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EUROPE																			
Austria																			
Austria Riesling & Grüner Veltliner	84C	90I	87C	89C	88C	84C	94R	NT	NT	NT	96R	NT							
France																			
Alsace	87R	89R	90R	87R	85C	78C	93R	93R	88R	83C	82C	88C	75C	93C	82C	86C	80C	84C	80C
Bordeaux: St Julien / Pauillac / St Estephe	96T	92T	85C	78C	79C	75R	98E	90E	87R	82R	94T	90R	72C	86R	98R	85C	78C	85R	87C
Bordeaux: Margaux	88T	88E	85C	77C	75C	74R	90E	86E	85R	76R	90T	86R	68C	95R	86R	82R	79C	87R	87R
Bordeaux: Graves / Pessac Leognan	86E	89E	88E	86C	75C	74R	90R	89R	89R	84R	89E	90R	79R	89R	88R	84R	78C	88R	88R
Bordeaux: Pomerol	85E	92T	89T	87C	82C	58C	96R	96R	89R	85C	87T	88R	65C	90R	96R	86R	79C	86R	84R
Bordeaux: St Emilion	87T	88E	86T	84C	75C	59C	98R	88R	88R	74C	88E	87R	69C	89R	94R	82R	72R	84R	84R
Bordeaux: Barsac / Sauternes	87E	85E	78E	70C	68C	70C	98R	90R	98R	70R	94R	85R	70C	88R	75R	85R	85R	75R	75R
Burgundy: Cote de Nuits red	89T	90R	72C	85C	69C	86R	93R	85C	84C	77C	65C	87C	78R	75C	75C	50C	84C	77C	88C
Burgundy: Cote de Beaune red	89R	85R	73C	80C	82R	77C	92R	86C	87C	79C	72C	88C	70C	78C	80C	74C	78C	77C	86R
Burgundy white	92C	93C	77C	72C	90C	70C	87C	90C	82R	79C	82C	89C	80C	85C	88C	86C	75C	88C	88C
Burgundy: Beaujolais	82C	87C	85C	80C	77C	88C	86C	92C	86C	85C	84C	87C	75C	86C	75C	83C	60C	80C	84C
Champagne	97T	95T	NT	88E	NT	NT	93R	95R	95R	NT	NT	95R	NV	NT	94R	NT	NT	95R	NT
Jura	NT																		
Languedoc	NT																		
Roussillon	NT																		
Loire Valley white	91R	88C	87C	86C	80C	75C	90R	92R	88C	87C	87R	88C	68C	84C	84C	82C	72C	83C	85C
Loire Valley Red	NT																		
Rhone: Cote Rotie / Hermitage	86R	90T	88C	58C	78R	92R	92R	92T	92R	86R	84C	90R	75E	89C	85C	75C	83C	87C	98R
Rhone: Chateaufort du Pape	82C	90T	86C	85C	78C	65C	95R	94T	88R	60C	78C	88R	72C	87C	70C	88C	77C	88C	97R
Germany																			
Mosel Saar Ruwer	91T	90R	94R	91R	87C	88R	96R	91C	92R	84C	85C	88R	70R	89R	78C	86R	68I	88R	70R
Rheinhessen Riesling	91T	86C	87R	88R	85C	87R	96R	90C	90R	84R	84C	86C	70R	87C	76C	87R	70I	86R	70R
Germany Pinot Noir / Spätburgunder	NT																		
Italy																			
Campania: Taurasi	NT																		
Friuli: Collio Whites	NT																		
Piedmont: Barbaresco	97T	87C	77C	89E	74C	76C	96R	97T	90R	86R	89I	95R	65C	75C	96R	80R	88I	89R	97T
Piedmont: Barolo	97T	87R	77C	91R	74C	76C	96R	97T	90R	86R	90I	95R	65C	75C	96R	80R	88I	90R	97T
Trentino-Alto Adige Whites	NT																		
Tuscany: Bolgheri	89R	90R	NT	NT	NT	NT	90R	NT	90R	NT	NV	93R	NT						
Tuscany: Brunello di Montalcino	88R	93R	NT	90R	NT	NT	94R	NT	94R	NV	NV	93R	NT	92R	92R	NT	NT	NT	NT
Tuscany: Classico	88R	89R	NT	89R	NT	NT	90R	NT	92R	NT	NV	93R	60C	NT	90R	NT	NT	NT	NT
