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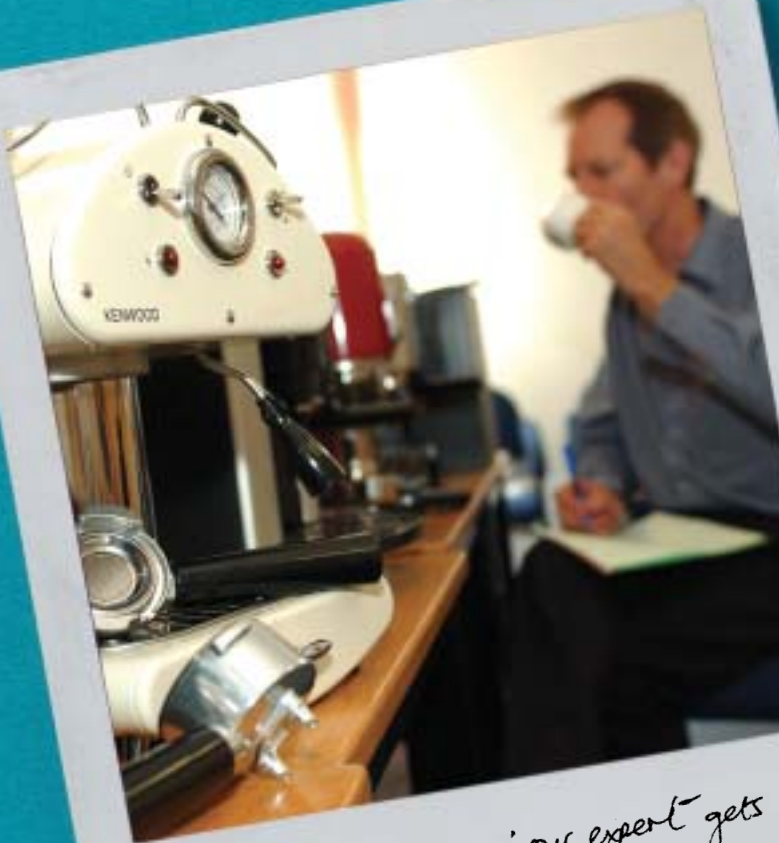
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We're no strangers to the delights of the odd cup of Java. But, to test coffee makers, you can't get by on caffeine-wired enthusiasm alone. When we need some tasting done, we call in the experts – people with trained, reliable palates. In this instance, that meant Giles Hilton, the chief buyer for coffee-merchant Whittard.

The corridors of Which? HQ were filled with delightful coffee smells as Giles downed more than 30 espressos, each made with exactly the same blend of Santos Brazil and Java Indonesian grounds. He was looking for coffee that smelt rich and full, with hints of chocolate and nuttiness. The best coffee makers produce espressos that combine sweet and acidic flavours with a fresh and clean feel; and they have a lasting, thick and golden froth.

But if you're thinking we've come over a bit Jilly Goulден, think again. All our experts taste 'blind' – Giles didn't see the coffee being made so he couldn't be influenced by the brand of coffee maker. And each of the categories you'll see in our ratings – looks, taste and smell – are marked in several parts. For example, 'taste' includes how it feels in the mouth, acidity, sweetness and how well the machine draws out the flavour in the coffee's essential oils.

It's all a lot of work, but that magic kick from the Best Buys' espressos just about saw us through.



*Which?'s tasting room: our expert gets stuck into the first 30-odd coffees*