

# 2009 Vintage Chart

## NORTH AMERICA

**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

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

## SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

		Region	Type/Varietal	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	
AUSTRALIA	Barossa/McLaren Vale	Shiraz	89	91	95	94	87	94	93	87	89	93	87	93	86	91	88	84	92	92		
	Clare Valley	Riesling	89	91	90	89	88	94	88	88	87	91	93	89	90	84	87	85	87	93		
	Yoonawarra	Cabernet Sauvignon	88	94	94	92	88	87	89	91	89	94	88	91	82	89	87	84	95	95		
	Yarra Valley	Pinot Noir	90	91	92	86	89	89	90	91	87	91	93	91	90							
	Western Australia	Cabernet/Chardonnay	95	88	90	94	88	91	87	87	88	90	90	91	93							
	Hunter Valley	Sémillon	89	89	90	88	90	87	88	90	89	92	86	89	88	89	86	85	94	86		
NEW ZEALAND	Hawke's Bay	Reds	92	89	92	90	88	91	86	84	90	95										
	Martinborough	Pinot Noir	88	88	93	87	88	91	88	87	91	90										
	Marlborough	Sauvignon Blanc	92	91	93	88	92	90	90	89	91	90	88	90	80	91	81	85	93			
	Central Otago	Pinot Noir	94	92	91	88	89	93	90	89	90	90										
CHILE	South Africa	Reds	94	92	90	89	95	87	92	93	94	95	87	86	91	86	84	87	88	85		
	Maipo	Reds	95	88	94	90	93	86	92	88	91	83	91	90	89	90	89	85	86	89		
	Casablanca	Whites	93	90	92	90	85	92	87	91	81	90	90									
	Colchagua	Reds	94	88	94	90	93	83	92	87	91	84	91	90								
ARGENTINA/MENDOZA	Reds	86	91	89	88	92	94	87	87	90	83	89	95	95	90	93	88	87	93			

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## EUROPE

### 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

Tuscany: 1982, 1978, 1971

Piedmont: 1982, 1978, 1971

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

#### SPAIN

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

Catalonia: 1985, 1983, 1982, 1981

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

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