



2012 Vintage Chart

Wine Enthusiast Magazine's vintage chart is a year-by-year guide to the overall quality and drinkability of the wines from the world's major winegrowing regions. The quality ratings are determined by our wine review panel of experts, based primarily on their tastings of current and previous vintage wines, but also on interviews with winemakers and knowledge of the weather and harvest conditions. Thus, ratings for 2011 are not included, as most of those wines are yet to be tasted. Vintage ratings are only loosely related to ratings of individual wines, and readers are reminded that some producers succeed even in difficult years. Drinkability colors are based on experience with past vintages and assume a high-quality wine and proper storage.

A General Guide to the Quality and Drinkability of the World's Wines

RATINGS

- 98-100** • SUPERLATIVE
- 94-97** • CLASSIC
- 90-93** • EXCELLENT
- 87-89** • VERY GOOD
- 83-86** • GOOD
- 80-82** • ACCEPTABLE
- NV** • NOT VINTAGE YEAR
- NR** • NOT RATED

MATURITY

- HOLD
- CAN DRINK, NOT YET AT PEAK
- READY, AT PEAK MATURITY
- CAN DRINK, MAYBE PAST PEAK
- IN DECLINE, MAYBE UNDRINKABLE
- NOT A DECLARED VINTAGE/NO DATA

United States

Wine Variety	Region	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa	89	89	92	95	90	95	90	90	93	98	85	93	85	96	93	95	97	90	93	94	92
	Sonoma	87	87	90	92	87	89	87	89	88	93	84	90	84	91	90	91	92	88	89	90	89
Chardonnay	Napa	87	88	87	90	86	86	85	85	90	90	88	88	87	94	90	92	90	87	90	90	91
	Russian River Valley	89	87	90	92	86	91	93	91	97	93	90	92	88	95	92	94	91	88	91	92	92
	Carneros	88	87	89	91	85	87	92	91	95	93	89	89	85	91	90	89	91	87	89	90	89
	Central Coast	91	88	90	92	87	90	93	92	94	90	89	89	85	94	88	90	92	87	89	90	91
	Santa Barbara	92	90	91	92	90	89	92	92	94	91	88	91	88	95	90	91	94	86	90	91	90
Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	93	93	92	95	88	94	90	90	87												
	Sonoma Coast	92	91	93	95	87	95	93	89	88	89	87	90	85	90	88	89	89				
	Russian River Valley	91	90	92	96	87	95	93	90	89	90	89	91	85	91	90	91	92	90	92	91	90
	Carneros	90	89	90	94	86	93	89	89	85	87	85	87	83	85	86	88	90	86	88	88	89
	Central Coast	93	89	89	94	88	92	89	93	95	91	88	89	86	93	87	88	90	86	87	89	89
Syrah	North Coast	88	88	88	93	88	85	89	89	88	92	84	89	83								
	Central Coast	89	87	87	90	85	84	86	92	88	91	84	86	83								
Zinfandel	South Coast	90	90	88	94	91	87	89	91	89	92	85	88	83								
	Sonoma	89	89	88	93	86	90	90	89	88	91	86	90	86	88	90	91	92	92	90	91	90
	Napa	89	89	89	94	87	87	90	88	86	91	85	90	85	89	88	90	91	89	89	92	91
	Paso Robles	87	87	87	92	87	85	87	86	87	85	89	84	86	86	87	88	86	87	87	87	87
	Sierra Foothills	91	90	88	90	87	87	89	87	86	85	84	85	84	84	85	86	84	84	85	86	85
Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley	87	91	92	84	94	89	92	86	88	89	91	94	92	84	87	86	90	91	88	87	90
	Whites	88	92	94	86	91	90	93	86	88	89	90	93	90	85	87	85	91	90	87	88	90
	Reds	89	88	90	89	87	87	90	85	87	88	89	90	89	84	85	84	89	88	87	86	88
Cabernet, Merlot	Columbia Valley	90	92	88	91	92	95	89	92	94	92	88	96	91	87	86	89	90	87	88	86	89
	Syrah	89	91	90	89	91	93	90	91	94	93	88	92	89	87	88	89	89	87	87	86	89
Whites	Columbia Valley	90	89	94	89	90	92	88	90	91	89	89	87	90	88	89	89	89	90	89	89	88
	Reds	91	85	89	88	85	89	86	84	89	91	86	90	88	86	84	91	88	90			
Finger Lakes	Whites	90	88	90	90	89	90	88	90	91	93	89	92	89	90	88	92	90	91			
	Long Island	92	85	89	88	87	87	90	84	85	90	87	86	93	89	86	92	90	89	80	91	90
	Whites	90	86	89	90	88	87	91	88	89	90	88	89	93	90	88	92	90	89	84	91	90

