

2013 Vintage Chart

Wine Enthusiast Magazine'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 2012 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	• 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

GREAT OLDER VINTAGES

FRANCE

Pomerol/St.-Emilion: 1989, 1985, 1982, 1978, 1970, 1964, 1961, 1959, 1955, 1953, 1949, 1947, 1945
Medoc: 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

SPAIN

Catalonia: 1985, 1983, 1982, 1981
Rioja: 1985, 1982, 1981, 1970, 1968, 1964

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

United States

Wine Variety	Region	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
Cabernet Sauvignon	Napa	89	89	89	92	95	90	95	90	90	93	98	85	93	85	96	93	95	97	90	93	94	92
	Sonoma	88	87	87	90	92	87	89	87	89	88	93	84	90	84	91	90	91	92	88	89	90	89
Chardonnay	Napa	87	87	88	87	90	86	86	85	85	90	90	88	88	87	94	90	92	90	87	90	90	91
	Russian River Valley	89	89	87	90	92	86	91	93	91	97	93	90	92	88	95	92	94	91	88	91	92	92
Carneros		88	88	87	89	91	85	87	92	91	95	93	89	89	85	91	90	89	91	87	89	90	89
Central Coast		90	91	88	90	92	87	90	93	92	94	90	89	89	85	94	88	90	92	87	89	90	91
Santa Barbara		92	92	90	91	92	90	89	92	92	94	91	88	91	88	95	90	91	94	86	90	91	90
Pinot Noir	Anderson Valley	91	93	93	92	95	88	94	90	90	87												
	Sonoma Coast	90	92	91	93	95	87	95	93	89	88	89	87	90	85	90	88	89	89	89	89	89	89
	Russian River Valley	89	91	90	92	96	87	95	93	90	89	90	89	91	85	91	90	91	92	90	92	91	90
Carneros		87	90	89	90	94	86	93	89	89	85	87	85	87	83	85	86	88	90	86	88	88	89
Central Coast		88	93	89	89	94	88	92	90	93	92	94	91	88	86	93	87	88	90	87	89	89	89
Santa Barbara		90	92	91	92	95	90	95	93	94	94	92	97	92	90	84	95	89	90	92	88	90	91
Syrah	North Coast	89	88	88	88	93	88	85	89	89	88	92	84	89	83								
	Central Coast	88	89	87	87	90	85	84	86	92	92	88	91	84	86	83							
South Coast		87	90	88	94	91	87	87	89	91	89	92	85	88	83								
Zinfandel	Sonoma	89	89	89	88	93	86	90	90	89	88	91	86	90	86	88	90	91	92	92	90	91	90
	Napa	89	89	89	89	94	87	87	90	88	86	91	85	90	85	89	88	90	91	89	92	91	91
	Paso Robles	87	87	87	87	92	87	85	87	86	86	87	85	89	84	86	87	88	86	87	87	87	85
	Sierra Foothills	88	91	90	88	90	87	87	89	87	86	85	85	84	84	85	86	84	84	85	86	85	85
Pinot Noir	Willamette Valley	88	87	91	92	84	94	89	92	86	88	89	91	94	92	84	87	86	90	91	88	87	90
	Whites	89	88	92	94	86	91	90	93	86	88	89	90	93	90	85	87	85	91	90	87	88	90
Reds	Southern Oregon	87	89	88	90	89	87	87	90	85	87	88	90	89	89	84	85	84	88	87	86	88	88
Cabernet, Merlot	Columbia Valley	90	90	92	88	91	92	95	89	92	94	92	88	96	91	87	86	89	90	87	88	86	89
	Syrah	91	89	91	90	89	91	93	90	91	94	93	88	92	89	87	88	89	89	87	87	86	89
Whites	Columbia Valley	92	90	89	94	89	90	92	90	88	90	91	89	90	90	88	89	89	89	87	87	86	88
Finger Lakes	Reds	85	91	85	89	88	85	89	86	84	89	91	87	86	88	90	88	86	84	91	88	90	89
	Whites	88	90	88	90	90	89	90	88	90	91	93	89	90	89	88	88	89	89	87	87	86	88
Long Island	Reds	84	92	85	89	88	87	87	90	84	85	90	87	86	83	89	86	92	90	89	88	90	91
	Whites	86	90	86	89	89	88	87	91	88	89	90	88	93	90	88	92	90	89	84	91	90	90

