

# HAND PICKED SELECTIONS

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## FOOD & WINE Wine Guide 2012

“FOOD & WINE’s 14th annual edition of the Wine Guide has a big ambition: to be the simplest, smartest, most user-friendly wine book you can buy. To accomplish this, the magazine’s editors, together with San Francisco-based writer Mary G. Burnham, have focused on 500 pivotal wineries in the world’s key wine regions – the wineries you can count on to produce sensational bottles no matter the grape, no matter the price.”

### *Featured HPS Wines*

#### **Domaine du Pegau**

“Domaine du Pegau makes its modern-style Châteauneuf wines the old-fashioned way: Winemaker Laurence Feraud does little more than bring in grapes, crush them and let them ferment. She attributes the fabulous concentration of Pegau’s top-tier wines to extremely low yields and old vines.”

##### **Plan Pegau Lot #2009 (NV)**

Although this blend lacks an appellation and can’t legally list a vintage (it’s a 2009), it delivers plenty of rich cherry flavors.

##### **2008 Cuvée Réserve**

A cooler vintage gave this top cuvée’s sweet, smoky blackberry tones a savory edge.

#### **Commanderie de la Bargemone**

“Fabulous dry rosé wines are the hallmark of this Provençal winery. Founded by the Knights Templar in the 1200s, the estate is now owned by the Garin family. Key to Bargemone’s success has been a focus on estate-grown fruit: All its wines, including newer blends such as Cuvée Marina, come from Garin vineyards.”

##### **2010 Rosé**

A great candidate for a house rosé, bursting with juicy melon, berry and orange-zest notes.

##### **2010 Cuvée Marina Rosé**

Still juicy and fresh, this rosé gets its weightier flavors from a blend of Cabernet and Syrah.

