

France

Domaine du Vieux Lazaret - Rhône Valley

Red Wines

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Vieux Lazaret' from one of the region's largest landowners, Jérôme Quiot, has proved a huge success. As a substantial landowner he is not shackled by the market and, besides, makes structured, stylish wines that win many medals. His 'Cuvée Exceptionnelle' is one of the best Châteauneuf reds that I have tasted for many years. Made from the oldest vines in the vineyard and from a superb vintage, it is a wine of stunning complexity and only available in the tiniest quantities.

FR24	Côtes du Ventoux	Domaine du Vieux Lazaret	06/07	6.99	8.79
FR25	Châteauneuf du Pape *	Domaine du Vieux Lazaret - Jérôme Quiot	05/06	13.98	17.49
FR29	Châteauneuf du Pape	Domaine du Vieux Lazaret - magnum	04/05	29.95	37.49
FR32	Châteauneuf du Pape	'Cuvée Exceptionnelle'	03/04	19.95	24.95

White Wines

The fascinating **Châteauneuf Blanc** from Jérôme Quiot has complex citrus fruit flavours. While it will age for some years, I suggest you should drink it now and make the most of its exuberant youthful fruit. The medal-winning sweet **Muscat de Beaumes de Venise** is delicate with an apricot & peaches bouquet.

FR54	Châteauneuf du Pape	Domaine du Vieux Lazaret (méd d'or)	06	14.99	18.79
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Domaine Preignes le Vieux - Hérault

White Wines

The **Domaine Bergeron Sauvignon Blanc** from the Robert Vic vineyards near Carcassonne is a fine, bone-dry white with typical elderflower fruit. Also good are the excellent **Chardonnay** and **Viognier** from Robert Vic at **Domaines Preignes le Vieux**.

FC61	Sauvignon Blanc	Domaine Bergeron - SC (07)	07	4.99	6.29
FC67	Chardonnay	Domaine Preignes le Vieux	04/06	4.99	6.29
FC69	Viognier	Domaine Preignes le Vieux	06/07	6.49	8.19

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The **Domaine Bergeron Merlot** is full of juicy black fruit. From the same stable are the **Domaine Preignes le Vieux Cabernet Sauvignon** and **Syrah** which are both wines that have delicious clean fruit, light oak, and good acidity.

FC04	Merlot	Domaine Bergeron SC (07)	06/07	4.99	6.29
FC07	Cabernet Sauvignon	Domaine Preignes le Vieux	05/06	5.49	6.89
FC06	Syrah	Domaine Preignes le Vieux	05/06	5.49	6.89
FC17	Cabernet Franc	Domaine Preignes le Vieux	05/06	5.49	6.89

Domaine de la Brillane - Provence

(Organic)

Don't miss the fabulous wines of **Domaine de la Brillane** – made by *Rupert Birch*, who has given up working for Schrodgers to start a new life as a vigneron. Judging by the wines he is producing, he has made a good career move, at least from our point of view. The **Brillane 'Cuvée du Printemps'** is a deliciously light and soft, fruit-driven Grenache-based Provence red that screams 'drink me', his main wine **Domaine de la Brillane** is simply sensational, unoaked and packed with plum fruit, and his flagship '**Flora**' is a 100% old vine Cabernet Sauvignon of great depth and complexity. All are made by organic methods, both in the vineyard and in the winery.

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FC22	Brillane 'Cuvée Printemps'	Bouches du Rhône- SC	06	5.98	7.49
FC11	Domaine de la Brillane	Coteaux de Aix en Provence	04/05	8.99	11.25
FC20	Domaine de la Brillane (150cl)	Coteaux de Aix en Provence	04	19.98	24.99
FC12	Domaine de la Brillane 'Flora'	Coteaux de Aix en Provence	04/05	12.98	16.29

Philippe Raimbault - Loire Valley

White Wines

Some excellent wines from the 2007 Loire vintage. Philippe Raimbault continues to make superb wines: classic Sauvignon Blanc from both **Sancerre 'Domaine des Godons'** and **Pouilly-Fumé 'Montée des Lumeaux'** with the stylish finesse that comes with the finest 'terroir'.

