

2018 VINTAGE CHART

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

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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

United States

Region	Wine Variety	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
CALIFORNIA	Napa Chardonnay	94	90	92	91	91	87	87	88	87	90	86	86	85	85	90	90	88	88	87	94	90	92	90	87	90
	Napa Cabernet Sauvignon	95	95	94	95	95	89	89	89	89	92	95	90	95	90	93	98	85	93	85	96	93	95	97	90	93
	Napa Zinfandel	93	93	93	93	92	89	89	89	89	94	87	87	80	88	86	91	85	90	85	89	88	90	91	89	89
	Russian River Valley Chardonnay	94	92	94	94	93	89	89	87	90	92	86	91	93	91	97	93	90	92	88	95	92	94	91	88	91
	Russian River Valley Pinot Noir	95	92	94	95	95	89	91	90	92	96	87	95	93	90	89	90	89	91	85	91	90	91	92	90	92
	Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon	94	93	93	94	93	88	87	87	90	92	87	89	87	89	88	93	84	90	84	91	90	91	92	88	89
	Sonoma Pinot Noir	95	92	94	95	95	90	92	91	93	95	93	95	93	89	88	89	87	90	85	90	88	89	89		
	Sonoma Zinfandel	93	93	93	93	92	89	89	89	88	93	86	90	90	89	88	91	86	90	86	88	90	91	92	92	90
	Carneros Chardonnay	92	90	94	93	92	88	88	87	89	91	85	87	92	91	95	93	89	89	85	91	90	89	91	87	89
	Carneros Pinot Noir	92	91	93	94	93	87	90	89	90	94	86	93	89	89	85	87	85	87	83	85	86	88	90	86	88
	Anderson Valley Pinot Noir	94	94	93	95	96	91	93	93	92	95	88	94	90	90	87										
	Santa Barbara Chardonnay	93	92	93	93	93	92	92	90	91	92	90	89	92	92	94	91	88	91	88	95	90	91	94	86	90
Santa Barbara Pinot Noir	93	93	93	93	94	90	92	91	92	95	90	95	93	94	94	92	89	90	84	95	89	90	92	88	90	
Central Coast Chardonnay	92	91	92	92	92	90	91	88	90	92	87	90	93	92	94	90	89	89	85	94	88	90	92	87	89	
Central Coast Pinot Noir	92	91	93	92	92	88	93	89	89	94	88	92	89	93	95	91	88	89	86	93	87	88	90	86	87	
North Coast Syrah	92	91	92	90	89	88	89	87	87	90	85	84	86	92	88	91	84	86	83							
South Coast Syrah	92	92	91	91	92	89	88	88	88	93	88	85	89	89	88	92	84	89	83							
South Coast Syrah	88	88	88	88	87	90	90	88	94	91	87	89	91	89	92	85	88	83								
Paso Robles Zinfandel	91	91	91	92	91	87	87	87	87	92	87	85	87	86	86	87	85	89	84	86	86	87	88	86	87	
Sierra Foothills Zinfandel	94	94	93	93	92	89	91	90	88	90	87	87	89	87	86	85	84	85	84	84	85	86	84	84	85	
OR	Willamette Valley Pinot Noir	92	94	93	92	93	91	87	91	92	86	94	89	92	86	88	89	91	94	92	84	87	86	90	91	88
	Willamette Valley Whites	92	93	93	92	89	88	92	94	86	91	90	93	86	88	89	90	83	90	85	87	85	91	90	87	
	Southern Oregon Reds	90	88	90	89	90	90	89	88	90	89	87	87	90	85	87	88	89	90	89	84	85	84	89	88	87
WA	Columbia Valley Cabernet, Merlot	93	91	93	91	95	89	92	92	90	93	92	95	89	92	94	92	88	96	91	87	86	89	90	87	88
	Columbia Valley Syrah	92	90	90	95	91	89	91	90	89	91	93	90	91	94	93	88	92	89	87	88	89	89	87	87	87
	Columbia Valley Whites	91	89	90	88	94	92	90	89	94	89	90	92	88	90	91	89	89	87	90	88	89	89	89	90	89
NY	Finger Lakes Reds	90	89	89	88	92	85	91	85	89	89	85	89	86	84	89	91	86	90	88	86	84	91	88	90	
	Finger Lakes Whites	89	90	89	89	90	88	90	88	90	88	89	90	88	90	91	93	89	92	89	90	88	92	90	91	
	Long Island Reds	90	90	90	92	82	84	92	85	89	88	87	87	80	84	85	90	84	85	90	86	92	90	89	80	
Long Island Whites	89	89	89	88	89	86	90	86	89	90	88	87	91	88	89	90	88	89	93	90	88	92	90	89	84	

