

# WINE ENTHUSIAST®

## 2020 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**

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	Chardonnay	93	90	94	90	92	91	91	87	87	88	87	90	86	86	85	85	90	90	88	88	87	94	90	92
		Cabernet Sauvignon	94	90	95	95	94	95	95	89	89	89	92	95	90	95	90	90	93	98	85	93	85	96	93	95
		Zinfandel	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	Chardonnay	94	92	94	92	94	94	93	89	89	87	90	92	86	91	93	91	97	93	90	92	88	95	92	94
		Pinot Noir	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	Cabernet Sauvignon	92	90	94	93	93	94	93	88	87	87	90	92	87	89	87	89	88	93	84	90	84	91	90	91
		Pinot Noir	92	90	95	92	94	95	95	90	92	91	93	95	87	95	93	89	88	89	87	90	85	90	88	89
		Zinfandel	92	89	93	93	93	93	92	89	89	89	88	93	86	90	90	89	88	91	86	90	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	91	91	92	89	88	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	Pinot Noir	92	93	91	95	93	92	93	91	87	91	92	86	94	89	92	86	88	89	91	94	92	84	87	86
		Whites	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	Reds	87	91	90	90	90	89	90	89	88	90	89	87	87	90	85	87	88	89	90	89	84	85	84	
WA	Columbia Valley	Cabernet, Merlot	94	91	90	90	93	91	95	89	92	90	92	93	92	95	89	92	94	92	88	96	91	87	86	89
		Syrah	93	91	91	90	90	90	95	91	89	91	90	89	91	93	90	91	94	93	88	92	89	87	88	89
		Whites	92	94	91	89	90	88	93	90	92	89	94	89	90	92	88	90	91	89	89	87	90	88	89	89
NY	Finger Lakes	Reds	88	91	90	89	89	88	92	85	91	85	89	89	85	89	86	84	89	91	86	90	88	86	84	91
		Whites	88	91	90	90	89	89	90	88	90	88	90	88	89	90	88	90	91	93	89	92	89	90	88	92
	Long Island	Reds	88	90	90	90	90	92	84	92	85	89	88	87	87	90	84	85	90	87	86	93	89	86	87	
		Whites	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	Shiraz	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	Riesling	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	Cabernet Sauvignon	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	Pinot Noir	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	Cabernet/Chardonnay	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	Reds	89	90	94	93	95	96	88	86	95	93	88	92	89	92	90	88	91	86	84	90	95			
	Martinborough	Pinot Noir	89	90	93	91	90	93	89	94	91	92	88	93	88	93	87	88	91	88	87	91	90			
	Marlborough	Sauvignon Blanc	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	Pinot Noir	89	91	92	92	91	90	92	88	93	92	92	93	92	91	88	89	93	90	89	90	90			
South Africa	Reds	92	95	91	95	88	89	90	89	87	94	88	88	91	92	90	89	93	87	92	93	92	93	87	86	91
CHILE	Maipo	Reds	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	Whites	90	87	85	91	84	88	85	90	90	86	88	93	90	92	90	85	92	87	91	81	90	90		
	Colchagua	Reds	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	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, 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	Pomerol/Saint-Émilion	94	94	97	96	95	87	90	90	97	96	92	88	89	98	91	88	87	95	97	88	92	85	86	91	
		Médoc	95	95	98	99	94	88	90	91	99	97	93	87	90	100	89	89	86	96	96	88	90	83	94	91	
		Graves (red)	94	94	96	96	94	87	91	90	96	96	91	86	88	95	89	89	86	93	96	89	89	84	91	90	
		Graves (white)	96	96	95	94	95	95	94	95	91	90	96	90	93	91	86	90	89	94	90	89	89	89	90	89	
		Sauternes/Barsac	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	
			Côte de Beaune (red)	95	95	93	96	90	88	90	92	94	95	91	87	90	95	90	93	96	88	84	88	87	90	95	91
			Chablis	96	96	95	94	95	90	95	94	96	95	91	91	91	95	92	87	95	93	89	87	89	89	93	90
			Côte de Beaune (white)	95	95	95	94	95	94	95	94	96	95	92	91	91	96	93	88	96	92	91	88	90	89	92	91
			Mâconnais	96	96	94	93	94	92	94	94	95	95	90	90	90	92	89	84	91	90	89	87	89	90	94	91
	Beaujolais		96	96	90	96	94	89	89	92	93	96	90	87	90	92	91	90	87	87	84	88	88	90	92	90	
	Northern Rhône	Reds	93	93	95	97	87	88	92	91	95	95	86	87	91	94	87	93	83	92	90	93	92	91	87	91	
			Whites	93	93	93	93	93	90	92	92	95	92	87	88	91	92	94	86	85	91	87	92	92	90	89	92
	Southern Rhône	Reds	93	93	97	95	89	88	92	91	98	93	85	96	90	92	90	90	NR	93	90	89	96	85	85	93	
			Whites	93	93	93	92	89	90	92	92	95	89	87	94	89	88	87	87	85	87	87	90	93	87	86	91
	Loire	Dry Whites	95	95	96	96	95	90	94	92	94	94	91	92	88	94	91	89	92	88	84	89	86	85	92	90	
			Sweet Whites	94	94	93	97	96	87	87	95	94	93	87	95	89	95	89	92	87	93	88	89	85	90	92	92
			Reds	97	97	93	96	95	88	93	93	89	93	88	89	88	93	88	90	88	89	93	90	85	87	91	90
	Alsace		93	93	90	92	89	89	92	91	93	95	90	94	88	91	93	89	88	94	86	84	89	96	90	88	
	Champagne		95	95	93	95	93	NV	95	89	90	94	98	91	89	93	95	86	98	NV	88	88	90	87	98	95	
Languedoc-Roussillon		93	93	94	93	88	90	89	90	92	92	90	91	91	87	88	90	84	92	90	89	95	85	84	90		
Provence	Reds	94	94	94	94	92	89	89	90	89	91	90	94	90	87	87	90	85	90	91	88	94	86	85	91		

