

WINE ENTHUSIAST

2020 VINTAGE CHART

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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

Popping open a bottle of wine shouldn't be a shot in the dark. To aid in your vinous adventures, *Wine Enthusiast* is here with advice on which bottles to save for later and which to enjoy right now. Just check our latest vintage chart to get an idea of what to expect. But remember, while our expert reviewers base these ratings and maturity estimates on their vast tasting experience and interviews with local winemakers, 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 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 | 1996 | 1995 | |
|------------------|----------------------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----|
| CALIFORNIA | Napa | 93 | 90 | 94 | 90 | 92 | 91 | 91 | 87 | 87 | 88 | 87 | 90 | 86 | 86 | 85 | 85 | 90 | 90 | 88 | 88 | 87 | 94 | 90 | 92 | |
| | | 94 | 90 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 95 | 95 | 89 | 89 | 89 | 92 | 95 | 90 | 95 | 90 | 90 | 93 | 98 | 85 | 93 | 85 | 96 | 93 | 95 | |
| | | 90 | 89 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 92 | 89 | 89 | 89 | 89 | 94 | 87 | 87 | 90 | 88 | 86 | 91 | 85 | 90 | 85 | 89 | 88 | 90 | |
| | Russian River Valley | 94 | 92 | 94 | 92 | 94 | 94 | 93 | 89 | 89 | 87 | 90 | 92 | 86 | 91 | 93 | 91 | 97 | 93 | 90 | 92 | 88 | 95 | 92 | 94 | |
| | | 94 | 92 | 95 | 92 | 94 | 95 | 95 | 89 | 91 | 90 | 92 | 96 | 87 | 95 | 93 | 90 | 89 | 90 | 89 | 91 | 85 | 91 | 90 | 91 | |
| | Sonoma | 92 | 90 | 94 | 93 | 93 | 94 | 93 | 88 | 87 | 87 | 90 | 92 | 87 | 89 | 87 | 89 | 88 | 93 | 84 | 90 | 84 | 91 | 90 | 91 | |
| | | 92 | 90 | 95 | 92 | 94 | 95 | 95 | 90 | 92 | 91 | 93 | 95 | 87 | 95 | 93 | 89 | 88 | 89 | 87 | 90 | 85 | 90 | 88 | 89 | |
| | | 92 | 89 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 92 | 89 | 89 | 89 | 88 | 91 | 86 | 90 | 89 | 88 | 91 | 86 | 90 | 85 | 86 | 88 | 90 | 91 | |
| | Carneros | Chardonnay | 92 | 92 | 92 | 90 | 94 | 93 | 92 | 88 | 88 | 87 | 89 | 91 | 85 | 87 | 92 | 91 | 95 | 93 | 89 | 89 | 85 | 91 | 90 | 89 |
| | | Pinot Noir | 91 | 91 | 92 | 91 | 93 | 94 | 93 | 87 | 90 | 89 | 90 | 94 | 86 | 93 | 89 | 89 | 85 | 87 | 85 | 87 | 83 | 85 | 86 | 88 |
| Anderson Valley | Pinot Noir | 94 | 90 | 94 | 94 | 93 | 95 | 96 | 91 | 93 | 93 | 92 | 95 | 88 | 94 | 90 | 90 | 87 | | | | | | | | |
| Santa Barbara | Chardonnay | 93 | 93 | 93 | 92 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 92 | 92 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 90 | 89 | 92 | 92 | 94 | 91 | 88 | 91 | 88 | 95 | 90 | 91 | |
