

VINTAGE CHART

		2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989	1988	1987	Older exceptional vintages
F R A N C E	Alsace	2	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	5	5	5	3	'83,'76,'71,'61,'59
	Beaujolais	3	5	3	4	2	2	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	2	3	3	4	3	3	'82,'75,'61
	Bordeaux - Red	4	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	1	1	5	5	4	2	'85,'82,'75,'61,'59,'53
	Bordeaux - Sauternes	4	5	3	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	5	5	4	1	'83,'75,'67,'59,'55,'49,'47
	Burgundy - Red	4	5	3	4	5	3	3	5	3	3	4	4	2	4	2	3	5	4	4	3	'78,'69,'59,'49,'45
	Burgundy - White	4	5	4	3	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	5	3	3	4	2	4	4	3	2	'86,'66,'62,'47
	Champagne	3	3	4	3	4	1	3	3	4	3	4	5	2	3	3	2	5	4	5	1	'85,'82,'71,'64,'59,'52
	Loire Valley	3	5	4	4	5	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	5	5	4	2	'76,'71,'64,'59,'49,'47
	Rhône - North	4	5	3	5	2	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	1	2	4	5	5	4	3	'85,'83,'78,'71,'69,'61
	Rhône - South	4	5	4	4	1	4	5	4	5	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	5	5	4	2	'85,'83,'78,'70,'61
S P A I N	Priorat	4	5	5	4	3	5	5	4	5	3	5	5	4	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	'80,'82,'85
	Rioja	4	5	5	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	4	5	5	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	'87,'85,'82,'78,'75,'70,'68
	Ribera del Duero	3	4	5	4	3	5	4	5	4	3	5	5	4	2	3	4	3	5	3	3	'86,'81
I T A L Y	Piedmont	4	4	5	3	1	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	2	3	1	2	5	5	4	3	'85,'82,'78,'75,'68,'65,'62
	Tuscany	5	4	5	4	1	5	4	5	4	5	2	4	3	4	1	3	5	1	5	2	'85,'82,'75,'71,'70,'67,'64
	Vintage Port	2	5	4	4	2	3	5		3	4	2	2	5		4	4				3	'76,'70,'66,'63,'55,'45
	Germany - Riesling	4	5	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	5	4	4	2	'76,'75,'71,'64,'59,'53
	Austria	4	3	3	4	3	4	4	5	3	5	2	4	4	3	3	1	5	3	4	3	'86,'85,'69,'47
	Australia - Barossa	4	5	4	4	5	4	3	3	5	3	5	4	4	2	3	4	4	2	3	2	'86,'82,'76,'71,'63,'59
	New Zealand	4	3	3	2	5	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	2	3	4	3	4	2	1	
	Argentina	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	4	4	5	3	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	
	Chile	4	5	4	4	3	5	4	2	4	5	4	4	2	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	
	South Africa	5	3	4	5	4	5	3	3	4	3	2	4	3	3	4	3	2	2	4	5	
U S A	California - Northern	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	4	3	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	'85,'74,'69,'68,'65,'58,'51
	California - Central Coast	3	4	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	
	Oregon	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	'83,'75
	Washington	5	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	'83

KEY 5 Excellent
 4 Very Good
 3 Good
 2 Fair
 1 Poor

Vintage charts are helpful to jog your memory or satisfy your curiosity about what years were *generally* best in a particular region. They're less useful in helping select a specific wine as good producers can make decent wines even in in poor years.