

HIC's Notes on FlavourArt Flavorings

FA 7 Leaves

FlavourArt describes this tobacco blend as containing "the most interesting components" of fire cured, bright leaf, burley, shade, perique, latakia, and oriental tobaccos. Their description says "light undertone of dried leaves, woody nuances and a spicy touch." Pay little attention to the tobacco flavors they list; focus on their description instead! Many distinctive aspects of those tobaccos are NOT part of this flavor. You will not taste the strong, dark smoke of Latakia, for example. Expect a light, dry, bright, cigarette-like blend with with sweet "high notes" of anise and light smokiness on exhale. If you are replacing cigarettes with vapes, this and FA Max Blend are two to try first. Mix 7 Leaves at 2-3% standalone. Let it steep for the flavors to blend - it will gain some strength with age. If you like 7 Leaves but want a bit bolder tobacco flavor, try adding FA Cuban Supreme. If you like the mildness of 7 Leaves and want another mild tobacco blend, see FA Maxx Blend. 7 Leaves is useful as a non-tobacco flavor, too. It can add the sweet-on-the-tongue effect of FA Anise without clear anise flavor when used at 1% or less in recipes, especially with citrus flavors.

FA Almond

Sweet-almond flavor, very much like almond extract. Use it in bakery vapes just like you'd use almond extract when baking. To reduce the sweetness, use Almond with a little FA Nut Mix - this tastes more like raw almonds. Add some Almond when using Coconut for a classic flavor pairing and more complexity. A little almond can change the cherry/almond accent in FA Vanilla Tahiti to almond-vanilla. If you're looking for sweet bitter-almond flavor (like in amaretto), see Marzipan. This is not a roasted or toasted nut flavor, but little accents of Oak Wood, TFA Brown Sugar, and/or Black Fire in a recipe can give that effect.

FA Amber see FALiquidAmber

FA Anise

Bright, sweet, pure star-anise flavor with a characteristic sweetness on your tongue as you inhale. For a sweet and cool effect with subtle anise flavor, use 0.5% or less in your recipe. Anise makes fruits taste bright and sweeter at a fraction of a percent - or adds distinctive anise flavor over 1%. It brightens and sweetens dark licorice flavors; that's why real licorice candies often include anise oil. Anise can sweeten and lighten tobacco mixes; it is one of the flavors in FA 7 Leaves tobacco blend. Anise is a classic with all citrus flavors and combines well with most fruits. It's a nice twist to add to your favorite minty vape. Anise flavor does not change as you pass 3%; it just gets stronger. FA Anise and TFA Absinthe are interchangeable in most recipes.

FA Apple (Stark) Mild, mellow, realistic apple juice flavor, like the juice of Stark Yellow Delicious apples. Mildly sweet with no tart notes. Apple never dominates a recipe. It blends smoothly with other flavors and makes an appealing sweetener in fruit blends. Add a little FA Liquid Amber or FA Brandy to "bake" or "ferment" Apple. FA Walnut can accentuate Apple flavor in a recipe and the apple part of Apple Pie. For bold, crisp, bright apple flavor, see FA Fuji.

FA Apple Pie

Savory crust with some flavor of FA Apple and light spice that many people will not notice. Apple Pie is not very sweet or fruity. The apple flavor is easily covered by other fruits, especially dark fruits and berries, so adding a small touch of Apple Pie to your other fruit can make a tasty pie. Classic American apple pie would begin here but require additional FA Apple and/or Fuji plus extra cinnamon flavor - at the very least. For a cobbler-type crust flavor try a 2:1 ratio of Apple Pie: FA Cookie. Adding Cookie to replace part of Apple Pie also helps minimize the apple, so you can get a crust flavor that works well with light fruit flavors. FA Joy brings out the cinnamon flavor. Adding sweet flavors like Marzipan or Zeppola can surprisingly make the cinnamon and apple quite prominent.

FA Apricot

Fresh, juicy, ripe apricot - realistic flavor with just the right level of natural sweetness. It can seem weak used standalone, but Apricot blends great with other fruits. Coconut accents it well. Makes excellent apricot brandy (with FA Brandy) and apricot rum (with FA Jamaican Rum), which can be used for cocktail-type vapes. To 'bake' Apricot, use a little Brandy or Jamaican Rum along with a touch of TFA Brown Sugar. FA Peach can boost Apricot flavor; FA Pear is the ideal sweetener for Apricot.

FA Arctic Winter see Menthol Arctic

FA Aurora

This is mostly a citrus blend, sharper than most FA citrus flavors. It's more like fresh citrus zest than juice, with an emphasis on lemon. It's not especially sweet, and it's not one to fade with steeping. Try spiking your FA-based citrus recipes with a little Aurora if you feel they mellow too much as they age. Vaped standalone, you'll taste a little something else in the background. It's hard to identify but reminds me of white wine or gin - though subtle enough that it won't interfere with use as a "citrus booster" in recipes. This flavoring is naturally a bit cloudy and separates as it sits, so be sure to shake it before you use it.

FA Banana

Banana can be used at higher percents than many other FA fruits: 5% standalone is not unreasonable. This is totally realistic, natural tasting banana flavoring. Like real bananas, it's not a bold flavor. This is yellow banana, not green, not brown, and not strongly sweet. It's ideal in smoothie-type vapes. FA Walnut can accentuate Banana. Adding other sweet flavors can give you stronger than expected, "riper" banana flavor.

FA Bergamot

Totally accurate Bergamot flavor - the earthy, aromatic orange you may know from Earl Grey tea. Add to FA Black Tea to make an Earl Grey. Bergamot is also the key to orange liqueur like Grand Marnier. Add 0.5% Bergamot to FA Orange (and optionally Brandy and/or Mandarin) for various orange liqueur flavors. Bergamot adds an exotic touch and extends orange flavors through the exhale. It has a bit of bitterness that works well in cocktail and beverage vapes.

FA Bilberry

Stronger than most FA fruits! This is fresh-picked bilberries, which are European blueberries, similar to American huckleberries. Bilberries are a bolder flavor, "darker" and "wilder" than cultivated American blueberries - and not as sweet. Bilberry is a very popular flavor in Europe, not too common in the U.S. American blueberries taste bland and watery when compared to bilberries. This flavor can dominate a recipe. It can overpower weak fruit flavors at surprisingly low percentages, but it blends easily with other dark fruits and berries like Black Cherry,

combination is great with tea and chocolate recipes. Try with FA Brandy for a liqueur flavor. To make it taste more like an American blueberry, use plenty of sweet flavors with it, and consider adding creams. Add a little FA Forest Mix for extra complexity in recipes that feature bilberry.

FA Bitter Wizard

This is an additive to mask sweetness, especially for tobacco blends and high-VG mixes. FA recommends using about 1% to cover sweetness, more to add a bitter edge. FA Grapefruit has a similar effect on fruit blends.

FA Blackberry

<1% !! Warning, very strong! FlavourArt has said this is one of their strongest flavors. It's a deep, full, complex, blackberry flavor. It is not especially sweet. The background flavor is musky, like wild blackberries, and earthy. If it tastes like soap or perfume to you, you are using too much. Consider making a 10% dilution to use as your flavoring - this makes it easier to use very small amounts or fine-tune your percentage. Fresh Cream is excellent to lighten the flavor; include additional sweeter flavors for the best flavor. Fans of berry tobacco might enjoy a tiny (0.1%) touch of Blackberry in the background for the dark berry flavor. If you have an aversion to floral flavors but want dark berries, consider using FA Forest Mix or Bilberry instead. Blackberry mellows some with a long steep.

FA Black Cherry

Perfect for cherry cola! (try 4% Cola with 2% Black Cherry). Black Cherry can overrule mild fruit flavors at surprisingly low percentages. It's great for sweetening other strong, dark fruits and berries, like Bilberry, Pomegranate, and Black Currant. Black Cherry makes tasty cherry brandy (add a touch of FA Brandy) or cherry rum (mix with FA Jamaican Rum). For baked fruit flavor in bakery mixes, add a touch of Brandy or Jamaican Rum. Excellent with FA Almond for a bold cherry-almond addition to any recipe. For cherry tobacco, Black Cherry is probably the one you want (as opposed to Cherry). For a less dominant, less sweet cherry flavor, try FA Cherry. The two flavors work well together, usually with more Cherry than Black Cherry for a balanced flavor. If your Black Cherry vape needs any vanilla flavor, the sweet cherry/almond accents of FA Vanilla Tahiti work especially well.

FA Black Currant

No other brand does this flavor near as well. It's a berry-like flavor with sweet and tart notes. It sweetens dark berry flavors, like Bilberry. It adds tartness to others, like Raspberry. Small additions of

Black Currant can add tanginess and interest to other fruit flavors without distracting too much. This is one of the main flavors in FA Forest Mix.

FA Black Fire

Smoke flavor without tobacco notes. Black Fire is most often used with tobaccos to add authentic smokiness to the exhale. Get your tobacco recipe to your liking, then add Black Fire in small steps, just 0.25% at a time, for a realistic smoke effect. It does not alter the tobacco flavors but adds some sourness as you approach too much. If you add more than that, you'll taste hickory. Also read about FA Latakia.

FA Black Pepper

This is worth getting just to satisfy your curiosity. It's a warm, woody spice flavor, not at all sharp. It does not sting, add "throat hit", or make you sneeze! Pepper is certainly at home in Indian chai vapes. If you vape tomato or cucumber flavors, try adding Black Pepper. Some people pepper melons, so that's worth a try. There may be some tobacco blends that work with this warm spice, too. Chefs pair black pepper with vanilla.

FA Black Tea

Plain, unsweetened black tea. Mixed with 50% or more PG, you'll get authentic bitterness. You'll need to add your own lemon, mint, honey, cream, bergamot, and so on. Note that Black Tea tastes stronger with cheap/"spicy" nic base! The better your nic quality, the MORE of this flavoring you need. Start at 2% & work up.