FL20	Sancerre	Domaine des Godons	07	9.98	12.49
FL26	Pouilly-Fumé	La Montée des Lumeaux	07	9.98	12.49

Rosé Wines

As ever, we love good rosé, and Philippe Raimbault makes excellent strawberry-hued Pinot Noir rosé in **Sancerre**.

FL04	Sancerre	Apud Sariaicum	06/07	9.99	12.50
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Red Wines

Good Loire reds are hard to come by but well worth seeking out. Philippe Raimbault makes a fine **Sancerre** that is made from 100% Pinot Noir, packed with juicy fruit flavours but with a balancing elegance

FL03	Sancerre	Domaine des Godons	05/06	9.99	12.50
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Guy Allion - Loire Valley

White Wines

Don't miss our fabulous **Sauvignon de Touraine** comes from Guy Allion's **Domaine du Haut-Perron**, full of crisp gooseberry fruit, it looks fantastic value up against many New Zealand offerings!

FL65	Touraine Sauvignon Blanc	Domaine Haut-Perron	07	6.99	8.79
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Red Wines

Simple, but deliciously packed with red fruit is our **Gamay de Touraine** from **Domaine Haut-Perron**.

FL05	Gamay de Touraine	'les Perdriettes' Domaine Haut-Perron	06/07	6.99	8.79
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Domaine du Gouyat - Bergerac

Dry White

The vineyards of the Dordogne can produce some of the most attractive wines in France. Serge Dubard's **Domaine du Gouyat** needs little introduction to those of you who are existing customers: the crisp gooseberry flavours of his white puts many a more expensive wine to shame. A blend of 50% Sauvignon and 50% Sémillon.

FB64	Domaine du Gouyat *	Dubard Frère et Soeur	06/07	5.99	7.50
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Rosé

Quite, quite delicious and dangerously addictive, this wine - the breathtaking colour of rosy-fingered dawn - is bone-dry and the antithesis of bland commercial rosés. Possibly the finest all round rosé in the world!

FB66	Domaine du Gouyat	Dubard Frère et Soeur	07	5.99	7.50
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Red

Serge Dubard's **Domaine du Gouyat rouge** has wonderful fruit and is as good value wine as any on the entire list. His benchmark **barrique-aged Gouyat** has in recent years won a **coup de coeur** in the Guide Hachette - France's highest wine accolade. The **Pécharment** is a brooding monster for laying down and the **Château Laulerie Montravel** also a big beast from an appellation that only came into being with the 2001 vintage.

FB14	Domaine du Gouyat *	Dubard Frère et Soeur	03/05	5.99	7.50
FB22	Château Laulerie	oak barrique-aged - Dubard Frère	02/03	7.48	9.39
FB13	Château les Farcies du Pech'	Pécharment - Dubard-Peytureau	02	8.99	11.25
FB58	Château Laulerie 'Comtesse de Ségur'	Montravel - Dubard	04	9.98	12.49

Château la Claymore - Saint-Émilion

Two wines not to miss: **Château la Claymore** in Lussac St-Émilion makes a medal-winning red that is a beautifully structured wine with masses of fruit and extract - and their second wine **Cadet de Claymore** is astonishingly good for the price - softer, but still very fine with a subtle blackcurrant bouquet, and improving year on year.

FB29	Cadet de Claymore	Lussac Saint-Émilion	03/04	8.98	11.20
FB21	Château la Claymore *	Lussac Saint-Émilion	04	9.98	12.49
FB212	Château la Claymore	Lussac Saint-Émilion (150cl)	02/04	19.95	24.95

Château de Pizay - Beaujolais

White Wines

Definitely worth trying is the superb **Beaujolais Blanc** from Château de Pizay - a delicious lemon-fresh Chardonnay with a rich finish.

