- 1 Table S1. Contribution of gallic acid (GA) to the astringent and bitter taste perceived from
- 2 beverages.
- 3 **Table S2.** Cell viability. HGT-1 cells were treated with gallic acid (GA) [500, 1000 and 1500 μM]
- 4 for 60 mins. Data are shown as mean ± SEM of three biological replicates with 3-4 technical
- 5 replicates, calculated as treated over control (Cells treated with solvent control are set to 100%).
- 6 Statistics: One-way ANOVA on Ranks with post-hoc Dunn's method test, vs. control.
- 7 **Table S3.** Cell viability. HGT-1 cells wt and TAS2R43 ko and TAS2R4 ko were tested for the cell
- 8 viability after the incubation with the respective substances and combinations of substances for
- 9 10 or 60 min (indicated with * for the gene expression analysis). Data are shown as mean ± SEM
- of three biological replicates with 3-4 technical replicates, calculated as treated over control (Cells
- treated with solvent control are set to 100%). Statistics: One-way ANOVA on Ranks with post-
- 12 hoc Dunn's method test, vs. control.
- 13 Figure S1: Verification of deletion on mRNA level by Sanger sequencing compared to wild-type
- 14 HGT-1 cells.

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Table S1.

			Threshold concentration	
Authors	Food item	GA	Astringency	Bitterness
		Concentration		
Glabasnia and	Whiskey,		292 μmol/L,	n.d.
Hofmann ²	oak-matured		45 mg/L	
	red wine			
Kaneko and	Japanese	30 μmol/L	200 μmol/L,	n.d.
Hofmann 11	green tea		·	
Hufnagel und	Red wine	19.2 μmol/L	292 μmol/L,	n.d.
Hofmann ³		(17.5 - 20.2)	50 mg/L	
		mg/L)		
Robichaud and	White wine		No threshold	No threshold
Noble ⁴	spiked with		determined,	determined, but
	GA		but increasing	increasing
			astringency	bitterness from
			from 59 to	59 to 8817
			8817 μmol/L	μmol/L

Table S2. 22

Cell line	Treatment	Mean	SEM
HGT-1 wt	GA [1000 μM]		3.15
	Ethanol 1:250 dilution in cell culture medium		1.69
	Zweigelt 1:250 dilution in cell culture medium		2.16
	Blaufränkisch 1:250 dilution in cell culture medium		2.12
	Zweigelt + GA [10 μM]	100.8	3.09
	Blaufränkisch + GA [10 μM]	107.9	3.26
	GA [10 μM] + 6-Methoxyflavanone [100 μM]	97.5	3.09
	GA [10 μM] + TMBP [100 μM]	99.7	2.95
	GA [10 μM] + HED [10 μM]	105.7	3.48
	Zweigelt + GA [10 μM] + HED [1 μM]	105.5	1.35
	Blaufränkisch + GA [10 μM] + HED [1 μM]	103.0	1.36
HGT-1 TAS2R43ko	GA [10 μM]	100.3	2.98
	GA [10 μM] + HED [10 μM]	104.6	3.42
HGT-1 TAS2R4ko	GA [1000 μM]	103.8	3.81

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27 28 **TAS2R4ko -** Identification of deletion on mRNA level by Sanger sequencing **control** (no cleavage)

CTTCGTCTCTCAAATACGGAAAGGTCAGTCTACCTGTCTGCTTTTTTTGTGTT