FA Brandy

Very authentic boozy flavor right after mixing, even when used under 1% percent - but MUCH smoother and more subtle as it ages! Add to fruit flavors, just 0.25% to make them taste juicier, 0.5% for a 'baked fruit' effect, or 1-1.5% for tasty fruit liqueur flavors. Especially good with FA Bilberry, Black Currant, Apricot, and cherry flavors. Apricot Brandy and Black Cherry Brandy are superb made with FA flavorings. Brandy adds a gourmet touch to fruity bakery recipes - remember to let your mix age at least a day or two if you use it like this. A light touch of Brandy with apple flavors can give you hard apple cider. If you want a recipe to taste like it includes real alcohol, use Brandy, and vape it without steeping. For a more subtle "fermented" note in your fruity recipes, also read the notes on FA Liquid Amber.

FA Burley

Versatile, neutral, pleasant, "light brown" tobacco flavor, like air-dried burley tobacco. It's an excellent blender, just like in real tobacco blends. From accents under 0.5% to full-strength at 2% or so, only the strength of the flavor changes; no hidden notes emerge or vanish at different percentages. If you like the flavor of American cigarettes, you'll like adding Burley as part of almost any tobacco blend. Just 0.5% in a recipe makes it distinctly tobacco. It has earthy, spicy, and nutty notes in roughly equal measure. As it steeps, it's smoother and slightly creamy. There is no caramel, licorice, or vanilla, nothing sour, nothing "green" or grassy, no ash or smoke flavor, nothing exotic. If you need the flavor of a plain, neutral tobacco leaf, reach for Burley. For cigarette tobacco blends, use

it with Virginia and a tiny bit of Desert Ship.

FA Butterscotch

Bolder, richer, and sweeter than FA Caramel, like butterscotch ice-cream topping. For bold caramel flavor in a recipe, Butterscotch stands out more distinctly than FA Caramel. Where caramel blends in; Butterscotch pops. 2% Butterscotch + 1% FA Brandy makes a Buttershots butterscotch schnapps flavor, good in cocktail-type vapes. When combined with nut flavors or Coconut, some very rich, buttery notes can develop over time. The higher quality your nic and the more VG in your mix, the smoother Butterscotch will taste. FA Jamaican Rum sweetens it well - think butter rum.

FA Cam Blend

This has been sold under various names over the years: CamBlend, CamT, and CamTel. Right after mixing, this is unmistakably sandalwood - the aromatic, spicy, earthy, woody flavor of sandalwood incense or massage oil. For tobacco blends, it must be used in small amounts and **MUST** steep. It will make itself known in tobacco mixes even at 0.25%, mellowing and losing a lot of its perfume qualities as it ages. If you are looking for spicy Turkish type that's less aromatic, consider FA Desert Ship.

FA Cantaloupe, see FA Melon Cantaloupe

FA Cappuccino

This is a mild but persistent coffee flavor with powerful cream - unsweetened. The cream in Cappuccino can overpower others flavors, so mixing with it can be a challenge. Mix your other flavors, then add Cappuccino in small 0.5% increments to avoid erasing the other flavors. The powerful cream in Cappuccino can be extremely useful. Try it as a creamy-coffee addition to sweet recipes - that can give you excellent, mild coffee vapes that cannot be duplicated easily with other FA flavors.

FA Caramel

More like ice-cream topping than hard candy. It never tastes burnt or cracker-jacks-like. Definitely less sweet than most other brands' caramels. It adds rich caramel to tobaccos without transforming the mix into candy. Add FA Butterscotch for bolder, sweeter caramel. Adding nut flavors can produce buttery effects as a mix ages; see notes on FA Butterscotch and Walnut.

FA Cardamom

No other company makes this spice flavor, and FA did it perfectly! If you vape coconut, fruit flavors, chai/tea, or spiced bakery recipes, you need this flavor. It tastes just like sweet green cardamom, a sweet, earthy spice related to ginger. If you dislike ginger, you may not like Cardamom - otherwise, give this spice a try. It's a distinctive flavor you're likely to recognize from Indian chai. Cardamom adds a great touch to many fruits. Accent citrus with Cardamom for a Scandinavian accent. Cardamom and coconut are a perfect pair; cardamom sweetens the flavor of FA Coconut, especially on the exhale. Try it in recipes featuring FA Almond for a traditional Indian flavor pairing. Of course you need Cardamom for authentic chai flavor. Add 0.25-0.5% Cardamom along with your other chai spices.

FA Catalan Cream

This is the flavor Spanish catalan cream custard made with the traditional ingredients. It's sharper and more complex than Vienna Cream. It's sweet and creamy, with vanilla, a little lemony citrus, a little dark caramel, and a small touch of cinnamon-spice (which some can taste and some cannot). FA Joy accentuates the spice in Catalan Cream. Vary your vaping power to taste the range of flavors. It's bold enough to stand up to strong berry flavors. For a milder version of this flavor, use it with Vienna Cream. Catalan Cream makes a complex vape all by itself. It can smooth bold tobacco flavors while adding a hint of sharp vanilla-caramel-citrus; the bit of spice in Catalan Cream can vanish when mixed with some other flavors. Excellent with fruity and bakery flavors.

FA Cherry

Red, slightly tart, fresh cherry flavor - not a sweet or dark cherry. 3% or more will remind some people of cherry candy or cough drops. A little menthol makes it into a proper cough drop. If you want it to taste more like candy, try adding tiny amounts of FA Orange and/or FA Fuji. To overcome the cough-drop effect in any cherry flavor, add supporting, similar fruit flavors; try an accent of Forest Mix for more complexity, Black Cherry for sweeter/darker flavor, Blackcurrant for sweet-and-tart effects, or Brandy for a boozy flavor.

FA Cigar Passion

This is a potent flavor; 2% standalone is quite strong after steeping. This is designed to be a Cuban cigar flavor, robust and complex enough to enjoy as a standalone flavor. I have no knowledge of real Cuban cigars, so I can't offer any comparison. Those who know cigars better than I do use this flavoring as a base for cigar mixes. It's a spicy, woody, dark tobacco flavor, bolder than Tuscan Reserve. Cigar Passion changes flavor as it ages, so be sure to let it mature before passing judgment.

FA Cocoa and FA Chocolate

If you're familiar with cocoa manufacturing, think of FA Chocolate as chocolate liquor before the cocoa butter is added, and think of FA Cocoa as cocoa powder. The two flavorings are often used together as the beginning of a complete chocolate flavor. FA Chocolate can taste like Hershey's syrup or chocolate liqueur, depending on the other flavorings you use with it. If you have chocolate extract in your kitchen, notice FA Chocolate smells just the same. When chocolate extract is used in cooking, it's often used with cocoa powder - which is the flavor of FA Cocoa.

When using Cocoa and Chocolate together, more Cocoa than Chocolate gives you darker chocolate flavor. For milk chocolate use more Chocolate and less Cocoa. The two together are still not a candy bar flavor - you'll have to add milky/sweet/caramel notes with other flavorings. Acetyl pyrazine is a secret weapon for chocolate vapes, but it doesn't have to be used in pure form. Bakery type flavors like FA Cookie or TFA Cheesecake Graham can serve the same purpose while adding bakery or creamy notes. Many tobacco flavorings and most nut flavors contain acetyl pyrazine, if you're interested in experimenting.

Like many other dark-colored flavorings, too much Cocoa can clog your wick/coil fairly quickly, and too much power will give you a burnt flavor. If you're sub-ohming, beware. If you're using more basic

hardware, you're in luck, because Cocoa is one amazing flavor when vaped at higher resistance. The higher quality your nicotine base is, the better Cocoa and Chocolate will taste. That's true of most flavors, but the difference with these two can be drastic. If you're not sure of your nic quality, try vaping Cocoa (or a recipe containing it) with your usual nic base versus 0 mg, using identical hardware. If the difference is stunning, your nic is interfering with your flavors.

FA Cocoon (flavor blend)

This is a pre-mixed flavor blend that tastes like fresh (Fuji) apples, caramel, and maybe a bit of pastry. FA's flavor blends are intended to make mixing easy & quick, especially for new DIYers.

FA Cinnamon Ceylon

Superb bakery cinnamon flavor - complex and true to the real spice. Although some people use it at crazy percentages for red-hot cinnamon candy - that's not the best use of this one (use TFA

recipes - that's where Cinnamon Ceylon really shines. Like real cinnamon powder, it's not very sweet. It relies on the rest of your recipe for sweetness. Sweeten using flavors that taste sweet on the exhale, like FA Cardamom or Anise. In bakery recipes, FA Zeppola sweetens Cinnamon Ceylon beautifully!

FA Citrus Mix (Sicilian Mix) FA describes this one simply and accurately: "orange, lemon, grapefruit and mandarin." If you have those FA flavors, you can duplicate Citrus Mix. The grapefruit gives you tartness of fresh-squeezed citrus juice and makes this fresher and livelier than most other mixed- citrus flavorings. It's interesting enough to enjoy standalone flavor, especially if you like grapefruit. Small amounts added to dull fruit blends or single citrus flavors can brighten them and add interest.

FA Clove

Somewhere between the flavor of clove oil and powdered cloves used in baking. It's a strong flavor that does not fade much with time, with the sweetness of real cloves. As little as 0.25% will stand out in a chai-type spice mixture. Clove is a pure spice flavor, not a kretek clove cigarette. Try a little clove to help sweeten recipes that feature lots of Cinnamon Ceylon.

FA Coconut

Creamy, realistic coconut flavor like raw coconut meat/milk or unsweetened coconut cream. It's the same level of sweetness as fresh coconut - not sugar-coated or candy, and not at all processed or artificial tasting. It's a great tropical touch for fruit blends, tobaccos, coffee, and bakery recipes. Mix with sweet candy flavors for candy bars. Excellent in cocktail-type vapes, where it works just like coconut cream. When building a recipe, keep in mind that you'll taste Coconut as a lingering flavor at the end of an exhale. For dry coconut flavor, FA Oakwood gives a coconut-husk effect, like the paper- thin, light brown, inner shell of a coconut (a good combination for coconut tobaccos.) FA Cardamom is superb with Coconut. It adds an exotic spicy touch and sweetens the exhale. Bakers often include vanilla and/or almond when working with coconut - try the same in your recipes for a familiar flavor.

