

2015 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, maybe past peak
In decline, maybe undrinkable
Not a declared vintage/no data

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United States

Table with columns for Wine Variety, Region, and years 2013-1990. Rows include Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Zinfandel, etc.

Southern Hemisphere

Table with columns for Region, Wine Variety, and years 2013-1990. Rows include Barossa/McLaren Vale, Clare Valley, Coonawarra, Yarra Valley, etc.

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, 1982, 1978, 1970

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: 1989, 1985, 1982, 1978, 1971

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

Tuscany: 1985, 1982, 1978, 1971

SPAIN Catalonia: 1985, 1983, 1982, 1981

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

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

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Large table with columns for Region, Appellation/Type, and years 2013-1990. Rows include Bordeaux, Burgundy, Alsace, Champagne, Piedmont, Veneto, Trentino-Alto Adige, etc.