

VINTAGE CHART

VINTAGES

This Vintage Chart is provided as a guide for you. Vintage charts are always approximations. First, the regions invite the broadest of generalizations. Second, the best wine growers can often deliver little gems when the rest produce less than stellar wines. As with vintage charts, the maturity advisor (see key at far right) is only a guide. Again, we are making the broadest generalizations. Different wine lovers have different expectations: some want more fruit, some more complexity. Also, bottles from older vintages can be highly variable due to cellaring differences and other circumstances. As always, we urge you to taste for yourself, keep an open mind and trust your own palate.

The following keys are used to evaluate the vintages and their maturity:

KEY

10	Exceptional	A	Should be aged more
8 – 9	Excellent	B	Already good, better examples can improve further
7	Very Good	C	Ready to drink
5 – 6	Good	D	Danger that many wines are becoming too old
0 – 4	Fair to Poor	–	Not Rated

YEAR		1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		
FRANCE	Bordeaux Red	9C	7D	3D	5D	4D	9D	7D	4D	7C	7C	5D	7C	10B	8B	4D	9B	9B	6C	8B	9B	10B	5C	5C	6B	7B	9B	8B	6B	8A	7B	10A	8A	7A	9A	8A	10A	8B	7B		
	Sauternes	8C	6D	3D	6D	4D	9C	7C	3D	7D	6C	7C	7C	6C	9B	4C	7B	9B	6C	10B	10B	10B	5C	5C	5C	5C	7B	8B	9B	7A	6B	6A	10A	7A	8A	7A	9A	8A	9A		
	Burgundy Red	7D	7D	8D	6D	7D	5D	9D	5D	9C	7D	6D	7D	5D	8C	6D	6C	6C	7C	9B	9C	10B	7C	6C	9B	7C	8B	9B	8C	7C	9B	7B	8B	9B	8B	7B	10A	8A	7B		
	Burgundy White	8D	7D	7D	8D	7D	6D	8D	6D	8D	7D	6D	7D	7D	7C	6D	9C	8C	6D	7B	9B	9C	5C	8B	6C	8C	10B	9B	9B	7C	9B	7A	7B	9A	7A	6A	9A	9A	8A		
	Alsace	8D	9C	6D	8D	6D	8D	10C	7D	9D	8D	7D	7D	8D	10C	6D	9B	7C	7C	9B	9B	9B	6D	7C	8B	9B	9B	9B	9B	9B	8B	8B	9B	9A	6A	8A	9A	7B	–		
	Northern Rhône	9D	7D	7D	7D	7D	6D	8D	5D	8C	6D	8D	7C	7C	8B	7D	9B	7C	7C	9B	9B	9B	9B	5C	4C	8B	9B	8B	7B	9B	10A	9A	9A	7B	9A	8A	9A	9A	8A		
	Southern Rhône	9D	7D	7D	7D	7D	6D	8D	5D	8C	6D	8D	7C	7C	8B	7D	7C	7C	6C	9B	9B	10B	5C	4C	4C	7B	9B	7B	8B	10B	9B	9A	9A	5B	9A	9A	10A	9A	10A		
	Loire	7D	9C	2D	6D	5D	7D	8C	2D	8D	6D	5D	6D	8D	9C	7D	7C	7C	7C	8C	9C	10C	5D	6C	7C	8C	8C	9C	10C	8C	7C	8C	8C	9B	9B	8B	9B	6B	8B		
Champagne	8C	8D	4D	8D	5D	9C	8C	3D	7D	8C	7D	8D	9C	7C	4D	9B	7C	5D	9B	8B	10B	6C	7B	8B	7B	9A	10A	7B	7B	8A	8A	6B	9A	7A	8A	7A	–	–			
