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Vintage	Santa				Drink Window	Description
	Carneros	Napa	Barbara	Sonoma		
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2019&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2019</a> [/wine /search?submitted=Y& vintage[]=2019& varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay& regions[]=v18:California]	95	92	91	96		Warmer weather than in 2018 produced wines with a deep well of fruit and spice flavors

<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2018&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2018 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2018&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	92	90	93	95	Drink	Nearly ideal conditions delivered wine with concentrated fruit flavors and crunchy acidity
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2017&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2017 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2017&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	94	90	91	93	Drink	Ample winter rain followed by a warm growing season yielded complex and powerful wine
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2016&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2016 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2016&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	90	89	89	90	Drink	Solid but variable year; fine quality in Sonoma and Santa Barbara

<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2015&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2015 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2015&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	90	89	90	90	Drink	Sonoma strong, again in another drought year; elegant and refined in style
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2014&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2014 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2014&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	92	92	87	92	Drink	Drought produced spartan crop; fine quality, with yields the only disappointment
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2013&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2013 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2013&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	93	93	88	93	Drink	An exceptional year, distinct for vibrancy and density; ageworthy

<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2012&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2012 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2012&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	90	94	88	93	Drink	Ideal growing season; wines are intense, with pure, ripe vibrant flavors
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2011&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2011 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2011&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	86	89	85	87	Drink	Cool and damp, challenging everywhere; best wines are elegant and scaled back
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2010&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2010 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2010&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	88	92	87	92	Drink	Cool year resulted in uneven quality; best wines are tight and concentrated

<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2009&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2009 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2009&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	90	94	91	95	Drink	Cooler year showing toned down ripeness with more finesse and delicacy
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2008&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2008 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2008&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	87	92	86	91	Drink	Frost and fire didn't spoil the vintage, though quality is variable. Tight, concentrated wines
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2007&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2007 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2007&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	96	95	89	96	Drink	Ripe, complex, balanced and ageworthy wines; many brilliant bottle from all appellations

<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2006&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2006 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2006&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	90	88	82	94	Drink	Challenging harvest with mixed quality and fewer gems, but hardly a washout
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2005&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2005 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2005&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	83	89	86	95	Drink	Restrained wines; trim an tight, with higher acidity
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2004&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2004 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2004&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	92	92	89	99	Drink	Sonoma stars in a ripe, rich, opulent year that rivals 200

<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2003&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2003 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2003&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	90	89	88	88	Drink	Leaner, crisper wines than in '02 due to a challenging season, but some gems, too
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2002&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2002 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2002&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	96	94	92	99	Drink	Sensational, fleshy, opulent wines; near perfect in Sonoma, storied in Carneros and Napa
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2001&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2001 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2001&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	93	87	89	94	Drink	Best in Carneros and Sonoma; concentrated, with firm acidity

<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=2000&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">2000 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=2000&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	96	87	86	89	Drink	Carneros the clear star; wines elsewhere lack depth and completeness
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=1999&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">1999 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=1999&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	89	87	93	94	Drink	Sonoma and Santa Barbara are tops, with rich, complex wines
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=1998&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">1998 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=1998&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	84	84	83	86	Drink	Lean and austere statewide; highly variable



<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=1997&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">1997 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=1997&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	98	96	96	95	Drink	Monumental year; very ripe opulent and complex
<a href="/wine/search?submitted=Y&amp;vintage[]=1996&amp;varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp;regions[]=v18:California">1996 [/wine /search?submitted=Y&amp; vintage[]=1996&amp; varietal[]=v11:Chardonnay&amp; regions[]=v18:California]</a>	96	95	98	95	Drink	Rivals '97 in opulence and concentration; great finesse

**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 wine 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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