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Wine Adviser

Red, white & sparklers: 3 cases of great wine

by Paul Gregutt - 11/5/2011

THROUGHOUT THE year, this Wine Adviser column puts a focus primarily on wines that are made on the West Coast, especially those from Washington. In order to evaluate our Northwest wines in a global context, it's important to see what other parts of the world are up to, and what other grapes beyond the big four (chardonnay, riesling, cabernet and merlot) have to offer consumers. So I've pulled together recommended cases of sparkling wines, unusual white wines and Rhone-style red blends — all perfect for the upcoming holidays, and most priced for everyday enjoyment. Where possible, I've listed the importer or distributor.

RHÔNE-STYLE RED BLENDS

Blends often include percentages of mourvèdre, occasionally carignan and a splash of viognier — a white grape that is co-fermented with the reds. In southern France, similar blends go into the widely available Côtes du Rhône and Côtes du Rhône Villages (a slightly higher-quality grade).

Sélection Laurence Féraud



2009

Côtes du Rhône

APPELLATION CÔTES DU RHÔNE CONTROLÉE

Mise en bouteille à la propriété par Costières & Soleil-Générac-F.30510

Alc. 13,5% by vol.

PRODUCT OF FRANCE - CONTAINS SULFITES

750 ml

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2009 Côtes du Rhône (\$13)



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"Good texture and weight, lively spice, black-cherry fruit and a dusting of clean earth." (*Elliott Bay*)