

VINTAGE CHART

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This Vintage Chart is provided as a guide (see key at right for a breakdown of the numeric rating system). Vintage charts are always approximations, for various reasons. Firstly, the regions invite the broadest of generalizations. Secondly, the best wine growers can often deliver gems in vintages when others produce less than stellar wines. The maturity advisor (represented in the Vintage Chart as letters; see key at right for their meaning) is also intended only as a guide. Different wine lovers have different expectations: some may want more fruit, some more complexity. As well, 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.

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		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	2008	2009	2010		
FRANCE	Bordeaux Red	5 D	4 D	9 D	7 D	4 D	7 C	7 C	5 D	7 C	10 B	8 B	4 D	9 B	9 B	6 C	8 B	9 B	10 B	5 C	5 C	6 B	7 B	9 B	8 B	6 B	8 A	7 B	10 A	8 A	7 A	9 A	8 A	10 A	8 B	7 B	8 A	10 A	10 A		
	Sauternes	6 D	4 D	9 C	7 C	3 D	7 D	6 C	7 C	7 C	6 C	9 B	4 C	7 B	9 B	6 C	10 B	10 B	10 B	5 C	5 C	5 C	5 C	7 B	8 B	9 B	7 A	6 B	6 A	10 A	7 A	8 A	7 A	9 A	8 A	9 A	7 B	10 A	–		
	Burgundy Red	6 D	7 D	5 D	9 D	5 D	9 C	7 D	6 D	7 D	5 D	8 C	6 D	6 C	6 C	7 C	9 B	9 C	10 B	7 C	6 C	9 B	7 C	8 B	9 B	8 C	7 C	9 B	7 B	8 B	9 B	8 B	7 B	10 A	8 A	7 B	8 B	9 B	–		
	Burgundy White	8 D	7 D	6 D	8 D	6 D	8 D	7 D	6 D	7 D	7 D	7 C	6 D	9 C	8 C	6 D	7 B	9 B	9 C	5 C	8 B	6 C	8 C	10 B	9 B	9 B	7 C	9 B	7 A	7 B	9 A	7 A	6 A	9 A	9 A	8 A	8 B	8 B	–		
	Alsace	8 D	6 D	8 D	10 C	7 D	9 D	8 D	7 D	7 D	8 D	10 C	6 D	9 B	7 C	7 C	9 B	9 B	9 B	6 D	7 C	8 B	9 B	9 B	9 B	9 B	9 B	8 B	8 B	9 B	9 A	6 A	8 A	9 A	7 B	9 B	8 B	7 C	–		
	Northern Rhône	7 D	7 D	6 D	8 D	5 D	8 C	6 D	8 D	7 C	7 C	8 B	7 D	9 B	7 C	7 C	9 B	9 B	9 B	9 B	5 C	4 C	8 B	9 B	8 B	7 B	9 B	10 A	9 A	9 A	7 B	9 A	8 A	9 A	9 A	9 A	7 B	10 A	10 B		
	Southern Rhône	7 D	7 D	6 D	8 D	5 D	8 C	6 D	8 D	7 C	7 C	8 B	7 D	7 C	7 C	6 C	9 B	9 B	10 B	5 C	4 C	4 C	7 B	9 B	7 B	8 B	10 B	9 B	9 A	9 A	5 B	9 A	9 A	10 A	9 A	10 A	9 A	10 A	7 A	9 A	10 A
	Loire	6 D	5 D	7 D	8 C	2 D	8 D	6 D	5 D	6 D	8 D	9 C	7 D	7 C	7 C	7 C	8 C	9 C	10 C	5 D	6 C	7 C	8 C	8 C	9 C	10 C	8 C	7 C	8 C	8 C	9 B	9 B	8 B	9 B	6 B	8 B	7 B	9 C	8 B		
	Champagne	8 D	5 D	9 C	8 C	3 D	7 D	8 C	7 D	8 D	9 C	7 C	4 D	9 B	7 C	5 D	9 B	8 B	10 B	6 C	7 B	8 B	7 B	9 A	10 A	7 B	7 B	8 A	8 A	6 B	9 A	7 A	8 A	7 A	–	–	–	–	–		
GERMANY	Rhine	6 D	6 D	8 D	9 C	4 D	6 D	7 D	6 D	7 D	6 D	9 B	6 D	7 B	6 C	6 C	9 B	9 B	10 B	6 C	7 B	6 B	6 B	7 B	8 B	8 B	9 B	9 B	9 A	9 A	8 A	8 A	9 A	9 A	8 B	8 B	9 B	9 A	8 B		