Southern Hemisphere

Region	Wine Variety	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
Barossa/McLaren Vale	Shiraz	83	95	93	87	89	91	95	94	87	94	93	87	89	93	87	93	86	91	88	84	92	92
Clare Valley	Riesling	93	95	93	92	89	91	93	89	88	94	88	88	87	91	93	89	90	84	87	85	87	93
Coonawarra	Cabernet Sauvignon	83	93	90	88	88	94	94	92	88	97	93	91	89	94	88	91	88	92	87	84	95	95
Yarra Valley	Pinot Noir	85	89	85	88	90	91	92	95	86	89	89	90	91	87	91	93	91	90				
Western Australia	Cabernet/Chardonnay	94	95	94	94	95	88	90	94	88	91	87	87	88	90	90	91	93					
Hunter Valley	Sémillon	89	90	90	84	89	90	88	90	87	88	90	89	92	92	86	89	88	89	86	85	94	86
	Reds	89	95	93	88	92	89	92	90	88	91	86	84	90	95								
Martinborough	Pinot Noir	92	91	92	88	93	88	93	87	88	91	88	87	91	90								
Marlborough	Sauvignon Blanc	93	92	92	88	92	91	93	88	92	90	90	89	91	90	88	90	80	91	81	85	93	93
Central Otago	Pinot Noir	90	92	93	92	94	92	91	95	88	93	90	99	90	89	90							
South Africa	Reds	89	87	94	90	91	92	90	90	85	92	87	91	81	90	90	89	90	89	85	86	89	89
Maipo	Reds	88	88	87	89	95	88	94	90	93	86	92	88	91	83	91	90	90	89	85	86	89	89
Casablanca/Coastal	Whites	90	90	86	88	93	90	92	90	85	92	87	91	81	90	90							
Colchagua	Reds	87	88	87	90	94	88	94	90	93	89	92	94	91	87	90	83	89	95	95	90	93	88
Argentina/Mendoza	Reds	89	88	92	87	86	93	89	88	92	94	95	90	85	87	90	83	89	95	95	90	93	87

