

Aging Wine

The aging of wine, and its ability to potentially improve the quality, distinguishes wine from most other consumable goods. Complex chemical reactions involving the wine's sugars, acids, and tannins may alter the aroma, color, mouthfeel and taste of a wine that some palates find more pleasurable. The ability of wine to age is due to many factors including varietal, vintage, viticultural practices, and winemaking style. The cellaring conditions also influence how well a wine may age.

In general, wines with a low pH (such as Pinot Noir) have a greater capability of aging. A high level of flavor compounds (such as tannins) will increase the likelihood of the ageability of a wine. White wines with the longest aging potential are those with a high amount of extract and acidity. The acidity in white wines plays a similar role to tannins in red wines in acting as a preservative.

The ratio of sugars, acids and tannins is a key determination of how well a wine may age. Exposure to oak either during fermentation or after during barrel aging will introduce additional tannins to a wine, increasing the likelihood of a wine's ability to bottle age well.

The storage of wine will also influence aging. In general, a wine has a greater potential to develop complexity and a more aromatic bouquet if it is allowed to age slowly in a relatively cool environment. Wine experts recommend keeping wine intended for aging in a cool area with a constant temperature around 55°. Extreme temperature fluctuations are detrimental to the wine.

As wine ages, the young tannins gradually give way to a softer mouthfeel. With age, the color will deepen, eventually developing a brownish-red around the outside. The presence of visible sediment in a bottle usually indicates a mature wine.

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ArborBrook Vineyards is a family-owned, boutique producer of hand-crafted Pinot Noirs, Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc, and our Sauternes-style Semillon late harvest dessert wine.

As with most red wines, Pinot Noir is capable of aging. The bottle aging process allows for the wine to settle into itself, which is demonstrated by the softening of tannins and integration of flavor profiles. Generally speaking, each year of bottle age will deepen the wine, making it softer in the mouthfeel, and more integrated in the flavor profiles. We have developed this chart for those who are interested in maintaining an aging library of ArborBrook wines.

One item of note: All palates are different. Some palates will find younger wines, which tend to be more fruit forward, more pleasing, while other palates find older, more integrated, darker wines more pleasurable. When reviewing this aging chart, please keep that in mind, based on your own personal preferences. We hope you enjoy the wines.

Cellaring Recommendations: Temperature range: 45° to 55°
 Serving temperature: Pinot Gris or Sauvignon Blanc 45° and Pinot Noir 60°
 Humidity range: 60 to 70% and a dark place with no light is recommended

Wine	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
MLH Klipsun Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc								Now	Now-2018	Now-2019	Now-2023	Now-2024
Croft Vineyard Pinot Gris				Now	Now	Now	Now	Now	Now-2018	Now-2019	Now-2022	Now-2022
Guadalupe Vineyard Pinot Gris						Now	Now	Now	Now-2020	Now-2020	Now-2024	Now-2024
Heritage Cuvee Willamette Valley Pinot Noir				Now-2018	Now-2020	Now	Now-2018	Now-2020				
Heritage Cuvee Estate Pinot Noir						Now-2018			Now-2020	Now-2021	Now-2024	Now-2026
Origin 1866 Estate Pinot Noir							Now-2022	Now-2024	Now-2024	Now-2025	Now-2025	2020-2026
Terroir Anthology Tesori PN Clone 777										Now-2024	Now-2024	2019-2028
Terroir Anthology Olenik PN Pommard Clone												2019-2027
Estate 777 Block Pinot Noir	Now-2016	Now-2018	Now-2016	Now-2018	Now-2020	Now-2020	Now-2022	Now-2023	Now-2024	Now-2025	2019-2027	2020-2029
Hyland Vineyard Coury Clone Pinot Noir									Now-2024	Now-2025	2019-2026	2019-2026
Vintners Select Estate Pinot Noir		Now-2022	Now-2020	Now-2020	Now-2024	Now-2024	Now-2026	Now-2027	Now-2028	Now-2028	2019-2031	2020-2034
Brendan Scott Pommard Estate Pinot Noir									Now-2026	2019-2028	2019-2030	2020-2032
Black Widow Estate 943 Clone Pinot Noir												2020-2028
Vins Limites Estate Pinot Noir						Now-2024	Now-2026	Now-2028	Now-2028	2019-2028	2019-2030	2020-2030
Sydney Semillon Klipsun Vineyard		Now-2020		Now-2022	Now-2026			Now-2026	Now-2026	Now-2028	x	Now-2030

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