



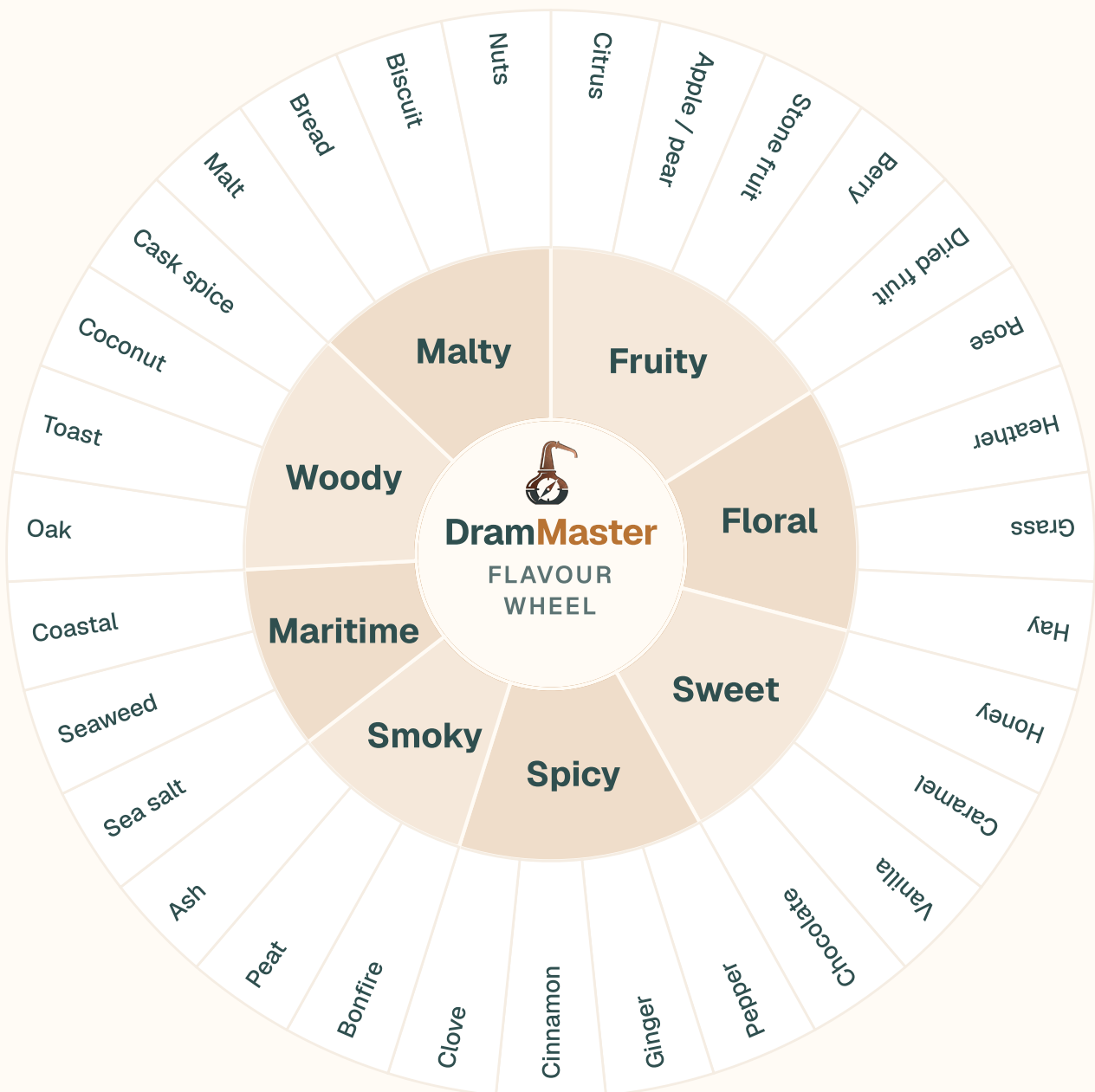
**DramMaster** FLAVOUR WHEEL



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# Whisky Flavour Wheel

Start at the hub, work outwards. Eight families and the words that sit under each one.



**Colour is not age.**

Caramel colouring (E150a) is legal in Scotch. Trust your nose, not your eyes.



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# Flavour Checklist

Find the family, tick the descriptors, fill the dots for intensity — one is a whisper, five is loud.



## Fruity

INTENSITY ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

- ☐ Citrus
- ☐ Stone fruit
- ☐ Dried fruit

- ☐ Apple / pear
- ☐ Berry

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YOUR WORDS



## Floral

INTENSITY ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

- ☐ Rose
- ☐ Grass

- ☐ Heather
- ☐ Hay

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YOUR WORDS



## Sweet

INTENSITY ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

- ☐ Honey
- ☐ Vanilla

- ☐ Caramel
- ☐ Chocolate

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YOUR WORDS



## Spicy

INTENSITY ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

- ☐ Pepper
- ☐ Cinnamon

- ☐ Ginger
- ☐ Clove

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YOUR WORDS



## Smoky

INTENSITY ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

- ☐ Bonfire
- ☐ Ash

- ☐ Peat

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YOUR WORDS



## Maritime

INTENSITY ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

- ☐ Sea salt
- ☐ Coastal

- ☐ Seaweed

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YOUR WORDS



## Woody

INTENSITY ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

- ☐ Oak
- ☐ Coconut

- ☐ Toast
- ☐ Cask spice

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YOUR WORDS



## Malty

INTENSITY ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

- ☐ Malt
- ☐ Biscuit

- ☐ Bread
- ☐ Nuts

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YOUR WORDS



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# How to Taste Whisky

Six steps. No snobbery. Works for your first dram and your hundredth.

## 1 Pour

A measure of 20–25 ml at room temperature. Use a proper glass — a tulip or Glencairn traps the aromas.

NOTES

## 2 Look

Hold it to the light and note colour and clarity. Remember: colour is not age — E150a caramel is legal.

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## 3 Nose, mouth open

Don't bury your nose. Hold the glass an inch away and breathe in gently with your mouth slightly open. Swirl and repeat.

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## 4 Sip

Take a small sip and let it coat your tongue. What hits first? What arrives late? Don't swallow immediately.

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## 5 Add water if you want

A few drops can open up hidden notes. Try it neat first, then dilute. There is no wrong answer.

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## 6 Note the finish length

How long does the flavour stay? Short is seconds, medium about a minute, long runs for minutes. It counts towards the score.

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### Colour is not age.

Caramel colouring (E150a) is legal in Scotch. A 3-year-old whisky can look 25. Trust your nose, not your eyes.

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