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Southern Hemisphere

Region	Wine Variety	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
AUSTRALIA	Barossa/McLaren Vale	95	93	87	89	91	95	94	87	94	93	87	89	93	87	93	86	91	88	84	92	92
	Clare Valley	95	93	92	89	91	93	89	88	94	88	88	87	91	93	89	90	84	87	85	87	93
	Coonawarra	93	90	88	88	94	94	92	88	87	93	91	89	94	88	91	82	89	87	84	95	95
	Yarra Valley	89	85	88	90	91	92	86	89	89	90	91	87	91	93	91	90					
	Western Australia	95	94	94	95	88	90	94	88	91	87	87	88	90	90	91	93					
Hunter Valley	90	90	84	89	89	90	88	90	87	88	90	89	92	86	89	88	89	86	85	94	86	
NEW ZEALAND	Hawke's Bay	95	93	88	92	89	92	90	88	91	86	84	90	95								
	Martinborough	91	92	88	93	88	93	87	88	91	88	87	91	90								
	Marlborough	92	92	88	92	91	93	88	92	90	90	89	91	90	88	90	80	91	81	85	93	
Central Otago	92	93	92	94	92	91	88	89	93	90	89	90	90									
CHILE	South Africa	87	94	90	91	92	90	89	95	87	92	93	94	95	87	86	91	86	84	87	88	85
	Maipo	88	87	89	95	88	94	90	93	86	92	88	91	83	91	90	89	90	89	85	86	89
	Casablanca/Coastal	90	86	88	93	90	92	90	85	92	87	91	81	90	90							
	Colchagua	88	87	90	94	88	94	90	93	83	92	87	91	84	91	90						
	Argentina/Mendoza	88	92	90	86	93	89	88	92	94	85	87	90	83	89	95	95	90	93	88	87	93

GREAT OLDER VINTAGES

FRANCE

Pomerol/St.-Emilion: 1989, 1985, 1982, 1978, 1970, 1964, 1961, 1959, 1955, 1953, 1949, 1947, 1945

