

2021 VINTAGE CHART

A GENERAL GUIDE TO THE QUALITY & DRINKABILITY OF THE WORLD'S WINES

RATINGS

98-100 Classic
94-97 Superb
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, may be past peak
■ In decline, may be undrinkable
■ Not a declared vintage/no data

With thousands of wines available at your fingertips, it can be hard to figure out what to drink when. To aid in your vinous adventures, check our latest vintage chart to get an idea of which bottles to stash away or pop open. Our expert reviewers base these ratings and maturity estimates on their vast tasting experience and interviews with local winemakers, however, we can't absolutely guarantee every bottle will live up or down to generalizations—in the world of wine, there are exceptions to every rule. Maturity estimates also assume proper storage conditions over the life of the wine.

United States

Region	Wine Variety	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	
CALIFORNIA	Napa	Chardonnay	92	93	90	94	90	92	91	91	87	87	88	87	90	86	86	85	85	90	90	88	87	94	90	
		Cabernet Sauvignon	94	94	90	95	95	94	95	95	89	89	89	92	95	90	95	90	90	93	98	85	93	85	96	93
		Zinfandel	90	90	89	93	93	93	93	92	89	89	89	89	94	87	87	90	88	86	91	85	90	85	89	88
	Russian River Valley	Chardonnay	94	94	92	94	92	94	94	93	89	89	87	90	92	86	91	93	91	97	93	90	92	88	95	92
		Pinot Noir	94	94	92	95	92	94	95	95	89	91	90	92	96	87	95	93	90	89	90	89	91	85	91	90
	Sonoma	Cabernet Sauvignon	91	92	90	94	93	93	94	93	88	87	87	90	92	87	89	87	89	88	93	84	90	84	91	90
		Pinot Noir	91	92	90	95	92	94	95	95	90	92	91	93	95	87	95	93	89	88	89	87	90	85	90	88
		Zinfandel	91	92	89	93	93	93	93	92	89	89	89	88	93	86	90	90	89	88	91	86	90	86	88	90
	Carneros	Chardonnay	91	92	92	92	90	94	93	92	88	88	87	89	91	85	87	92	91	95	93	89	89	85	91	90
		Pinot Noir	90	91	91	92	91	93	94	93	87	90	89	90	94	86	93	89	89	85	87	85	87	83	85	86
	Anderson Valley	Pinot Noir	91	95	90	92	94	93	95	96	91	93	93	92	95	88	94	90	90	87						
	Santa Barbara	Chardonnay	93	93	93	93	92	93	93	93	92	92	90	91	92	90	89	92	92	94	91	88	91	88	95	90
		Pinot Noir	94	93	91	94	93	93	93	94	90	92	91	92	95	90	95	93	94	94	92	89	90	84	95	89
	Central Coast	Chardonnay	92	92	92	92	91	92	92	92	90	91	88	90	92	87	90	93	92	94	90	89	89	85	94	88
	Pinot Noir	93	92	90	92	91	93	92	92	88	93	89	89	94	88	92	89	93	95	91	88	89	86	93	87	
	Syrah	93	92	92	92	91	92	90	89	88	89	87	87	90	85	84	86	92	88	91	84	86	83			
North Coast	Syrah	92	91	90	92	92	91	91	92	89	88	88	88	93	88	85	89	89	88	92	84	89	83			
South Coast	Syrah	89	89	89	88	88	88	88	88	87	90	90	88	94	91	87	89	91	89	92	85	88	83			
Paso Robles	Reds	92	92	92	91	91	91	92	91	90	90	90	87	92	87	85	87	86	86	87	85	89	84	86	86	
Sierra Foothills	Zinfandel	91	93	89	94	94	93	93	92	89	91	90	88	90	87	87	89	87	86	85	84	85	84	84	85	
OR	Willamette Valley	Pinot Noir	91	92	93	91	95	93	92	93	91	87	91	92	86	94	89	92	86	88	89	91	94	92	84	87
		Whites	92	92	94	92	93	93	93	92	89	88	92	94	86	91	90	93	86	88	89	90	83	90	85	87
	Southern Oregon	Reds	90	87	91	90	90	90	89	90	89	88	90	89	87	87	90	85	87	88	89	90	89	84	85	
WA	Columbia Valley	Cabernet, Merlot	92	95	91	90	90	93	91	95	89	92	90	92	93	92	95	89	92	94	92	88	96	91	87	86
		Syrah	93	93	91	91	90	90	90	95	91	89	91	90	89	91	93	90	91	94	93	88	92	89	87	88
		Whites	92	93	94	91	89	90	88	93	90	92	89	94	89	90	92	88	90	91	89	89	87	90	88	89
NY	Finger Lakes	Reds	91	88	91	90	89	89	88	92	85	91	85	89	89	85	89	86	84	89	91	86	90	88	86	84
		Whites	92	88	91	90	90	89	89	90	88	90	88	90	88	89	90	88	90	91	93	89	92	89	90	88
	Long Island	Reds	92	88	90	90	90	90	92	92	84	92	85	89	88	87	87	90	84	85	90	87	86	93	89	86
		Whites	92	89	90	89	89	89	88	89	86	90	86	89	90	88	87	91	88	89	90	88	89	93	90	88