FY61	Beaujolais Blanc	Château de Pizay	06/07	6.99	8.79
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Red Wines

Three superb, medal-winning Beaujolais Crus from **Château de Pizay**: a delectably soft **Morgon** and **Regnié** and a fuller-bodied, gold medal winning **Brouilly** from Pizay's **Château de Saint-Lager**.

FY13	Regnié (médaille d'argent)	Château de Pizay	06/07	7.99	9.99
FY18	Morgon (médaille d'bronze)	Château de Pizay	06/07	8.98	11.20
FY12	Brouilly (médaille d'or)	Château de Saint Lager	06/07	8.98	11.20

Bodega Navajas - Rioja

The wines of **Antonio Navajas** are going from strength to strength. He has started blending oak-aged wine in with his **Tinto** to give it more body to balance the fruit. His **Crianza** offers sensational rich plummy-oak flavours at a very reasonable price. Even classier is the excellent **Reserva**, aged in oak for three years. The **Navajas Crianza Blanco** – also aged in oak - has a huge, apricot and butterscotch flavours.

SP18	Bodegas Navajas	Tinto	07	5.69	7.19
SP21	Bodegas Navajas	Crianza	05	6.99	8.79
SP22	Bodegas Navajas	Reserva	03	9.99	12.50
SP78	Bodegas Navajas	Blanco Crianza	04/05	7.99	9.99

Marqu s de Murrieta - Rioja

Red

A superb range of Riojas from the great Marqu s de Murrieta 300 hectare Ygay estate at Logrono. The **Marqu s de Murrieta Reserva** is benchmark Rioja that has been aged in American oak for over 20 months – perfect example of modern-style Rioja, and the classic **Castillo Ygay Gran Reserva** has fabulous complexity having spent 40 months in American oak.

SP29	Marqu�s de Murrieta	Reserva	03	12.98	16.29
SP28	Marqu�s de Murrieta	Reserva Magnum	02/03	29.95	37.49
SP15	Castillo Ygay	Gran Reserva Especial	98/00	25.95	32.45
SP151	Castillo Ygay Magnum	Gran Reserva Especial	98/00	59.95	74.95

white

The **Capellania Reserva** is typical rich white Rioja, made from a blend of Viura, Malvasia & Garnacha, but less heavily oaked than it was in the past.

SP62	Marqu�s de Murrieta ‘Capellania’	Reserva Blanco	04/05	14.99	18.79
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Castillo Perelada - Catalunya

Some of our favourite wines on the list come from Castillo Perelada in the Costa Brava. The superb **Castillo Perelada Roc Crianza** is a blend of Garnacha, Carinena and Tempranillo that has spent 12 months in American and French barriques giving it the classic vanilla flavours that balance the forest fruits. The **Reserva** and **Cabernet Sauvignon** are big reserve wines that have spent 18 months in oak and have broad sweet tannins and a superlative depth of plum and damson fruit. The superb **Gran Claustro** – their flagship blend of Cabernet, Merlot, Carignena and Garnacha – was rated top Spanish red in Wine Magazine. Their taster noted: ‘Deep, dark and richly fruited with a gorgeous aroma. The palate is magnificent. Lovely!’

Red

SP16	Masia Perelada	Tinto	06/07	4.99	6.29
SP13	Castillo Perelada	Roc Crianza	05	5.99	7.50
SP14	Castillo Perelada	Reserva	03/04	9.99	12.50
SP12	Castillo Perelada	Cabernet Sauvignon	00	9.99	12.50
SP07	Castillo Perelada	Finca Malaveina	05	17.98	22.49
SP19	Castillo Perelada	Gran Claustro	01/03	34.95	43.69

White & Ros 

The **Perelada white** is made from a blend of Macabeo and Garnacha Blanco and has a lemon zest bouquet and an attractive aromatic finish. The **Perelada ros ** exudes cherry fruit with a dry finish. New to our list is the **Roc Blanco** a stunning blend of X-arello and Muscat, producing a wine with a fine acidity combined with intense aromatics.

