



**ERIC SOLOMON**  
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RECOMMENDED VALUE PICKS

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## BLINDED BY THE WHITES

### 2009 Cercius - 90 points (SRP \$15)\*

*"70% Grenache Blanc and 30% Sauvignon Blanc all aged in concrete...exhibits attractive freshness along with plenty of melony fruit intermixed with honeyed citrus, white currants, and flowers. Medium-bodied and long, with some underlying minerality intertwined with its delightful fruit character, it should provide plenty of pleasure..."*

### 2009 Michel Gassier Nostre Pais - 91 points (SRP \$18)\*

*"80% Grenache Blanc, 10% Viognier, 10% Roussanne - a more honeyed, richer, fuller-bodied effort with plenty of texture as well as beautifully pure notes of quince, white currants, flowers and unmistakable minerality."*

## COTES DU VENTOUX

### Chateau Pesquie

Terrasses '09 90

SRP \$14 - "hits every sweet spot"

Quintessence '07 93

SRP \$25 - "unctuously textured, exuberant, ostentatious"

### Domaine Vindemio

Regain '08 88

SRP \$12 - "a gutsy delicious red"

Imagine '09 90

SRP \$25 - "excellent purity, elegance, precision"

Amadeus '09 93

SRP \$30 - "beautiful intensity, purity, texture and length"

### Saint Jean du Barroux

La Pierre Noir '06 94

SRP \$35 - "I know it sounds ridiculous, but aromatics reminded my of top vintages of Cotes de Nuits grand crus...a remarkable achievement"

## and...

### Puech-Haut {Languedoc}\*

Prestige '09 93

SRP \$18 - "remarkable offering...a stunning integration of acidity, tannin & alcohol...hard to resist given its current performance"

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## COTES DU RHONE

### Andezon

Cotes du Rhone '09 91

SRP \$14 - "unbelievable flavor intensity and personality for its price"

La Granacha '09 90

SRP \$15 - "the belief that such a powerful wine can not also be elegant is disproved by the precise, fresh notes"

### Calendal {Plan de Dieu}

Calendal '09 92

SRP \$30 - "sensational...lush opulent texture, superb purity and depth and abundant power and richness"

### Cercius {Visan}\*

Cercius '09 91

SRP \$15 - excellent fruit intensity, a full-bodied mouthfeel, good acidity and light tannins"

### Colliere {Rasteau}\*

Rasteau '09 89

SRP \$22 - "sexy, opulent, seductive red"

La Fontaine '09 93

SRP \$24 - "mind-blowing...phenomenally intense with terrific texture"

### Garrigue {Vacqueyras}

Cuvee Romaine '09 92

SRP \$15 - "a perennial winner in the values sweepstakes...remarkable"

### Roche {Cairanne}\*

Cairanne '09 91

SRP \$18 - "juicy, succulent...impossible to resist"

\*new properties - available fall 2010