn	Funky	Garlic	Sweet
Minty	Hay	Green Apple	
Nutty	Jammy	Harsh	
Orange	Juicy	Metallic	
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	Apple	Vinegar	



FLAVOR AND AROMA

MALT			
Animal Cracker	Charred	Granola	Prune
Biscuit	Chocolate	Honey	Raisins
Blackberry	Coffee	Husky	Roasted
Blueberry	Cooked Pasta	Licorice	Saltine Cracker
Bread	Corn-like	Maple	Spicy
Bread crust	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
Charcoal	Grainy	Plum	



MOUTHFEEL

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



INTENSITY



BIG PICTURE

Assertive	Powerful
Balanced	Strong
Bold	Subtle
Intense	Washed Out
Mild	Weak
Muted	

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



OTHER TERMS

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