

2011 Vintage Chart

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Wine Enthusiast's vintage chart is a year-by-year guide to the overall quality and drinkability of the wines from the world's major winegrowing regions. The quality ratings are determined by our wine review panel of experts, based primarily on their tastings of current and previous vintage wines, but also on interviews with winemakers and knowledge of the weather and harvest conditions. Thus, ratings for 2010 are not included, as most of those wines are yet to be tasted. Vintage ratings are only loosely related to ratings of individual wines, and readers are reminded that some producers succeed even in difficult years. Drinkability colors are based on experience with past vintages and assume a high-quality wine and proper storage.

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

United States

Wine Variety	Region	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa	89	92	95	90	95	90	90	93	98	85	93	85	96	93	95	97	90	93	94	92
	Sonoma	87	90	92	87	89	87	89	88	93	84	90	84	91	90	91	92	88	89	90	89
Chardonnay	Russian River Valley	87	90	92	86	91	93	91	97	93	90	92	88	95	92	94	91	88	91	92	92
	Carneros	87	89	91	85	87	92	91	95	93	89	89	85	91	90	89	91	87	89	90	89
	Central Coast	88	90	92	87	90	93	92	94	90	89	89	85	94	88	90	92	87	89	90	91
	Santa Barbara	90	91	92	90	89	92	92	94	91	88	91	88	95	90	91	94	86	90	91	90
Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	93	92	95	88	94	90	90	87												
	Sonoma Coast	91	93	95	87	95	93	89	88	89	87	90	85	90	88	89	89				
	Russian River Valley	90	92	96	87	95	93	90	89	90	89	91	85	91	90	91	92	90	92	91	90
	Carneros	89	90	94	86	93	89	89	85	87	85	87	83	85	86	88	90	86	88	88	89
Syrah	Central Coast	89	89	94	88	92	89	93	95	91	88	89	86	93	87	88	90	86	87	89	89
	Santa Barbara	91	92	95	90	95	93	94	94	92	89	90	84	95	89	90	92	88	90	91	91
	North Coast	88	88	93	88	85	89	89	88	92	84	89	83								
	Central Coast	87	87	90	85	84	86	92	88	91	84	86	83								
Zinfandel	Sonoma	89	88	93	86	90	90	89	88	91	86	90	86	88	90	91	92	92	90	91	90
	Napa	89	89	94	87	87	90	88	86	91	85	90	85	89	88	90	91	89	89	92	91
	Paso Robles	87	87	92	87	85	87	86	86	87	85	89	84	86	86	87	88	86	87	87	87
	Sierra Foothills	87	87	90	87	85	85	87	86	85	84	85	84	84	85	86	84	84	85	86	85
Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley	90	92	84	94	89	92	86	88	89	91	94	92	84	87	86	90	91	88	87	90
	Whites	92	94	86	91	90	93	86	88	89	90	93	90	85	87	85	91	90	87	88	90
Reds	Southern Oregon	88	90	89	87	87	90	85	87	88	89	90	89	84	85	84	89	88	87	86	88
Cabernet, Merlot	Columbia Valley	92	88	91	92	95	89	92	94	92	88	96	91	87	86	89	90	87	88	86	89
	Syrah	91	90	89	91	93	90	91	94	93	88	92	89	87	88	89	89	87	87	86	89
Whites	Columbia Valley	89	94	89	90	92	88	90	91	89	89	87	90	88	89	89	90	89	89	89	88
Finger Lakes	Reds	85	89	88	85	89	86	84	89	91	86	90	88	86	84	91	88	90			
	Whites	88	92	90	89	90	88	90	91	93	89	92	89	90	88	92	90	91			
Long Island	Reds	85	89	88	87	85	90	84	85	90	87	86	93	89	86	92	90	89	80	91	90
	Whites	86	89	92	88	87	91	88	89	90	88	89	93	90	88	92	90	89	84	91	90

