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AWS Vintage Chart Methodology:

Unlike most vintage charts published today, the AWS chart is comparative, comparing one vintage to another. Sure, some great wines are made every vintage and some poor wines too. By pitting each vintage against its peers, the result give you the “odds” of finding a good wine in that vintage. You have much better chance of finding a good wine in the higher ranked vintages than in the lower ones.

How the Rankings are Determined:

Based on a variety of articles written in wine publications, harvest reports, other vintage charts and personal experience, the past 20 vintages are ranked from 1 (worst) to 20 (best). They are then grouped by two so, for example, #1 & #2 both get a 1 ranking, #3 & #4 both get a 2 ranking, and #19 & #20 both get a 10 ranking. The rankings are updated each year based on new information on how the wines are aging.

AWS 2018 VINTAGE CHART

	VINTAGES	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	09	08	PAST GREATS
U.S.	CALIFORNIA CABERNET	6a	8a	7b	8b	10b	10c	1c	2c	4c	3c	07c 02c 01c
	CALIFORNIA CHARDONNAY	6a	8b	7b	8c	10c	10c	2d	1d	6d	3d	07d 04d 02d
	OREGON	6A	7a	8b	7b	5c	9c	4c	1d	4d	10c	06c 02c 99d
	WASHINGTON	7a	5a	8b	7b	5b	9c	1c	1c	6c	6c	07c 06c 05c 01c
	EASTERN AMERICA	7a	8b	7b	2c	5c	8c	3d	10c	1d	9d	01d 99d
	SOUTH AMERICA	9a	1b	2b	3b	4c	6c	4c	6c	5c	3d	01d 05d 03d 99d
	AUSTRALIA	5a	7a	8b	1b	6b	9c	1c	6c	4c	2c	04c 02c 01c 98d
FRANCE	BORDEAUX CABERNET	2a	8a	9a	7b	1b	3b	2c	10b	10c	6b	05c 03c 00c
	BORDEAUX MERLOT	1c	8a	9a	6b	1b	3b	2c	10b	10c	5c	05c 03c 00c 98c
	BORDEAUX WHITE	1a	5a	8a	6b	6b	1b	9b	9b	10c	3c	07c 05c 03c 01c
	BURGUNDY PINOT NOIR	9a	6a	10a	5b	2b	3b	3c	6c	8b	5c	05c 03c 02c 99c
	BURGUNDY CHARDONNAY	10a	6a	7b	8b	2c	3c	3c	4c	8c	5c	05c 02c 00c 99d
	NORTHERN RHONE	8a	6a	10a	1b	4b	2b	6b	7b	9c	1c	05c 03c 99c 98c
	SOUTHERN RHONE/MIDI	7a	8a	8b	1c	3b	4b	5c	9c	9c	2c	07c 05c 98c
	LOIRE	8a	5b	7c	3c	1c	4c	5c	10c	10c	3c	07c 05c 03c 02c
CHAMPAGNE	3a	2a	8a	4a	5b	6b	1b	3b	7c	10b	04c 02c 99c 98c	
	ALSACE	8a	6b	4c	3c	2c	4c	7c	5c	8c	8c	07c 08c 04c 01c
	GERMANY	9a	2b	7b	2b	3c	4c	7c	3c	8c	5c	07c 05c 02c 01c
ITALY	NORTH	7a	10a	7a	1b	3b	2b	5c	9b	6c	5c	06 04 01 00
	CENTER/SOUTH	5a	5a	7b	2c	3b	2b	3c	8c	7c	6c	06c 04c 01c 99c
	SPAIN	5a	2b	8b	1c	4b	5b	8c	9c	7c	6c	06c 05c 04c 01c
	PORTUGAL	8a	2a	9a	1b	6b	4b	10b	3c	7c	3c	07c 05c 03c 00c

10=best a=young b=improving c=ready d=declining



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