

2009 Château Bellegrave Medoc \$11

40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 10% Petit Verdot

With flavors of wood aging as well as sweet tannins, this is a concentrated and richly fruity wine. It has the ripe fruit of 2009, sweet berries, the tannins cushioned within the softness. A great value.

13% alcohol by volume

2013 Mas Olivier Faugères \$14

41% Syrah, 18% Grenache, 18% Cinsault, 13% Carignan, 10% Mourvèdre

After breathing, it reveals a sumptuous nose of red cherries and plum fruits. The mouth is structured and dense with delicate notes of black berries and violets. It has a persistent finish on mellow tannins.

Organic

2010 La Croix Dillanges Saint Julien \$35

67 % Cab Sauvignon, 27% Merlot and 6% Cabernet Franc

A rich and full Brodeaux from a newer Estate with 21year old vines on gravel soil. Hand-harvested with 12 months in French oak barrique (45% new.) Lots of dark berry, plum cassis, cinnamon and Bordeaux dust.

2007 Marques de Valdueza Gran Vino Extremadura \$32

38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 47% Syrah, 15% Merlot

The Valdueza 18 hectares estate has been managed for generation by the same family. Each vineyard is vinified separately before being aged in French oak. The nose of the Gran Vino is intense, fruity (strawberry, blackcurrant, blackberry cream), floral and resinous (red pepper), spicy (black pepper and cloves) and empyreumatic (coffee, smoked, roasted). It is dense, tasty and with a great balance that highlights freshness. The tannins are silky and well integrated. It is a wine with personality.

2009 Ismael Arroyo Ribera del Dureo "Mesoneros" \$14

Tempranillo

From Ribero del Duero, this big Tempranillo has had time to soften up. Its smoothness will make your taste buds think they've been put to bed with silk sheets. Oak aged in chalk tunnels hundreds of feet underground. Full, dark and rich. Was \$20 now \$14

2011 Bergon Petit Verdot \$11

The Bergon family have been producing wine since 1905 in the Languedoc region of South France. A bit of an odd ball varriety in this region, this Petit Verdot is beautifully elegant and expressive with a complex finish. Red berries, figs and pepper on the nose and a full mouth feel.

13% alcohol by volume. Was \$15 now \$11

November Mel's Mix