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ITALY	Piedmont	Barbaresco	89	89	94	92	92	92	93	90	98	94	92	92	95	89	96	85	82	96	95	92	95	93	96	88	
		Barolo	89	89	94	93	87	94	93	93	98	95	91	95	95	89	97	86	82	97	95	92	94	93	98	88	
	Veneto	Amarone	89	89	92	91	82	91	92	92	93	94	90	93	93	92	92	90	83	90	89	88	89	95	87	94	
			Soave Classico/Lugana	88	88	92	90	85	90	90	91	93	93	90	91	91	89	90	88	84	85	94	87	90	95	86	90
	Trentino-Alto Adige	Whites	88	88	90	90	84	89	91	91	93	94	92	93	92	91	91	86	84	86	97	90	85	87	86	86	
	Collio-Friuli	Whites	88	88	90	90	85	89	92	92	93	94	92	93	93	90	92	88	83	87	90	90	85	87	86	86	
	Lombardy	Franciacorta	88	88	90	90	85	89	92	90	92	93	90	91	91	88	90	89	87	90	88	90	86	91	89	97	
			Bolgheri	88	88	91	91	85	91	93	93	96	95	93	94	93	93	94	90	83	97	89	90	93	94	90	93
	Tuscany	Chianti Classico	88	88	92	92	83	91	91	92	96	94	93	94	93	91	93	91	83	95	91	96	91	97	90	96	
			Brunello di Montalcino	88	88	93	91	83	91	92	93	98	95	93	97	97	92	94	87	83	91	89	94	90	98	86	96
			Maremma	88	88	90	90	84	91	90	90	94	92	90	92	91	90	92	90	82	96	89	90	92	97	90	93
	Umbria	Reds	88	88	91	90	84	89	90	90	93	92	90	92	92	90	93	92	84	91	90	91	96	94	86	94	
	Marche	Verdicchio	87	87	90	90	86	89	91	90	92	91	90	91	90	91	91	88	87	96	88	89	90	90	83	94	
		Conero/Rosso Piceno	88	88	91	90	83	89	88	90	92	91	90	92	92	90	90	89	89	90	89	87	89	91	82	95	
	Abruzzo	Reds	87	88	90	90	83	88	90	90	93	92	90	91	92	91	90	87	88	92	93	92	92	91	81	93	
	Campania	Reds	89	89	92	90	84	89	92	92	93	93	92	94	93	94	90	89	88	90	92	94	93	95	92	94	
			Whites	88	88	92	91	86	92	92	92	93	93	92	94	94	93	92	90	93	94	95	92	90	90	89	92
	Basilicata	Aglianico del Vulture	88	89	90	90	82	89	91	92	94	93	92	94	93	94	90	89	89	96	95	94	94	93	93	84	
	Puglia	Reds	87	88	90	90	82	89	90	90	92	92	90	90	90	91	89	88	83	90	97	92	93	84	91	87	
	Sicily	Reds	88	88	93	92	93	88	92	91	90	88	90	93	92	94	90	91	87	84	86	83	87	87	87	93	
		Whites	88	88	91	91	94	89	90	90	91	88	90	90	90	91	88	90	86	86	86	83	87	84	90	94	
Sardinia	Reds	89	89	91	91	94	90	91	91	92	92	90	90	90	91	90	88	93	92	93	91	90	90	88	92		

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	
SPAIN	Catalonia	Reds	85	87	93	92	87	88	89	91	92	90	87	85	87	94	91	86	85	93	89	90	88	88	89	91
		Rioja	86	86	95	92	84	85	92	93	97	91	86	86	88	93	94	84	84	95	87	90	88	85	89	95
		Ribera del Duero	87	87	93	93	85	84	91	93	95	92	85	85	88	94	92	84	86	93	88	89	88	87	89	95
		Galicia	Whites	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	93	93	93	95	90	89	92	93	93	95	90	94	93	96	90	93	91	96	85	90	89	89	93	93
		Rhine Regions	92	92	90	94	90	90	92	93	92	94	88	96	94	95	88	94	94	95	84	91	89	88	95	88
		Franken	92	92	91	93	90	90	91	90	89	92	90	96	92	90	88	88	90	95	85	90	88	88	93	88
PORTUGAL	Port		96	96	99	96	88	89	90	100	92	96	89	93	89	91	90	96	84	84	92	86	93	85	91	
		Table Wines	95	95	96	96	89	89	94	95	93	95	90	94	88	91	89	92	83	85	90	88	91	92	89	92
		Whites	94	94	95	94	93	93	92	91	92	91	92	90	87	88	85	87	86	88	89	90	89	90	89	82
AUSTRIA	Danube Regions	Whites	94	94	94	94	90	93	94	94	90	93	89	90	92	88	88	87	88	89	86	92	88	89	88	88
		Burgenland	93	93	93	93	88	91	90	92	90	93	90	88	93	85	89	91	89	90	90	91	88	92	85	87
		Sweet Wines	92	92	92	95	87	90	90	88	90	94	87	95	90	91	91	84	88	91	84	94	92	86	87	90