Southern Hemisphere

Region	Wine Variety	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	
AUSTRALIA	Barossa/McLaren Vale	Shiraz	93	95	92	92	91	90	93	96	83	95	91	87	89	91	95	94	87	94	93	87	89	93	87	93
		Riesling	94	96	97	96	96	90	92	93	87	95	93	92	89	91	93	89	88	94	88	88	87	91	93	89
	Coonawarra	Cabernet Sauvignon	95	94	90	90	90	90	93	94	83	93	90	88	88	94	94	92	88	87	93	91	89	94	88	91
	Yarra Valley	Pinot Noir	91	90	91	90	94	88	93	93	82	89	85	88	90	91	92	86	89	89	90	91	87	91	93	91
	Western Australia	Cabernet/Chardonnay	92	95	91	92	91	93	93	94	94	95	94	94	95	88	90	94	88	91	91	87	88	90	90	91
Hunter Valley	Semillon	92	94	93	86	85	96	89	86	91	90	93	84	89	89	90	88	90	87	88	90	89	92	86	89	
NZ	Hawke's Bay	Reds	95	89	90	94	93	95	96	88	86	95	93	88	92	89	92	90	88	91	86	84	90	95		
	Martinborough	Pinot Noir	95	89	90	93	91	90	93	89	94	91	92	88	93	88	93	87	88	91	88	87	91	90		
	Marlborough	Sauvignon Blanc	94	84	89	92	93	89	93	90	90	92	92	88	92	91	93	88	92	90	90	89	91	90	88	90
	Central Otago	Pinot Noir	93	89	91	92	92	91	90	92	88	93	92	92	93	92	91	88	89	93	90	89	90	90		
South Africa	Reds	93	92	95	91	95	88	89	90	89	87	94	88	91	92	90	89	93	87	92	93	92	93	87	86	
CHILE	Maipo	Reds	86	92	86	83	90	88	90	88	89	88	88	89	95	88	94	90	93	86	92	88	91	83	91	90
	Casablanca/Coastal	Whites	87	90	87	85	91	84	88	85	90	90	86	88	93	90	92	90	85	92	87	91	81	90	90	
	Colchagua	Reds	88	92	85	84	90	85	87	88	90	90	87	90	94	88	94	90	93	83	92	87	91	84	91	90
Argentina/Mendoza	Reds	93	92	91	84	85	85	90	87	89	90	89	87	86	93	89	88	92	94	85	87	90	83	89	95	

GREAT OLDER VINTAGES

FRANCE
Pomerol/ Saint-Émilion: 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: 1980, 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, 1979, 1967
Loire: 1985, 1978, 1976, 1971, 1969, 1959, 1947
Alsace: 1985, 1983, 1975
Champagne: 1995, 1990, 1985, 1982, 1979, 1971, 1964
ITALY
Piedmont: 1990, 1989, 1985, 1982, 1978, 1971
Veneto: 1990, 1983, 1979, 1976, 1974, 1971, 1970
Tuscany: 1995, 1990, 1985, 1982, 1978, 1971
SPAIN
Catalonia: 1985, 1983, 1982, 1981
Rioja: 1995, 1994, 1991, 1985, 1982, 1981, 1970, 1968, 1964
Ribera del Duero: 1995, 1991, 1985, 1983, 1982, 1980, 1979, 1970, 1968, 1962
GERMANY
Mosel/ Rhine Regions: 1990, 1983, 1976, 1975, 1971, 1959
PORTUGAL
Port: 1985, 1983, 1977, 1970, 1966, 1963, 1955, 1948, 1945
UNITED STATES
California
Cabernet: 1995, 1994, 1987, 1984, 1978, 1974, 1968
Oregon Pinot Noir: 1983, 1980
Washington
Reds: 1987, 1983, 1979, 1978

