

ABOUT VINTAGE CHARTS

This vintage chart should be regarded as a very general overall rating slanted in favor of what the finest producers were capable of producing in a particular viticultural region. Such charts are filled with exceptions to the rule... astonishingly good wines from skillful or lucky vintners in years rated mediocre, and thin, diluted, characterless wines from incompetent or greedy producers in great years.

KEY (General Vintage Chart)		Explanations of Symbols
96-100	= Extraordinary	C = Caution, may be too old
90-95	= Outstanding	E = Early maturing and accessible
80-89	= Above Average to Excellent	I = Irregular, even among the best wines
70-79	= Average	T = Still Tannic, youthful, or slow to mature
60-69	= Below Average	R = Ready to drink
Below 60	= Appalling	NT = Not Yet Sufficiently Tasted To Rate NV = Vintage Not Declared