Médoc: 1986, 1982, 1978, 1970, 1966, 1961, 1959, 1955, 1953, 1949, 1947, 1945

Graves: 1982, 1978, 1970, 1964, 1959, 1955, 1953, 1949, 1947, 1945

Sauternes: 1988, 1986, 1983, 1976, 1975, 1967

Red Burgundy: 1985, 1978, 1976, 1971, 1969, 1959, 1952, 1949, 1947, 1945

White Burgundy: 1986, 1983, 1982, 1978

Northern Rhône: 1985, 1983, 1978, 1970, 1961

Southern Rhône: 1985, 1983, 1981, 1978, 1967

Loire: 1985, 1978, 1976, 1971, 1969, 1959, 1947

Alsace: 1985, 1983, 1975

Champagne: 1985, 1982, 1979, 1971, 1964

ITALY

Piedmont: 1982, 1978, 1971

Veneto: 1983, 1979, 1976, 1974, 1971, 1970

Tuscany: 1982, 1978, 1971

SPAIN

Catalonia: 1985, 1983, 1982, 1981

Rioja: 1985, 1982, 1981, 1970, 1968, 1964

Ribera del Duero: 1985, 1983, 1982, 1980, 1979, 1970, 1968, 1962

GERMANY

Mosel-Saar-Ruwer/
Rheingau: 1983, 1976, 1975, 1971, 1959

PORTUGAL

Port: 1985, 1983, 1977, 1970, 1966, 1963, 1955, 1948, 1945

UNITED STATES

California Cabernet: 1987, 1984, 1978, 1974, 1968

Oregon Pinot Noir: 1983, 1980
Washington Reds: 1987, 1983, 1979, 1978

Europe

Region	Appellation/Type	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990		
FRANCE	Bordeaux	Pomerol/St.-Emilion	95	96	92	88	89	95	91	88	87	93	97	88	92	85	88	91	86	86	80	81	93	
		Médoc	95	97	93	87	90	98	89	90	86	96	96	88	90	83	94	91	87	83	NR	82	97	
		Graves (red)	94	96	91	86	88	94	89	89	86	93	96	89	89	84	91	90	87	85	NR	81	96	
		Graves (white)	95	91	90	96	90	90	91	86	90	89	94	90	89	89	90	89	84	90	87	84	92	
		Sauternes/Barsac	93	95	88	95	91	89	87	92	91	95	81	94	87	92	85	88	83	NR	NR	NR	96	
		Burgundy	Côte de Nuits (red)	93	97	92	88	89	96	91	94	96	88	84	93	92	90	96	90	85	88	82	86	91
			Côte de Beaune (red)	93	95	91	87	90	95	90	93	95	88	84	88	87	90	95	91	85	87	83	84	92
			Chablis	96	95	91	90	91	95	92	87	95	93	89	87	89	89	93	90	88	84	91	NR	90
			Côte de Beaune (white)	96	95	92	91	91	96	93	88	95	92	91	88	90	89	92	91	87	83	93	NR	92
			Maconnais	95	95	90	90	90	92	89	84	90	90	89	87	89	90	94	91	87	84	91	NR	90
	Beaujolais		93	95	91	87	90	92	91	90	87	87	84	88	88	90	92	90	84	87	80	84	90	
	Northern Rhône	Reds	94	95	86	87	91	94	87	94	83	90	90	93	92	91	87	91	89	NR	NR	93	93	
		Whites	95	92	87	88	91	90	94	86	85	91	87	92	92	90	89	92	87	NR	88	90	90	
	Southern Rhône	Reds	98	93	85	96	90	92	90	90	NR	93	90	89	96	85	85	93	88	87	NR	NR	96	
		Whites	95	89	87	94	89	88	87	87	85	87	87	90	93	87	86	91	86	89	87	NR	91	
	Loire	Dry Whites	95	94	91	92	88	94	91	89	92	88	84	89	86	85	92	90	85	90	88	87	90	
		Sweet Whites	92	93	87	95	89	95	89	92	87	93	88	89	85	90	92	92	82	89	NR	NR	93	
		Reds	89	93	88	89	88	92	88	90	88	89	93	90	85	87	91	90	83	83	NR	84	92	
	Alsace		90	95	90	94	88	89	93	89	88	94	86	84	89	96	90	88	86	84	80	NR	93	
	Champagne		89	94	97	91	89	93	94	86	93	NV	88	88	90	85	98	95	NV	87	NV	NV	96	
	Languedoc-Roussillon		92	92	90	91	91	87	88	90	84	92	90	89	95	85	84	90	87	86	81	80	90	
