Burgundy’s standouts boast charm, brightness, supple fruit and moderate tannins, and the region’s unusually warm, dry weather during summer 2015 resulted in what’s being hyped as a “dream vintage” for Beaujolais. The best news: Even top Beaujolais from estates in the 10 cru villages remain reasonably priced. The challenge is that many have already disappeared, but if you can get your hands on these all-purpose red wines, they complement serious dishes and also nicely match casual fare.

**Château De Pierreux, Brouilly, 2015**

This classic, ripe, plummy Brouilly features floral, sweet herb aromas and black cherry fruit. Produced at an historic domaine by the dynamic and bicontinental Jean-Charles Boisset, the style straddles the line between pure sensuality and earthy terroir expression, and will age easily for another five years.