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FRANCE – RED WINE CONT'D

RHÔNE

**PERRIN & FILS
LA GILLE GIGONDAS 2007
AC**

TASTING NOTE: ... 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah grown in sandy soils, it exhibits sweet tannins, beautifully rich black raspberry and black cherry fruit intermixed with unmistakable minerality, and full body. It was obviously harvested at full phenolic maturity, and should age nicely for 10-15+ years. Drink: 2009-2024. Score: **92** (Robert Parker Jr., www.robertparker.com, Oct. 2009)

906073 (XD) 750 mL \$29.95



GERMANY – WHITE WINE

MOSEL

**MARKUS MOLITOR
RIESLING SPÄTLESE 2008**

QmP, Haus Klosterberg
TASTING NOTE: Shows fine clarity to the slate, white peach and apple aromas, along with the cool black currant, or black currant leaf, note prevalent in the vintage. Supple and harmonious, with a vibrant structure and fine length. Drink now through 2022. Smart Buys. Score: **92** (Bruce Sanderson, www.winespectator.com, April 30, 2010)

189613 (MD) 750 mL \$22.95



NAHE

**KRUGER-RUMPF
RIESLING SPÄTLESE 2006**

QmP, Münsterer Dautenpflänzer
TASTING NOTE: ... Another lusciously fruity, subtly creamy wine from this collection, it expresses a sorbet-like fruit personality on its silken-textured palate, and spreads chalky, saline, and wet stone mineral along with effusive ripe fruit in a lip-smacking finish. Enjoy this irresistibly luscious Spätlese, model of refinement and balance, and excellent value anytime over the next 15 years. Drink: 2008-2023. Score: **91** (David Schildknecht, www.robertparker.com, Oct. 2008)

189662 (MD) 750 mL \$16.95



HUNGARY – WHITE WINE

**ST. DONATUS IRSAI OLIVÉR
BALATONLELLEI 2009**

(Garamvári Vineyard)
Irsai Olivér is a cross between the Pozsony and Pearl of Csaba grapes. It was originally produced as a table grape, but proved to be quite adept at creating flavorful, Muscat-like wines. This floral, Muscat and spearmint-scented wonder is an excellent example. Enjoy it with Thai shrimp on a bed of spicy noodles.

012070 (D) 750 mL \$12.95



ITALY – WHITE WINE

FRIULI

**BORG CONVENTI PINOT GRIGIO 2009
DOC Isonzo del Friuli**

(Ruffino)
Located in Italy's northeast, Friuli enjoys climatic conditions that help winemakers achieve excellent crisp structure in their wines, particularly the whites. A real mix of grapes are cultivated here, including indigenous, Austrian, and French varieties; the latter category is represented here by Pinot Gris (aka Pinot Grigio). This delicate and fragrant PG can be served as an aperitif, or with lighter dishes such as seafood pasta.

013276 (D) 750 mL \$16.95


**DONNAFUGATA ANTHILIA
BIANCO 2009**

IGT Sicilia
TASTING NOTE: This white blend consists primarily of Catarratto and Ansonia grapes – two of the most widely planted varieties in Sicily. The result is a wine with a fine floral nose, full of lovely apricot, lemon, pear and tropical mango. Medium bodied, and ready to enjoy today. Try it with tuna salad or smoked salmon. (VINTAGES panel, April 2010)

195115 (D) 750 mL \$15.00