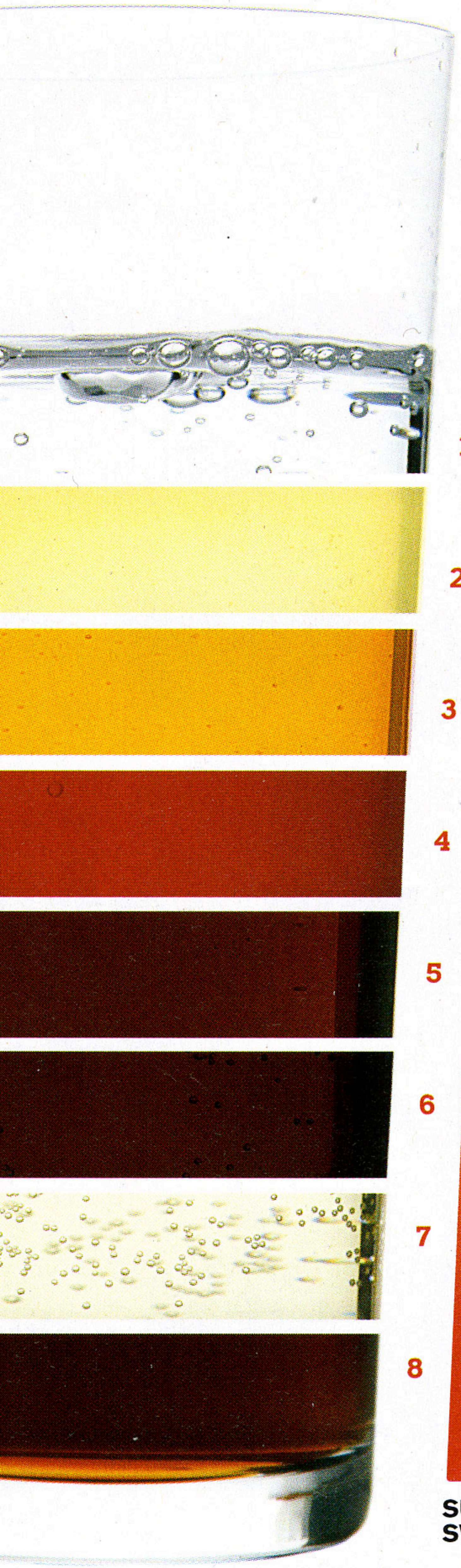




TASTE TEST

POP STARS

Wild guess: You want fizz without high-fructose corn syrup or high calories. Us too. We sipped 146 natural sodas to find these palate pleasers. **BY LINDSAY FUNSTON**



1
DRY SODA CO. CUCUMBER
"Supremely refreshing" on its own (or spiked with...)



2
GUS SODA DRY MEYER LEMON
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Real lemon juice delivers a day's worth of vitamin C with an addictive sweet-tart pucker. \$5.50 for 4, *drink gus.com* for stores



4
DANDELION & BURDOCK
Pear and anise round out this "earthy" botanical brew, a traditional English concoction. \$7 for 4, *whole foods.com* for stores



5
SODA BUMBLE BERRY
Ripe black currants and red raspberries shine in this Oregon-crafted creamy soda. \$6 for 4, *thsoda.com* for stores



7
SIPP GINGER BLOSSOM
Light and smooth, this sweet quartet of ginger, vanilla, agave nectar, and lime "puts classic ginger ale to shame." \$12 for 4, *haveasipp.com*



8
VIRGIL'S ROOT BEER
A thick, creamy texture and doses of licorice and molasses make this the real deal. \$5 for 4, *reedsinc.com* for stores



UPCYCLED FIND

STELLAR SHELLS

Made from real coconut shells, these food- and liquid-safe bowls have colorfully laquered exteriors. \$60 for 4, *momastore.org*



GREAT IDEA

LOFTY AMBITION

BrightFarms, a New York hydroponic greenhouse development firm, is helping national supermarkets grow their own produce by financing, building, and tending greenhouses on store rooftops. A lettuce patch, for example, would require 95 percent less water and no energy or money to transport.