

# JANUARY 2018 VINTAGE CHART

# VINTAGES

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
- 8 – 9** Excellent
- 7** Very Good
- 5 – 6** Good
- 0 – 4** Fair to Poor

- A** Should be aged more
- B** Already good, better examples can improve further
- C** Ready to drink
- D** Danger that many wines are becoming too old
- Not Rated

YEAR		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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015			
FRANCE	Bordeaux Red	4D	9D	7D	4D	7D	7D	5D	7D	10C	8D	4D	9C	9C	6C	8C	9C	10B	5C	5C	6C	7C	9C	8C	6C	8C	7C	10B	8B	7B	9B	8B	10B	8B	7B	8B	10B	10B	8B	8B	6B	8A	9A			
	Sauternes	4D	9C	7D	3D	7D	6D	7C	7C	6C	9C	4C	7C	9B	6C	10B	10B	10B	5C	5C	5C	5C	7B	8B	9B	7B	6B	6B	10B	7B	8B	7B	9B	8B	9B	7B	10B	10B	9B	7B	9A	8A	8A			
	Burgundy Red	7D	5D	9D	5D	9D	7D	6D	7D	5D	8D	6D	6D	6D	7D	9C	9C	10C	7C	6D	9C	7C	8C	9C	8C	7C	9B	7C	8B	9B	8B	7B	10B	8B	7B	8B	9B	8B	7B	9B	7B	9B	7B	8A	9A	
	Burgundy White	7D	6D	8D	6D	8D	7D	6D	7D	7D	7D	6D	9D	8D	6D	7D	9D	9D	5D	8D	6D	8D	10C	9C	9C	9C	7C	9C	7C	7C	9B	7C	6C	9B	9B	8B	8B	8B	9B	9B	8B	8B	10A	8A		
	Beaujolais	-	-	-	-	7D	6D	4D	7D	5D	8D	5D	8D	7D	7D	7D	9D	7D	8D	5D	6D	8D	8D	7D	8D	7D	8C	8C	5D	7C	8C	6D	9B	7C	7C	7C	20B	8B	8B	8B	7B	8B	8B			
	Alsace	6D	8D	10C	7D	9D	8D	7D	7D	8D	10C	6D	9C	7D	7D	9C	9C	9C	6D	7C	8C	9C	9C	9C	9C	9C	9C	8C	8C	9C	9B	6C	8B	9B	7B	9B	8B	8B	9B	7B	9B	8B	7B	8B		
	Northern Rhône	7D	6D	8D	5D	8D	6D	8D	7D	7D	8D	7D	9C	7D	7D	9C	9C	9C	9C	5D	4D	8C	9C	8C	7C	9B	10B	9B	9B	7B	9B	8B	9B	9B	9B	7B	10B	10B	8B	9B	9B	7B	10A			
	Southern Rhône	7D	6D	8D	5D	8D	6D	8D	7D	7D	8D	7D	7D	7D	6D	9C	9C	10B	5D	4D	4D	7C	9C	7C	8C	10B	9B	9B	9B	5C	9B	9B	10B	9B	10B	7B	9B	10B	8B	9B	8B	7B	9A			
	Loire	5D	7D	8D	2D	8D	6D	5D	6D	8D	9D	7D	7D	7D	7D	8D	9D	10D	5D	6D	7D	8D	8D	9D	10D	8D	7D	8D	8D	9C	9C	8C	9C	6C	8C	7C	9B	8B	6B	7B	5B	8B	9B			
	Champagne	5D	9D	8D	3D	7D	8D	7D	8D	9D	7D	4D	9C	7D	5D	9C	8C	10B	6C	7C	8C	7C	9B	10B	7B	7B	8B	8B	4C	9B	7B	8B	7B	8B	7B	9B	7B	6B	6B	-	-	-	-			
GERMANY	Rhine	6D	8D	9C	4D	6D	7D	6D	7D	6D	9C	6D	7D	6D	6D	9B	9B	10B	6C	7C	6C	6C	7B	8B	8B	9B	9B	9B	9B	8B	8B	9B	9B	8B	8B	9B	9B	8B	9B	9B	9B	7B	6B	8B		
	Mosel	6D	9D	9C	5D	6D	7D	7D	7D	7D	9C	6D	7D	6D	6D	9B	9B	10B	6C	7C	8B	8B	9B	8B	8B	9B	10B	9B	9B	8B	8B	9B	10B	8B	9B	8B	9B	8B	9B	8B	9B	9B	9B	6B	5B	9B
ITALY	Piedmont	9D	5D	5D	6D	9C	8C	5D	6D	9C	5D	6D	9C	8C	7C	8C	10B	10B	5C	5C	8B	7C	9B	10B	9B	9B	9B	9B	9B	7B	8B	10B	8B	9B	9B	9B	9B	7B	9B	9B	8B	9A	-	-		
