

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

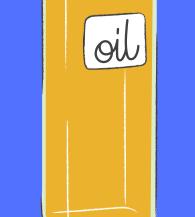
Acids alter bitter compounds and preserve color:

- 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