SP75	Masia Perelada	Blanco	06/07	4.99	6.29
SP93	Masia Perelada	Rosado	06/07	4.99	6.29
SP74	Castillo Perelada Roc	Blanco	05/06	5.99	7.50

South Africa

Eagle's Cliff

Breede River Valley

We are very excited by this stunning range of wines from Christiaan Groenewald in the Breede River Valley. The superb, appley **Chenin Blanc** is the best value white wine that we list at this price and the 2007 has just . The Reserve range of **Sauvignon Blanc** and **Viognier** are astonishing: the **Sauvignon Blanc** has classic almost French elegance and the **Viognier** is the best example of this aromatic grape I have come across at such a low price, combining richness with fine acidity.

White

				<i>ex.vat</i>	<i>inc.vat</i>
SA70	Eagle's Cliff Chenin Blanc	Breede River (SC)	07/08	4.69	5.85
SA79	Eagle's Cliff Sauvignon Blanc Reserve	Breede River (SC)	06/07	6.49	8.19
SA73	Eagle's Cliff Viognier Reserve	Breede River	05/06	6.49	8.19
SA72	Eagle's Cliff Chardonnay Reserve	Breede River	05/06	6.49	8.19

Red

Christiaan's reds are equally fine, with a soft **Merlot/Cabernet** that has good blackberry fruit with underpinning soft oak. Just arrived is the **Reserve Shiraz** – full of complex plummy fruit – and I am not normally a huge fan of Pinotage but the entry point **Eagle's Cliff Pinotage** is packed with soft jammy black fruit and none of the tobacco flavours that spoil so many.

SA05	Eagle's Cliff Pinotage	Breede River (SC)	05/06	4.69	5.85
SA10	Eagle's Cliff Merlot/Cabernet	Breede River (SC)	06/07	4.69	5.85
SA101	Eagle's Cliff Shiraz Reserve	Breede River	03	6.49	8.19
SA07	Eagle's Cliff Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve	Breede River	03	6.49	8.19

Rosé

Our first South African **Shiraz Rosé**, made from the free-run juice of the Shiraz grape with delicious red berry fruit and a crisp, dry finish. Just awarded a coveted Veritas Gold Medal We just can't ship this wine over fast enough!

SA90	Eagle's Cliff Shiraz Rosé	Breede River (SC)	08	4.69	5.85
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South Australia

Brookford Estate

A new contemporary pair of Australian wines from the Riverina region in New South Wales. Big River country, where the drip irrigated vineyards of the Riverina are planted, is crisscrossed with brooks and streams. Dry for most of the year these are easily crossed as they rarely run very deep, even in the rainy season. Made by the young and talented winemaker, Sam Trimboli, these characterful wines show upfront fruit, well defined structure and excellent body

White

AU85	Brookford Colombard/Chardonnay	South Australia (SC)	06/07	4.69	5.85
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Red

AU25	Brookford Merlot/Petit Verdot	South Australia (SC)	06/07	4.69	5.85
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South Australia

Wirra Wirra Winery

First established in 1900 by Robert Strangeways Wrigley, Wirra Wirra's cellars in the McLaren Vale fell into disuse until bought by Greg and Roger Trott in 1969. Now rated by the great Australian wine pundit, James Halliday, as one of his six most exciting wineries, the wines of Wirra Wirra go from strength to strength and are renowned for five main attributes: ripeness, elegance, structure, power and complexity.