Southern Hemisphere

Region	Wine Variety	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
AUSTRALIA	Barossa/Mclaren Vale Shiraz	93	87	89	91	95	94	87	94	93	87	89	93	87	93	86	91	88	84	92	92
	Clare Valley Riesling	94	93	89	91	93	89	88	94	88	88	87	91	93	89	90	84	87	85	87	93
	Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	90	88	88	94	94	92	88	87	93	91	89	94	88	91	82	89	87	84	95	95
	Yarra Valley Pinot Noir	86	88	90	91	92	86	89	89	90	91	87	91	93	91	90					
NEW ZEALAND	Western Australia Cabernet/Chardonnay	95	95	95	88	90	94	88	91	87	87	88	90	90	91	93					
	Hunter Valley Semillon	90	84	89	89	90	88	90	87	88	90	89	92	86	89	88	89	86	85	94	86
NEW ZEALAND	Hawke's Bay Reds	93	88	92	89	92	90	88	91	86	84	90	95								
	Martinborough Pinot Noir	92	88	93	88	93	87	88	91	88	87	91	90								
NEW ZEALAND	Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc	92	88	92	91	93	88	92	90	90	89	91	90	88	90	80	91	81	85	93	
	Central Otago Pinot Noir	93	92	94	92	91	88	89	93	90	89	90									
CHILE	South Africa Reds	94	90	91	92	90	89	95	87	92	93	94	95	87	86	91	86	84	87	88	85
	Maipo Reds	87	89	95	88	94	90	93	86	92	88	91	83	91	90	89	90	89	85	86	89
	Casablanca/Coastal Whites	86	88	93	90	92	90	85	92	87	91	81	90	90							
	Colchagua Reds	87	90	94	88	94	90	93	83	92	87	91	84	91	90						
Argentina/Mendoza	Reds	92	87	86	93	89	88	92	94	87	87	90	83	89	95	95	90	93	88	87	93

GREAT OLDER VINTAGES

FRANCE

Pomerol/St.-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

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

Europe

Region	Appellation/Type	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
FRANCE	Bordeaux Pomerol/St.-Émilion	96	92	88	89	95	91	88	87	93	97	88	92	85	88	91	86	86	80	81	93
	Médoc	97	93	87	90	98	89	90	86	96	96	88	90	83	94	91	87	83	NR	82	97
	Graves (red)	96	91	86	88	94	89	89	86	93	96	89	89	84	91	90	87	85	NR	81	96
	Graves (white)	91	90	96	90	90	91	86	90	89	94	90	89	89	90	89	90	87	80	84	92
	Sauternes/Barsac	95	88	94	91	89	87	92	91	95	81	94	87	91	85	88	83	NR	NR	NR	96
Burgundy	Côte de Nuits (red)	97	92	88	89	96	91	94	96	88	84	93	92	90	96	90	85	88	82	86	91
	Côte de Beaune (red)	95	91	87	90	95	90	93	95	88	84	88	87	90	95	91	85	87	83	84	92
	Chablis	96	91	90	91	95	92	87	95	93	89	87	89	89	93	90	88	84	91	NR	90
	Côte de Beaune (white)	96	92	91	91	96	93	88	95	92	91	88	90	89	92	91	87	83	93	NR	92
Beaujolais	Maconnais	95	90	90	90	92	89	84	90	90	89	87	89	90	94	91	87	84	91	NR	90
	Reds	95	91	87	90	92	91	90	87	87	84	88	88	90	92	90	84	87	NR	80	84
Northern Rhône	Whites	95	86	87	91	94	87	95	83	90	90	93	92	91	87	91	89	NR	NR	93	93
	Whites	92	87	88	91	90	94	86	85	91	87	92	92	90	89	92	87	NR	88	90	90
Southern Rhône	Reds	93	85	96	90	92	90	90	NR	93	90	89	96	85	85	93	88	87	NR	NR	96
	Whites	89	87	95	89	88	87	87	85	87	87										