FA Coffee Espresso

Strong, bold, true, never bitter, excellent coffee flavor! No skunky flavor that some coffee flavorings have. No offensive vapor trail. For Starbucks-like flavor, start with your favorite cream and flavors. Get them to your liking, then add 0.5-1% Espresso. Think of 0.5% addition as an 'espresso shot' in a venti sized Starbucks drink. For plain blonde coffee, try 1-2% Espresso with 2% FA Fresh Cream. With high- VG, high-quality nic base, Espresso is mildly sweet. With lower quality nic, Coffee Espresso is very strong and can have a harsh edge. If it seems unpleasant to you, try Espresso with 0 mg base to see if your nic is altering the flavor.

FA Cola

This is great Coke flavor. It does not require any steep. It's a totally clear liquid that vapes clean and tastes great all by itself. It even gives you a bubbly, carbonated effect, easiest to notice if you use some PG in your nic base. 4% FA Cola with 2% FA Black Cherry is a perfect Cherry Coke. For ice in your Coke, add a little Polar Blast. Real cola is a complex blend of citrus, spice, and vanilla flavors. With that in mind, innovative DIYers can sometimes find uses for it other than soda pop flavors.

FA Concord Grape see Grape Concord

FA Condensed Milk

Beware: this is a misnamed flavoring! It would more accurately be called Evaporated Milk or Powdered Milk. This is NOT sweetened, condensed milk; it's certainly not like a can of Eagle Brand. It tastes like powdered milk, including the "dustiness" you smell opening a box of it. The "dusty" note can be very persistent in recipes. Condensed Milk can erase existing sweetness from other flavors in a recipe. If you use it in a recipe, start around 0.25%; it easily overwhelms other flavors. Steeping is recommended for a little more mellow flavor.

FA Cookie

Very versatile flavoring! Has no diketones, which sets it apart from most other vendors' cookie flavorings. It's a very neutral cookie base with no spices, vanilla, or other flavors to interfere with your additions. It can be used standalone (some like it that way), as a cookie base, or to add bakery effects to recipes. It adds rich, warm, baked flavor. If you're making a cookie recipe with bold flavors, start with about 2% Cookie. For crunchy cookie flavor, use more. For the flavor of browned edges, include some Caramel. For soft-baked, gooey cookies, use less and add Marshmallow. For smoother flavor and rich cookies include Vienna Cream. Including Anise adds an authentic Italian biscotti flavor. Also see the notes on FA Apple Pie regarding Cookie.

FA Cowboy Blend

A Virginia-based tobacco blend with honey flavor. The more VG you use and the higher your nic quality, the sweeter this is. If you're looking for a mild cigarette type flavoring, also read the description of FA Max Blend. In lower quality or "peppery" nicotine base, especially with high PG, you may taste more caramel than honey. If you want a honey tobacco and Cowboy Blend is too sweet, consider using Cowboy as *just* the honey accent in a plain tobacco blend.

FA Cuban Supreme

There are many conflicting reviews for this, so I've describe it in detail. It's a neutral, mild, true tobacco flavor. It's less bold than FA Virginia or Burley, but it's more obviously tobacco than Maxx Blend or 7 Leaves. It's dry, woody, and smooth, neutral, light brown tobacco leaf flavor. The exhale includes some woody vanilla. It's not at all ashy or "dirty" tasting. It's never bitter or sour. It's on the sweet side of neutral, just lightly sweet (less so than 7 Leaves and MaxxBend). You'll notice sweetness on the tongue during an inhale if you're using 2% or higher. I can barely taste Cuban Supreme at 1%; somewhere between 2-3% will satisfy most vapers. It's an easy flavor to mix with, because it does not change flavor as you change the percent - just changes strength. Changing wattage alters the balance of dry-woody and tobacco-vanilla, but not drastically. Cuban Supreme is complex, interesting, and tasty enough to vape standalone. It also blends perfectly with FA's other basic tobacco flavors. Virginia adds moisture and stronger 'yellow/green' tobacco flavor; Burley adds darker tobacco flavor; Desert Ship adds spiciness that Cuban Supreme completely lacks. RY4 fans will like this with added 555-ish tobacco (or nut flavors or Glory), a bit of caramel, and perhaps more vanilla. If you like honey flavor, add Cowboy or MaxxBend. If standalone 7 Leaves is too mild for you, add some Cuban Supreme for the 'next step up' in boldness - or skip a couple steps and try Cuban Supreme standalone. Cuban Supreme is perfect for mellowing wild or harsher tobacco flavors. If coconut tobacco sounds appealing, start with Cuban Supreme, maybe a hint of Burley, and 0.5% FA Coconut. You'll taste dry, woody-vanilla- coconut notes on the exhale. It's a nice tropical touch but still a predominantly tobacco flavor. If you want to go a little exotic, add a tiny bit of FA Cardamom along Coconut. Excellent! The vapor trail of plain Cuban Supreme is practically undetectable under 2%. Beyond that, it's mild vanilla - this gets a stealth-vape seal of approval. If you've hesitated to DIY tobacco flavors or want to try just one FA tobacco, this is a good one to start with. I think it's the one FA tobacco that would appeal the widest audience. It's obviously tobacco, neutral, excellent standalone, mixes perfectly with others; I can't imagine anyone would find it offensive at 2-3%.

FA Cucumber

This tastes like fresh cucumbers - actually a very appealing and intriguing flavor to vape. It's light, refreshing, and slightly sweet. The cool/green flavor works well to add the impression of rind

to melon flavors, like the white part of watermelon. Try pairing Cucumber with Spearmint, lime flavors, or Black Pepper.

FA Custard

If you are looking for an American vanilla pudding flavor, read my notes on FA's Vienna Cream, Catalan Cream, and all three FA Vanilla flavors. FA Custard is a true custard flavor, the chefs' version made by cooking egg yolks, sugar, milk/cream, and vanilla into a thickened cream. FA is an Italian company, so they've included lemon zest as an Italian chef would. This is a bright, sweet, lemony- vanilla cream. Use Custard with your favorite fruits to make them creamy. The vanilla accents all fruit flavors, and the lemon complements most. If you enjoy vaping fresh fruit flavors, you need FA Custard. Gelato is Italian ice cream that begins with cooked custard. Simply adding FA Custard to your favorite FA fresh fruit flavors can give you authentic Italian gelato flavor. The stronger the fruit flavor is, the higher the ratio of Custard to fruit. If a (real food) recipe begins with egg yolks, milk/cream, and sugar stirred together over heat, then the vape equivalent needs FA Custard. You'll find it's the beginning of many cooked candies, ice cream, cakes, pies/tarts, etc. You can use Custard along with

Vienna Cream to minimize the lemon flavor. Also read about Nonna's Cake, which is a custard pie flavor.

FA Dark Vapure

I can't vape enough of this very bold, harsh tobacco flavor to properly describe it, but just an observation that 0.5% is too intense for me personally, standalone or in recipes.

FA Desert Ship

This is FA's mainstream Turkish tobacco flavor. It does not have the depth of a naturally- extracted tobacco flavoring like Hangsen, but it does have the rich spice blend and brown tobacco leaf flavor I expected. Desert Ship is best after steeping. FA suggests using just 1%. For cigarette tobacco blends, use it as an accent for Virginia and Burley. If you want a smokier flavor, consider FA Latakia instead or in addition to Desert Ship.

FA Dusk

A very mild, soft tobacco blend with notes of raw wood. Very light sweetness that diminishes as it steeps. Not floral or spicy. If you're using this flavor standalone, start at 3% and work up.

FA E-Motions flavors see individual flavor names: Aurora, Eclipse, Glory, etc.

FA Eclipse

One of FlavourArt's less strong flavors; try about 5%. This is a semi-sweet, smooth, dark chocolate- cigar tobacco blend that tastes very similar to an equal mix of FA Tuscan Reserve and FA Cocoa (be sure to read notes here on those two flavors), with a *subtle* accent of mint (not menthol). The cocoa flavor in Eclipse does not scorch when vaped at higher power and does not clog a coil like recipes that feature FA Cocoa can. The cocoa in Eclipse tastes very smooth, not at all dry or "powdery". Eclipse does not change much as it ages, so no long steep time is needed. Note that this flavor separates into layers quickly as it sits, forming an opaque layer at the bottom, especially if the temperature is cool.

FA Espresso see FA Coffee Espresso

FA Fresh Cream

One of FlavourArt's most useful flavors. This is just plain, fresh, light cream - no sweetener, no vanilla - and none of the chemical, plastic, or fake flavor or diketones that most other brands include. Use 0.5% to add creamier, smoother flavor to a recipe. Use up to 2% in a recipe for milky flavor. It's excellent with coffees and other beverages, fruits, bakery flavors, mints, creamy desserts, the cream in cocktail recipes, even to mellow a harsh tobacco. Remember your other flavors must provide the sweetness - Marshmallow often works well for that. If using it with fruits, a touch of Lychee or Pear can sweeten it. If FlavourArt has a single most-useful flavoring for DIY recipes, this is it.

FA Fig

Fresh figs. Fig tastes "riper" when accented with FA Apple (not Fuji) or FA Amber. As an addition

around 0.5%, Fig makes a syrupy, bright sweetener for bold fruit flavors. To accent figs, chefs often pair it with orange or lemon.

FA Flash

This is an additive intended as an alternative to nicotine, especially for tobacco smokers transitioning directly to zero-nic vaping. FA recommends 2% or less added to any mix; I recommend trying 0.5% first, then working up. If you taste chili peppers you've used too much; it's designed to give "throat hit" - not flavor. If you're looking for a vaping experience similar to smoking, also read about FA Black Fire.

FA Forest Fruit (Forest Mix) A tasty mix of fresh bilberry (wild blueberry flavor), raspberry, strawberry, black currant, and a touch of blackberry, as far as I can tell. These are all realistic, fresh berry flavors. If you can have only one FA berry flavor, choose Forest Fruit. Don't be afraid to add more of your favorite berry flavor to emphasize it in the mix. In a recipe that features a single berry flavor, try adding 0.5% Forest Mix for some complex background notes.

