

1.1. Traditional wine show scoring

Wines are rated on a scale of zero to twenty with points allocated as;

Appearance – 3 points

Nose – 7 points

Palate – 10 points

The following table gives some guidelines for a modified wine show scoring system.

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This table, especially the descriptions will help when you are reviewing wines.

Points 20	Points 100	Wine Show Medal	Description
Below 10			Disagreeable or faulty wine
10.0-11.9	50-66		Just sound, maybe faults but not objectionable.
12.0-13.9	67-79		Sound wine but lacking in character or appeal
14.0-14.9	80-83		Drinkable, but simple
15.0- 15.9	84-86	Low bronze @ 15.5	Enjoyable wine. No outstanding features
16.0-16.9	87-89	Bronze	Good wine, some outstanding features
17.0-17.9	90-93	Silver	Excellent wine, plenty of interest
18.0-18.4	93-94	Top silver	Terrific wine with detail, length and texture
18.5-18.9	95-96	Gold	Outstanding wine of beauty and eloquence
19.0-19.4	97-98	Top gold	A very rare wine of beauty and perfection
19.5-20.0	99-100	Top gold/ Trophy	The ultimate. Best of its kind

Below 10=Failure