



SIEBEL INSTITUTE - BEST PRACTICES

# HOW TO USE: SENSORY KITS

## PREPARING A SAMPLE

1



To spike your beer sample: Find the appropriate vial. The painted band around the narrow neck of the vial (the white line) means that the vial is ready to open without scoring.

**IMPORTANT:**

If there is liquid above the white line in the vial, gently tap with your finger to get all the liquid to the bottom part of the vial.

2



To open the vial, hold it with both hands, with one thumb against the narrow top section.

**ADVICE:**

You may want to protect your hands from broken glass by using a paper towel, light cloth or piece of gauze when opening the vial.

3



Hold the bottom of the vial firmly while pushing the top section away from you with easy, even pressure. A light pressure should cleanly snap the vial open, while using too much force can cause it to shatter.

4



Pour the entire contents of the vial into an empty, clean glass or container that is capable of holding the appropriate amount of beer as indicated on the kit's outer packaging.

Add the appropriate amount of beer to the glass or container. This will yield approximately three times the flavor threshold of the compound.



## PROPER TASTING PROCEDURE

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Prepare a control (unspiked) and a spiked sample of beer. A typical serving is 80ml to 100ml per person.

**IMPORTANT:**

To remind you of the beer's original aroma and taste impression and to allow to directly compare the differences between both samples, always start the tasting procedure with your control sample followed by the spiked sample.

2



**AROMA IMPRESSIONS**

Swirl the glass gently. "Drive" the sample by your nose while sniffing in for initial aroma impression. Use two or three short, sharp sniffs to allow the volatiles to reach the appropriate areas.

3



**TASTE IMPRESSIONS**

Take one or two small sips and allow the sample to sit on your tongue for taste impressions.

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**SWALLOW**

Swallow the sample. This is necessary to allow evaluation of the sample's bitterness component.

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