

The New York Times acclaims
Jean-Maurice Raffault's
Chinon Clos des Capucins, 2006.

“ Wine Bargains of the Loire Valley “

“Loire reds are always a top choice
regardless of the occasion.”

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Tasting Report: Chinon and Bourgueil, Two Reds That Plead ‘Drink Us’

BEST VALUE					
Domaine de la Butte Bourgueil La Pied de la Butte 2007	\$16	***			
Beautifully balanced and easy to drink with flavors of raspberries, herbs and minerals. (Adventures in Wine, Daly City, Calif.)					
Cathérine & Pierre Breton Bourgueil Nuits d'Ivresse 2007	\$22	***			
Delicious smoky fruit, earth and mineral flavors, with herbal accents. (Louis/Dressner Selections, New York)					
Olek-Mery Chinon Cuvée des Tireaux 2006	\$19	**½			
Fresh and lively with rich aromas and flavors of red fruits and earth. (Rosenthal Wine Merchant, New York)					
Bernard Baudry Chinon Les Granges 2008	\$17	**½			
Funky and complex, with smoky, earthy fruit and herbal flavors. (Louis/Dressner Selections)					
Domaine de la Chanteleuserie Bourgueil Vieilles Vignes 2006	\$15	**			
Straightforward yet enticing with sedate flavors of red fruit, spices and minerals. (Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant, Berkeley, Calif.)					
Philippe Alliet Chinon Vieilles Vignes 2007	\$30	**			
Fresh and floral with forceful fruit and herbal flavors. (Michael Skurnik Wines/A Daniel Johannes Selection, Syosset, N.Y.)					
Couly-Dutheil Chinon Baronnie Madeleine 2007	\$18	**			
Rich and saturated with plummy fruit flavors. (Frank-Lin International, San Jose, Calif.)					
Domaine de Pallus Chinon Les Pensées de Paulus 2006	\$20	**			
Rich texture, with floral aromas and rounded, powerful fruit flavors. (The Rare Wine Company, Vineburg, Calif.)					
Jean-Maurice Raffault Chinon Clos des Capucins 2006	\$26	**			
Complex flavors of fruit, tobacco and spice with a dollop of oak. (V.O.S. Selections, New York)					
Charles Joguet Chinon Les Varennes du Grand Clos 2006	\$30	**			
Rich and savory but a bit out of balance. (Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant)					
WHAT THE STARS MEAN:					
Ratings, from zero to four stars, reflect the panel's reaction to the wines, which were tasted with names and vintages concealed. The wines represent a selection generally available in good retail shops and restaurants and on the Internet. Prices are those paid in shops in the New York region.					
Tasting coordinator: Bernard Kirsch					

