The effects of climate on wine scores

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Motivation

- Wines are frequently scored by experts (0-100 scale)
- These scores influence buyers and therefore affect demand for wine
- If scores are a reflection of "quality", they could be affected by climate
 - Some support from French, Italian regions
- How does climate affect scores of North American wines?

Data

- Wine scores from 3 sources (Wine Enthusiast, Wine Advocate, Wine Spectator)
- ▶ 5 regions
 - Napa, Sonoma, North Coast, Williamette Valley, Columbia Valley
- 7 varieties
- Climate variables: GDD, Precipitation (seasonal or by phenophase)







































