

- **2011 Château Le Bourdieu Médoc** (\$22)  
 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Merlot  
 Very structured and firm, it has dense tannins and dark chewy fruit that will improve with a bit of age.
- **2012 Sparkman Cellars Wilderness Red** (\$20)  
 37% Grenache, 24% Syrah, 24% Tempranillo, 5% Petit Sirah, 5% Touriga Nacional, 5% Petit Verdot  
 A few cases of the Wilderness Red have flawed labels so they have dropped the price. Nothing wrong with the wine and very little wrong with the labels. The wine has notes of graphite, spice, violets, blueberry, and blackberry with savory, ripe flavors, and a lengthy finish. Was \$30 now \$20
- **2012 Domaine de la Biscarelle Châteauneuf du Pape** (\$38)  
 90% Grenache, 10% Cinsault, Mourvedre, Syrah, and Terret Noir  
 Domaine de la Biscarelle is produced from a blend of 90% Grenache and assorted other varietals Cinsault, Mourvedre, Syrah, and Terret Noir. The Grenache vines are old, with some more than 100 years of age. The wine is vinified in traditional cement vats and aged in used, French oak barrels for 12 months. The wine has a nose of red stone fruit and ripe black fruit along with licorice and tapenade and a peppery core.
- **2011 Santi Solane Ripasso** (\$14)  
 70% Corvina, 30% Rondinella  
 Cherry, spice and earth drive the 2011 Solane on the bouquet as well as the palate. Medium in body, and soft in the mouth this is an elegant, drier style of Ripasso.
- **2010 Villadoria Bricco Mango Langhe** (\$15)  
 Nebbiolo  
 Great year, good producer, barrel aged, and inexpensive. It's a head scratcher.
- **2013 Tenute Rubino Oltremè** (\$14)  
 100% Susumaniello  
 From Salento this unique wine has fragrant fresh notes of red fruit: cherries, pomegranate, raspberries and mature plums. Sapid, mineral and round, with pleasantly soft tannins. A balanced and velvety wine, with an elegant and persistent texture; its harmony, persistence and elegance are truly enchanting. Its varietal notes stand out clearly.

## July Mel's Mix