FA Fuji

Fresh, crisp apple flavor - exceptional fresh fruit flavor - one of FA's very best fruit flavors. Fuji is a prominent flavor that stands out in mixes more than FA Apple. If you want apple juice, mild baked apples, or apple sauce sweetness, you want Apple (instead of or in addition to Fuji). Fuji is between red and green apple flavor; it can be edged in either direction by other flavors in your recipe. For sour accents, experiment with small additions of Kiwi, Black Currant, and/or lime flavors. Don't be afraid to use Fuji and Apple together for more complex apple flavor.

FA Gin

Very realistic aroma and flavor of actual gin (with the same distinct juniper flavor), especially right after mixing. It is a little bit sweet. This is an excellent addition to fruity vapes, even if you don't drink alcohol. Adding 1% FA Gin makes light fruit flavors bright and summery; it adds sparkle to darker fruits and berries; it enhances all the citrus flavors. Use 2% or more Gin with fruits

beverage flavor. 2% Gin, 1% Lime Tahiti, 1% Cherry reminds me more of soda or tonic water than a mixed drink.

FA Glory

FA is after the NET crowd with this one. Hangsen fans are likely to enjoy Glory (also see my notes on SOHO). Hangsen fans will compare Glory to Hangsen Highway, and might recognize some tobacco notes like in Indian or Arabic (just the sweet tobacco part; Glory is not spicy). Old Dekang fans would call this a 555: nutty, fairly sweet, brown tobacco. Glory lingers in your sinuses a while after you exhale, like many NET tobaccos. It sure gives me the impression of containing natural tobacco extracts. Exhaled vapor did not offend non-vapers. I didn't get any startling flavor changes as it steeped. The nutty flavor became richer and the overall vape smoother. I get a rich, creamy undertone with max-VG - savory, like the crust flavor in FA Apple Pie, and smooth - it required steeping for that to fully develop. At 2.5% it's nutty, rich, bold, "brown" tobacco with dark caramel -

sweet, but not dessert-like. Around 2% more nuances emerge. A hint of dark fruit? There is a sour note similar to FA Tuscan Reserve. Is that deep vanilla or butterscotch? The complexity will keep you guessing, especially as you vary your power from low (creamiest) to higher (all kinds of interest). I was happiest at 1.75%, about the same strength I'd use FA Tuscan Reserve or Cuban Supreme standalone. If you taste only nutty tobacco, try using LESS to taste the full complexity, or let it steep longer. Standalone Glory will be an all-day-vape for many tobacco vapers. I think of most FA tobaccos as ingredients for blends, but Glory needs nothing added to taste complete or realistic. Some might like adding 0.25% Black Fire for extra "smoke" effect on the exhale. Some might like adding vanilla- caramel-butterscotch for milder, dessert- like tobacco. Some might add FA Desert Ship for spice. Inawera fans will reach for their plum flavor or ashly base. But you're looking for a 555-type vape, just mix Glory at 2% and you'll have an easily-mixed bottle of excellence. If you dislike sour notes in a tobacco blend, see FA SOHO for another NET-type tobacco.

FA Grape Concord

Fresh-picked Concord dark grapes from the vine, bitter skin and all. Fresh Concord grapes are strongly flavored and aromatic, and so is this flavoring. This is not Welch's juice, pop, or candy flavor - and it's quite strong. 2% as the main flavor in recipe gives very bold grape flavor, and <1% still stands out. Mix with plenty of sweet flavors and/or keep below 1% Grape Concord for milder grape juice flavor. This can be a tricky one to mix with, but it really is the flavor of this particular grape variety right from the vine.

FA Grape White

Tastes like a handful of white wine grapes plucked from the vine and eaten fresh, skin and all. This is very useful for making the flavors of real fruit-juice blends. Look at the ingredients on a 100% juice blend, and you're likely to see white grape juice in the listing. It is aromatic with a perfume-like exhale around 2%, but use 1% or less to sweeten other fruits without adding much grape flavor. For a more neutral fruity sweetener, see FA Pear.

FA Grapefruit

Yellow or perhaps pink grapefruit flavor - the whole fruit, not just the juice. This is not a sweet flavor, not a ruby-red grapefruit. It includes a realistic bitter edge, like the membrane between grapefruit sections. If you like fruity cocktail vapes, try Grapefruit with Gin. FA Orange and Lemon Sicily are both sweeter and combine well with Grapefruit. If you need a sweet grapefruit flavor, consider TFA Hpno. Using it with FA Grapefruit can give you the best of both.

FA Green Tea

This is a very earthy flavor that doesn't appeal to me at all, like vaping garden soil with a bit of vegetation. FA makes such a perfect Black Tea that this Green Tea is a major disappointment in comparison. If you want good green tea flavor, I recommend TFA Green Tea instead.

FA Guava

This seems especially strong to me, with a sharp aromatic/floral bit that permeates other flavors. When you drink the original "red" Hawaiian Punch, there is a distinctive aromatic flavor as you finish a

sip - that's guava. I think it's best used as the only aromatic touch (and strong sweetener) in a blend of tropical fruits - and then at <1%.

FA Hazelnut

In my opinion, this is the single most accurate nut flavor that any manufacturer produces. It's the strong flavor of hazelnuts without the papery brown skin, like plain hazelnut butter (not sweetened). This is an excellent flavor to add to your chocolate candy bar recipes. Hazelnut carefully mixed with acetyl pyrazine (plus Caramel and other accents) can give the impression of peanut butter. In dessert and coffee recipes, even 0.25% can add sufficient hazelnut flavor. It's excellent in coffee vapes, especially used with caramel and/or vanilla.

FA Honey

Extra-strong flavoring! This is sweet, realistic, excellent amber honey flavor - deeper than clover honey, lighter than buckwheat honey. It is not floral or fruity, and it smells just like a bottle of honey when you sniff the bottle. It's very strong and very sweet! Even 0.25% FA Honey can overwhelm a recipe. I suggest making a small bottle of 10% FA Honey to use as your flavoring bottle. Using 1% from that bottle gives you 0.1% flavoring - which is a light 'spoonful' of honey flavor in a recipe. To reduce the sweetness, add a very tiny bit of FA Brandy along with it - a good trick when working with tobaccos. For a floral orange-blossom honey flavor, try a tiny addition of FA Neroli or Bergamot flavoring. For honey-sweetened almond flavor, see FA Torrone. Using large amounts of FA Honey in a recipe produces a long-lasting vape trail that bystanders may find offensive.

FA Hypnotic Myst

A light, sweet flavoring with elements of marshmallow and fruit. This is a nebulous blend of soft flavors, hard to identify. It's not the flavor of Hpnotiq liqueur, despite the name.

FA Irish Cream

The flavor of Baileys Original Irish Cream liqueur - not the mint or other flavored versions - and without added cream. This smells and tastes like a bottle of the real liqueur, so much tastier than other brands' versions. It's a delicious standalone vape, but as with the real liqueur, it's also a great mixer. It's excellent with coffee vapes, of course. If you like the flavored Baileys liqueurs, you can make superb vape versions of all of them with FA flavors. A little Irish Cream sweetens and makes bakery recipes more interesting. Using it with vanilla flavors tends to erase the chocolate flavor; add some chocolate/cocoa if you want that flavor to be more noticeable. If Irish Cream is a major ingredient in your recipe, let it steep for smoothest flavor.

FA Jamaican Rum

An excellent general sweetener and tasty rum flavor. This is more sweet than boozy (think "butter rum" not "yo-ho-ho"). Many vapers enjoy it standalone. It mixes with other flavors just like real rum for cocktails. Add other FA flavors to make your own flavored rums (apricot and coconut are excellent) and more complex cocktail vapes. Rum is a tasty sweetener for coffee vapes. Jamaican Rum can taste very dark, amber or golden - depending on the flavors you mix it with. A little rum in dark fruits and berries makes them taste warm and oven-baked. Try a little rum in your eggnog (Vienna

Cream), pies, banana bread, and other bakery flavors. Rum and Cola is easy and good.

FA Jasmine

The floral sweetness of Jasmine is right at home with tea flavors. Just add 1% or less FA Jasmine to your standalone percentage of FA Black Tea or TFA Green Tea, perhaps a little Lemon Sicily, and you'll have a very impressive jasmine tea vape.

FA Joy

If you're familiar with funnel cakes, imagine glazed funnel cakes. That's my best description of Joy - sweet, oil-fried, doughy flavor with vanilla. I find it a very appealing standalone vape from 2% to 3%; over 3% is cloying to me. Vape Joy standalone before using it in your recipes. Some of us find it delicious; some find it quite unpleasant and yeasty like beer; I have not yet found an explanation or solution, but some who do not like it standalone still enjoy it in certain recipes. Joy boosts spice flavors, especially when the spices are hidden, as in Catalan Cream, Apple Pie, and tobaccos. Joy can add glaze-like flavor to bakery recipes, especially when used with FA Vanilla Classic. My best results with Joy have mostly included Cookie and creamy vanilla flavors. If you do not like Joy, read about Zeppola for a possible alternative.

FA Kiwi

Authentic kiwi fruit flavor, with the sweet-and-tart flavor of fresh fruit. I'm most impressed that they got the sweetness level just right. I don't recall ever reading negative comments about this flavor - it's really good if you like real kiwi! If you're mixing this with FA Strawberry or Watermelon, use a very light hand with the Kiwi - it's strong compared to the other FA fruit flavors that are commonly used with it. FA Marshmallow tames kiwi flavor while adding sweetness.

FA Labyrinth (flavor blend)

This is one of FA's blended flavors, designed to be complete in itself and make DIY easier for new mixers. It's a cake-like flavor with vanilla, and a soft blend of multiple fruit flavors. Labyrinth is milder and smoother than Nonna's Cake as it ages.

FA Latakia

FlavourArt recommends 1% standalone. At 1% I'm reminded of a strong, unfiltered cigarette. At 1.5% I tasted some accents that I missed with just 1%, including anise that sweetens the smoke exhale a little bit. I find this harsh before a long steep. It's a strong, fairly dark, smokey tobacco, among FA's boldest tobacco flavors. Latakia has a dry, smokey exhale with sour and bitter accents. If Latakia is much too intense for you, but you like realistic tobacco vapes, keep it around. You can add Latakia to mild blends to darken the tobacco flavor and add good smokiness in one step (0.25% is good for that purpose). If you want Latakia a little sweeter, use extra VG in your base; extra PG makes a drier flavor. If you want a little bolder flavor with the same basic profile of Latakia, mix in some Perique Black. If Latakia is just too intense for you, try Tuscan Reserve instead.