| | Pinot Noir | 93 | 91 | 94 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 94 | 90 | 92 | 91 | 92 | 95 | 90 | 95 | 93 | 94 | 94 | 92 | 89 | 90 | 84 | 95 | 89 | 90 | |
| Central Coast | Chardonnay | 92 | 92 | 92 | 91 | 92 | 92 | 92 | 90 | 91 | 88 | 90 | 92 | 87 | 90 | 93 | 92 | 94 | 90 | 89 | 89 | 85 | 94 | 88 | 90 | |
| | Pinot Noir | 92 | 91 | 92 | 91 | 93 | 92 | 92 | 88 | 93 | 89 | 89 | 94 | 88 | 92 | 89 | 93 | 95 | 91 | 88 | 89 | 86 | 93 | 87 | 88 | |
| | Syrah | 92 | 92 | 92 | 91 | 92 | 90 | 89 | 88 | 89 | 87 | 87 | 90 | 85 | 84 | 86 | 92 | 88 | 91 | 84 | 86 | 83 | | | | |
| North Coast | Syrah | 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 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 88 | 87 | 90 | 90 | 88 | 94 | 91 | 87 | 89 | 91 | 89 | 92 | 85 | 88 | 83 | | | | |
| Paso Robles | Reds | 91 | 92 | 91 | 91 | 91 | 92 | 91 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 87 | 92 | 87 | 85 | 87 | 86 | 86 | 87 | 85 | 89 | 84 | 86 | 86 | 87 | |
| Sierra Foothills | Zinfandel | 93 | 89 | 94 | 94 | 93 | 93 | 92 | 89 | 91 | 90 | 88 | 90 | 87 | 87 | 89 | 87 | 86 | 85 | 84 | 85 | 84 | 84 | 85 | 86 | |
| OR | Willamette Valley | 92 | 93 | 91 | 95 | 93 | 92 | 93 | 91 | 87 | 91 | 92 | 86 | 94 | 89 | 92 | 86 | 88 | 89 | 91 | 94 | 92 | 84 | 87 | 86 | |
| | | 92 | 94 | 92 | 93 | 93 | 93 | 92 | 89 | 88 | 92 | 94 | 86 | 91 | 90 | 93 | 86 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 83 | 90 | 85 | 87 | 85 | |
| | Southern Oregon | 87 | 91 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 89 | 90 | 90 | 89 | 88 | 90 | 89 | 87 | 87 | 90 | 85 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 89 | 84 | 85 | 84 | |
| WA | Columbia Valley | 94 | 91 | 90 | 90 | 93 | 91 | 95 | 89 | 92 | 90 | 92 | 93 | 92 | 95 | 89 | 92 | 94 | 92 | 88 | 96 | 91 | 87 | 86 | 89 | |
| | | 93 | 91 | 91 | 90 | 90 | 95 | 91 | 89 | 91 | 90 | 89 | 91 | 93 | 90 | 91 | 94 | 93 | 88 | 92 | 89 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 89 | |
| | | 92 | 94 | 91 | 89 | 90 | 90 | 93 | 90 | 92 | 89 | 90 | 92 | 88 | 90 | 91 | 89 | 89 | 87 | 90 | 88 | 89 | 89 | 88 | 89 | |
| NY | Finger Lakes | 88 | 91 | 90 | 89 | 89 | 88 | 92 | 85 | 91 | 85 | 89 | 89 | 85 | 89 | 86 | 84 | 89 | 91 | 86 | 90 | 88 | 86 | 84 | 91 | |
| | | 88 | 91 | 90 | 90 | 89 | 89 | 90 | 88 | 90 | 88 | 90 | 88 | 90 | 91 | 93 | 89 | 92 | 89 | 90 | 88 | 92 | 89 | 88 | 92 | |
| | Long Island | 88 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 92 | 92 | 84 | 92 | 85 | 89 | 88 | 87 | 87 | 90 | 84 | 85 | 90 | 87 | 86 | 93 | 89 | 86 | 92 | |
| | | 88 | 90 | 89 | 89 | 89 | 88 | 89 | 86 | 90 | 86 | 89 | 90 | 88 | 87 | 91 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 88 | 89 | 93 | 90 | 88 | 92 | |

