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EUROPE: A POWERHOUSE FOR FIRM-FLAVORED VALUES

It may come as a surprise that Europe is a leading source of values, but for every high-priced Bordeaux first-growth, Italian super Tuscan or Spanish cult wine, there are hundreds if not thousands of other wines competing for the attention of savvy domestic consumers, and international ones as well.

In general, European wines offer more structure than their New World counterparts, meaning that they can seem crisper, with less obvious fruit and spice elements. Most are meant to be drunk with food.

The best values in European wine come from France, Italy, Portugal and Spain. These nations offer wines from indigenous grapes, such as Melon, which makes the crisp white Muscadet in France, or Tempranillo, which makes robust reds in Spain. There are also well-known wines made from global grapes, such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay. In this price range, many of the wines carry varietal names (meaning they are labeled with the name of the grape), but in other cases they are identified by their region of origin.

The southern French regions of Languedoc and Roussillon are

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Number in parentheses is cases produced, unless followed by asterisk, which

indicates cases imported. For complete tasting notes, see www.winespectator.com.

Wine	Score	Price	Wine	Score	Price	Wine	Score	Price
FRANCE RED			Tiamo Sangiovese-Primitivo Puglia 2001 (10,000)	85	\$9	Sauvion & Fils Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie Carte d'Or 2002 (73,000)	88	\$9
Domaine de la Brune Coteaux du Languedoc 2001 (10,000)	87	\$7	Stefano Farina Dolcetto d'Alba 2001 (4,000)	83	\$9	Sauvion & Fils Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie Sauvion du Cléray 2002 (36,000)	88	\$9
Daniel Bessière Coteaux du Languedoc Collection 2000 (8,000)	85	\$6	Masciarelli Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2000 (55,000*)	83	\$7	Sauvion & Fils Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine 2002 (52,000)	86	\$8
Daniel Bessière Côtes du Roussillon Collection 2001 (9,000)	85	\$6	Promessa Salento 2001 (160,000)	83	\$8	Domaine de Vaufrugot Vouvray 2002 (10,000)	86	\$9
Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais-Villages Château de Varennes 2002 (6,000*)	85	\$9	Umani Ronchi Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2001 (500,000)	81	\$7	B. Chéreau Père & Fils Sauvignon Touraine Domaine La Prévôté 2002 (8,000)	85	\$8
Les Jamelles Syrah Vin de Pays d'Oc 2001 (15,000)	85	\$9	PORTUGAL RED			Henri Bourgeois Sauvignon Vin de Pays du Jardin de la France Petit Bourgeois 2002 (10,000)	84	\$9
Les Vins Skalli Cabemet Sauvignon Vin de Pays d'Oc Mevushal Fortant de France 2001 (30,000)	85	\$8	Aveleda Douro Charamba 2000 (40,000)	86	\$6	Y. & D. Defmas Chardonnay Vin de Pays de l'Aude La Noble 2001 (6,600)	84	\$7
Val d'Orbieu Cabemet Sauvignon Vin de Pays d'Oc Réserve St.-Martin 2001 (5,800*)	85	\$8	Casa Santos Lima Estremadura Quinta de Bons-Ventos 2001 (7,000)	85	\$6	Château Canet Chardonnay Vin de Pays d'Oc Wild Pig 2001 (15,000)	83	\$9
Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais Flower Label 2002 (70,000*)	84	\$8	José Maria da Fonseca Periquita Azeitão 1999 (400,000)	84	\$9	Union de Producteurs Plaimont Vin de Pays des Côtes de Gascogne White Colombelle 2002 (50,000)	83	\$7
Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais-Villages Château des Vierres 2002 (4,000*)	84	\$9	Agrícola Quinta do Gradil Estremadura Benço do Infante 2001 (40,000)	84	\$4	Saigneurs de Bergerac Bergerac Sec 2001 (42,000)	83	\$7
J. & F. Lurton Cabemet Sauvignon Vin de Pays d'Oc Les Bateaux 2001 (15,000)	84	\$7	Caves Aliança Alentejo Alabastro 2001 (58,333)	83	\$7	Les Vins Skalli Chardonnay Vin de Pays d'Oc Fortant de France 2001 (175,000)	83	\$6
Y. & D. Defmas Syrah Vin de Pays de l'Aude La Noble 2000 (5,500)	83	\$7	Eagénio de Almeida Alentejo 2001 (10,000)	82	\$8	Georges Duboeuf Mâcon-Villages Flower Label 2002 (60,000*)	82	\$9
Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais-Villages Flower Label 2002 (30,000*)	83	\$8	SPAIN RED			Maison L'Aligot Chardonnay Vin de Pays d'Oc Grand Réserve 2001 (10,000)	81	\$8
Domaine la Gallinière Merlot Vin de Pays d'Oc 2001 (10,000)	83	\$9	Tierra Salvaje Cabemet Sauvignon Yecla 2001 (9,900)	85	\$9	Les Vins Skalli Sauvignon Blanc Vin de Pays d'Oc Fortant de France 2001 (100,000)	80	\$6
J. & F. Lurton Merlot Vin de Pays d'Oc Les Bateaux 2001 (30,000)	83	\$7	Altrazo Gamacha Cariñena 2001 (15,000)	84	\$5			
Sauvion & Fils Chinon Les Roches Cachées 2002 (40,000)	83	\$9	Hijos de Antonio Barcelo Viño de la Tierra de Castilla y León Peñascal 2000 (125,000)	84	\$6	ITALY WHITE		
Marchère Merlot Vin de Pays de l'Hérault 2001 (10,000)	82	\$6	Bodegas Murviedro Tempranillo-Cabemet Sauvignon Utiel-Requena Agarena 2001 (40,000)	84	\$9	Catralasi Catarratto Sicilia Terrale 2002 (65,000)	85	\$7
Saigneurs de Bergerac Bergerac 2000 (54,000)	82	\$7	Tierra Salvaje Monastrell Yecla 2001 (9,900)	84	\$9	Argelas Vermentino di Sardegna Costamolino 2002 (38,330)	84	\$9
J. & F. Lurton Cabemet Sauvignon Vin de Pays d'Oc Les Salices Élevé en Fûts de Chêne 2001 (10,000)	81	\$8	Tierra Salvaje Tempranillo Yecla 2001 (9,900)	84	\$9	Castello Banilli Chardonnay-Pinot Grigio Toscana Le Rime 2002 (50,000)	83	\$9
J. & F. Lurton Syrah Vin de Pays d'Oc Les Salices Élevé en Fûts de Chêne 2001 (10,000)	81	\$8	Hijos de Antonio Barcelo Ribera del Duero Viña Mayor 2000 (75,000)	83	\$8	Bjef Est! Est!! Est!!! di Montefiascone 2001 (50,000)	83	\$9
			Bodegas Mas de Bazán Utiel-Requena Crianza 1999 (4,000*)	83	\$9	Bella Sera Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie 2002 (600,000)	82	\$8
			Chanzas y Mifedós Santo Cristo Campo de Boja Viña Collado 2001 (95,000)	81	\$7	Bolla Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie 2001 (NA)	81	\$8
						Bjgi Oniveto Classico 2001 (200,000)	80	\$9
ITALY RED								
d'Alajo Norante Sangiovese Terra degli Orsi 2002 (20,000)	86	\$9						
Promessa Negroamaro Puglia 2001 (20,000)	85	\$8						
			Chéreau-Carré Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie Château de Chasseloir 2002 (15,000)	80	\$9			
			Chéreau-Carré Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie Château de la Chesnaie 2002 (8,000)	89	\$8			