FA Lavender

The aromatic, sweet, slightly camphor flavor of lavender plants. If you enjoy lavender tea, candies, or lemonade, this flavoring will make you happy.

FA Layton Blend

This flavor tastes different at different percentages! You will find wildly-conflicting descriptions of this flavor online, but hopefully these notes will help clarify why, and help you use Layton's chameleon flavor to your advantage. Fine-tuning your percentage and vaping power is key. Layton is a complex tobacco flavor and an agreeable mixer. The tobacco flavor is mild, smooth, not very 'dark', but definitely tobacco. The tobacco bit stays unchanged from under 1% to at least 5%. However, all the other flavor notes vary by percentage, with major flavor changes around 1%, 3%, and 5%. Mixing less than 1% of Layton with other flavors adds a gentle, subtle coolness that's very useful to brighten and smooth dark, spicy, or pipe-like flavors. Under 1% standalone, you'll taste fairly neutral, mild, smooth tobacco flavor, and little else. Over 1% standalone gives you some distinct coolness. This isn't 'menthol' - just something cool and minty. Vaping at low power brings out a mystery-sweetness you'll find difficult to identify under 2%. It isn't honey or caramel, and there's no spiciness to it. Over 1% standalone and using higher power, the mystery-sweetness becomes a subtle, general fruitiness. At 3% standalone, the sweet-coolness is accentuated and begins to taste like clove, sweet on the tongue during inhale. The vague fruity notes become mixed citrus. At 5% standalone, some anise joins the clove. I suspect Layton may be among the most useful and versatile of FA's tobaccos for blending. It's certainly a complex blend of flavors with lots of interest. If a tobacco blend is too dark, heavy, spicy, or bold for you - try it with a little Layton.

FA Lemon Sicily

Limoncello lemon liqueur or Italian ice flavor. This lemon flavoring can be enjoyed all by itself - fresh, crisp, bright, a little sweet. It's not candy-sweet, not sour or bitter, not harsh, floral, or artificial tasting. Add your favorite fruit flavor to 3-4% Lemon Sicily for flavored lemonade, maybe with a little Polar Blast for the cool effect. Add 1% Lemon Sicily to fruity mixes to help separate the flavors and brighten the overall vape. Mixes perfectly with FA Custard for creamier, sweeter lemon flavor. Lemon Sicily becomes a sharp flavor around 4%; some people will taste lemon rind at that point. FA Torrone can boost that zesty note, as can FA Aurora.

FA Licorice (Black Touch; Licorice Flavor Plus) Tastes like black licorice candy you get in Australia or southern Europe, the kind made with some molasses. This is not the salty or sour salmiak kind of Scandinavian licorice, yet it's not sweet black jelly beans. For a brighter, sweeter licorice, add more FA Anise - but be aware the molasses flavor will still be there. Blackcurrant and other bold fruits can make this into fruity licorice candy flavors popular in Europe.

FA Lime Tahiti Cold-Pressed

FA has two quite different lime flavors. This one is fresh lime juice - refreshing, tart, and realistic. If you're making a limeade vape, start here. To add fresh lime juice flavor to a recipe, start with 0.5%. This is a prominent flavor when fresh; small amounts mellow substantially within a day or two. For zestier lime flavor, or for juice-and-a-twist, use it along with Lime Tahiti Distilled.

FA Lime Tahiti Distilled

Sharper than Cold-Pressed, both of which mellow with age. This is the muddled lime in a cocktail, or a twist of zesty peel in your limeade. If you're making soda pop or cocktail flavors, this is a must-have flavor. Creamy-sweet additions can make it taste like lime popsicles. When fresh-mixed (especially with plenty of PG), it's zesty, sparkling lime with a bit of bitterness. In recipes start with 0.5% or less - Lime Tahiti can dominate other flavors even at 1%. Use it with Cold-Pressed for complete lime flavor. If you like lime vapes, get both. If you just want limeade, get Lime Cold-Pressed instead.

FA Liquid Amber (Amber) Very useful for baked fruit and cider flavors. Think of it as a way to slightly ferment fruits. One FA vendor describes the standalone flavor well: "Warm and smooth flavor with a hint of fresh fruit and a delicate sourness in the aftertaste." At 3% standalone, it gives a hint of apple flavor, a bit of sweetness you taste in the far back of your throat, and undertones of sour, like the background warmth and sourness of slightly-hard cider. Add up to 1% Liquid Amber to apple flavors for basic apple cider. If you use mostly Liquid Amber with accents of Pear, Apple, Cherry, Apricot, the fruit flavors come through well. It's similar to adding FA Brandy to fruit, but a much smoother effect. If you don't have FA Brandy, or if Brandy is too strong for you, Liquid Amber can make a fine substitute in recipes. Liquid Amber can also boost mild anise and licorice notes in tobacco blends.

FA Lychee

Very sweet, aromatic, tropical fruit flavor. Smooth, almost creamy as it steeps. Lychee is similar in flavor to dragonfruit and can make an interesting substitute or partner for it. Try Lychee at 0.5% as a sweetener for fruits. Lychee sweetens late in an exhale, which makes it an especially useful touch in recipes; few sweet flavors linger like FA Lychee.

FA Mad Fruit (Mad Mix)

Mad Fruit was previously named Red Bull, and it's the flavor of original Red Bull. While there is debate regarding what fruit flavors Red Bull is supposed to contain, FA has made a pretty accurate copy of it. It's sweet, with tart notes, primarily cherry, and other "red" fruits, in my opinion. Mad Fruit can be used as a mild "sweet and tart" additive for fruity recipes to make soda pop or candy type vapes.

FA Mandarin

Like a fresh mandarin tangerine, not the canned ones floating in bland syrup. If you prefer a 'Cutie' to a navel orange, you'll like this flavor. Try it in place of Orange or as an accent for Orange in any recipe to add interest and stronger orange flavor. It will sometimes taste like orange zest if used as an accent with milder citrus flavors. It lacks a little sweetness, so if it's a main flavor, you might add some FA Orange for that.

FA Mango

Realistic flavor of mangos, stronger than most FA fruits. This is not especially sweet or ripe flavor; it has the acidic edge of a barely-ripe mango. Sweeter fruits like Orange or Peach help ripen it. Mango combines well with all the other tropical fruits, but use 0.5% or less Mango if you want the other flavors to be noticeable. 2% standalone is strong.

FA Mangosteen

An excellent match for the flavor of fresh mangosteen, which is very hard to find in the U.S. If you ever have the chance to try fresh mangosteen - do it! It's called 'Queen of the Fruits' for good reason. Fresh mangosteen is incredibly sweet. Though this flavoring is one of FlavourArt's sweetest, it doesn't quite match the sweetness of the fresh fruit. To maximize the sweetness use high VG and very clean nicotine. A clean coil is essential for this delicate flavor. I think hardware that produces a cooler vapor makes it taste best. FA Mangosteen is delicate, juicy, mild, and exotic. It has notes of a ripe Seckel pear (with similar sweetness), fresh white peach, some hints of mild orange, and something similar to sweetened pineapple. It has nothing in common with mangos, despite the name. I think fans of dragonfruit would especially like this flavor. Around 2% a floral note will develop. Excellent as a mystery flavor accent in tropical fruit blends. Try it as a sweetener for orange. Watch your "best by" date on this flavoring; it's really unpleasant when it's past its prime!

FA Maple Syrup

Excellent flavor of sweet maple syrup, ideal for touch of syrup in bakery, candy, and beverage vapes. If mixing with bold flavors, just 0.25% Maple Syrup or less can act as a sweetener. If you have a major sweet tooth, try Maple Syrup with some Caramel and Fresh Cream. Adding a very tiny bit of FA Honey makes the most flavorful, sweetest honey-maple vape ever, with no weird artificial-sweetener aftertaste. It's so sweet, you might want to brush your teeth after vaping that. If you're looking to make a maple tobacco or mix with boozy flavors, be aware Maple Syrup will sweeten the recipe, and start with just 0.5%. As it steeps, Maple Syrup will lose some sweetness.

FA Marshmallow

Plain marshmallow candy flavor with a little vanilla. This isn't toasted or fruity, just plain sweet 'mallow. Use it to smooth and sweeten edgy flavors, to sweeten Fresh Cream, to lighten the caramel bit of Meringue, or as a general sweetener. Around 2% you'll detect some sharp flavor that you probably don't want from a marshmallow flavor, so I generally use no more than that in recipes.

FA Marzipan

Don't pass this one by, even if you don't like marzipan candy. It's the flavor of sugar-glazed bitter almonds, reminiscent of the distinctive almond flavor in amaretto liqueur (but it's not a boozy flavoring). Additions of 0.5% or less complement and sharpen stone fruit flavors like apricot, peach, and cherry. Marzipan is a powerful sweetener that adds superb, clear almond flavor to bakery vapes - try it with FA Apple Pie for a sweet treat. If you're looking for mild almond extract background flavor, see FA Almond instead.

FA Maxx Blend

This is one of FA's mildest tobaccos; 3% is not overwhelming. Mild caramel/honey cigarette tobacco leaf flavor. This and 7 Leaves are two FA tobacco blends popular with vapers transitioning from cigarettes. If mixed using very clean/pure nic base, the caramel/honey flavor is mostly honey; with more "peppery" or lower-quality nic, it's more caramel than honey. It must steep for the tobacco flavors to mature. The tobacco seems to feature mostly Virginia with Burley, but they are mild here.

For bolder tobacco without major changes in the flavor profile, add a little FA Shade. Maxx Blend makes a gourmet substitute for caramel-honey flavor in some non-tobacco recipes, especially bakery types.