Europe

Region	Appellation/Type	2011	2010	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	90	96	96	92	88	89	95	91	88	87	93	97	88	92	85	88	91	86	86	80	81	93
	Médoc		91	97	96	93	87	90	98	89	90	86	96	96	88	90	83	94	91	87	83	NR	82	97
	Graves (red)		91	94	96	91	86	88	94	89	89	86	93	96	89	89	84	91	90	87	85	NR	81	96
	Graves (white)		94	95	91	90	96	90	90	91	89	90	89	94	90	89	89	90	89	84	90	87	84	92
	Sauternes/Barsac		95	93	95	88	95	91	89	87	92	91	95	81	94	87	92	85	88	83	NR	NR	NR	96
	Burgundy	Côte de Nuits (red)	92	95	97	92	88	89	96	91	94	96	88	84	93	92	90	96	90	85	88	82	86	91
	Côte de Beaune (red)		92	94	95	91	87	90	95	90	93	95	88	84	88	87	90	95	91	85	87	83	84	92
	Chablis		94	96	95	91	90	91	95	92	87	95	93	89	87	89	89	93	90	88	84	91	NR	90
	Côte de Beaune (white)		94	96	95	92	91	91	96	93	88	95	92	91	88	90	89	92	91	87	83	93	NR	92
	Maconnais		94	95	95	90	90	90	92	89	84	90	90	89	87	89	90	94	91	87	84	91	NR	90
	Beaujolais		93	93	95	91	87	90	92	91	90	87	87	84	88	88	90	92	90	84	87	80	84	90
	Northern Rhône	Reds	92	94	95	86	87	91	94	87	94	83	90	90	93	92	91	87	91	89	NR	NR	93	93
	Whites		91	95	92	87	88	91	90	94	86	85	91	87	92	92	90	89	92	87	NR	88	90	90
	Southern Rhône	Reds	91	98	93	85	96	90	92	90	90	NR	93	90	89	96	85	85	93	88	87	NR	NR	96
	Whites		94	95	89	87	94	89	88	87	85	87	87	90	93	87	86	91	86	89	87	NR	91	
ITALY	Loire	Dry Whites	92	95	94	91	92	88	94	91	89	92	88	84	89	86	85	92	90	85	90	88	87	90
	Sweet Whites		95	92	93	87	95	89	95	89	92	87	93	88	89	85	90	92	92	82	89	NR	NR	93
	Reds		93	89	93	88	89	88	92	88	90	88	89	93	90	85	87	91	90	83	83	NR	84	92
	Alsace		91	90	95	90	94	88	89	93	89	88	94	86	84	89	96	90	88	86	84	80	NR	93
	Champagne		89	89	94	97	91	89	93	94	86	93	NV	88	88	90	85	98	95	NV	87	NV	NV	96
	Languedoc-Roussillon		90	92	92	90	91	91	87	88	90	84	92	90	89	95	85	84	90	87	86	81	80	90
	Provence	Reds	90	89	91	90	94	90	87	87	90	85	90	91	88	94	86	85	91	85	85	80	81	91
	Piedmont	Barbaresco	92	95	94	92	95	95	89	96	85	82	96	95	92	95	93	96	88	81	87	NR	NR	98
	Barolo		93	95	95	91	95	95	89	97	86	82	97	95	92	94	93	98	88	81	87	NR	NR	97
	Veneto	Amarone	92	93	94	90	93	93	92	92	90	83	90	89	88	89	95	87	94	87	88	80	82	95
ITALY	Whites		91	93	93	90	91	91	89	90	88	84	85	94	87	90	95	86	90	90	88	NR	NR	95
	Trentino-Alto Adige	Whites	91	93	94	92	93	92	91	91	86	84	86	97	90	85	87	86	86	93	90	85	84	93
	Collio-Friuli	Whites	92	93	94	92	93	93	90	92	88	83	87	90	90	85	87	86	86	93	90	85	84	90
	Lombardy	Franciacorta	90	92	93	90	91	91	88	90	89	87	90	88	90	86	91	89	97	95	95	84	94	98
	Tuscany	Bolgheri	93	96	94	93	94	93	91	93	91	83	95	91	96	91	97	90	96	91	90	84	88	96
	Chianti Classico		92	96	94	93	94	93	91	93	91	83	95	91	96	91	97	90	96	91	90	84	88	96
	Brunello di Montalcino		93	98	95	93	97	97	92	94	87	83	91	89	94	90	98	86	96	90	90	83	91	96
	Maremma		90	94	92	90	92	91	90	92	90	82	96	89	90	92	97	90	93	83	88	NR	92	97
	Umbria	Reds	90	93	92	90	92	92	90	93	92	84	91	90	91	96	94	86	94	88	91	80	87	97
	Marche	Verdicchio	90	92	91	90	91	90	91	91	88	87	96	88	89	90	90	83	94	85	88	82	84	96
	Conero/Rosso Piceno		90	92	91	90	92	92	90	90	90	89	89	90	89	87	91	82	95	85	87	81	85	97
SPAIN	Abruzzo	Reds	90	93	92	90	91	92	91	90	87	88	92	93	92	92	91	81	93	92	92	85	83	96
	Campania	Reds	92	93	93	92	94	93	94	90	89	88	90	92	94	93	95	92	94	93	90	82	86	96
	Whites		92	93	93	92	94	94	93	92	90	93	94	95	92	90	90	89	92	90	89	81	85	94
	Basilicata	Aglianico del Vulture	92	94	93	92	94	93	94	90	89	89	96	95	94	94	93	93	84	93	93	83	82	95
	Puglia	Reds	90	91	92	90	90	90	91	89	88	83	90	97	92	93	84	91	87	97	93	92	96	97
GERMANY	Sicily	Reds	91	90	88	90	93	92	94	90	91	87	84	86	83	87	87	87	93	95	90	85	90	88
	Whites		90	91	88	90	90	90	91	88	80	86	86	83	87	84	90	94	94	87	85	90	90	
	Sardinia	Reds	91	92	92	90	90	90	91	90	88	93	92	93	91	90	90	88	92	92	86	84	91	
	Catalonia	Reds	88	92	90	87	85	87	94	91	86	85	93	89	90	88	88	89	91	91	89	80	82	88
PORTUGAL	Rioja	Reds	90	94	91	86	88	88	93	93	84	84	95	87	90	88	85	89	95	94	85	84	90	90
	Ribera del Duero	Reds	89	92	91	85	85	88	94	92	84	86	93	88	89	88	87	89	95	92	82	84	94	
	Galicia	Whites	88	93	90	88	88	87	94	91	85	86	92	88	90	87	86							
AUSTRIA	Mosel-Saar-Ruwer	Whites	93	93	92	90	94	93	96	90	93	91	96	85	90	89	89	93	93	92	90	87	85	95
	Rhine Regions	Whites	93	92	93	88	96	94	95	88	94	94	95	87	91	89	88	95	88	92	87	87	85	94
	Franken	Whites	90	89	91	90	96	92	90	88	88	90	95	85	90	88	88	93	88	93	88	86	85	94
PORTUGAL	Port		96	92	95	89	95	89	91	90	96	84	84	90	86	87	93	85	91	96	NR	93	92	85
	Table Wines	Reds	95	93	95	90	94	88	91	89	92	83	85	90	88	91	92	89	92	96	87	93	91	88
AUSTRIA	Whites		91	92	91	92	90	87	88	85	87	86	88	89	90	89	90	90	90	89	90	90	88	90
	Danube Regions	Whites	94	88	93	89	90	92	88	88	87	88	89	86	92	88	89	88	88	88	86	90	88	90
PORTUGAL	Burgenland	Reds	92	90	93	88	88	93	85	89	91	89	90	90	91	88	92	85	87	90	92	92	89	92
	Sweet Wines		88	90	94	87	95	90	91	91	84	88	91	84	94	92	86	87	90	86	90	84	86	89