

# Glossary of Honey Tasting Terms

This following list contains words specially related to the aromas and flavors you will find when tasting honey. There are nine general families listed in bold capital letters that relate to the overall impression for each honey. Each family is subdivided into more specific words and examples of foods that will help you better increase your ability to describe what you taste.

## FLORAL



**FLOWERS:**  
violet, rose, geranium, peony, hyacinth, honeysuckle, jasmine

**FRESH:**  
pineapple, strawberry, melon, apple, pear, mango, peach, grape

**BERRY:**  
blackcurrant, raspberry, blackberry, cherry, cranberry

**DRIED:**  
prune, raisin, fig, apricot, cooked fruit, jammy, candied fruit

**CITRUS:**  
citrus zest, lemon, orange, grapefruit, tangerine, candied peel



## FRUIT

## WARM

**BURNED:**  
caramel, molasses, smoky, coffee, chocolate, burnt sugar, maple

**CARAMEL:**  
butterscotch, toffee, brown sugar, beeswax

**NUT:** toasted, chestnut, hazelnut, walnut, almond, peanut, pine nut

**LACTIC:**  
milk, fresh butter, cooked butter, rancid butter, yogurt

**CONFECTIONARY:**  
vanilla, white chocolate, cotton candy, marshmallow, fondant



## FRESH

**REFRESHING:**  
lemon verbena, peppermint, eucalyptus, anise, herbaceous, rain

**CAMPHOROUS:**  
rosemary, lavender, thyme, menthol, balsamic



**GREEN:** fresh plants, grass clippings, raw vegetables, wet grass, wet hay, hops, artichoke, green bananas, kiwi, stems, bay leaf

**DRY:** hay, tea, herbal tea, straw

**GAMEY:**  
sweat, manure, barnyard, stable, leather, cheese, gym bag, fresh fish, cat pee, daisy, dandelion

## VEGETAL

## ANIMAL



**DRY:** wood, sandalwood, cedar, boxwood, shell, incense, oak

**RESINOUS:**  
pine resin, propolis, turpentine

**SPICY:**  
cinnamon, clove, nutmeg, pepper, ginger

## WOODY

**MEDICINE:**  
plastic, turpentine, cardboard, soap

**PETRO-CHEMICAL:**  
metal, cabbage, sulfur, ash, tar, tobacco

## CHEMICAL

**YEAST:**  
fermentation, vinegar, beer, cider, malt, baked bread

**EARTHY:**  
musty basement, moldy, mildew, rotting leaves, humus, peat moss, mushroom, truffle, chalk, pollen



## SPOILED