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Vintage Charts**United States** [/vintage-charts/region/united-states] ➤ **California/Pinot Noir**< **Return to All Regions** [/vintage-charts]

Vintage	Anderson Valley		Santa Barbara		Santa Lucia Highlands	Sonoma	Drink Window	Description
	Valley	Carneros	Barbara	Highlands				
2019 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2019& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	91–94	92–95	91–94	92–95	94–97	NYR		Moderate condition yield structure wines of power and fineness, vineyard escaping smoke taint from fire

2018 [/wine-search?submitted=Y&vintage[]=2018&varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir&regions[]=v18:California]	94	93	92	93	95	Drink or hold	Nearly perfect condition; full-flavored wines balanced by crisp acidity, especially from cool vineyard
2017 [/wine-search?submitted=Y&vintage[]=2017&varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir&regions[]=v18:California]	90	92	90	94	92	Drink or hold	Spring rain, a warm summer and a September heat wave showed up front, but many wines lack structure

2016 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2016& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	92	90	91	92	94	Drink or hold	Winter r helped alleviate drought vintners pleased early showing
2015 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2015& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	87	87	91	89	92	Drink or hold	Santa Barbara Santa Lu shine in year ma by a larg crop of t wines
2014 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2014& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	88	88	89	93	92	Drink or hold	Even hig yields th 2013, wi fleshy, forward showy w many approac now

2013 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2013& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	87	88	86	94	91	Drink or hold	Another crop of uniform exceptic quality; : to open agewort
2012 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2012& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	89	87	85	91	90	Drink	Record-s crop wit atypicall firm and structur wines; b Santa Lu Highland
2011 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2011& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	86	87	87	93	87	Drink	Rain wre havoc at harvest, resulting lighter w of uneve quality

2010 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2010& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	88	88	94	92	94	Drink	Weather extreme tested growers vintage i strong, v structur wines
2009 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2009& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	92	91	90	94	97	Drink	Almost perfect, scores o ripe, polishec deeply flavored wines
2008 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2008& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	80	90	89	90	89	Drink	Uneven top wine complex delicate

2007 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2007& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	93	88	87	91	95	Drink	Excellent year; ideal for warm, early season, ripe, cool wines
2006 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2006& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	88	82	84	87	87	Drink	A cool year with a late crop; under-ripening some of the wines
2005 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2005& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	93	84	87	90	88	Drink	Sleek, balanced, elegant; at lower alcohol levels

2004 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2004& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	94	85	93	94	93	Drink	Excellent year; was an early year with ripe, concentrated, deeply flavored wines
2003 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2003& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	94	83	88	89	91	Drink	Very good mixed; there are rich, supple and harmonious
2002 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2002& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	86	84	88	90	88	Drink	Very good dark, complex wines that have aged well
2001 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2001& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	84	84	86	88	85	Drink	A solid year with elegant, delicate, concentrated wines

2000 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2000& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	85	81	81	83	83	Drink	Lean, cri wines of good qu with few stars
1999 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=1999& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	84	82	81	85	86	Drink	Sonoma Montere the pace cooler year,wit ripe, fles wines
1998 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=1998& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	80	81	81	84	84	Drink	Lean an austere statewic highly variable
1997 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=1997& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	83	82	82	82	85	Drink	Excellen Sonoma ripe, for wines; le elsewhe

1996 [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=1996& varietal[]=v11:Pinot_Noir& regions[]=v18:California]	82	81	80	84
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Vintage ratings: 95-100, classic; 90-94, outstanding; 85-89, very good; 80-84, good; 75-79, mediocre; 50-74, not recommended

A score range indicates preliminary analysis based on barrel samples and/or a limited sampling; many wines of the vintage not yet reviewed.

Drinkability: "NYR" means the vintage has not yet been released; "drink" means most of the wines of the vintage are ready to drink; "hold" means most of the ageworthy wines have yet to fully mature; "past peak" means most of the wines are declining rather than improving.

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