

## Highly Recommended (continued) 17-18.25pts (90-94pts)



### Domaine La Cabotte, Gabriel, Massif d'Uchaux 2012 17.25 (90+)

SF 17 MOW 17 MW 18

POA Aversy

Interesting and intense nose of smoke, cloves and very ripe plums. This is a serious wine with big structure and great balance. Intense and long with a good few years ahead of it.

Drink 2015-2019 Alc 14%

### Domaine Michel Mourier, 2M, Sablet 2012 17.25 (90+)

SF 17 MOW 17 MW 17.5

£13 Charles Hawkins

Aromas of garrigue and thyme evoke images of verdant hills. Delicious red fruits with plenty of freshness that flows right into the length.

This could only be from the Côte du Rhône.

Drink 2014-2017 Alc 13.5%

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*If readers come away from this knowing a few village names that overperformed, they can find real value'*

Matt Walls

## Recommended 15-16.75pts (83-89pts)

Wine	Score	SF	MOW	MW	Tasting note	Alc	Drink	Price	Stockists
Brotte, Château de Bord, La Croix de Frégère, Laudun 2011	16.75 (89)	16.5	18	16	Bright red fruits under a layer of oak. Needs time but this is a serious wine with firm natural acidity and an attractive black fruit profile.	14.5%	2015-2017	£12	Stewart Wines
Cave Les Coteaux du Rhône, Arbouse, Massif d'Uchaux 2012	16.75 (89)	16	16.5	17.5	A dense nose with some bramble fruits. The palate has black fruit grip and firm, rather stern tannins. Succulent, powerful and gutsy.	14.5%	2014-2018	£8.99	Hawkeshead, Merchant Vintners, Slap
Celier des Dauphins, Massif d'Uchaux 2012	16.75 (89)	16.5	17	16.5	Bright, fresh red fruits. Medium to full bodied, expressive and well made. This is ripe but has freshness too. Very fresh aromatics.	13.5%	2015-2017	£8.79	Delectable Wines, Waitrose
Domaine Brusset, Les Chabrières, Vieilles Vignes, Cairanne 2012	16.75 (89)	16.5	16	17.5	Youthful complexion and temperament, this wine has chewy tannins, blue and black fruit and hints of violet and laurel on the palate. Needs some time.	14%	2015-2018	£15	Big Red Wine Co
Domaine Roche-Audran, Visan 2012	16.75 (89)	17.5	16.5	16.5	Hedgerow nose with hints of clove and white pepper. Not hugely complex but well balanced and nicely judged, with a long finish.	14%	2015-2018	£11.50	Christopher Piper
Clos Bellane, Les Echalas, Valréas 2011	16.5 (88)	17	16	16.5	Juniper and cola oak aromas and dark cherry fruit. The palate is quite rich and powerful with cherry and plum fruit. Quite a plush wine; very impressive.	14.5%	2015-2018	£17	Oddbins
Domaine de Boissan, Cuvée Clemence, Sablet 2012	16.5 (88)	16	17	16.75	Dense, dark, brooding black fruits with some spice. The palate is chewy and rather dense, but has good length of flavour. Stylish.	13.5%	2015-2018	£22	Portal Dingwall & Norris
Famille Perrin, Peyre Blanche, Cairanne 2011	16.5 (88)	16	17	16.5	Black fruit nose but lacks some definition. Oak maturation certainly makes itself felt but this is overcome by an attractive red fruit character.	14.5%	2015-2019	£10.83-£12.99	Berry Bros & Rudd, Cambridge Wines, Millésima
Laudun Chusclan Vignerons, Clos de Taman, Laudun 2012	16.5 (88)	16	17	16.75	Blueberry fruit on the nose, then a lively but honest Grenache character to the palate. Very classic Laudun. Delightfully drinkable and very well balanced.	14.5%	2014-2016	£12	Enotria
Alain Boisson, Domaine Cros de Romet, Cairanne 2012	16.25 (87)	16	16	17	Attractive, soft spice aromas lead to the palate which is generously fruity and pleasingly straightforward. Intense, juicy and vibrant.	15%	2014-2018	£28	Charles Mitchell
Château Courac, Laudun 2012	16.25 (87)	16.5	16	16	Aromatic with Parma violet, wood smoke and damson fruit notes. Full bodied and long with some minerality on finish. Modern style with balanced acidity.	14%	2015-2018	POA	The Wine Society
Château Simian, Jocundaz, Massif d'Uchaux 2012	16.25 (87)	16	16.5	16.5	Attractive, high-toned strawberry and raspberry nose overlaid with dried herbs. The palate is forward, with hedgerow charm and a peppery finish.	14.5%	2014-2016	£17.49	Essentially Wine
Chauvin, Domaine le Souverain, Réserve, Sablet 2012	16.25 (87)	16	15.5	17.5	Distinct black pepper nose; high toned, aromatic, expressive and fresh. The palate has a floral personality and is suitably lifted and charming.	14.5%	2015-2017	£12	Drinks of France
Domaine Alary, L'Estévenas, Cairanne 2011	16.25 (87)	17	17	14.5	Tapenade richness, which recalls the northern Rhône. The palate has poise and elegance with hints of blueberry and violet to underline it.	14.5%	2015-2018	£13.50	H2Win, Bancroft Wines
Domaine Brusset, Les Travers,	16.25	17	15	16.5	Nose of crushed raspberry, sweet spices and forest floor. Juicy, soft, velour-	13.5%	2014-	£11-	Big Red Wine Co, Carruthers & Kent, Great

