

Drions: colour, flavour and usage guide

Australian onions are versatile, delicious and nutritious – the perfect addition to any meal. But not all onions are created equal, so it's important to choose the right onion for the right meal.



Onions give off distinct flavours, ranging from light and delicate to sharp and crispy. They become sweeter and succulent in roasts and braises and can taste bittersweet if fried until blackened.

Onions contain natural sulfoxide compounds which directly influence their unique flavour and odour, in the same way as garlic, truffle, cabbage, swede, cauliflower, broccoli, globe artichoke, asparagus and egg.



Red Onions Mild and sweet, they add a vibrant burst of colour to dishes. Best for eating raw.

Use for

Salads Dips Pickled Dressing Salsas Sandwiches Burgers



White Onions Milder than brown onions, making them perfect to be eaten raw. Crunchiest and sharpest of all onion types.

Use for Chutneys Salsas Stir fries Braises Stews Salads Sandwiches White sauces



Brown Onions Strong flavour, great for cooking. Sweetness increases with cooking time.

Use for

Soups Stocks Sauteed or grilled Onion rings Roasted vegetables Stews Sauces Gratins Risottos

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