

# Flavoring Foods

Salt and other minerals  
Herbs & Spices



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## Herbs & Spices

Plant-based foods  
Intense flavor, color, odor  
Herbs = green parts (leaves)  
Spices = other parts



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# Chemical Defense!

Essential oils often poisons

Dose makes the poison...

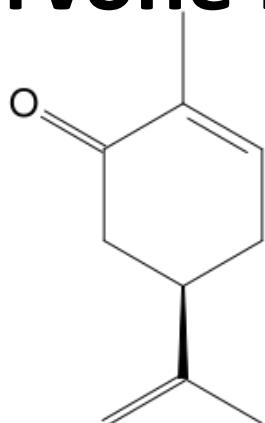
MSDS and LD50 (*vanillin, menthol, carvone*)



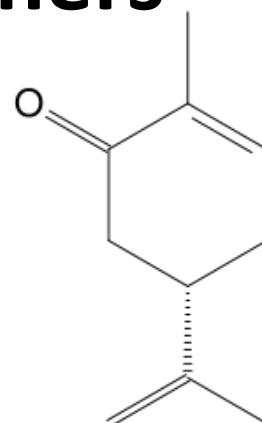
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## Carvone Isomers



(R)-carvone  
(spearmint)



(S)-carvone  
(caraway)

Source: <http://weakinteractions.wordpress.com/primers/chirality/>



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# Terpenes

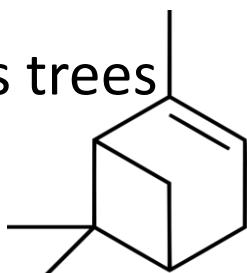
“Turpentine”

Coniferous trees

Citrus

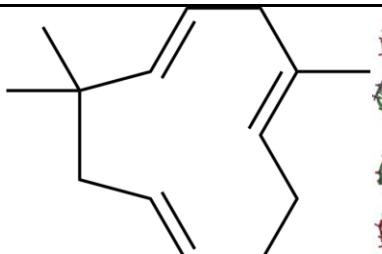
Flower

“fresh” character



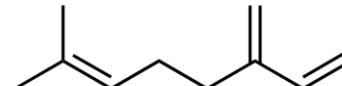
Pinene

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pinene>



Humulene

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A-humulene>



Myrcene

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# Phenolics

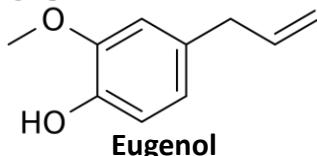
“phenyl”

Clove

Cinnamon

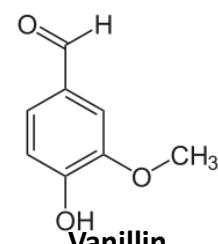
Anise

more water soluble



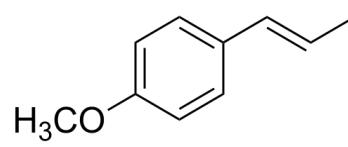
Eugenol

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugenol>



Vanillin

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vanillin>



Anethole

Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anethole>



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# Pungents

“Feel” vs. “taste”

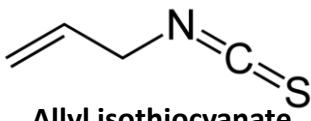
## Thiocyanates

(mustard, horseradish)

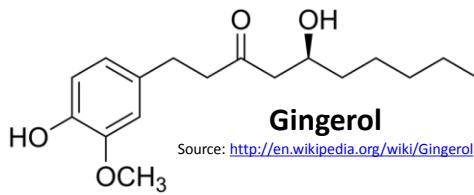
## Alkylamides

(peppers, ginger)

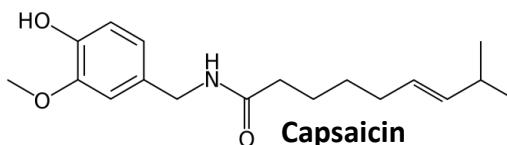
## Solubility?



Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allyl\\_isothiocyanate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allyl_isothiocyanate)



Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gingerol>



Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capsaicin>



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# Matching Flavors

Look at molecular components

McGee p. 392-393

Peppermint vs. Spearmint



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# Herb & Spice Matching

Web resources:

[http://www.localharvest.org/blog/39774/entry/what\\_herbs\\_go\\_with\\_what](http://www.localharvest.org/blog/39774/entry/what_herbs_go_with_what)



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## Mint Family Herbs

Mints (*peppermint, spearmint, wintergreen, etc*)

Basil



Source: <http://thehungrygoddess.com>

Oregano



Source: <http://jillshomeremedies.blogspot.com>

Rosemary

Lavender



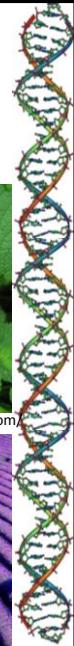
Source: <http://gardenofeaden.blogspot.com>

Bergamot

External oil “glands”



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# Carrot Family Herbs

Celery

Parsley

Cilantro

Dill

Fennel

**Oil canals in leaves**



Cilantro

Source: <http://thehealthmoderator.com/>



Dill

Source: <http://www.milkandhoneyfarm.com/>



Fennel

Source: <http://ucanr.edu/>



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# Laurel Family Herbs

Bay leaf

Avocado leaf

Sassafras



Sassafras  
Source: <http://www.tops.edu/islamiccreeks/ecology/sassafras.htm>



Bay Laurel

Source: <http://www.thegardenpages.com/TheGardenPages.com>



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# Carrot Family Spices

Coriander



Celery

Cumin

Dill

Fennel

Caraway

Small dried fruits



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# Cabbage Family Spices

Mustards

Wasabi

Horseradish



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# Making “mustard”

Soak seeds

Enzyme activation

Grind and mix

Add acid (vinegar)



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