White

AU84	Scrubby Rise Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon-Viognier (SC)	07/08	7.98	9.98
AU61	Sexton Acre unwooded Chardonnay (SC)	06/07	7.98	9.98
AU63	Wirra Wirra 'Lost Watch' Riesling (SC)	07	9.99	12.50

Red

AU04	Scrubby Rise Shiraz-Cabernet-Petit Verdot (SC)	05/06	7.98	9.98
AU01	Church Block Cabernet-Shiraz Merlot	04	9.99	12.50
AU02	Dead Ringer Cabernet Sauvignon	05	24.95	31.19
AU03	RSW Shiraz	04/05	24.95	31.19

Western Australia

Peel Estate

We were delighted to be appointed agents for Peel Estate for the United Kingdom some 7 years ago and the wines go from strength to strength. Established in 1973 by Will Nairn, Peel Estate has long been considered one of the leading boutique wineries in Australia with total production of only 5000 cases. The winery receives a coveted 4½ star rating in James Halliday's Wine Companion.

White

The **Chenin Blanc** is one of Australia's most extraordinary white wines with a huge peachy nose and cherry wood aromas. This is a wine that will age for over ten years and develops extraordinary complexity in the bottle. The **Verdelho** is just about my favourite white wine. Unoaked, it has delectable greengage and lime fruit with elegant acidity. Don't miss the excellent **Sauvignon Blanc/Chenin** with grassy fruit from the Margaret River.

			ex.vat	inc.vat
AU922	Peel Estate	Sauvignon Blanc / Chenin (SC)	06/07	7.98 9.98
AU93	Peel Estate	Verdelho (SC)	07	8.99 11.25
AU91	Peel Estate	Chardonnay	03	9.99 12.50
AU92	Peel Estate	Chenin Blanc	01/03	9.99 12.50

Red

Three quite stunning reds that are only available in tiny quantities as the wine has achieved a cult status in Australia. The **Cabernet Sauvignon** is made in a classic French style and Will rates the 2001 as one of the best he has ever made. Aged in French oak, it has a wonderful integration of fruit and wood. The flagship **Shiraz** has an astonishing structure and concentration of flavour: allspice, cloves and intense black fruit. Both reds can be drunk from now to 2020. Don't overlook the new **Merlot/Cabernet Franc**: this delicious St-Émilion style red is made from a blend of Cabernet Franc and Merlot, aged in French oak

AU33	Peel Estate	Merlot / Cabernet Franc (SC)	05	7.98	9.98
AU32	Peel Estate	Shiraz	99/00	11.99	14.98
AU31	Peel Estate	Cabernet Sauvignon (Decanter 4* Award 12/05)	01/02	12.98	16.29

Rosé

This was new last winter and quite wonderful. As Will says on his website: 'Most of the new Australian roses range between medium sweet and sickly sweet. Peel's is uncompromisingly dry'. Made from a blend of Merlot and Cabernet Franc.

AU999	Peel Estate	Rosé Sec (SC)	07	7.98	9.98
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New Zealand

Rongopai – Te Kauwhata

*A classic range of wines from this vineyard in the heart of the Waikato above beautiful Lake Waikare, a half hour drive south of Auckland. **Rongopai Sauvignon Blanc** has elegant, rich elderflower fruit while their **Marlborough Sauvignon Reserve** is more intense, in-your-face style. The **Merlot** is delightfully soft and rounded with soft hedgerow fruit flavours.*

White

NZ73	Rongopai	Sauvignon Blanc (SC)	06	7.49	7.40
NZ75	Rongopai	Sauvignon Blanc Reserve - Marlborough (SC)	06	8.98	11.20

Red

NZ02	Rongopai	Merlot (SC)	04	7.49	7.40
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Isabel Estate – Wairau Valley

Isabel Estate Sauvignon Blanc - whose grapes used to be sold to Cloudy Bay until 1996 - now wipes the board with its Marlborough rival including winning the trophy for the best Sauvignon Blanc in the world in the IWC.

