

LEVEL 1 • C08

Your first tasting note

HOST PURCHASE + PREP SHEET

Use this before class. Bottle examples are teaching targets, not endorsements or stock guarantees. Check the current label and producer information; substitute by style when necessary.

What to buy

- Required: one wine or alcohol-free drink chosen by the host.
- Optional A/B: reuse any earlier contrasting pair; freshness is better than novelty.

Set up

- Clear glass, pale background, water, and one worksheet per person.
- Hide the label for the first note; reveal only after confidence is set.
- Use 1 oz pours and finish course work before refills.

Host checklist

☐	Purchase or select samples
☐	Code and chill / temper samples
☐	Print one worksheet per participant
☐	Set water, food, and spit cups
☐	Start the lesson before social refills

Reuse rule

If a later class reuses an opened bottle, keep it tightly closed and refrigerated and use it later the same day or the next day. Re-taste before class; replace any bottle that is clearly tired or oxidized.

Group format

A big-screen gathering works well: seat everyone where they can pause and write. Complete the structured lesson before people consume enough alcohol to blunt attention. Discussion follows private notes.

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