Sicily: Etna	NT																		
Veneto: Valpolicella (Amarone)	NT																		
Portugal																			
Portugal dry wines	NT																		
Portugal vintage port	NV	NV	92T	NV	95E	90E	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	92R	NV	92R	86R	NV	84R	NV	83C
Spain																			
Rioja	85R	90R	90R	87R	85R	76R	87R	90R	87R	82C	82R	82C	78R	74C	92C	92C	75C	79C	84C
Castilla Leon: Ribera Del Duero	92R	90R	90R	87R	82R	74R	89R	88C	87C	88C	77C	85C	86R	85C	87C	84C	85C	NT	NT
Priorat	NT																		
Galicia	NT	86R	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT											

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France				
Alsace	90R	82C	90C	80C
Bordeaux: St Julien / Pauillac / St Estephe	84R	89I	82R	87I
Bordeaux: Margaux	77R	78E	83R	85R
Bordeaux: Graves / Pessac Leognan	71C	89T	86R	87R
Bordeaux: Pomerol	82R	94R	87R	90R
Bordeaux: St Emilion	82R	85R	83R	85R
Bordeaux: Barsac / Sauternes	87R	90T	86R	84R
Burgundy: Cote de Nuits red	86C	50C	87C	82C
Burgundy: Cote de Beaune red	88C	50C	87C	82C
Burgundy white	86C	65C	88C	83C
Burgundy: Beaujolais	NT	NT	NT	NT
Champagne	94R	93R	93C	88C
Jura	NT	NT	NT	NT
Languedoc	NT	NT	NT	NT
Roussillon	NT	NT	NT	NT
Loire Valley white	NT	NT	NT	NT
Loire Valley Red	NT	NT	NT	NT
Rhone: Cote Rotie / Hermitage	82R	73C	84R	90C
Rhone: Chateaufeuf du Pape	75C	60C	82C	88C
Germany				
Mosel Saar Ruwer	92C	95R	98R	85R
Rheinhessen Riesling	91C	92R	98C	87R
Germany Pinot Noir / Spätburgunder	NT	NT	NT	NT
Italy				
Campania: Taurasi	NT	NT	NT	NT
Friuli: Collio Whites	NT	NT	NT	NT
Piedmont: Barbaresco	NT	NT	94R	93R
Piedmont: Barolo	NT	NT	94R	93C
Trentino-Alto Adige Whites	NT	NT	NT	NT
Tuscany: Bolgheri	NT	NT	NT	NT
Tuscany: Brunello di Montalcino	NT	93R	NT	NT
Tuscany: Classico	NT	92R	NT	NT
Sicily: Etna	NT	NT	NT	NT
Veneto: Valpolicella (Amarone)	NT	NT	NT	NT
Portugal				
Portugal dry wines	NT	NT	NT	NT
Portugal vintage port	NV	82R	NV	90R
Spain				
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USA				
California				
North Coast Cabernet Sauvignon	90T	85R	70C	92R
North Coast Chardonnay	80C	86C	82C	83C
North Coast Zinfandel	87C	80C	60C	89C
North Coast Pinot Noir	NT	NT	NT	NT
Central Coast: Paso Robles	NT	NT	NT	NT
Central Coast: Santa Barbara	NT	NT	NT	NT
Oregon				
Willamette Valley Pinot Noir	NT	NT	NT	NT
Washington				
Cabernet Sauvignon / Syrah	NT	NT	NT	NT
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE				
Argentina				
Argentina	NT	NT	NT	NT
Australia				
South Australia: Barossa Valley / McLaren Vale	NT	NT	NT	NT
Western Australia	NT	NT	NT	NT
New South Wales	NT	NT	NT	NT
Victoria / Tasmania	NT	NT	NT	NT
Chile				
Chile	NT	NT	NT	NT
New Zealand				
New Zealand	NT	NT	NT	NT
South Africa				
South Africa	NT	NT	NT	NT