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#### HEAT

Quick, direct-heat cooking mellows bitterness:

- Frying
- Sauteing
- Grilling

#### **RICH**

Fats buffer against bitterness:

- Oils
- Bacon
- Avocado
- Fatty fish

**SWEET** 

Sweetness and bitterness – a match made in heaven!

- Candied nuts
- Fruits (dry, fresh)
- Honey, molasses
- Syrup (maple, cane)





### SOUR

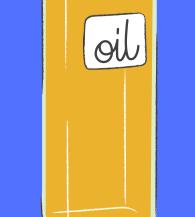
Acids alter bitter compounds and preserve color:

- Wine
- Vinegar
- Citrus, fruit
- Buttermilk, sour cream
- Cured meats



#### Butter

• Rich Cheeses



• Beets, carrots, winter squash

# PUNGENT

Pungency makes for a strong, head-on pairing:

- Mustard, black
  - pepper
- Anchovies
- Ripe cheeses (bleu)
- Smoked meats, cheese
- Alliums (onions, garlic)
- Olives
- Horseradish

# SALTY

Saltiness filters bitterness on the palate:

- Capers
- Cured meats
- Soy sauce, Worcestershire
- Salty cheeses