White

NZ63	Isabel Estate	Sauvignon Blanc (SC)	06/07	10.98	13.75
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Fairhall Downs - Marlborough

*Established in 1982 by Ken and Jill Small, Fairhall Downs is situated at the head of the Marlborough's Brancott valley. Their **Sauvignon Blanc** is first class, made in an elegant style with good minerality. The superb **Pinot Gris** shows why this variety is gaining enormous popularity among wine drinkers. The **Pinot** is simply delicious with smooth silky tannins and plum and redcurrant fruit flavours on the palate.*

White

NZ78	Fairhall Downs	Sauvignon Blanc (SC)	06	9.98	12.49
NZ79	Fairhall Downs	Pinot Gris (SC)	05/06	12.98	16.29

Red

NZ31	Fairhall Downs	Pinot Noir (SC)	04	16.98	21.25
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Carta Vieja - Chile

White Wines

*These wines are simply wonderful value for money. Made by the del Pedregal family, the **Sauvignon Blanc** has excellent gooseberry flavours and the unoaked **Chardonnay** superb tropical fruit flavours with balancing acidity. A complete revelation is the botrytised **Carta Vieja Late Harvest**, a pudding wine of classic 'noble rot' and delicious acidity.*

CL67	Carta Vieja Sauvignon Blanc	Maule Valley	07	4.59	5.75
CL69	Carta Vieja Chardonnay	Maule Valley	07	4.59	5.75
CL82	Carta Vieja Chardonnay (organic)	Aconcagua Valley	04	8.98	11.20
DW20	Carta Vieja 'Late Harvest'	Botrytised (50cl)	06	6.99	8.79

Red Wines

*Both the basic **Cabernet Sauvignon** and **Merlot** are outstandingly good with excellent black fruit flavours, and the **Carmenère**, **Cabernet & Syrah Reservas** are big rich oak-aged wines: highly recommended. The softer **Pinot Noir** is one of the best value examples of this grape on our list and has lovely red berry fruit.*

CL16	Carta Vieja Cabernet Sauvignon	Maule Valley	06/07	4.59	5.75
CL26	Carta Vieja Merlot	Maule Valley	06/07	4.59	5.75
CL10	Carta Vieja Pinot Noir	Reserva	05	6.99	8.79
CL32	Carta Vieja Pinot Noir (organic)	Aconcagua Valley	04	8.98	11.20

Sparkling Wines

Castillo Perelada - Spain

*Our excellent **Cava Castillo Perelada** comes from a top producer. Clean, refreshing, but with balancing fruit, it is astonishingly good value for money, and bears little if any resemblance to the soapy flavoured apologies for Cavas in many of the multiples. The **Castillo Perelada Rosado** is an attractive rosé with good fruit flavour and was chosen out of a cast of hundreds as the official reception drink for the Spanish royal wedding – quite an accolade!*

SW23	Castillo Perelada	Brut Reserva	MC	6.49	8.19
SW07	Castillo Perelada Rosado	Brut Reserva	MC	6.49	8.19

Champagne

CHAMPAGNE NOMINÉ-RENARD - Villevendard

*As a **récoltant-manipulant** - a grower - Claude Nominé does not buy in his grapes and can offer fabulous value for money. His **Brut Cuvée Spéciale** is benchmark non-vintage champagne and was voted the third best NV champagne in the country in Decanter Magazine (July 2006). The rich, predominately Chardonnay **Vintage Special Club** in the CVC's distinctive 'Krug' bottle is well worth trying. The delicious **Brut Rosé** now comes in a green bottle and must be one of the best buy rosés shipped into this country.*

CH11	Nominé-Renard *	Brut Cuvée Spéciale	NV	15.48	19.35
CH08	Nominé-Renard	(Magnum)	NV	36.95	46.19
CH10	Nominé-Renard	Brut Rosé	NV	18.95	23.69
CH09	Nominé-Renard	Vintage 'Spécial Club'	2000	25.96	37.50

CHAMPAGNE AUTREAU-LASNOT - Venteuil

From a small family-run récoltant with 3 hectares in the Marne Valley. The Cuvée de Réserve is soft and elegant with less pronounced mousse than most and is 85% Pinot Meunier

CH02

Autréau-Lasnot

Cuvée de Réserve Brut

NV

15.48

19.35