GERMANY	Rhine	6D	10C	5D	6D	6D	8D	9C	4D	6D	7D	6D	7D	6D	9B	6D	7B	6C	6C	9B	9B	10B	6C	7B	6B	6B	7B	8B	8B	9B	9B	9A	9A	8A	8A	9A	9A	8B	8B		
	Mosel	6D	10D	6D	6D	6D	9C	9C	5D	6D	7D	7D	7D	7D	9B	6D	7B	6C	6C	9B	9B	10B	6C	7B	8B	8B	9B	8B	8B	9B	10C	9A	9A	8A	8A	9A	10A	8B	9A		
ITALY	Piedmont	8D	10C	2D	6D	9C	5D	5D	6D	9C	8C	5D	6D	9B	5D	6D	9B	8C	7C	8B	10B	10B	5C	5C	8B	7B	9B	10A	9B	9A	9A	9B	9A	7B	8A	10A	8A	9A	–		
	Tuscany	9C	10C	5D	5D	9D	9C	6D	9C	10C	8C	5D	6D	7C	7C	6D	9C	8C	7C	10B	6C	10B	6C	6C	7B	7B	9B	8B	9B	9B	9B	9A	9B	7B	8A	9A	8A	10A	–		
	Veneto	8D	9C	8D	8C	7D	8D	6D	8C	6C	8C	7C	7C	8B	7B	6D	8B	8C	8C	9B	8B	9A	6B	6B	8B	8B	8B	8B	9B	9A	8A	8A	8A	8A	7B	9A	9A	8A	8A	–	
	Friuli	5D	8D	7D	7D	6D	5D	8D	6D	8D	9C	5D	7C	9B	8C	6D	8B	9B	7C	7C	9B	9B	6B	6B	5B	6B	7B	–	9B	9B	8B	8B	7B	7B	9A	8A	8A	–	–		
PORTUGAL	Port	9B	–	–	–	–	7C	–	10B	7C	–	6B	–	7B	8B	–	9C	–	8B	–	–	–	9A	9A	–	10A	9A	–	10A	–	–	10A	8B	–	10A	9A	8B	–	–		
	Douro Red	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
SPAIN	Rioja	9C	4D	4D	7C	7C	9C	7C	5D	9B	6C	7C	9C	10B	7C	6C	7C	7C	9B	7B	7B	8B	5C	6C	6C	8B	9B	7B	8B	8B	8B	8B	7B	9B	6B	8B	9B	8B	9B	8B	8B
	Ribera del Duero	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8B	9B	9B	9B	8B	8B	9B	7B	9B	6B	8B	9B	6C	8B	9B	8B	8A	9B	
	Priorat	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
CANADA	Niagara Peninsula	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8D	3D	6D	7D	4D	9C	4D	7C	9C	6C	9B	5B	8B	8B	7B	9B	8B	9B	8B	8B	8B	7B	8A	8A	6B	8A	9A	8A	9A	
AUSTRALIA	South Australia	10C	5D	7D	10C	3D	7D	10C	7D	7D	8D	7C	4D	8C	4D	10B	9B	7C	8C	9B	9B	9B	9B	7C	8C	9B	7B	9B	8B	10B	8B	7B	9A	9A	8A	9A	10A	7A	8A		
	Western Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8B	9B	8B	8B	9A	9A	8A	8A	9A	7B	8B	9A	8B	8B	
UNITED STATES	California Cabernet	9C	8D	6D	7D	9C	7D	8D	7D	9C	8D	7C	8C	6D	7C	9B	9B	9C	9C	6C	6C	10B	9B	8B	8B	10B	9B	9B	10B	7B	9A	7B	9A	9A	8A	8A	9A	8B	9B		
	California Chardonnay	8D	7D	6D	7D	8D	9D	8D	8D	8D	7D	7D	7D	7D	8D	8D	9D	8D	7D	7D	6D	8C	8C	9C	9B	7B	10B	9B	10B	8B	9B	8A	7B	9B	9A	9A	8A	8A	8B	8B	
CHILE	Red	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8B	7C	9B	8B	9B	8B	9A	8A	9A	8A	9A	8A	8A	8A	8B	8B	
ARGENTINA	Mendoza Red	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8C	7C	9B	8B	8B	9A	9A	9A	10A	9A	8A	8A	9A	8A	
SOUTH AFRICA	Red	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	