

# AGING CHART

This chart is meant to describe how a decade of JUSTIN wines are showing right now, not to tell you exactly when to drink them. Our wines are delicious upon release and will also age gracefully in the cellar.

- 1 - Youthful with primary fruit
- 2 - Hold until spring 2018
- 3 - Hold until 2018+
- 4 - Showing bouquet or aged quality
- 5 - Drink up
- NA - Not available

WINE/VINTAGE	2004*	2005*	2006*	2007*	2008*	2009*	2010*	2011*	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Sauvignon Blanc	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1
Viognier	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	1	1
Chardonnay	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	1	1	1
Rosé <sup>1</sup>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5	5	5	5	1
Cabernet Sauvignon	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	NA
Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	NA
JUSTIFICATION	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	NA
ISOSCELES	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	NA	NA
ISOSCELES Reserve	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	2	NA	NA
EIGHTY ONE	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	2	3	NA	NA	NA
Syrah	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	NA
SAVANT	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	NA
FOCUS	NA	NA	NA	NA	4	4	4	1	1	1	2	3	NA
Zinfandel	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	NA	NA	1	NA
Malbec	4	4	4	4	4	4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Petit Verdot	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	NA	NA	1	NA	NA
Reserve Tempranillo	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	NA	1	1	1	NA
RIGHT ANGLE	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4	4	4	1	1	1	NA
Reserve Malbec	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4	4	4	1	1	1	NA
SUNNY'S BLOCK	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	NA	4	1	NA	1	NA
OBTUSE	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Merlot	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4	4	4	1	1	NA
TRILATERAL	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1	NA	NA

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*\*Red wines from this vintage should be carefully decanted off bottle sediment.*

*<sup>1</sup>Rosé is recommended to be consumed upon release.*



Our wines share the positive regional character of many Paso Robles wines to be very drinkable upon release and do not necessarily need to be cellared, although they do age gracefully in the cellar. There is no “peak” or one right time to enjoy them. Depending on your taste, you may want to save a bottle or two, but the drinking window on our wines opens when they are listed as drinking youthful, and they are delectable at all stages in their life. Unlike wines from cooler regions with different soils, our wines tend to show really well early on, so don’t wait too long and miss out on what these wines have to offer in their youth.

This chart is meant to describe how a decade of JUSTIN wines are showing right now, not to tell you when to drink them. With the exception of some reserve wines that might need a little more time to open a bit, we do not list dates when to drink our wines, but describe how they are currently tasting.

Here is a key that elaborates on each category on the chart.

1. Youthful – currently showing distinct primary fruit and spice probably with more pronounced tannins. This is, without a doubt, the most popular wine drinking category.
2. Waiting about six months will yield a bit more complexity and balance.
3. Wait one year. Unusual and mostly used for more classic-styled, premium wines that require a degree of cellaring to soften tannins and develop fruit character.
4. Showing aged qualities. Wine is showing some earthy character, complexity and tannins are beginning to resolve and soften. If a wine has been in the category for some time, primary fruit will be diminished, almost like dried fruit, with the wine showing more cigar box and forest floor with earthy sweet spice notes. Save a few bottles for this stage after you have enjoyed it for a few years.
5. Drink up – mostly for white wines that are not meant to age, but occasionally will be used for simpler reds that are not meant to cellar for extended periods. When a wine has first been put in this category, it does not imply that the wine is bad, but is a suggestion that its prime days are waning. If it has been in this category for a while, you might have waited too long.

Don’t forget, these wines are meant to be enjoyed at all stages and this is why wine like ISOSCELES Reserve is packaged in multiple bottle quantities so you can enjoy the wine over its entire life.

Enjoy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Gerakaris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Jim" and "Gerakaris" being capitalized and prominent.

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