

Domaine de Mourchon

Readers looking for top-notch Côtes du Rhône that will compete with bottles 2 to 3 times the price need not look any further.

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2009 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Loubié Rosé	Rosé	88
2008 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône	Red	87
2008 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Family Reserve Grenache	Red	93
2008 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Family Reserve Syrah	Red	92
2007 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Grande Réserve	Red	92
2006 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Grande Réserve	Red	91+

2009 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Loubié Rosé (*France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret*) **\$12**

A blend of Cinsault, Grenache and Syrah, the 2009 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Loubié sports a bright, translucent raspberry color along with ripe strawberry and candied cherry aromatics. With air, it gives up more spice and herb notes, but the fruit always stays front and center. On the palate, the wine is medium bodied with solid texture, loads of fresh fruit and a clean, enjoyable finish. Drink this delicious, fruit driven rose over the next year or so. **(88 pts.)**

2008 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône (*France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Côtes du Rhône*) **\$10**

A fresh and almost delicate wine, the 2008 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône is aged completely in concrete and is a blend of Syrah and Grenache. It possesses a semi-transparent purple color as well as bright aromatics of wild cherries, spice and violets that are all wrapped around loads of mineral and earthy notes. With air, a subtle game and meaty character comes out. The wine is medium to light bodied on the palate with a smooth, almost burgundian texture, loads of fresh acidity and a clean, enjoyable finish. Fleshing out and gaining weight in the glass, this delicious red should be consumed over the following 3 to 5 years. **(87 pts.)**

2008 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Family Reserve Grenache (*France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret*) **\$38**

A serious wine that competes with anything coming out of the southern Rhône, the 2008 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Family Reserve Grenache is loaded with black cherry fruit, peppered steak, garrigue, spice box and floral aromatics. Over the evening, this fleshes out beautifully, showing fantastic complexity paired with edgy, fresh fruit. The wine is medium to full bodied with a gorgeously smooth, silky texture, perfect balance, fresh acidity, and a clean, focused finish. I love the blend of solid underlying structure paired with fresh, yet ripe fruit. Drink this beauty over the next 10 to 12 years. **(93 pts.)**

2008 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Family Reserve Syrah (*France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret*) **\$38**

A dead ringer for a quality northern Rhône Syrah, the 2008 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Family Reserve Syrah delivers smoky, meaty aromatics of raspberry and blackberry fruit, peppered bacon, violets and earth. Over the evening, this gets more and more northern Rhône like and I love the complexity and overall elegance of the wine. On the palate, it's medium bodied with a smooth, seamless texture, perfectly ripe fruit, and a clean, delineated, long finish. Northern Rhône lovers need to try this wine! Beautifully made, this should continue to drink well over the next 10 to 12 years. **(92 pts.)**

2007 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Grande Réserve (*France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret*) **\$22**

Much more perfumed and spicy than the '06, the 2007 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Grande Réserve, same élevage and blend, sports awesome aromatics of garrigue, wild strawberry, and kirsch fruit, dried flowers, and loads of minerality that comes through on the finish. Seductive and complex on the nose, the wine doesn't lose a beat on the palate and possesses beautifully ripe fruit, a round, soft texture, fresh acidity and enough tannin to allow this to evolve and drink well over the next 10 years. This is a superb wine the really highlights the beauty of the vintage. Well done! **(92 pts.)**

2006 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Grande Réserve (*France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret*) **\$22**

A blend of 65% Grenache and 35% Syrah from 60 year old vines, the 2006 Domaine de Mourchon Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret Grande Réserve has 40% of the blend aged in oak barrels. Despite the similar elevage to the '07, this is distinctly different and is much more dark and dense with black cherry, road tar, licorice and toasted spice and wood notes. There's solid depth and richness and I expect that the bouquet will gain complexity and interest with another year or two in the cellar. Clearly outstanding on the palate, the wine is medium+ bodied with a solid, quality texture, ripe fruit, and a compact, dense personality that carries into the finish. Give this another couple of years in the cellar and then drink over the following 5 to 8. **(91+ pts.)**

Domaine de Pierredon

Website: Unknown

Importer: Unknown

2007 Domaine de Pierredon Côtes du Rhône	Red	86
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2007 Domaine de Pierredon Côtes du Rhône (*France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Côtes du Rhône*) **\$15**

A blend of 50% Grenache and 50% Mourvèdre, the 2007 Domaine De Pierredon Côtes du Rhône is a quality wine with ripe and slightly wild aromatics of blueberry, earth, smoked beef, leather and herbs. These characteristics carry over to a medium+ bodied palate that's ripe, round and finishes with good acidity. Drink over the next 3 to 5 years. **(86 pts.)**

Domaine de Verquiere

Website: www.domaine-de-verquiere.fr

Importer: Unknown

2009 Domaine de Verquiere Côtes du Rhône Villages Sablet Blanc	White	86
2007 Domaine de Verquiere Vacqueyras	Red	87

2009 Domaine de Verquiere Côtes du Rhône Villages Sablet Blanc (*France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Côtes du Rhône Villages Sablet*) **\$NA**

The 2009 Domaine de Verquiere Sablet Blanc shows baked apple pie and pear fruit overtones with some crisp minerals coming through with air. It is medium bodied, straight forward and delicious on a summer day. Drink now. **(86 pts.)**

2007 Domaine de Verquiere Vacqueyras (*France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Vacqueyras*) **\$NA**

A good wine, the 2007 Domaine de Verquiere is a solid wine and exhibits deep black cherry, pepper, ripe herbs, licorice and earth aromatics. Not terribly complex but with a medium body and ripe fruit, this enjoyable red is best consumed over the next 3 to 5 years. **(87 pts.)**

Domaine des Bosquets

Website: www.famillebrechet.fr

Importer: Unknown

2007 Domaine des Bosquets Gigondas	Red	91
2006 Domaine des Bosquets Gigondas	Red	90

2007 Domaine des Bosquets Gigondas (*France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Gigondas*) **\$25**

Much meatier than the '06, the 2007 Domaine des Bosquets Gigondas, a blend of 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre, and the rest assorted varieties, delivers roasted herbs, black olives, minerals, and licorice notes that are wrapped around a dense core of dark Grenache fruit. Medium to full bodied with loads of texture, ripe, concentrated fruit, admirable balance and long finish; this should drink well over the following 8 to 10 years. **(91 pts.)**