Region	Appellation/Type	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	
FRANCE	Bordeaux	Pomerol/Saint-Émilion	95	95	94	97	96	95	87	90	90	97	96	92	88	89	98	91	88	87	95	97	88	92	85	86
		Médoc	97	97	96	98	99	94	88	90	91	99	97	93	87	90	100	89	89	86	96	96	88	90	83	94
		Graves (red)	96	95	96	96	96	94	87	91	90	96	96	91	86	88	95	89	89	86	93	96	89	89	84	91
		Graves (white)	95	95	95	94	95	95	95	95	94	95	91	90	96	90	93	91	86	90	89	94	90	89	89	90
		Sauternes/Barsac	95	96	96	95	96	95	94	88	95	95	95	88	95	91	89	87	92	91	95	81	94	87	92	85
	Burgundy	Côte de Nuits (red)	96	95	95	94	98	90	89	91	91	95	97	89	88	89	96	91	94	97	88	84	93	92	90	96
		Côte de Beaune (red)	96	95	95	93	96	90	88	90	92	94	95	91	87	90	95	90	93	96	88	84	88	87	90	95
		Chablis	95	94	94	95	94	95	90	95	94	96	95	91	91	91	95	92	87	95	93	89	87	89	89	93
		Côte de Beaune (white)	95	94	95	95	94	95	94	95	94	96	95	92	91	91	96	93	88	96	92	91	88	90	89	92
		Mâconnais	96	94	96	94	93	94	92	94	94	95	95	90	90	90	92	89	84	91	90	89	87	89	90	94
	Beaujolais		96	96	96	90	96	94	89	89	92	93	96	90	87	90	92	91	90	87	87	84	88	88	90	92
	Northern Rhône	Reds	96	94	94	95	99	87	88	92	91	95	95	86	87	91	94	87	93	83	92	90	93	92	91	87
		Whites	94	93	93	93	94	93	90	92	92	95	92	87	88	91	92	94	86	85	91	87	92	92	90	89
	Southern Rhône	Reds	94	94	94	99	97	89	88	92	91	98	93	85	96	90	92	90	90	NR	93	90	89	96	85	85
		Whites	93	93	93	94	93	89	90	92	92	95	89	87	94	89	88	87	87	85	87	87	90	93	87	86
	Loire	Dry Whites	95	94	95	96	96	95	90	94	92	94	94	91	92	88	94	91	89	92	88	84	89	86	85	92
		Sweet Whites	93	95	94	93	97	96	87	87	95	94	93	87	95	89	95	89	92	87	93	88	89	85	90	92
		Reds	96	97	97	93	96	95	88	93	93	89	93	88	89	88	93	88	90	88	89	93	90	85	87	91
	Alsace		94	93	93	90	92	89	89	92	91	93	95	90	94	88	91	93	89	88	94	86	84	89	96	90
	Champagne		97	97	95	93	95	93	NV	98	89	90	94	98	91	89	93	95	86	98	NV	88	88	90	87	98
Languedoc-Roussillon		93	93	93	94	93	88	90	89	90	92	92	90	91	91	87	88	90	84	92	90	89	95	85	84	
Provence	Reds	94	94	94	94	94	92	89	89	91	89	91	90	94	90	87	87	90	85	90	91	88	94	86	85	

