

“TWO TERRIFIC VINTAGES IN THE SOUTHERN RHONE”

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2009 “This is the type of vintage consumers will love as the wines are fruit-forward, full-bodied, relatively high in alcohol with low acidity and sweet, well-integrated tannins... Across all appellations, the 2009s are rich, full-bodied, velvety textured, front end-loaded, powerful wines. The white 2009s tend to be buttery with low acidity yet irrefutably delicious styles... Unquestionably, the southern Rhone has enjoyed a trifecta of top vintages that should keep prices stable as well as offer a flood of high quality wines from this treasure trove of value-priced as well as interesting wines that are wonderful matches with an assortment of cuisines.”

2010 “This is a great vintage that comes close in quality to 2007 in the southern Rhone. Some producers think 2010 eclipses 2007 because of the wines’ vivid freshness and focus... I can’t remember a vintage so concentrated, powerful and rich that also has such zesty acidity... The ratio of high extractive and phenolic skins to the juice has produced wines of extraordinary intensity, freshness, aromatic potential and obvious longevity. This is another great vintage that offers an embarrassment of riches for this region that has enjoyed a succession of extraordinary years... Add the possibility of a trifecta in 2011, and readers can see why more and more importers and consumers are beating a path to these outstanding wines that offer a terrific ratio in terms of value and pleasure, as well as the potential for moderate evolution in a wine collection.”

Clos Chanteduc				
	2010	Cotes Du Rhone	Not Yet Released	87-89
	2009	Cotes Du Rhone	\$20-\$25	88
Clos Saint Jean				
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape	Not Yet Released	90-92
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape	\$50-\$55	93
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc	\$44	92
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape La Combe des Fous	Not Yet Released	98-100
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape La Combe des Fous	\$75-\$90	96
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Deus-Ex Machina	Not Yet Released	98-100
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape Deus-Ex Machina	\$125-\$240+	99
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Sanctus Sanctorum	Magnum Only-Not Yet Released	98-100
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape Sanctus Sanctorum	\$400-Magnum Only	100
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes	Not Yet Released	93-96
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes	\$55	94
	2010	VDP Volcae X	Not Yet Released	(87-90)
Domaine La Colliere				
	2010	Cotes du Rhone	Not Yet Released	88-90
	2010	Cotes du Rhone-Villages Rasteau	Not Yet Released	91-93
	2010	Cotes du Rhone-Villages Rasteau la Fontaine	Not Yet Released	92-95
Domaine la Garrigue				
	2010	Vacqueyras la Cantarelle	Not Yet Released	90-93
	2010	Vacqueyras Hostellerie	Not Yet Released	90-92
	2010	Vacqueyras	Not Yet Released	88-90
	2009	Vacqueyras la Cantarelle	\$28	93

Domaine Giraud				
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc	\$35-\$40	88
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Tradition	Not Yet Released	92-94
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape Tradition	\$40-\$45	94
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Les Gallimardes	Not Yet Released	95-97
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape Les Gallimardes	\$65	95
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Les Grenaches de Pierre	Not Yet Released	98-100
Domaine de la Janasse				
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape	Not Yet Released	91-93+
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape	\$45-\$50	94
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc	\$45	92
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc	\$45	90
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Chaupin	Not Yet Released	98-100
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape Chaupin	\$85-\$100	98
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes	Not Yet Released	98-100
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes	\$125-\$150	99
	2010	Cotes du Rhone	Not Yet Released	87-89
	2009	Cotes du Rhone	\$15	87
	2010	Cotes du Rhone Blanc	\$15	88
	2010	Cotes du Rhone Les Garrigues	Not Yet Released	91-94
	2009	Cotes du Rhone Les Garrigues	\$25-\$30	93
	2010	Cotes du Rhone Rose	\$18-\$20	88
	2010	Cotes du Rhone-Villages Terre d'Argile	Not Yet Released	92-94
	2009	Cotes du Rhone-Villages Terre d'Argile	\$20	91
	2009	VDP Terre de Bussiere	\$15	88
	2010	VDP Viognier	\$20	90

Domaine de Marcoux				
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape	Not Yet Released	91-93
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape	\$60	92
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc	\$55	93
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes	Not Yet Released	93-95
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes	\$75-\$125	94
	2010	Cotes du Rhone	\$16	86
	2010	Lirac Domaine de la Lorentine	\$20	89
Michel Gassier				
	2010	Costieres de Nimes Lou Coucardie - Red	Not Yet Released	92-94
	2010	Costieres de Nimes Nostre Pais - Red	Not Yet Released	90-93
Domaine Roger Sabon				
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Les Olivets	Not Yet Released	90-92
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape Les Olivets	\$38-\$40	91
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Prestige	Not Yet Released	94-96+
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Prestige	\$65	96
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Reserve	Not Yet Released	91-93
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Reserve	\$48-\$52	92
	2010	Chateauneuf du Pape Le Secret des Sabon	Not Yet Released	96-99+
	2009	Chateauneuf du Pape Le Secret des Sabon	\$150-\$225	95+
	2010	Rhone by Roger Sabon Cotes du Rhone	\$15	87