

Wine Spectator spotlights 20 French values under \$20. choosing 2 from Eugene Carrel & Fils

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20 Diverse French Values

New reviews of unique and exciting wines from France's lesser-known appellations, many priced under \$20

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France is home to scores of distinctive wines that hail from off-the-beaten-path appellations outside the glamour regions of Bordeaux, Burgundy and the Rhône Valley. If you're willing to put aside name recognition, you can often find some really cool wines at nice prices.

The following assembly of whites and reds hails from throughout France, from the island of Corsica to the Arbois, in the Jura region, to Savoy, in the foothills of the Alps, to Jurançon, at the base of the Pyrenees, to the small districts of Buzet and Madiran in the southwest. Their names may be unfamiliar to you, but the wines offer a wealth of distinctive flavors that are worth sipping on their own or can be matched with a wide variety of cuisines.

EUGÈNE CARREL & FILS Roussette de Savoie Altesse 2009 Score: 89 / \$17

A rich, well-crafted white, with a smoky essence to the peach, apple and apricot flavors. The long, fresh finish echoes the white fruit flavors, with plenty of smoky notes. Drink now through 2014. 100 cases imported. *White.* —K.M.

EUGÈNE CARREL & FILS Vin de Savoie Jongieux 2009 Score: 88 / \$13

Fresh-cut apple and pear flavors are lively and juicy. Notes of peaches and cream carry through to the spicy, well-structured finish. Drink now through 2014. 500 cases imported. *White.* —K.M.