Region	Appellation/Type	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996		
ITALY	Piedmont	Barbaresco	98	89	91	99	92	92	93	90	98	94	92	92	95	89	96	85	82	96	95	92	95	93	96		
		Barolo	98	89	90	99	93	87	94	93	93	98	95	91	95	95	89	97	86	82	97	90	95	94	93	98	
	Veneto	Amarone	93	89	90	92	91	82	91	92	92	93	94	90	93	93	92	92	90	83	90	89	88	89	95	87	
			Soave Classico/Lugana	94	91	88	92	90	85	90	90	91	93	93	90	91	89	90	88	84	85	94	87	90	95	86	
	Trentino-Alto Adige	Whites	93	90	88	90	90	84	89	91	91	93	94	92	93	92	91	91	86	84	86	97	90	85	87	86	
	Collio-Friuli	Whites	92	90	88	90	90	85	89	92	92	93	94	92	93	93	90	92	88	83	87	90	90	85	87	86	
	Lombardy	Franciacorta	95	90	88	90	90	85	89	92	90	92	93	90	91	91	88	90	89	87	90	88	90	86	91	89	
	Tuscany	Bolgheri	95	88	88	91	91	85	91	93	93	96	93	93	94	93	93	94	90	83	97	89	90	93	94	90	
			Chianti Classico	95	90	88	92	92	83	91	91	92	96	94	93	94	93	91	93	91	83	95	91	96	91	97	90
			Brunello di Montalcino	95	90	88	96	92	83	91	92	93	98	95	93	97	97	92	94	87	83	91	89	94	90	98	86
			Maremma	95	88	88	90	90	84	91	90	90	94	92	90	92	91	90	92	90	82	96	89	90	92	97	90
	Umbria	Reds	93	90	88	91	90	84	89	90	90	93	92	90	92	92	90	93	92	84	91	90	91	96	94	86	
	Marche	Verdicchio	93	90	87	90	90	86	89	91	90	92	91	90	91	90	91	91	88	87	96	88	89	90	90	83	
			Conero/Rosso Piceno	90	88	88	91	90	83	89	88	90	92	91	90	92	92	90	90	89	89	90	89	87	89	91	82
	Abruzzo	Reds	90	87	88	90	90	83	88	90	90	93	92	90	91	92	91	90	87	88	92	93	92	92	91	81	
	Campania	Reds	94	89	89	92	90	84	89	92	92	93	93	92	94	93	94	90	89	88	90	92	94	93	95	92	
			Whites	94	90	88	92	91	86	92	92	92	93	93	92	94	94	93	92	90	93	94	95	92	90	90	89
	Basilicata	Aglianico del Vulture	93	88	89	90	90	82	89	91	92	94	93	92	94	93	94	90	89	89	96	95	94	94	93	93	
	Puglia	Reds	91	87	88	90	90	82	89	90	90	92	92	90	90	90	91	89	88	83	90	97	92	93	84	91	
			Whites	92	90	88	91	91	94	89	90	91	88	90	90	91	88	90	86	86	86	83	87	87	87	87	
Sardinia	Reds	93	89	89	91	91	94	90	91	91	92	92	90	90	90	91	90	88	93	92	93	91	90	90	88		

Region	Appellation/Type	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	
SPAIN	Catalonia	Reds	92	86	87	93	92	87	88	89	91	92	90	87	85	87	94	91	86	85	93	89	90	88	88	89
	Rioja	Reds	94	86	86	95	93	84	85	92	93	97	91	86	86	88	93	94	84	84	95	87	90	88	85	89
	Ribera del Duero	Reds	92	87	87	93	93	85	84	91	93	95	92	85	85	88	94	92	84	86	93	88	89	88	87	89
	Galicia	Whites	90	87	87	92	90	84	85	90	88	93	90	88	88	87	94	91	85	86	92	88	90	87	86	
GERMANY	Mosel	Whites	98	93	93	96	90	89	92	93	93	95	90	94	93	96	90	93	91	96	85	90	89	89	93	
	Rhine Regions	Whites	95	92	92	90	94	90	90	92	93	92	94	88	96	94	95	88	94	94	95	84	91	89	88	95
	Franken	Whites	96	92	92	91	93	90	90	91	90	89	92	90	96	92	90	88	88	90	95	85	90	88	88	93
PORTUGAL	Port		95	96	96	100	96	88	89	90	100	92	96	89	93	89	91	90	96	84	84	92	86	87	93	85
	Table Wines	Reds	96	95	95	96	96	89	89	94	95	93	95	90	94	88	91	89	92	83	85	90	88	91	92	89
		Whites	94	94	94	95	94	93	93	92	91	92	91	92	90	87	88	85	87	86	88	89	90	89	90	90
AUSTRIA	Danube Regions	Whites	96	94	94	94	94	90	93	94	94	90	93	89	90	92	88	88	87	88	89	86	92	88	89	88
	Burgenland	Reds	96	93	93	93	93	88	91	90	92	90	93	90	88	93	85	89	91	89	90	90	91	88	92	85
		Sweet Wines	93	92	92	92	96	87	90	90	88	90	94	87	95	90	91	91	84	88	91	84	94	92	86	87