Southern Hemisphere

| Region | Wine Variety | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 | 1996 | 1995 |
|-------------------|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| AUSTRALIA | Barossa/McLaren Vale | 96 | 92 | 91 | 91 | 90 | 93 | 96 | 83 | 95 | 91 | 87 | 89 | 91 | 95 | 94 | 87 | 94 | 93 | 87 | 89 | 93 | 87 | 93 | 86 |
| | Clare Valley | 96 | 97 | 96 | 96 | 90 | 92 | 93 | 87 | 95 | 93 | 92 | 89 | 91 | 93 | 89 | 88 | 94 | 88 | 88 | 87 | 91 | 93 | 89 | 90 |
| | Coonawarra | 94 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 | 93 | 94 | 83 | 93 | 90 | 88 | 88 | 94 | 94 | 92 | 88 | 87 | 93 | 91 | 89 | 94 | 88 | 91 | 82 |
| | Yarra Valley | 90 | 91 | 90 | 94 | 88 | 93 | 93 | 82 | 89 | 85 | 88 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 86 | 89 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 87 | 91 | 93 | 91 | 90 |
| | Western Australia | 92 | 90 | 92 | 91 | 93 | 93 | 94 | 94 | 95 | 94 | 94 | 95 | 88 | 90 | 94 | 88 | 91 | 87 | 87 | 88 | 90 | 90 | 91 | 93 |
| Hunter Valley | Semillon | 94 | 93 | 86 | 85 | 96 | 89 | 86 | 91 | 90 | 93 | 84 | 89 | 89 | 90 | 88 | 90 | 87 | 88 | 90 | 89 | 92 | 86 | 89 | 88 |
| NZ | Hawke's Bay | 89 | 90 | 94 | 93 | 95 | 96 | 88 | 86 | 95 | 93 | 88 | 92 | 89 | 92 | 90 | 88 | 91 | 86 | 84 | 90 | 95 | | | |
| | Martinborough | 89 | 90 | 93 | 91 | 90 | 93 | 93 | 89 | 94 | 91 | 92 | 88 | 93 | 87 | 88 | 91 | 88 | 87 | 91 | 90 | | | | |
| | Marlborough | 84 | 89 | 92 | 93 | 89 | 93 | 90 | 90 | 92 | 92 | 88 | 92 | 91 | 93 | 88 | 92 | 90 | 90 | 89 | 91 | 90 | 88 | 90 | 80 |
| | Central Otago | 89 | 91 | 92 | 92 | 91 | 90 | 92 | 88 | 93 | 92 | 92 | 93 | 92 | 91 | 88 | 89 | 93 | 90 | 89 | 90 | | | | |
| CHILE | South Africa | 92 | 95 | 91 | 95 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 89 | 87 | 94 | 88 | 91 | 92 | 90 | 89 | 93 | 87 | 92 | 93 | 92 | 93 | 87 | 86 | 91 |
| | Maipo | 92 | 86 | 83 | 90 | 88 | 90 | 88 | 89 | 88 | 88 | 89 | 95 | 88 | 94 | 90 | 93 | 86 | 92 | 88 | 91 | 83 | 91 | 90 | 89 |
| | Casablanca/Coastal | 90 | 87 | 85 | 91 | 84 | 88 | 85 | 90 | 90 | 86 | 88 | 93 | 90 | 92 | 90 | 85 | 92 | 87 | 91 | 81 | 90 | 90 | | |
| Colchagua | 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 | 92 | 91 | 84 | 85 | 85 | 90 | 87 | 89 | 90 | 89 | 87 | 86 | 93 | 89 | 88 | 92 | 94 | 85 | 87 | 90 | 83 | 89 | 95 | 95 | |

GREAT OLDER VINTAGES

FRANCE
Pomerol/Saint-Émilion: 1989, 1985, 1982, 1978, 1970, 1966, 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: 1990, 1989, 1985, 1982, 1978, 1971
Veneto: 1990, 1983, 1979, 1976, 1974, 1971, 1970
Tuscany: 1990, 1985, 1982, 1978, 1971

SPAIN
Catalonia: 1985, 1983, 1982, 1981
Rioja: 1994, 1991, 1985, 1982, 1981, 1970, 1968, 1964

Ribera del Duero: 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: 1994, 1987, 1984, 1978, 1974, 1968
Oregon Pinot Noir: 1983, 1980
Washington Reds: 1987, 1983, 1979, 1978

Europe

| Region | Appellation/Type | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 | 1997 | 1996 | 1995 | |
|--------|------------------|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----|
| FRANCE | Bordeaux | 94 | 94 | 97 | 96 | 95 | 87 | 90 | 90 | 97 | 96 | 92 | 88 | 89 | 98 | 91 | 88 | 87 | 95 | 97 | 88 | 92 | 85 | 86 | 91 | |
| | | 95 | 95 | 98 | 99 | 94 | 88 | 90 | 91 | 99 | 97 | 93 | 87 | 90 | 100 | 89 | 89 | 86 | 96 | 96 | 88 | 90 | 83 | 94 | 91 | |
| | | 94 | 94 | 96 | 96 | 94 | 87 | 91 | 90 | 96 | 96 | 91 | 86 | 88 | 95 | 89 | 89 | 86 | 93 | 96 | 86 | 89 | 84 | 91 | 90 | |
| | | 96 | 96 | 95 | 94 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 95 | 91 | 90 | 96 | 90 | 93 | 91 | 86 | 90 | 89 | 94 | 90 | 89 | 89 | 90 | 89 | 89 | |
| | | 96 | 96 | 95 | 96 | 95 | 94 | 88 | 95 | 95 | 95 | 88 | 95 | 91 | 89 | 87 | 92 | 91 | 95 | 81 | 94 | 87 | 92 | 85 | 88 | |
| | Burgundy | Côte de Nuits (red) | 95 | 95 | 94 | 98 | 90 | 89 | 91 | 91 | 95 | 97 | 89 | 88 | 89 | 96 | 91 | 94 | 97 | 88 | 84 | 93 | 92 | 90 | 96 | 90 |
| | | 95 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |