

Chilean Wine Vintage Chart 2002-2010

Rating Chilean Red Wine Vintages

2010	88-91	A cool spring led to lower yields and delayed ripening for Cabernet Sauvignon and Carmenère, while early-ripening varieties in coastal areas excelled, with lots of bright acidity and elegant fruit flavors	NYR
2009	88	Another warm, very dry growing season, though yields slightly higher than previous years; inland valleys more variable than cooler coastal spots. Whites are ripe and forward; tannin management key for reds	Drink or hold
2008	89	Long, very dry growing season resulted in reduced yields, but also greater concentration. Similar in style to 2003; achieving balance with sometimes rugged structures was key	Drink or hold
2007	92	Cooler temperatures through the growing season resulted in a late harvest and reduced yields. Reds show supple textures and excellent length	Drink or hold
2006	91	Very consistent through all valleys. Late-ripening Cabernet Sauvignon and Carmenère excellent; less concentrated and structured than 2005	Drink
2005	93	Long, moderate growing season consistent through all valleys. Reds show lots of ripe, rich tannins; Cabernet Sauvignon excelled	Drink or hold
2004	88	Cool start to growing season with warm finish, then harvest split by rains: Carmenère suffered while Cabernet Sauvignon did well	Drink
2003	91	Cool start followed by a long season of warm days and cool nights; wines from all major valleys show power and structure	Drink
2002	88	Split vintage: North (Aconcagua, Casablanca and Maipo) produced excellent wines, while harvesttime rains in the South (Curicó and Maule) caused problems; Rapel caught in the middle	Drink

A score range indicates preliminary analysis based on barrel samples and/or a limited sampling; many wines of the vintage not yet reviewed.

Vintage ratings: 95-100, classic; 90-94, outstanding; 85-89, very good; 80-84, good; 75-79, mediocre; 50-74, not recommended **Drinkability:** "NYR" means the vintage has not yet been released; "drink" means most of the wines of the vintage are ready to drink; "hold" means most of the ageworthy wines have yet to fully mature.



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