



September Madrona Wines Monthly

Connoisseur Collection

- **2011 Domaine de Pignan Château Neuf Blanc** (\$37)
40% Grenache Blanc, 20% Clairette, 20% Rousanne, 10% Bourboulenc, 5% Picpoul, 5% Picardan
A full and layered CNDP Blanc with complex herbal and honeydew mellon notes.

- **2012 Sparkman Birdie** (\$20)
Riesling
This is bone-dry Riesling is made in a sort of Alsatian manner, from German clones planted at Bacchus vineyard. It smells like apple, peach and pear decorated with delicate flowers, honey and spice and tastes like tree fruits, citrus and a touch of the tropics. It is a surprisingly unique wine. 13.1% alcohol by volume

- **2011 Tour du Bon Bandol** (\$40)
55% Mourvèdre, 25% Grenache, 15% Cinsault, 5% Carignan
A traditional sturdy Bandol. Agnès Henry (proprietress and winemaker) says she adds the Grenache to counter the Mourvèdre's spice with some higher-toned kirsch notes, a drop of Carignan for freshness, and Cinsault to bind it all together harmoniously.

- **2010 Roccafiore Prova d'Autore** (\$20)
30% Sangiovese, 30% Sagrantino, 40% Montepulciano
From Umbria this big reserve red is stored for two years in new barriques and left to stand for a year in bottle. It is a rich complex wine with layers of tobacco, dark smokey fruit and lingering tannins. **Was \$30 now \$20**

- **2011 Eric Texier Brézème** (\$24)
Syrah
Brézème is a small, and at one point nearly forgotten, viticulture area located near the town of Livron-sur-Drôme on the eastern bank of the northern Rhône where the steep, southward facing slopes of primarily limestone and clay produce truly great Syrah. 12% alcohol by volume