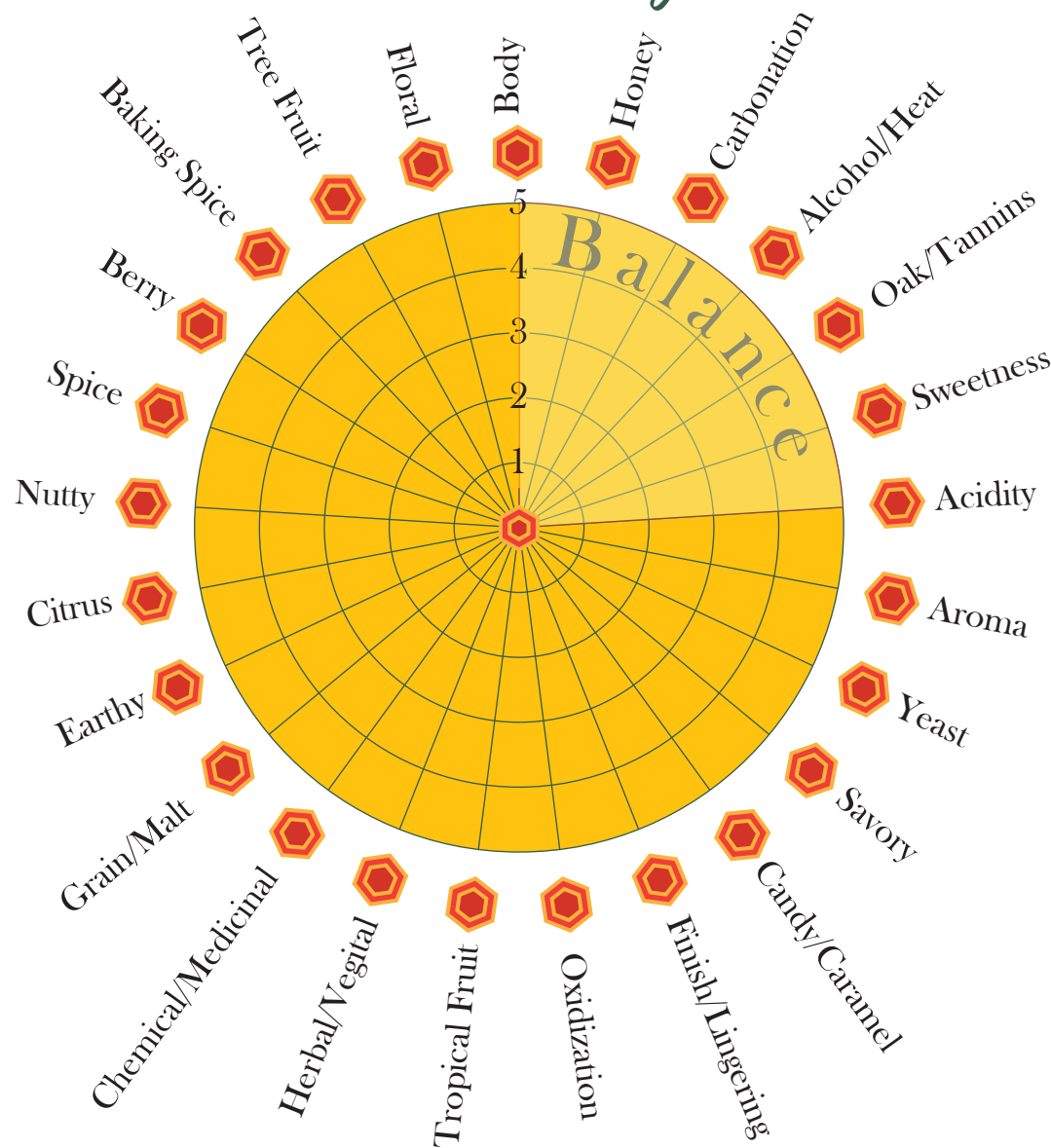


Mead Variety:
 Mead Maker:
 Date:



- **Floral**- Rose, White flower, violet, geranium, citrus blossom, lavender, linalool (Earl Grey Tea)
- **Tree Fruit**- Apple, pear, cherry, apricot, peach
- **Baking Spice**- Vanilla, cinnamon, clove, ginger
- **Berry**- Blackberry, raspberry, strawberry, currant/cassis
- **Spice**- Black pepper, licorice/anise, red/green pepper
- **Nutty**- Walnut, almond, hazelnut
- **Citrus**- Orange, lime, lemon, grapefruit, zest
- **Earthy**- Mushroom or soil
- **Grain/Malt**- Wheat, rye, oats, barley
- **Chemical/Medicinal**- Wet wool, sulphur
- **Herbal/Vegital**- Cut grass, mint, sage, asparagus, bell pepper
- **Tropical Fruit**- Pineapple, melon, coconut, banana
- **Oxidation**- Sherry
- **Finish/Lingering**- Lasting flavor on the palate.
- **Candy/Caramel**- molasses, butterscotch, chocolate
- **Savory**- Earthy, rustic, fruit w/o sweet; rhubarb, currants...
- **Yeast**- Leesy, baker's yeast
- **Aroma**- Perfume quality

The Mead Tasting Wheel



Balance:

- **Body**- Light, medium or full bodied mouthfeel. Viscosity.
- **Honey**- Honey characteristics are more present in sweeter meads. Varietal honeys offer a variety of flavor and aroma from delicate nectar to barnyard.
- **Carbonation**- Still, petillant or sparkling. Adds acidity & lightens the perception of body/mouthfeel.
- **Heat/Alcohol**- Adds to body/viscosity. Higher abv meads bead on the sides of the glass.
- **Tannins**- A phenolic compound that comes from the skins & stems of fruit & from oak barrel aging. Most often confused with dryness as it causes a drying sensation in the mouth. Part of structure along with acidity.
- **Sweetness**- As opposed to dryness. Mead can range from <1% RS (residual sugar) to quite sweet; 15-20% RS or more but most often falls between 3-6% RS. Sweeter meads bead on the sides of the glass. Sweetness should not be confused with fruity esters.
- **Acidity**- Brightness. An important part of structure. Sometimes also described as tart or sour. Part of structure.



SKY RIVER
 MEAD