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Uncorked: Rhone Valley Reds

Let's drink to autumn

As a chill creeps into the air, it's time to stock some hearty reds for everyday drinking. The Rhône Valley is a great source of well-priced robust reds, which typically blend grenache and Syrah with smaller amounts of Mourvèdre, Carignan and other grapes.

90 - \$18

Jean-Louis Chave Sélection, Côtes du Rhône Mon Coeur, 2005—This racy, fresh bargain offers raspberry fruit, grilled herb and bright mineral notes.

88 - \$10

R. Gassier, Costières de Nîmes Château de Nages Réserve, 2005—This plump and mouth-filling wine blends 70 percent grenache with 30 percent Syrah.

88 - \$12

Jean-Luc Colombo, Côtes du Rhône Les Abeilles, 2005—This tangy red has plum, tobacco and herb flavors. A good match with lamb.

88 - \$12

Domaine de la Guicharde, Côtes du Rhône, 2005—Plum and blackberry flavors are accented by lavender and licorice in this juicy red wine.

87 - \$9

Caves des Papes, Côtes du Rhône Domaine des Coccinelles, 2006—This is a fresh, juicy red with berry, briar and spice notes.

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