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Less Than \$15

\$15 - \$30

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Less than \$15

Aug. 22, 2011: **LOUIS BERNARD Côtes du Rhône 2009** (85 points, \$12)

Soft and open, with plum and black cherry fruit kissed with a hint of toasty vanilla. Drink now. 3,300 cases made. —*James Molesworth*

\$15 to \$30

Aug. 22, 2011: **CASA GRAN DEL SIURANA Priorat GR-174 2009** (88 points, \$17)

This supple red has a smooth, creamy texture, with flavors of berry, plum, vanilla and mint, accented by herbs and spices. Approachable now, but has some depth. Drink now through 2015. 2,000 cases imported. —*Thomas Matthews*

More than \$30

Aug. 22, 2011: **DOMAINE SERENE Chardonnay Dundee Hills Côte Sud Vineyard Dijon Clones 2008** (93 points, \$45)

Supple and graceful, glowing with pear, lime, cream and clove flavors that expand beautifully on the long, vivid finish. This has both stuffing and elegance, with the balance to last. Drink now through 2016. 370 cases made. —*Harvey Steiman*

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