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The **2009 Séguret Family Reserve Grenache** is a 100% old find (60 years) Grenache mad from extraordinarily low yields of 10 hectolitres per hectare. The result is a dense ruby/purple-tinged wine displaying sweet notes of blueberries, black raspberries, black cherries, currants, crushed rocks and flowers. Full-bodied with silky tannins, decent acidity, and a heady, long personality, this impressive effort transcends its Côtes du Rhône Villages appellation. Drink it over the next 5-7 years. **(89-91)**

The **2009 Séguret Family Reserve Syrah** is 100% Syrah aged in small oak barrels for ten months before being bottles unfiltered. It exhibits the most saturated ruby/purple color of this quartet along with attractive aromas of blackberries, cassis, spice, licorice and background oak. It does not possess the complexity of the Grenache-based cuvee, but it is a very good Syrah from the southern Rhône that should provide plenty of pleasure over the next 5-8 years. **(88-90)**

The color of the **2009 Séguret Grande Réserve** (a blend of 65% concrete-aged Grenache and 35% oak barrel-aged Syrah from 60-year-old vines) is not dissimilar from the Syrah cuvee, a deep ruby/purple with blue tints. It boasts a stunning bouquet of kirsch, blueberries, blackberries, incense and spice box. Full-bodied and rich, this is a fabulous example of what can be achieved in the outlying Côtes du Rhône Villages appellations. It ranks alongside the brilliant 2007s produced by Domaine de Mourchon. It should drink well for at least a decade. **(91-94)**

The **2009 Séguret Tradition** (65% Grenache, 25% Syrah and 10% Carignan) exhibits vivid aromas of black cherries, Provençal herbs, and garrigue. It cuts a bigger swath across the palate than the 2008 and reveals more glycerin and density. Enjoy this high class Côtes du Rhône over the next 2-3 years. **(87-88)**

The **2008 Séguret Tradition** exhibits a deep ruby color along with wild strawberry, black cherry, lavender, garrigue and spice notes, medium body, and a superficial but well-made, clean style. It is a blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah from 40-year-old vines and aged in concrete. Drink it over the next 1-2 years. **85**

Mourchon has quickly emerged as one of the leading estates of the Côtes du Rhône village of Séguret. Normally three cuvees are produced although in 2008, no Grande Réserve was made. Proprietor Walter McKinlay continues to prove that humble pedigrees can turn out silky vinous treasures.

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