

JAMES MOLESWORTH'S RECOMMENDED WINES FROM THE LOIRE VALLEY

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
DOMAINE DES BAUMARD Quarts de Chaume 2009 Bold, lush and tropical in feel, with creamed papaya and mango notes.	96	\$83
DOMAINE DES BAUMARD Coteaux du Layon Clos de Ste.-Catherine 2009 The guava, mango and peach flavors show hints of plum and plantain.	94	\$59
CHÂTEAU DE SURONDE Quarts de Chaume 2004 Offers glazed peach and pear notes, with orange zest and green tea.	94	\$65 500ml
BERNARD BAUDRY Chinon La Croix Boissée 2009 A bold style, with plum sauce, currant preserves and tapenade.	93	\$39
DOMAINE DES BAUMARD Coteaux du Layon Carte d'Or 2010 Offers apple, melon and quince notes, with peach and honeysuckle.	93	\$29
HENRI BOURGEOIS Sancerre Étienne Henri 2009 Peach, lemon and chamomile are framed by brioche and paraffin.	93	\$50
CHARLES JOGUET Chinon Clos de la Dioterie 2009 Features a core of cassis, blackberry pâte de fruit and crushed plum.	93	\$53
MICHEL REDDE Pouilly-Fumé Les Champs des Billons 2009 Delivers notes of lemon curd, apple, melon rind, chamomile and straw.	93	\$38
CHÂTEAU DE LA ROULERIE Coteaux du Layon-Chaume Les Aunis 2010 Unctuous but refined, with persimmon, ginger, quince and mango.	93	\$45 500ml
YANNICK AMIRAUT St.-Nicolas-de-Bourgueil La Mine 2010 Features a delicious core of crushed plum, cassis and blackberry fruit.	92	\$26
DOMAINE DES BAUMARD Savennières 2009 Beautifully pure, with salted butter, chamomile and quinine notes.	92	\$25
DOMAINE DES BAUMARD Savennières Clos du Papillon 2010 Pear eau-de-vie and almond notes guide butter, brioche and fig hints.	92	\$40
HENRI BOURGEOIS Sancerre d'Antan Terroir de Silex 2010 The chive and talc notes show layers of flint, gooseberry and plum.	92	\$50
HENRI BOURGEOIS Sancerre Jadis 2010 Shows cut and verve, with lime, chive, flint and gooseberry notes.	92	\$50
CATHERINE & PIERRE BRETON Bourgueil Trinch! 2010 The kirsch and cherry flavors show olive and savory herb notes.	92	\$23
DOMAINE DE LA BUTTE Bourgueil Mi-Pente 2010 Shows flavors of tobacco, plum, blackberry and black cherry compote.	92	\$40
ERIC HÉRAULT Chinon Cuvée Tradition 2010 Dark and racy, with blackberry, currant and maduro tobacco notes.	92	\$14
DOMAINE HUËT Vouvray Demi-Sec Le Haut-Lieu 2007 Sports heather, ginger, cardamom, fig, almond and persimmon notes.	92	\$35
CHARLES JOGUET Chinon Clos du Chêne Vert 2009 Muscular and grippy, with steeped currant and dark olive flavors.	92	\$51
CHARLES JOGUET Chinon Cuvée Terroir 2010 The dark fruit core is lined with graphite, tapenade and savory notes.	92	\$22
PASCAL JOLIVET Sancerre Exception 2010 The core of lemon curd, chive and gooseberry has a warm stone edge.	92	\$90
DOMAINE LAPORTE Sancerre Le Grand Rochoy 2006 Bracing and lively, with lemon zest, chamomile, tarragon and straw notes.	92	\$41
JOSEPH MELLOT Sancerre La Grande Châtelaine 2009 Show lemon curd, peach and gooseberry notes melded together.	92	\$45

TOP WINES (continued)

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
DOMAINE DE PALLUS Chinon Les Pensées de Pallus 2010 Displays blackberry, black currant and roasted tobacco leaf notes.	92	\$23
MICHEL REDDE Pouilly-Fumé Les Bois de St.-Andelain 2009 Crunchy and vibrant, with peach, almond, jicama and honeysuckle.	92	\$40
MICHEL REDDE Pouilly-Fumé Majorum 2009 Alluring, with notes of lemon curd, chamomile, peach and nectarine.	92	\$50
SAGET LA PERRIÈRE Vouvray Marie de Beauregard 2011 Offers a creamy feel to the mineral core, showing a range of flavors.	92	\$20
VACHERON Sancerre Les Romains 2010 Pure, with flavors of peach, lemon zest, chamomile and honeysuckle.	92	\$63

TOP VALUES

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ERIC HÉRAULT Chinon Cuvée Tradition 2010 An espresso hint accents the notes of blackberry, currant and tobacco.	92	\$14
BENOIT GAUTIER Vouvray 2010 Offers apple fruit intertwined with fennel, anise and star fruit notes.	90	\$15
CAVE DES VIGNERONS DE SAUMUR Saumur White Les Epinats 2010 A buttery edge lines the notes of plantain, Anjou pear and meringue.	90	\$10
DOMAINE MATIGNON Anjou-Villages 2009 Olive notes provide a vibrant feel, with red and black cherry fruit.	89	\$15
SAGET PÈRE & FILS Vouvray 2011 Features almond, pear and fig notes, with a melon rind frame.	89	\$11
SAUVION & FILS Vouvray 2011 An anise thread holds the almond, plum and pear notes together.	89	\$15
DOMAINE DE L'AUJARDIÈRE Cabernet Franc Val de Loire 2010 The pepper, tobacco and dark berry fruit flavors mix well in this red.	88	\$15
HENRI BOURGEOIS Cabernet Franc Vin de Pays du Val de Loire Petit Bourgeois 2010 Black currant and blackberry fruit is steeped in anise and charcoal.	88	\$13
V. CHÉREAU-GÜNTHER Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie Château du Coing de St.-Fiacre 2010 Offers lemon zest, honeysuckle and fleur de sel flavors.	88	\$12
F. FRESNEAU Coteaux du Loir Domaine de Cézin 2011 Bright, with notes of honeycomb, green fig, pear skin and ginger.	88	\$15
GADAIS PÈRE & FILS Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie Domaine de la Tourmaline 2011 Features grapefruit and lemon notes, with fennel and gooseberry.	88	\$14
MARQUIS DE GOULAINÉ Vouvray 2011 Green almond and white peach notes pick up a plum accent.	88	\$12
DOMAINE MAISON PÈRE & FILS Cheverny 2010 Pine, juniper, cherry and bitter orange notes show a twinge of iron.	88	\$15
DOMAINE DE LA QUILLA Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 2010 Tarragon, straw and lemon curd notes mingle with fleur de sel.	88	\$11
CHÂTEAU DE LA ROULERIE Cabernet Franc Anjou 2011 A briary frame surrounds the core of black cherry, plum and spice.	88	\$14