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Wine	Score	SF	MOW	MW	Tasting note
Château Quilleux, Gadagne 2012	16 (86)	15.5	16	16.5	Nose a little reserved, with subtle background. Straight and spicy, f
Domaine Alary, Cairanne 2012	16 (86)	16	16	16	Smoky and rustic, with a touch of liquorice and blueberry fruit, and
Domaine de Mourchon, Tradition, Séguret 2011	16 (86)	16	16	16	Spicy, bitter chocolate nose. The depth and no shortage of self-bel
Domaine la Cabotte, Garance, Massif d'Uchaux 2012	16 (86)	16.5	15.5	16	Slightly closed, with a hint of junil but without excessive weight. Fir
Domaine Philippe Plantevin, L'Aglané, Visan 2011	16 (86)	15.5	17	15.5	Aromatic crème de cassis notes a presence and life here. Good fruit
Ravoire & Fils, Olivier Ravoire, Plan de Dieu 2012	16 (86)	17	15.5	15.5	Attractive strawberry and plum n palate wears its alcohol well - it h
Boutinot, Fide et Arte, Les Six, Cairanne 2011	15.75 (85+)	15	16.5	15.5	Spicy layer of oak lending juniper managed but needs a year or so f
Brotte, Domaine Grosset, Cairanne 2012	15.75 (85+)	16	15	16	Lacking a touch of ripeness but tl dimension of liquorice and clove
Camille Cayran, La Réserve, Cairanne 2012	15.75 (85+)	15	15.5	16.5	Concentrated nose which marrie minerality and a spicy finish. Live
Camille Cayran, La Réserve, Plan de Dieu 2012	15.75 (85+)	16	16.5	14.5	Lifted damson fruits and liquorice full tannic support and finely pois
Clos Bellane, Valréas 2012	15.75 (85+)	15.5	15	16.5	Spicy Syrah nose, which is not gi and attractive, but is a little lackli
Domaine Clavel, Syrius, St-Gervais 2012	15.75 (85+)	15.5	17	15	Interesting herbal aromatics, wit and appealing if a touch fiabby. S
Domaine de Coste Chaude, L'Argentière, Visan 2011	15.75 (85+)	15	16.5	15.5	Very fine, savoury fruit. The palai good fun nevertheless. Decent le
Domaine de la Garance, Séguret 2012	15.75 (85+)	16.5	16.5	14.5	A nose of fennel and heather - it palate which has firm acidity, su
Domaine de Mourchon, Grande Réserve, Séguret 2011	15.75 (85+)	15.5	17	14.5	Aromas of violet and wood smol dense and fabulously mighty!
Domaine du Trapadis, Cairanne 2012	15.75 (85+)	15.5	16	15.5	Attractive hedgerow fruit on the Bright and simple but still with s
Domaine Grès-St-Vincent, Signargues 2012	15.75 (85+)	16.5	16	14.5	Attractive aromas of red fruit, w Full, soft and lush in texture - a l
Domaine Roche-Audran, Marius, Le Père Mayeux, Visan 2011	15.75 (85+)	15	16.5	16	Strawberries, herbs and slightly character, though slightly lackin
Jean-Luc Colombo, Les Laurons, Séguret 2012	15.75 (85+)	15.5	16.5	15.5	Savoury black olive nose. Juicy, structure. Slight oxidation unde
Le Grallias, Sablet 2012	15.75 (85+)	16	15	16	Seductive aromas of black tea a with red berry fruit and good ac
M Chapoutier, Signargues 2012	15.75 (85+)	15	16.5	15.5	Hints of herbs and roasted meat reinforces the floral element, alt
Maison Bouaçon, Les Parvalonnes, Plan de Dieu 2011	15.75 (85+)	16	15	16	Simple red fruit character with a bodied with lots of acidity and t
Ogier, Plan de Dieu 2011	15.75 (85+)	15	17	15	Gorgeous, ripe red and black fr example, with lingering fruit, ba
Caves St-Pierre, Signargues 2012	15.5 (85)	16	14.5	16	Rich Grenache fruit with hints o length, balanced acidity and ple
Château St-Jean, Plan de Dieu 2011	15.5 (85)	14	15.5	16.75	Spicy, earthy, savoury nose wit and interest with some weight t
Domaine Les Aphillanthes,	15.5	15	15	16.5	Liquorice, herbal bitters and bla