

Fortified wine tasting notes reminders / categories:

Alcohol –

Only a three-point scale, not five.

Low – Medium – High

Low: 15% - 16.5% ABV

Medium: 17% - 18.5% ABV

High: 19% - 22% ABV

(Above 22% - classed as Spirit)

Low: Fino Sherry; Manzanilla; VDN

Medium: Sherry; generic Madeira; (my notes helpfully add: 'Everything else')

High: Port; High Quality Oloroso; Amontillado; Varietal Madeira

Development –

Youthful: Vintage Port (can be); Muscat VDN; Grenache VDN

Developing: Vintage Port (can be); traditional style VDN; perhaps one or two VDNs

Developed: Everything else

Acidity –

Usually on the Low end. The tingling that in a still wine would indicate acidity is, in a fortified wine, the alcohol.