

UC DAVIS 20 POINT SYSTEM

		Wines					
		A	B	C	D	E	F
CLARITY (2POINTS)							
Brilliant, near-sparkly, clear with no haze or particulates	2.0						
Bright, some sparkle, clear with no haze or particulates	1.5						
Dull, mostly clear, perhaps a hint of haze or particulates	1.0						
Cloudy, unclear with a distinct haze or particulates	0.5						
COLOR (2 POINTS)							
Appropriate color for varietal/type and age	2.0						
Nearly correct color for varietal/type and age	1.5						
Slightly off color for varietal/type and age	1.0						
Flawed color for varietal/type and age	0.5						
BOUQUET (4 POINTS)							
Distinct varietal characteristics, balanced bouquet	4.0						
Simply fruity characteristics, some bouquet	3.0						
Little varietal character, simple bouquet	2.0						
Underdeveloped nose, closed, non-apparent	1.0						
Defective nose, off odors	0.0						
TOTAL ACIDITY (1 POINT)							
Proper balance, appropriate for varietal/type	1.0						
Slightly out-of-balance, high/low acidity	0.5						
Well out-of-balance, tart/flabby	0.0						
SWEETNESS (1 POINT)							
Appropriate sweetness, well enhanced/well balanced	1.0						
Slightly off, either too sweet or too dry for type	0.5						
Well off, cloying, out-of-balance for type	0.0						
BODY/TEXTURE (2 POINTS)							
Appropriate body for varietal/type and age	2.0						
Nearly correct body for varietal/type and age	1.5						
Slightly heavy/slightly thin for varietal/type and age	1.0						
Too heavy (clumsy)/too thin (vapid) for varietal/type and age	0.5						
FLAVOR/TASTE (2 POINTS)							
Complex flavors, appropriate for varietal/type and age	2.0						
Simple flavors, appropriate for varietal/type and age	1.5						
Agreeable flavors, appropriate for varietal/type and age	1.0						
Non-descript flavors, in-appropriate for varietal/type and age	0.5						
ACESCENCY (BITTERNESS) (1 POINT)							
Well balanced, no perceptible bitterness	1.0						
Slightly bitter, but still in balance	0.5						
Overly bitter, un-balanced	0.0						
ASTRINGENCY (1 POINT)							
Appropriate levels of tannin for the varietal/type and age	1.0						
Somewhat high/low levels of tannin for the varietal/type and age	0.5						
Overly tannic/overly flaccid for the varietal/type and age	0.0						
OVERALL QUALITY (4 POINTS)							
Wines of "noble" quality with distinct and distinguishing character	4.0						
Wines that are "charming" with some special character	3.0						
Wines that are typical of the varietal/type and age	2.0						
Wines with no exceptional characteristics, but not flawed	1.0						
Wines with no exceptional characteristics, and possess flaws	0.0						
TOTAL SCORE							