Southern Hemisphere

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AUSTRALIA	Barossa/McLaren Vale Shiraz	91	91	90	93	96	83	95	91	87	89	91	95	94	87	94	93	87	89	93	87	93	86	91	88	94
	Clare Valley Riesling	96	96	90	92	93	87	95	93	92	89	91	93	89	88	94	88	88	87	91	93	89	90	84	87	85
	Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	90	90	90	93	94	83	93	90	88	88	94	94	92	88	87	93	91	89	94	88	91	82	89	87	84
	Yarra Valley Pinot Noir	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	91	93	93	94	94	95	94	94	95	88	90	94	88	91	87	87	88	90	90	91	93			
Hunter Valley Semillon	86	85	96	89	86	91	90	93	84	89	89	90	88	90	87	88	90	89	92	86	89	88	89	86	85	
NZ	Hawke's Bay Reds	94	93	95	96	88	86	95	93	88	92	89	90	88	91	86	84	90	95							
	Martinborough Pinot Noir	93	91	90	93	89	94	91	92	88	93	88	93	87	88	91	88	87	91	90						
	Martborough Sauvignon Blanc	92	93	89	93	90	90	92	88	92	91	93	88	92	90	90	89	91	90	88	90	80	91	81	85	
	Central Otago Pinot Noir	92	92	91	90	92	88	93	92	92	91	88	89	93	90	89	90									
CHILE	South Africa Reds	90	95	88	89	90	89	87	94	88	93	91	92	90	89	89	83	87	92	93	87	86	91	86	84	87
	Maipo Reds	83	90	88	90	88	89	88	88	89	95	88	94	90	93	86	92	88	91	83	91	90	89	90	89	85
	Casablanca/Coastal Whites	85	91	84	88	85	90	90	86	88	93	90	92	90	85	92	87	91	81	90	90					
	Colchagua Reds	84	90	85	87	88	90	90	87	90	94	88	94	90	93	83	92	87	91	84	91	90				
Argentina/Mendoza Reds	84	85	85	90	87	89	90	89	87	86	93	89	88	92	94	85	87	90	83	89	95	95	90	93	88	

Whether you're on the hunt for new bottles to stock your cellar or need advice on when to pop open your latest gem, *Wine Enthusiast* has got you covered. Check our latest vintage chart to get an idea of what to expect. Although our expert reviewers base these ratings and maturity estimates on their vast tasting experience and interviews with local winemakers, we can't guarantee every wine will live up or down to the broad generalizations—in the world of wine, there are exceptions to every rule. Maturity estimates assume proper storage conditions over the life of the wine.

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: 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: 1991, 1985, 1982, 1981, 1978, 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: 1987, 1984, 1978, 1974, 1968

Oregon Pinot Noir: 1983, 1980

Washington Reds: 1987, 1983, 1979, 1978

Europe

Region	Appellation/Type	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992
FRANCE	Bordeaux Pomerol/Saint-Émilion	97	96	95	87	90	90	97	96	92	88	89	98	91	88	87	95	97	88	92	85	86	91	86	86	80
	Bordeaux Médoc</																									