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# Wine Spectator

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## easy finds



Don't have time to hunt down the right wine? Browse our lists of quality, affordable wines made in large quantities and rated within the past six months—so you're more likely to find them at your local store.\* Then create a shopping list or track your purchases by adding selected wines to your Personal Wine List. Check back often as the lists are frequently updated.

### 1. VIGNERONS DE CARACTÈRE Vacqueyras Velours Des Collines 2007

Production: 10,100 cases imported

Score: 89 points

Price: \$19

Issue: Oct 31, 2008

#### Smart Buys

This has nice perfume, with black tea and incense up front, followed by enticing plum, cherry and currant fruit and a long, fine-grained, minerally finish. A very stylish Rhône red. Drink now through 2010. 67,336 cases made.

### 2. LOUIS BERNARD Côtes Du Rhône 2007

Production: 150,000 cases made

Score: 88 points

Price: \$12

Issue: Apr 30, 2009

#### Best Values

Ripe and forward, with a solid core of dark plum and blackberry fruit laced with sweet toast and spice notes. Stays fresh and racy through the finish. Drink now. 150,000 cases made.

### 3. LOUIS BERNARD Côtes Du Rhône Chartreuse De Bonpas Réserve 2007

Production: 50,000 cases made

Score: 88 points

Price: \$14

Issue: Apr 30, 2009

Juicy and still a bit compact, with fruitcake, coffee and plum sauce notes held back by a grippy, licorice-filled finish. Cellar short term. Drink now through 2010. 50,000 cases made.

**4. GEORGES DUBOEUFLeurie Flower Label 2007**

Production: 11,000 cases imported

Score: 88 points

Price: \$16

Issue: Dec 31, 2008

**Smart Buys**

Very bright, with lively acidity driving the red cherry, violet and blackberry notes. A nice firm, mineral edge on the finish adds dimension. Drink now through 2009. 11,000 cases imported.

**5. GEORGES DUBOEUFBaujolais-Villages Nouveau 2008**

Production: 11,000 cases imported

Score: 87 points

Price: \$11

Issue: Web Only (2009)

A pretty, floral wine, with a rose petal note underscoring the rich pomegranate and sweet plum flavors. The fresh acidity is balanced, and a light spice note lingers on the finish. Drink now. 145,000 cases made.

**6. CHÂTEAU DE JAU Vin De Pays D'Oc Le Jaja De Jau Black Label 2007**

Production: 66,600 cases made

Score: 87 points

Price: \$12

Issue: Dec 31, 2008

A firm red, offering red berry and plum flavors, with plenty of iron and mineral mixed in. The fresh finish features peppery and meaty notes. Syrah. Drink now through 2011. 66,600 cases made.

**7. LOUIS BERNARD Côtes Du Rhône-Villages 2007**

Production: 80,000 cases made

Score: 87 points

Price: \$13

Issue: Apr 30, 2009

A soft, juicy, friendly style, with dark plum, toast and cocoa notes, followed by a fleshy, easygoing finish. Drink now. 80,000 cases made.

Production: 250,000 cases made

Score: 87 points

Price: \$15

Issue: Nov 30, 2008

This has nice weight, with fleshy dark plum, raspberry and licorice notes. Shows some toasty grip on the finish, but stays juicy enough. Better than previously reviewed. Drink now. 250,000 cases made.

**9. CHÂTEAU TOUR-PRIGNAC Médoc 2005**

Production: 41,000 cases made

Score: 87 points

Price: \$17

Issue: Web Only (2008)

Blackberry, toasty oak and mocha aromas lead to a medium-bodied palate, with silky tannins and a balanced, refined finish. Has a pretty texture. Best after 2009. 41,000 cases made.