

CHILE

Syrah & Blends

91 Viña Polkura Syrah Colchagua Valley Block G+1 2008 \$50 This ripe, flashy style boasts layered flavors of crushed blackberry, black cherry and macerated fig that are both generous and focused through the long, smoke- and spice-filled finish. Drink now through 2014. 350 cases made.—J.M.

90 Casa Lapostolle Syrah Cachapoal Valley Cuvée Alexandre Las Kuras Vineyard 2008 \$24 Dark and toasty, with layers of mesquite, licorice and spice cake wrapped around a core of jammy black plum, kirsch and blackberry preserves notes, which gain weight on the rich finish. Drink now through 2014. 2,861 cases made.—J.M.

89 Viña Polkura Syrah Colchagua Valley 2009 \$23 Ripe yet compact, with black cherry, raspberry ganache and plum skin notes backed by juicy acidity and a smoky minerality. Fine length. Drink now. 2,780 cases made.—N.W.

88 Antiyal Kuyen Maipo Valley 2009 \$30 Polished, with a sanguine edge to the spicy cherry and dark wild berry notes that pick up light tannins on the focused, mineral finish. Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère and Petit Verdot. Drink now. 1,200 cases made.—N.W.

88 Viña Morandé Syrah Maule Valley Gran Reserva 2009 \$18 A solid, smoke-tinged red, with racy black cherry and dark plum notes giving way to floral, spice and toast hints. Well-balanced, with a polished finish. Drink now. 3,330 cases made.—N.W.

FRANCE

Beaujolais / Morgon

91 Château Grange Cochard Morgon Vieilles Vignes 2009 \$25 Elegant and layered, with ripe black currant, black cherry, spiced plum fruit and aromatic notes of *garrigue*, licorice snap and mineral. This shows lovely integration, with refined tannins, juicy acidity and a long, lingering finish. Drink now through 2019. 60 cases imported.—A.N.

91 Louis Jadot Morgon Château des Jacques Côte du Py 2009 \$34 A tarry base adds depth, accenting layered flavors of mulled fruit and berry, fig, pink peppercorn and smoke. Offers light grip and a pleasant juiciness through to the balanced, mineral-tinged finish. Drink now through 2016. 200 cases imported.—A.N.

90 Château Grange Cochard Morgon Côte du Py 2009 \$26 Offers lots of dark and brambly blackberry, lush crushed black raspberry, kirsch and damson plum fruit, with black licorice, dried herb and mineral notes. Shows fine balance and good focus throughout. Drink now through 2016. 60 cases imported.—A.N.

90 Louis Jadot Morgon Château des Jacques 2009 \$22 Rich flavors of blackberry pie, apple compote and cherry preserves are accented by anise, nutmeg and vanilla. Bright acidity keeps this balanced red fresh, while light tannins frame the wine. Drink now through 2015. 2,000 cases imported.—A.N.

89 Potel-Aviron Morgon Côte de Py Vieilles Vignes 2009 \$23 Elegant, offering sweet and ripe black cherry and boysenberry fruit, joined by dried strawberry, graphite and spice box notes, balanced by fresh, tangy acidity and supple tannins. Modest finish. Drink now through 2014. 500 cases imported.—A.N.

88 Georges Duboeuf Morgon Belles Grives 2010 \$15 Light- to medium-bodied and creamy, with a subtle blend of blackberry, crème de cassis, violet and mineral notes. Elegant, with a fresh finish. Drink now through 2014. 20,000 cases made.—A.N.

88 Georges Duboeuf Morgon Jean Descombes 2010 \$15 A spicy thread of sandalwood, cardamom and anise focuses flavors of ripe raspberry, black cherry and plum. Bright and lightly grippy, with a moderate finish. Drink now through 2015. 5,000 cases made.—A.N.

88 Domaine Rochette Morgon Côte du Py 2010 \$17 Ripe black cherry, spiced plum and black currant notes are backed by fresh acidity and subtle tannins in this charming Morgon, which has a juicy finish. Drink now through 2015.—A.N.

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Beaujolais / Other

88 Potel-Aviron Juliéna Vieilles Vignes 2009 \$19 Fresh and focused, with raspberry, black cherry, red currant and aromatic dried herb notes. Silky and balanced, with a juicy finish. Drink now through 2015. 250 cases imported.—A.N.

88 Prosper Maufoux Brouilly 2009 \$15 Though elegant, this wine offers rich damson preserves, fig paste, licorice snap, smoke and sanguine mineral notes. Fresh acidity and light tannins are balanced and integrated. Drink now. 1,000 cases made.—A.N.

88 Domaine Rochette Brouilly Pisse-Vieille 2009 \$17 Offers lots of dark and brambly blackberry, black cherry, kirsch and damson plum fruit, with black licorice, dried herb and mineral notes. Shows fine balance and good focus throughout. Drink now through 2016. 60 cases imported.—A.N.

88 Domaine Rochette Brouilly La TrinQuée 2010 \$15 Offers lots of dark and brambly blackberry, black cherry, kirsch and damson plum fruit, with black licorice, dried herb and mineral notes. Shows fine balance and good focus throughout. Drink now through 2016. 60 cases imported.—A.N.