This is the bold flavor and sweetness level of ripe cantaloupe - just the orange part. It's one of FA's most "ripe" fruit flavors, with no "green" or rind flavor. It's an excellent match for the fresh fruit and a bold flavor that can overrun more delicate flavors (like watermelon) unless used with a light hand. If you like cantaloupe less ripe, add a little FA Cucumber for the green notes.

FA Menthol Arctic (Arctic Winter)

Plain menthol flavor. 0.5% sweetens with a little cool menthol-minty flavor. 1% or more adds definite menthol flavor. It seems the same as other brands' menthols to me. If you want a cooling effect without distinct menthol flavor, see my notes on Polar Blast.

FA Meringue

The flavor of well-baked, caramelized meringue from the top of a meringue pie. Beware mixing Meringue with subtle fruit flavors, which it can overwhelm. In recipes with nut flavors, strong spices, and some coffee recipes, Meringue can be the ideal sweetener. Of course it is the perfect flavor for meringue pie vapes.

FA Metaphor (flavor blend)

This tastes like creamy, sweet, very-vanilla cake with accents of sharp, sparkly, citrus. You can emphasize the creamy cake flavor by vaping with lower power. Higher power brings out sharper citrus notes. Metaphor leaves a sweet, delicious-smelling vapor trail.

FA Monsoon

This is a bit stronger than most FA flavors, so try 2 - 2.5% first. Around 3% produces a strongly fragrant vapor trail, like fruity incense, so start low. Right after mixing you'll taste mostly sugary-sweet, bright fruits, a tutti-fruity mix of cherries, candied orange peel, perhaps papaya, and others that come and go. By a day or two after mixing, a background flavor of vanilla cake (similar to Metaphor) emerges. Monsoon is among FA's sweetest flavors, excellent standalone - complex, sweet, and unique. It really needs nothing added to taste complete. Monsoon is prominent in recipes - even under 1% it can dominate; be sure to try it standalone a while before mixing with it.

FA Morning Sun (flavor blend)

FlavourArt describes this as a milky flavor with fresh fruit, but I taste a generous amount of Joy (see flavor notes) and apples - plus some cinnamon.

FA Nonna's Cake

Nonna's Cake is a traditional Italian custard pie made with sweet ricotta or mascarpone cheese. Think of this flavoring as a cross between baked vanilla custard and rich, sweet cheesecake - it can be coaxed in either direction - and it can contribute a vanilla cake flavor. Nonna's Cake changes as it ages, especially as a recipe ingredient. The mascarpone-like flavor (and a bit of lemon) is most prominent right after mixing and/or when used over 2% or so in recipes. Add Vienna Cream and vanillas to emphasize the custard bit. Use more Nonna's Cake and accent with Catalan Cream to emphasize the denser cheesecake-like flavor. For "fluffier," cake-like flavor, include caramel or butterscotch, and add Cookie - and be sure to allow some steep time for the cake flavor to fully develop. If you like sweet cake flavors, also read flavor notes on FA Metaphor.

FA Nut Mix

This is not quite as potent as Hazelnut, but it's still quite strong. I taste hazelnut, walnut, and almond. This is good for nutty tobaccos. Try it in candy bar recipes with butterscotch, caramel, cocoa, chocolate, nougat, a little fresh cream. It's awesome in Torrone, very authentic Italian candy flavor. A little Maple Syrup or Honey make great sweeteners for it.

FA Oak Wood

This is not a tobacco flavor, though vendors often classify it as one. Oak Wood is one of FA's darker-colored flavorings, but the flavor is mild. This is fresh, raw oak wood - not charred or ashy, not smoke-like. It's surprisingly good as a standalone at 3%, gives the impression of standing in a lumberyard or starting a woodworking project. Try it for a pleasant break from other flavors. FA obviously intends this as an additive to tobacco blends, but it also adds an "Oak Barrel aged" effect to other recipes and alcohol-flavors like Whiskey and Brandy. Use about half as much Oak Wood as the boozy flavor, but don't be afraid to go as high as equal amounts. Remember fruit ciders are often barrel-aged, too. With tobacco blends, a little Oakwood adds overall dryness; more produces the woody flavor. Add it to recipes containing coconut to get the flavor of the papery, light brown 'skin' inside a coconut shell. Try it with your favorite vanilla, too. Raw wood flavor adds an agreeable, rustic effect. For smoke flavor, look at FA Black Fire.

FA Orange

Plain orange juice flavor. It's not as snappy fresh-squeezed juice, not a knockout great flavor on its own, but it is the best orange for blending. It's easy to mix with and works perfectly as orange juice in recipes. Add Lemon Sicily for brighter flavor; Mandarin for stronger orange; Bergamot for a bitter, aromatic edge, as in Grand Marnier orange liqueur. If you need vanilla with FA Orange, FA Vanilla Classic is the easy choice. FA Vanilla Tahiti with it adds a hint of sweet cherry/almond for extra interest. FA Vanilla Bourbon tends to overrun Orange. FA Orange and Mandarin will not melt plastic droppers and syringes. Both flavorings will separate quickly as they sit. Always shake them before measuring!

FA ORYental 4: Less strong than most FA tobaccos, with no major flavor changes from 2-4%. This is NOT similar to other flavors with "RY" in the name. It would have been better named "Asian Bitter Herbs". If you've used Maxx Blend, you will taste similar but drier light cig tobacco on the inhale.

THEN comes the distinctive exhale of ORYental 4. It's a blast of Asian flavors and aromas. If you vape it with a plugged nose, you will not detect any flavors described in below. The overall effect is bitter-sour-herbal. It reminds me of Asian bitter melon. If you've been in a traditional Chinese medicine shop, ORYental 4's exhale will remind you of a deep breath in that shop. For those unfamiliar with those scents, imagine sniffing rice wine vinegar with dried dill and perhaps cilantro. This is not an unpleasant bitter-sour-herbal effect, if you're looking for exotic tobacco. There is a light background flavor of mild cigarette tobacco and a bit of smokiness reminiscent of Dark Fire, but they're faint behind the bitter-sour-herbal flavors. If this were named "Smokin' Dill Pickles" I would have believed it. Anyone searching for a way to create marijuana-flavored vapes ought to have this in their collection. I think the herbal part of could prove very useful in that pursuit. If you like ORYental 4, also read about FA Storm.

FA Ozone

The distinct aroma and flavor of celery seeds(!)

Another accurate representation of fresh fruit, this is the flavor of the smaller, sweeter, more common variety of papaya. This is only the ripe fruit flavor, NOT including the peppery seeds in real papaya (thank you, FA). Chefs sometimes pair papaya with Black Pepper; try that if you like papaya seeds. Lime is a great contrast for papaya, and adding coconut makes a fine tropical trio. Papaya with equal amounts with FA Pineapple is the start of many excellent, sweet, tropical fruit juice blends.

FA Passion Fruit

If you like tropical fruit flavors, you need this one. It's sweet and exotic, and it combines well with all of FA's tropical fruits. If you already have tropical fruit blends without this flavor, use 0.5-1% Passion Fruit in place of part of your other tropical fruits for an almost guaranteed improvement. Passion Fruit is excellent with Papaya. If you use Passion Fruit as a main flavor, consider an accent of Black Currant. If you have a citrus recipe in need of something special, try adding 1% or less Passion Fruit. It's good with most citrus, especially tasty with orange and peach flavors.

FA Peach

Sweet, ripe, juicy, yellow peaches. Using very high percentages of Peach can oddly reduce the flavor intensity. If you are one of the people who find FA Peach just not strong enough, try adding a little FA White Peach. The flavor combination is excellent - very authentic fresh peaches. Small additions of FA Pear can sweeten. Almond flavors pair well with Peach. Peach tastes "baked" if you accent it with TFA Brown Sugar, FA Liquid Amber, or small amounts of boozy flavors.

FA Peanut

This is a very raw nut flavor. It will be useful at a fraction of a percent in tobacco recipes for general nut flavor, but it will take very creative mixing to make the peanut-buttery flavor Americans expect.

FA Pear

Fresh pears, sweet and a little creamy. Pear can be used as an alternative to Sucralose-type sweeteners - especially nice with less-sweet fruit flavors and in fruity bakery recipes. FA Pear adds creamy sweetness that's perfect with peach, apricot, and plum flavors, whether FA versions or not. Pear gains creaminess as it steeps.

FA Peppermint

This is the true flavor of peppermint, mildly sweet (not as sweet as a candy cane), mildly cool, and a little bit creamy. There is no hint of spearmint, menthol, or vanilla. It's a clean peppermint flavor, easy to work with and excellent standalone. If you want a cold blast, add Polar Blast, any menthol, or 0.5% FA Anise for a different twist on the cool effect.

FA Perique Black

FA describes this as their strongest, darkest, most harsh tobacco, recommending 1% standalone. This is definitely intense, very dark tobacco, smokey, and harsh. I personally find it very unpleasant. Those who do like it generally give it a long steep. Even as a minor ingredient in a tobacco blend, well-steeped, I taste something like burnt metal in the charcoal-smoke exhale. If you're looking for harsh or ashy flavor, this is the FA flavor to try. If you find Perique Black too harsh, but you like smokiness and strong tobacco, try FA Latakia.

FA Pineapple

Strong, realistic flavor of **fresh** pineapple juice, not as sweet as canned juice or the core in the center of the fruit, and definitely not a candy flavor. This is a love/hate flavor! Some unfortunate vapers taste and smell it as onions or rubber; if you do, try the sweeter TFA Pineapple instead. Try FA Pineapple with equal amounts of FA Papaya for extra tropical sweetness - the pair make a great base for all kinds of tropical fruit blends. 2% standalone is strong.

FA Pistachio

This is a strong, woody, raw nut flavor. If you've ever had fresh, raw pistachios, you'll recognize it. It does make an intriguing wood-and-nut accent in tobacco vapes (at 0.5% or less). If you're aiming for pistachio ice cream, it's important to know that American "pistachio" ice creams tend to use primarily almond flavoring.