	Mosel	6 D	6 D	9 C	9 C	5 D	6 D	7 D	7 D	7 D	7 D	9 B	6 D	7 B	6 C	6 C	9 B	9 B	10 B	6 C	7 B	8 B	8 B	9 B	8 B	8 B	9 B	10 C	9 A	9 A	8 A	8 A	9 A	10 A	8 B	9 A	9 A	9 A	8 B		
ITALY	Piedmont	6 D	9 C	5 D	5 D	6 D	9 C	8 C	5 D	6 D	9 B	5 D	6 D	9 B	8 C	7 C	8 B	10 B	10 B	5 C	5 C	8 B	7 B	9 B	10 A	9 B	9 A	9 A	9 B	9 A	7 B	8 A	10 A	8 A	9 A	9 B	9 A	–	–		
	Tuscany	5 D	9 D	9 C	6 D	9 C	10 C	8 C	5 D	6 D	7 C	7 C	6 D	9 C	8 C	7 C	10 B	6 C	10 B	6 C	6 C	7 B	7 B	9 B	8 B	9 B	9 B	9 B	9 A	9 B	7 B	8 A	9 A	8 A	10 A	9 B	8 B	8 B	–		
	Veneto	8 C	7 D	8 D	6 D	8 C	6 C	8 C	7 C	7 C	8 B	7 B	6 D	8 B	8 C	8 C	9 B	8 B	9 A	6 B	6 B	8 B	8 B	8 B	8 B	9 B	9 A	8 A	8 A	8 A	7 B	9 A	9 A	8 A	8 A	8 A	8 A	8 B	9 B	–	
PORTUGAL	Port	–	–	7 C	–	10 B	7 C	–	6 B	–	7 B	8 B	–	9 C	–	8 B	–	–	–	9 A	9 A	–	10 A	9 A	–	10 A	–	–	10 A	8 B	–	10 A	9 A	8 B	–	10 A	9 A	10 A	–		
	Douro Red	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		
SPAIN	Rioja	7 C	7 C	9 C	7 C	5 D	9 B	6 C	7 C	9 C	10 B	7 C	6 C	7 C	7 C	9 B	7 B	7 B	8 B	5 C	6 C	6 C	8 B	9 B	7 B	8 B	8 B	8 B	7 B	9 B	6 B	8 B	9 B	9 B	8 B	9 B	8 B	9 B	9 B	–	
	Ribera del Duero	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8 B	9 B	9 B	9 B	8 B	8 B	9 B	7 B	9 B	6 B	8 B	9 B	6 C	8 B	9 B	8 B	8 A	9 A	9 A	9 A	–		
	Priorat	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
CANADA	Niagara Peninsula	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8 D	3 D	6 D	7 D	4 D	9 C	4 D	7 C	9 C	6 C	9 B	5 B	8 B	8 B	7 B	9 B	8 B	9 B	8 B	8 B	7 B	8 A	8 A	6 B	8 A	9 A	8 A	9 A	8 A	9 A	8 B	8 B	9 A
AUSTRALIA	South Australia	10 C	3 D	7 D	10 C	7 D	7 D	8 D	7 C	4 D	8 C	4 D	10 B	9 B	7 C	8 C	9 B	9 B	9 B	9 B	7 C	8 C	9 B	7 B	9 B	8 B	10 B	8 B	7 B	9 A	9 A	8 A	9 A	10 A	7 A	8 A	8 B	9 B	–		
	Western Australia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8 B	9 B	8 B	8 B	9 A	9 A	8 A	8 A	9 A	7 B	8 B	9 A	8 B	8 B	8 A	9 B	–	
UNITED STATES	California Cabernet	7 D	9 C	7 D	8 D	7 D	9 C	8 D	7 C	8 C	6 D	7 C	9 B	9 B	9 C	9 C	6 C	6 C	10 B	9 B	8 B	8 B	10 B	9 B	9 B	10 B	7 B	9 A	7 B	9 A	9 A	8 A	8 A	9 A	8 B	9 A	9 B	9 B	–		
	California Chardonnay	7 D	8 D	9 D	8 D	8 D	8 D	7 D	7 D	7 D	7 D	8 D	8 D	9 D	8 D	7 D	7 D	6 D	8 C	8 C	9 C	9 B	7 B	10 B	9 B	10 B	8 B	9 B	8 A	7 B	9 B	9 A	9 A	8 A	8 B	8 B	9 B	8 B	–		
CHILE	Red	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8 B	7 C	9 B	8 B	9 B	8 B	9 A	8 A	9 A	8 A	9 A	8 A	8 A	8 B	8 B	8 A	8 B	–		
ARGENTINA	Mendoza Red	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		
SOUTH AFRICA	Red	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		