	Provence	Reds	89	91	90	94	90	87	87	90	85	90	91	88	94	86	85	91	85	85	80	81	91	
	Piedmont	Barbaresco	92	94	92	93	90	89	96	85	82	96	95	92	95	93	96	88	81	87	NR	NR	98	
		Barolo	92	95	91	93	90	89	97	86	82	97	95	92	94	93	98	88	81	87	NR	NR	97	
	Veneto	Amarone	92	94	90	93	93	92	92	90	83	90	89	88	89	95	87	94	87	88	80	82	95	
		Whites	90	93	90	91	91	89	90	88	84	85	94	87	90	95	86	90	90	88	NR	NR	95	
	Trentino-Alto Adige	Whites	92	94	92	93	92	91	91	86	84	86	97	90	85	87	86	86	93	90	85	84	93	
	Collio-Friuli	Whites	92	94	92	93	93	90	92	88	83	87	90	90	85	87	86	86	93	90	85	84	90	
	Lombardy	Franciacorta	91	93	90	91	91	88	90	89	87	90	88	90	86	91	89	97	95	95	84	94	98	
	Tuscany	Bolgheri	93	95	93	94	93	93	94	90	83	97	89	90	93	94	90	93	83	89	84	87	95	
		Chianti Classico	91	94	93	94	93	91	93	91	83	95	91	96	91	97	90	96	91	90	84	88	96	
		Brunello di Montalcino	93	95	93	94	93	92	94	87	83	91	89	94	90	98	86	96	90	90	83	91	96	
		Maremma	90	92	90	92	91	90	92	90	82	96	89	90	92	97	90	93	83	88	NR	92	97	
	Umbria	Reds	90	92	90	92	92	90	93	92	84	91	90	91	96	94	86	94	88	91	80	87	97	
	Marche	Verdicchio	90	92	90	91	90	91	91	88	87	96	88	89	90	90	83	94	85	88	82	84	96	
		Canero/Rosso Piceno	90	92	90	92	92	90	90	89	89	90	89	87	89	91	82	95	85	87	81	85	97	
	Abruzzo	Reds	90	93	90	91	92	91	90	87	88	92	93	92	92	91	81	93	92	92	85	83	96	
	Campania	Reds	91	93	92	94	93	94	90	89	88	90	92	94	93	95	92	94	93	90	82	86	96	
		Whites	92	93	92	94	94	93	92	90	93	94	95	92	90	90	89	92	90	89	81	85	94	
	Basilicata	Aglianico del Vulture	92	94	92	94	93	94	90	89	89	96	95	94	94	93	93	84	93	93	83	82	95	
	Puglia	Reds	90	92	90	90	90	91	85	88	83	90	97	92	93	84	91	87	97	93	92	96	97	
	Sicily	Reds	90	92	90	93	92	94	90	91	87	84	86	83	87	87	87	93	95	90	85	90	88	
		Whites	90	92	90	90	90	91	88	90	86	86	86	83	87	84	90	94	94	87	85	90	86	
	Sardinia	Reds	90	92	90	90	90	91	90	88	93	92	93	91	90	90	88	92	92	86	84	91	85	
	Catalonia	Reds	92	90	87	85	87	94	91	86	85	93	89	90	88	88	89	91	91	89	80	82	88	
	Rioja	Reds	94	91	86	87	88	93	93	84	86	95	87	90	88	85	89	95	94	85	84	90	90	
	Ribera del Duero	Reds	92	91	85	85	88	94	92	84	86	93	88	89	88	87	89	95	92	NR	82	94		
	Galicia	Whites	93	90	88	88	87	94	91	85	86	92	88	90	87	86								
	Mosel-Saar-Ruwer	Whites	93	92	90	94	93	96	90	93	91	96	85	90	89	89	93	93	92	90	87	85	95	
	Rhine Regions	Whites	92	93	88	96	94	95	88	94	94	95	87	91	89	88	95	88	92	87	87	85	94	
	Franken	Whites	89	91	90	96	92	90	88	88	90	95	85	90	88	88	93	88	93	88	86	85	94	
	Port		95	95	89	95	89	91	90	96	84	84	90	86	87	93	85	91	96	NR	93	92	85	
	Table Wines	Reds	93	95	90	94	88	91	89	92	83	85	90	88	91	92	89	92	96	87	93	91	88	
		Whites	92	91	92	90	87	88	85	87	86	88	89	90	89	90	89	90	89	90	88	90	89	
	Danube Regions	Whites	88	93	89	90	92	88	88	87	88	89	86	92	88	89	88	88	86	90	88	88	90	
	Burgenland	Reds	90	93	88	88	93	85	89	91	89	90	90	91	88	92	85	87	90	92	92	89	92	
		Sweet Wines	90	94	87	95	90	91	91	84	88	91	84	94	92	86	87	90	86	90	84	86	89	