FA Polar Blast

This is an additive (start with just 0.5%) for a cool sensation without distinct menthol or mint flavor - similar to TFA Koolada. I find Polar Blast a little more powerful. Beware of tasting a drop of right out of the bottle; it's intensely cold on lips and tongue. Although it's not a menthol, using 1% or more can subtly alter some other flavors (I notice this with Koolada, too). Try plain Peppermint or Spearmint, then add 1% Polar Blast to taste the difference. I think it makes those flavors taste like breath-freshening chewing gum - and of course it adds a fun cool effect. At less than 1%, you're not likely to notice any flavor, just mild coolness. If inhaling Koolada makes you cough, give Polar Blast a try.

FA Pomegranate

Like fresh pomegranate, this is both sweet and tart, with a hint of the bitterness of the actual fruit. This is a very authentic flavor that will stand out in most recipes. It blends well with all the dark fruit and berry flavors. Orange makes a good sweetener. Lime and Coconut contrast well. FA's version has a realistic bitter note that's missing in TFA's sweeter pomegranate flavor. The two are interchangeable in most recipes.

FA Raspberry (Berry!) This is a little stronger than most FA flavors, and it tends to make itself noticed in recipes, so go light with it. Even 0.5% can stand out in a recipe with mild flavors, and 2% will overwhelm most recipes. This is a natural berry flavor with mostly sweet and a little fresh-tart flavor. It is not candy-sweet, but it's easily made into candy flavors when used with sweeter flavors. A really excellent pairing for fresh berry flavor is FA Black Currant. Equal amounts of the two make the beginning of popular European candies. Raspberry is an ideal fruit accent in chocolate vapes.

FA Reggae Night

A leafy herbal flavor that lacks the "skunky" quality you might be hoping for. The juniper/ pine notes would be interesting with Oak Wood for a "walk in the forest" flavor. :-)

FA Rose

If you like rose candies, you'll be pleased with this floral, fairly sweet flavoring.

FA RY4

This is not a substitute for TFA's RY4 Double - they're very different. FA RY4 is not near as sweet or "bakery like". This is a more tobacco-y flavor and far more concentrated than TFA's version. A recipe for similar flavor using FA would include perhaps 2% FA RY4, along with plenty of sweet caramel, vanilla, and nut flavors. I distinctly taste FA Virginia in FA RY4, so read those notes, too. This isn't a complete description, but that much is important to know.

FA Saffron

This is an accurate flavor; it's quite subtle compared to other FA flavors. Tobacco fans might use it to complement woody blends.

FA Shade

2% standalone. Fairly neutral, smooth, light-medium brown tobacco flavor with background of caramel; mildly sweet. Shade tobacco is often used to wrap cigars, so a little FA Shade is an authentic addition to cigar recipes. If your tobacco blend is too harsh, Shade can lightly sweeten and will add nice smoothness as it ages. Shade is a step up in tobacco intensity from Maxx Blend; the two share a similar caramel-honey background flavor, so they combine well. Small amounts of Shade make an intriguing replacement for caramel in non-tobacco recipes, especially bakery vapes.

FA SOHO

A complex tobacco blend that many tobacco fans will find fully satisfying as a single flavor. It's described as a "tobacco-based flavor," supporting my conclusion that it includes NETs (naturally extracted tobacco). Unlike some NET-based flavorings, this is a light-colored flavoring that doesn't clog coils. SOHO is the least-strong of FlavourArt's tobaccos. I recommend starting at 4-5% for your first taste, but note it will gain strength during a long steep. FA's suggestion of up to 20% would be *seriously* over-flavored for most vapers. SOHO is FA's sweetest tobacco flavor - a semi-sweet, very smooth, rich Burley-Virginia type tobacco blend with prominent supporting notes of burnt sugar (an element reminiscent of FA Joy), some deep caramel-vanilla, and a rich backdrop of toasted nuts. There is no grassiness (FA Virginia can add that), little spice (FA Desert Ship can add that), very little sourness (FA Tuscan Reserve or Glory can add that), no dry smoke (FA Black Fire can add that), no fruity notes, and nothing minty or menthol. For dryer flavor, consider adding FA Nut Mix, Walnut, or Pistachio. To play up the burnt sugar element and create a sweeter dessert tobacco flavor, consider Joy, Butterscotch, or Catalan Cream. SOHO is such a well-balanced blend that small additions will easily alter its character, so it can be the basis of a very wide variety of recipes - yet it's easily a satisfying all-day-vape as a standalone flavor.

FA Spearmint

True spearmint flavor, mildly sweet, mildly cool, and a little creamy. There's no menthol, peppermint, or vanilla - just spearmint, the same flavor as Wrigley's Spearmint Gum. Try 2% Spearmint with 2% FA Peppermint to match Wrigley's Doublemint Gum. If you want mint in your tea vape, Spearmint is the one. If you want a cold effect, see Polar Blast.

FA Stark, see FA Apple

FA Storm

Wildly different results at 2-3%! I mixed this at 3% and let it steep (capped, room temp) a few days, taking notes along the way. THEN I read FA's description, "warm, dark, spicy Tobacco flavour with a hint of sweetness" (FA's UK site) and "dark spicy Tobacco" (Italian site). Not remotely like what I tasted! I found a German description ("herbal tobacco") that matched my opinion. It turns out we're ALL correct - depending on how much you use. Like FA Layton Blend, this is a chameleon flavor. At 3% I tasted a 50/50 mix of grassy Virginia tobacco and a camphor-like herbal blend. The grassy Virginia flavor tastes and ages just like FA Virginia, mellowing with age. The herbal blend changed little during steeping. Flavors I noted include balsam, eucalyptus, clove, a little menthol, with perhaps accents of cedar, juniper, cardamom, ylang-ylang. The dry-wood and lack of sweetness (just very mildly sweet) is odd to experience with flavors like cardamom, which we expect to taste sweet. It's sharp, medicinal, camphor-like. Try it with citrus flavors, or add Storm to Kretek-like recipes for the clove high notes and herbal flavor, or pep up dull menthol blends with Storm for something unique. At 2% it's very different - a dark and spicy tobacco with few of the flavors you taste at 3%. Rather than grassy, it's a darker, smoother tobacco blend. The herbal blend is a milder version of the spices in many Camel-like "Desert Ship" flavors. It's distinctly bright-sweet-spicy on the inhale, with a warm spice blend and brown tobaccos. One element I clearly tasted at both 3% and 2% is clove.

FA Strawberry (Red Touch) You must shake this flavoring well before using it, or you'll get very faint

flavor. This is another example of the realism of FA's fruit flavors. It has none of the fermented qualities of other brands' ripe-strawberry flavors (though FA Amber can add that if you want). Try Strawberry with Lemon Sicily (either 3% each or 4% each) for a great strawberry lemonade - no other flavors needed. You can boost the intensity of FA Strawberry by using it with other mild but sweeter fruit flavors.

FA Summer Clouds

A lightly sweet, floral, soft peach (and rose?) flavor.

FA Tiramisu (Booster) Tiramisu (rightfully) has a reputation as one of FA's best flavorings. It's the bold flavor of strong coffee, dark bittersweet chocolate, creamy mascarpone, and a little vanilla cake. It's strong and just lightly sweet. Many people enjoy it standalone at 2% or less. For milder, sweeter tiramisu, use 1% Tiramisu with Vienna Cream, Fresh Cream, perhaps some fruits (raspberry! strawberry! apricot!), maybe Caramel, etc. Or make a sweeter, boozy version with Irish Cream or Rum. Tiramisu makes great coffee and mocha vapes! Get all your cream, caramel, nut, vanilla, and other flavors to your liking, then add 0.5-1% Tiramisu to make a Starbucks-like coffee/mocha. If you like milder coffee or mocha flavors, try Tiramisu in place of FA Espresso in any recipe, generally at the same percent. Of course add a little Chocolate and/or Cocoa if you want mostly chocolate with just a hint of coffee flavor. Tiramisu can taste quite different with various brands of nic base! The "spicier" your nic base and the more PG you use, the stronger and rougher Tiramisu tastes.

FA Torrone

Here's one of FA's best flavors! This is chewy, sweet, white, Italian 'nougat' candy, not American candy-bar nougat. It's sweet but not cloying, the flavor of almonds, lemons, and a touch of honey. Tasty standalone or with a little Marshmallow for milder almond. Even if you do not like actual torrone, this might appeal to you for fruit+nut recipes. Use 2-3% Torrone and add 1-2 fruit or nut flavors. Mandarin-walnut torrone is an excellent combination - mild, sweet, juicy, complex, tasty enough to vape for hours on end. Other combos I recommend, all with FA flavorings: Black Cherry- Pistachio, Honey Almond (very light on the honey), Cherry-Almond, Nut Mix, Hazelnut-Orange. Torrone can be used as a tasty sweetener. Try it as sweetener for your tea vapes. Its almond-honey-citrus flavor complements fruits especially well.

FA Tuscan Reserve

2% standalone is usually plenty. This is FA's Toscano cigar flavor. It's a complex, bold tobacco blend. FA says it has a hint of "charcoal smokiness in the background". That smokey note tastes slightly sour to me, with notes of Oak Wood and Black Fire. Age it well for smoothest flavor. With high VG you'll taste smooth, dark caramel within the tobacco. If you drink liquor, Tuscan Blend would make a great vape to accompany it. If you mix with Tuscan Reserve, consider including an accent of TFA Kentucky Bourbon, which will also add some sweetness. If Tuscan is too mild for you, try adding Latakia.

FA Tutti Frutti (Blenderize) Mixed at 3% all by itself, this is the flavor of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit Gum. Beware of old batches of this one; when it's past its prime, it's not just faded - it's horrible.

FA Up (flavor blend)

This is a unique, dessert-like coffee flavor. I think of it as sweeter, creamier, smoother, but boozy Tiramisu (see flavor notes on that flavoring). The major flavors are sweet, strong coffee, vanilla cream, dark chocolate, and fruity brandy. As a mix (standalone or in a recipe) ages, cake-like bakery flavor develops. Up is not as concentrated as Tiramisu, so 2-3% standalone is not too much. FA's flavor blends are meant to be tasty as standalone flavors; this one sure is!

