

2011 \$75 This elegant Riesling features a baseline of mineral salinity, with lively acidity framing flavors of baked apple, persimmon, beeswax and candied almond. Drink now through 2019.—A.N.

90 Domaine Mittnacht Frères Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Rosacker 2009 \$43 Very elegant and finely meshed, with a thread of tangy salinity and mouth-watering acidity accenting the ripe pear, pineapple, pickled ginger and honey notes. The finish is lightly smoky. Drink now through 2019. 450q cases made.—A.N.

88 Domaine Mittnacht Frères Riesling Alsace Les Fossiles 2011 \$23 Light-bodied and fresh, this aromatic white features bright acidity and notes of yellow pear, star fruit and blanched almond. Drink now. 1,300 cases made.—A.N.

FRANCE

Languedoc-Roussillon

89 M. Chapoutier Côtes du Roussillon-Villages White Les Vignes de Bila-Haut 2011 \$14 See Smart Buys, page 111.

88 Domaine de la Ferrandière Marselan Pays d'Oc 2011 \$10 A crunchy red, with touches of herb and shiso leaf to the wild plum, cherry and raspberry flavors. A snap of black licorice chimes in as well, extending onto the lively finish of dark chocolate and spice. Drink now through 2016.—K.M.

88 Château de Lascaux Coteaux du Languedoc Rosé 2011 \$17 Balanced and ripe in style, this is redolent of plum and dark cherry flavors that feature some meaty overtones. The spicy, juicy finish displays good heft. Drink now. 600 cases imported.—K.M.

88 Domaine Poudroux Maury 2010 \$21/500ml There's a ripe, raisiny character to the well-spiced dark plum and dried raspberry flavors in this dessert-style red. The peppery, smoky finish features notes of blackberry jam. Drink now through 2022.—K.M.

88 Les Caves du Sieur d'Arques Limoux Toques & Clochers Haute Vallée 2010 \$17 There's a taut core of white peach, apple and cherry flavors in this medium-bodied white. Dried quince notes carry through to the finish of sea salt and white pepper. Needs some time to settle down. Best after 2014. 8,300 cases made.—K.M.

88 Les Vignerons de Tautavel Vingrau Côtes du Roussillon White Les Costes Réserve 2010 \$28 Features aromas and flavors of ripe tropical fruits, with plenty of baked apple, citrus peel and dried apricot notes. Offers a pleasant underpinning of acidity and a crisp, savory finish. Roussanne and Grenache Gris. Drink now through 2015. 210 cases made.—K.M.

87 Blackberet Grenache-Syrah Pays d'Oc 2010 \$11 A ripe red, featuring plenty of mocha notes to the plum and blackberry flavors, with some meaty accents. The chewy finish is filled with black pepper and spice. Drink now through 2016. 2,500 cases imported.—K.M.

87 Domaine de la Ferrandière Cabernet Sauvignon Pays d'Oc 2011 \$10 Firm and savory, with good cut to the dried berry and wild herb flavors that are backed up by fresh acidity. Mocha and dark chocolate flash on the finish. Drink now.—K.M.

87 Domaine de la Ferrandière Grenache Gris Pays d'Oc Rosé 2011 \$10 Dried berry and cherry flavors dominate this crisp, focused rosé, featuring some floral notes and a flinty finish. Drink now.—K.M.

2011 \$10 Features ample mocha overtones to the dried cherry, savory herb and wild berry flavors, with a taut, mineral finish that reveals notes of iron. Drink now.—K.M.

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Loire / Pouilly-Fumé

93 Michel Redde Pouilly-Fumé Les Champs des Billons 2009 \$38 Gorgeous, offering a paraffin mouthfeel and notes of lemon curd, Jonagold apple, melon rind, chamomile and straw all seamlessly woven together with a light roasted almond frame and backed by a long, stony edge on the finish. Drink now through 2016. 30 cases imported.—J.M.



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92 Michel Redde Pouilly-Fumé Les Bois de St.-Andelain 2009 \$40 Displays a crunchy, vibrant frame, with notes of white peach, blanched almond, jicama and honeysuckle at the core. The long, tangy, fleur de sel-driven finish ripples nicely. Drink now through 2016. 50 cases imported.—J.M.

92 Michel Redde Pouilly-Fumé Majorum 2009 \$50 Alluring, with light toasted almond and brioche aromas followed by lemon curd, chamomile, white peach and nectarine notes that stretch out vividly through the well-defined finish, where a warm stony element glides in. Drink now through 2016. 50 cases imported.—J.M.

91 Michel Redde Pouilly-Fumé Les Cornets 2009 \$35 The lovely white peach and macadamia nut notes lead the way, with blanched almond and hay accents. The long, floral-tinged finish shows precision and vibrancy. Drink now through 2015. 50 cases imported.—J.M.

90 Fournier Père & Fils Pouilly-Fumé Grand Fumé 2009 \$33 Very pure and chiseled, with a lovely stony underlay, offering pristine fennel, yellow apple, melon rind and jicama notes at the core. Shows a mineral, lightly saline edge on the finish. Drink now through 2015. 200 cases made.—J.M.

89 Michel Redde Pouilly-Fumé La Moynerie 2010 \$27 Bright and focused, offering a core of chalk dust, white peach and honeysuckle notes inlaid with a wet stone accent. Shows good tension on the finish, with a fennel seed hint lingering. Drink now through 2014. 2,000 cases imported.—J.M.

88 Fouassier Père & Fils Pouilly-Fumé Cuvée Jules 2011 \$23 Shows persistence, with just enough zing along the edges to keep the nectarine, peach and straw flavors lively, while hints of fennel and Meyer lemon flicker on the finish. Drink now. 1,600 cases made.—J.M.

87 Fouassier Père & Fils Pouilly-Fumé 2011 \$20 Peach, nectarine and paraffin notes mingle in this slightly rounded, easygoing version. A flash of Meyer lemon keeps the finish going. Drink now. 5,000 cases made.—J.M.

FRANCE

Loire / Red

92 Yannick Amirault St.-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil La Mine 2010 \$26 Ripe, fleshy and driven, with a delicious core of crushed plum, cassis and blackberry fruit lined with dark tobacco leaf, singed chestnut, violet, olive and rosemary. The long finish features a deeply embedded