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vin·tage  (vín tĭj)

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n.

1. The yield of wine or grapes from a vineyard or district during one season.
2. Wine, usually of high quality, identified as to year and vineyard or district of origin.
3. The year or place in which a wine is bottled.

4.

- a. The harvesting of a grape crop.
- b. The initial stages of winemaking.

5. Informal

- a. A group or collection of people or things sharing certain characteristics.
- b. A year or period of origin: *a car of 1942 vintage*.
- c. Length of existence; age.

adj.

1. Of or relating to a vintage.
2. Characterized by excellence, maturity, and enduring appeal; classic.
3. Old or outmoded.
- 4.*
 - a. Of the best: *played songs that were vintage Cole Porter*.
 - b. Of the most distinctive: *"Fatalism has coexisted with vintage American overconfidence" (Thomas Oliphant)*.

[Middle English, from Anglo-Norman, alteration (influenced by *viniter*, *vintner*) of Old French *vendange*, from Latin *vīndēmia* : *vīnum*, grapes + *dēmere*, to take off (*dē*, de- + *emere*, to obtain; see **em-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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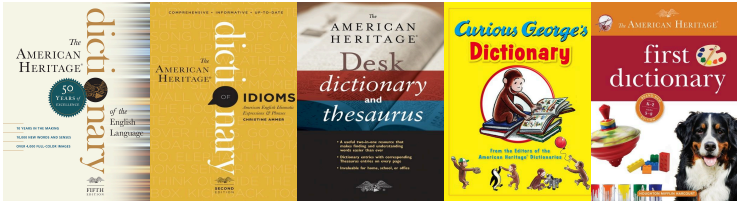
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