FA Vienna Cream

Probably the richest, creamiest, no-diketone sweet cream out there. It's sweet and creamy with a hint of vanilla when used below 3%. Over 3% may give you a sharp flavor that few will find appealing. Vienna Cream is similar to the filling in Boston cream pie. It's closer to what most Americans consider custard than FA's Custard flavor is. If you add a little nutmeg flavor (rum and/or vanilla optional) it's excellent eggnog. Vienna Cream is a good start for ice cream flavors. Vienna Cream plus Vanilla Classic tastes like vanilla ice cream. Vienna smooths out bakery recipes well. It tames the strong flavors of FA Tiramisu, for example, and makes FA Cookie richer and sweeter.

FA Vanilla Classic, Vanilla Tahiti, and Vanilla Bourbon

FA's vanillas are best discussed as a group. All are roughly the same strength, useful as standalone flavors and in recipes. All are vanilla extract type flavors, not sweetened or custardy - though they have the natural sweetness and slight creaminess you expect from vanilla. They are quite different flavors; it's like having 3 distinctly different gourmet vanilla extracts in your kitchen. If you're adding vanilla to light fruits, try Vanilla Tahiti first. If you're duplicating vanilla-flavored snack foods, you probably need Vanilla Classic. For bold vanilla flavor, try Vanilla Bourbon first. Often a mix of two or all three will be ideal. You'll make better vapes if you have all three to work with. Try each standalone to get a good idea of each flavor before using them in recipes.

FA Vanilla Bourbon

Rich, dark, bold vanilla - the flavor of gourmet Madagascar vanilla extract. This is NOT the flavor of bourbon alcohol! Although it can be too prominent for light fruit flavors, Vanilla Bourbon adds bold, gourmet vanilla flavor to just about anything else. It's more complex than Vanilla Classic and more versatile than Vanilla Tahiti. Vanilla Bourbon is often the best choice for coffees, dark tobaccos, dark fruits, rich bakery flavors, and as a noticeable hint of vanilla in complex recipes.

FA Vanilla Classic

Like vanilla extract flavor sold in the U.S., comparable in flavor to Mexican vanilla extract. This is the vanilla flavor Americans know from vanilla ice cream, cake, and popular cookies. Although it's an excellent and versatile vanilla, many people get only this one -- and really miss out by never trying the other two.

FA Vanilla Tahiti

Tahitian vanilla is a bright vanilla with a note of almond/cherry. It's the sweetest of FA's vanillas. Vanilla Tahiti is usually the best choice with fresh fruit flavors, especially mild fruits. Bold or 'dark'

flavors can overwhelm it, so it's best with either with mild flavors or in recipes that feature vanilla as a main ingredient. It's just as strongly-flavored as FA's other vanillas when vaped standalone, but it's more easily lost as an accent.

FA Violet

This will remind you of the scent of spring time "lawn violets". It's an aromatic, sweet floral flavor. If you like Choward's violet candies, buy this flavoring! If you don't like florals, skip it.

FA Virginia

2% standalone. The yellow/golden flavor of straight Virginia type tobacco leaves. Before it steeps it has a lot of half-ripe (green/yellow) grassy/hay flavor. With aging it "ripens" to a drier yellow tobacco leaf flavor, like the tobacco used heavily in Canadian cigarettes. It does not have the smoky notes of fire-cured tobacco. Virginia, Burley, and Desert Ship are the main flavors for mixing basic cigarette tobacco blends.

FA Walnut

This tastes like raw English walnuts, not the sharper flavor of black walnuts. There is no bitterness; it's very slightly sweet. This is a mild nut flavor that blends easily and adds a rich, nutty flavor to recipes. It can contribute to buttery notes when used with creams and caramel/butterscotch. Walnut is good in bakery and candy mixes that need some general 'nuttinness' without identifiable nut flavor. It doesn't 'clash' with other flavors or dominate a recipe like more distinctive nut flavors can. It's also excellent for nutty tobacco blends.

FA Watermelon (Red Summer) As with most FA fruits, this is very realistic, fresh fruit flavor - including some seeds and rind. It's not very sweet, not like candy watermelon flavors at all. Standalone 4-5% is not unreasonable; it's one of FA's least strong flavorings. Adding sweeter fruit flavors to FA Watermelon can make it taste stronger; try that instead of adding Sucralose or other plain sweeteners. To really emphasize the "green/rind" bit of Watermelon, add a little FA Cucumber.

FA Whisky

for more barrel-aged flavor. Whisky is really tasty accent for many fruit mixes, whether you add just enough for interest (it will also reduce the sweetness of fruit flavor), or more for a boozy cocktail flavor.

FA White Grape see FA Grape White

FA White Peach

This is one of FA's most accurate and distinctive fruit flavors - like a fresh, lightly-ripe, white peach. White Peach can taste a little sharp or "astringent" starting around 3%. For a more "ripe" flavor, combine with FA Peach. To keep the astringent edge and add sweetness, use White Peach with some FA Pear. White Peach is a more delicate, complex flavor than plain Peach - but White Peach is the more concentrated flavoring. For cocktail recipes, White Peach is ideal with FA Gin, Brandy, and

Whiskey, or spiced with FA Cardamom. If you use peach only occasionally or want just one, I recommend FA White Peach, but fans of peachy vapes need both.

FA Wine Red and **FA Wine White** As of this revision, FA has warnings that these flavorings contain diacetyl or related diketones, though not long ago, they'd announced White Wine was clear of those ingredients. Having tasted both versions, I sure can't tell them apart. At any rate, both flavorings are accurate to their names. White Wine is useful in cocktail-type recipes, and small additions (1% or less) of Red Wine add a sophisticated flavor to baked fruit vapes. Both are more dry than sweet wine flavors, with realistic booziness.

FA wOw (flavor blend)

The strange capitalization on FA's website and labels hints this is a donut flavor. If you intend to mix a donut-type recipe, read the flavor notes on Zeppola. wOw tastes like a sweet, fried pastry with "red fruit" (tastes like strawberry, raspberry, and apple to me) filling. The sweet pastry flavor is dominant, so you can add more/other fruit flavors and still have an overall donut flavor. Each FA flavor blend is intended to be a complete and complex standalone flavor, and wOw definitely is that. If you're a new DIYer (or shopping for someone who is) FA's flavor blends make it easy.

FA Ylang Ylang

Use this ONLY if you enjoy extreme floral vapes. This is just like the essential oil or incense of the same name. It's a bit sweet. If you enjoy Ylang Ylang and want to mix with it, consider adding a bitter contrast with Bergamot or Grapefruit. If you're an incense fan, try 2% Ylang Ylang with 0.5% FA Cam Blend for its sandalwood flavor; it's like vaping an incense shop (Use within a few days before sandalwood mellows).

FA Yogurt

Very strong, persistent flavor of sour (rancid?) yogurt. I find it unpleasant, but some enjoy tiny quantities for adding yogurt-like tartness to their recipes. The milk base flavor (which you'll also taste in FA Condensed Milk) easily overruns other flavors, and it erases sweetness, so begin with very tiny additions if you want to mix with it.

FA Zen Garden

This herbal blend is primarily basil-oregano, but varying power and percentage can bring out different accents. At 2-3% you'll taste mostly basil and oregano, a little rosemary, perhaps sage and thyme. As you increase your power a sweet background note emerges. By 5% rosemary is more noticeable, and spearmint emerges, especially with higher power. As you increase your percentage and power, spearmint gets even stronger. Non-vapers say the vapor trail smells like pizza.

FA Zeppola

Zeppola is FA's donut base flavor. It's not as strong as most FA flavorings; 4-5% standalone is not unreasonable. It tastes like the sweet pastry bit of FA wOw. Zeppole are Italian pastries like donut holes - fried sweet dough topped with powdered sugar, like beignets from New Orleans. A note for those who find FA Joy unpleasant: there are *none* of those yeasty notes in Zeppola. If you have a recipe that includes FA Cinnamon Ceylon, but the spice tastes powdery & not sweet enough, add some FA Zeppola. The combination gives you the flavor of real bakery cinnamon with white sugar. In fact, try FA Zeppola as an addition to just about any bakery recipe that needs extra sweetness. If Zeppola is the main flavor in your recipe, adding 0.5% Nonna's Cake will give you denser, richer cake flavor.

FA Blood Orange

This is the authentic, bold flavor of blood oranges. If there's room for only one orange flavoring in your collection, I recommend either this one or FA Royal Orange. Fade-resistant Blood Orange includes both sweet and zesty notes. It's a flavor you can vape standalone that's also excellent for fruit blends and juicy-type recipes. Although Blood Orange isn't a straight-out substitute for any other FA orange flavor, if you run into recipes that call for both FA Orange and FA Mandarin, you can often substitute an equal quantity of Blood Orange for realistic and juicier flavor. Equal measures of Blood Orange and Royal Orange make an excellent start for juice blends - like a shot of fresh- squeezed o.j. To emphasize the zesty note in Blood Orange, add 0.5% FA Mandarin. To sweeten Blood Orange, add Royal Orange. Note that Blood Orange separates into layers & is an orange color (likely from natural ingredients). Always shake this one well before measuring — and shake your finished mix before using it, too.

FA Royal Orange

This is the flavor of navel orange juice. It's FA's sweetest, smoothest orange flavor, with no zest notes at all. It includes an almost-creamy background that makes it pleasant for standalone use. Using plenty of VG in your base will emphasize that background. While 3-4% gives you full flavor, you can use at least 5% Royal Orange with no change in the flavor other than strength. Royal Orange can serve as a sweetener for fruit blends - especially when strong tropical flavors are included. For bolder, deeper orange juice flavor, add Blood Orange. For the flavor of orange zest, add 0.5% or more of Mandarin. If you are trying to match the flavor of a packaged snack food, consider FA Orange, which can often capture that flavor better than FA's juicier Royal Orange and Blood Orange flavors.

FA Key Lime (Florida Key Lime)

This tastes just like an actual Key lime run through the blender - excellent, authentic flavor - including strong zesty notes. It is FA's ziest, boldest, most fade-resistant lime flavoring. The zesty notes can be a little overwhelming if you vape with high-PG base; VG will take some of the edge off. FA Lime Tahiti Cold-Pressed makes an excellent partner for a tasty lime-juice-blend flavor in recipes. If you need to sweeten Key Lime, consider using a little bit of FA Royal Orange to keep it tasting juicy.