	Tuscany	9D	9D	6D	9D	10C	8D	5D	6D	7D	7D	6D	9D	8D	7D	10B	6D	10B	6D	6D	7C	7C	9C	8C	9B	9B	9B	9B	9B	7B	8B	9B	8B	10B	9B	8B	8B	8B	10B	8B	7B	8B	6B	8B		
	Veneto	7D	8D	6D	8D	6D	8D	7D	7D	8C	7C	6D	8C	8C	8C	9C	8C	9C	6C	6C	8C	8C	8C	8C	9B	9B	8B	8B	8B	7B	9B	9B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	9B	9B	8B	8B	9B	7B	9A	
PORTUGAL	Port	-	7C	-	10B	7C	-	6C	-	7C	8C	-	9C	-	8C	-	-	-	9B	9B	-	10B	9B	-	10B	-	-	10A	8B	-	10A	9A	8B	-	10A	9A	9A	-	10A	-	-	-	-			
	Douro Red	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9B	7C	5C	8B	8B	8B	7B	9B	8B	8B	7B	9B	8B	8B	7B	-		
SPAIN	Rioja	7D	9D	7D	5D	9D	6D	7D	9D	10B	7D	6D	7C	7C	9B	7C	7C	8C	5C	6C	6C	8C	9B	7C	8B	8B	8B	7C	9B	6C	8B	9B	9B	8B	9B	9B	9B	9B	10B	9B	8B	7B	8A	-		
	Ribera del Duero	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8C	9C	9C	9C	8C	8C	9B	7C	9B	6C	8B	9B	8B	8B	8B	9B	9B	9B	9B	9B	9B	10B	9B	9B	8B	8A	-		
	Priorat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8B	8B	9B	9B	10B	8B	8B	8B	8B	9B	9B	9B	9B	9B	9B	8B	8A	-
CANADA	Ontario	-	-	-	-	-	-	8D	3D	6D	7D	4D	9D	4D	7D	9C	6D	9C	5D	8C	8C	7C	9C	8C	9C	8C	8C	7C	8B	8B	6B	8B	9B	8B	9B	8B	8B	8B	8B	9B	7B	9B	7B	6B	7B	
AUSTRALIA	South Australia	3D	7D	10C	7D	7D	8D	7D	4D	8D	4D	10C	9D	7D	7D	9C	9C	9C	9C	7C	8C	9C	7C	9C	8C	10B	8C	7C	9B	9B	8B	9B	10B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	9B	9B	6B	9B	8B	7B	9B	
	Western Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8C	9C	8C	8C	9C	9C	8B	8B	9B	7B	8B	9B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8A	
UNITED STATES	California Cabernet	9D	7D	8D	7D	9D	8D	7D	8D	6D	7D	9C	9C	9C	9C	6D	6D	10B	9C	8C	8C	10B	9B	9B	10B	7C	9B	7C	9B	9B	8B	8B	9B	8B	8B	9B	9B	9B	8B	6B	9B	10B	9B	10A		
	California Chardonnay	8D	9D	8D	8D	8D	7D	7D	7D	7D	8D	8D	9D	8D	7D	7D	6D	8D	8D	9C	9C	7D	10B	9C	10B	8C	9B	8C	7C	9B	9B	9B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	7B	9B	9B	9B	20B
CHILE	Red	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8C	7C	9C	8C	9B	8C	9B	8B	9B	8B	9B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	9B	7B	5B
ARGENTINA	Mendoza Red	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8C	7C	9C	8C	8C	9B	9B	9B	10B	9B	8B	8B	9B	8B	9B	8B	9B	9B	9B	9B	7B	9B	8B	4B	
SOUTHAFRICA	Red	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8C	9B	9B	8B	9B	8B	6C	10B	8B	7B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	8B	10A	