

acidity. It has layers of tannins that will soften and round as the wine develops. From one of the best producers in Cahors, this is a balanced, structured wine. Drink from 2017. Vintage '59 Imports. —R.V.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$25

93 Georges Vigouroux 2011 Château de Mercuès Cuvée 6666 Malbec (Cahors). From a parcel of Malbec that is planted at 6,666 plants to the hectare (about 2.5 acres), this is such a concentrated wine. With powerful and brooding tannins, it is structured and richly endowed with black fruits. The natural acidity of the Malbec is enhanced by the mineral character coming from the stony soil. Drink this young wine from 2019. Spec's. *Cellar Selection.* —R.V.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$49

93 Jean-Luc Baldès 2012 Clos Triguédina Au Coin du Bois Malbec (Cahors). One of three single-parcel wines, this comes from the terrace closest to the river Lot. It makes for a sumptuous wine, rich in black fruit and rounded tannins. Fresh acidity keeps the wine alive. The structure of Malbec is already well integrated into the juicy fruits. Kahn's Fine Wines & Spirits. —R.V.
abv: NA **Price:** \$30

93 Jean-Luc Baldès 2012 Clos Triguédina Petites Cailles Malbec (Cahors). From the middle of three vineyard terraces rising up from the river Lot, this generous wine shows a strong sense of structure. Still young, it has everything for a fine future with dark tannins and juicy black fruit that is still asserting itself. It has high acidity at this stage and this needs to settle down. Drink from 2018. Kahn's Fine Wines & Spirits. —R.V.
abv: NA **Price:** \$30

92 Georges Vigouroux 2011 Château de Haute-Serre Cuvée Prestige (Cahors). Produced only in good years, this wine comes from selected parcels in the Haute-Serre vineyard. With eucalyptus perfumes, it is a smooth and wood-aged wine. The smoothness masks the powerful tannins that are beginning to balance with the rich black fruits. This dense wine needs to age. Drink from 2019. Baron Francois Ltd. —R.V.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$49

92 Georges Vigouroux 2011 Château de Haute-Serre Icône Wow (Cahors). This and the other Icône wine from Georges Vigouroux are massive. Despite its high alcohol, this is more restrained, derived from the high elevation of Haute-Serre. Intense black fruits and powerful tannins are well integrated and give a rich rather than out-of-control

character. This would be worth aging, so wait until 2018. Baron Francois Ltd. *Cellar Selection.* —R.V.
abv: 16% **Price:** \$150

92 Georges Vigouroux 2011 Château de Mercuès Grand Vin Seigneur Malbec (Cahors). For full review see page 75. *Editors' Choice.*
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$25

92 Jean-Luc Baldès 2012 Clos Triguédina Probus Malbec (Cahors). Named after the Roman emperor who allowed vines to be planted in Cahors, this richly perfumed wine has huge tannins that are still controlled by the equally powerful black fruits and acidity. Wood aging is still prominent along with the dry structure. Drink from 2018. Multiple U.S. importers. *Cellar Selection.* —R.V.
abv: NA **Price:** \$43

91 Georges Vigouroux 2011 Château Léret Monpezat Malbec (Cahors). Richly satisfying this offers powerful tannins and equally powerful, juicy fruits. It has a great sense of structure, density and potential. Ripe berry and black plum fruits push through the impressive tannins to produce a wine that is developing well, although it will need several more years. Drink from 2018. Good Company Wines. *Editors' Choice.* —R.V.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$22

90 Château Haut-Monplaisir 2012 Malbec (Cahors). Ripe, almost sweet, fruit is full of delicious black plum and berry flavors. The wine is rounded, opulent and generous to a fault. A solid core of darker tannins hold all this richness together. Drink from 2015. Vintage '59 Imports. —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$19

90 Georges Vigouroux 2011 Château de Haute-Serre Grand Vin Seigneur Malbec (Cahors). For full review see page 78.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$25

90 Jean-Luc Baldès 2012 Clos Triguédina Malbec (Cahors). The Clos wine from Jean-Luc Baldès reveals juicy black fruits with plenty of young acidity. A firmly structured character powers through the fruits and gives density under the smoother surface. The wine is obviously still young, reveling in its youthful fruits. Drink from 2016. Multiple U.S. importers. —R.V.
abv: NA **Price:** \$25

90 Lionel Osmin & Cie 2012 Malbec (Cahors). This is a big wine in all senses. Powerful and dense fruits form the basis of solid tannins that are still masking the full-bodied, rich berry fruits. It is still developing and needing aging. Drink from 2018. Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd. —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$17

89 Georges Vigouroux 2011 Château de Mercuès Icône Wow (Cahors). Wow is an unusual wine name, but it does describe the effect of this hugely rich and alcoholic wine. Wood aging, dark

tannins and sumptuous black fruits are part of the overwhelming package. Spec's. —R.V.
abv: 16% **Price:** \$150

89 Georges Vigouroux 2011 Château Pech de Jammes Malbec (Cahors). One of the properties managed by Georges Vigouroux, this is located on the plateau, close to eastern edge of Cahors. The wine is rich, smooth and broad. A strong tannic structure is masked by the big, rounded black fruits and acidity. That makes for a wine that can be drunk soon, although it will be better from 2017. Good Company Wines. —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$25

89 Lo Domeni 2012 Vendémia Malbec (Cahors). Wood-aged and ripe, this is a solid, tannic wine. With mint over black fruits and firm new wood flavors, it will need to age. It is powerful on the palate from all the wood tannins and dense structure. Drink from 2017. Bayfield Importing Ltd. —R.V.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$NA

88 Georges Vigouroux 2012 Antisto Tradition Malbec (Cahors). This is a full-bodied and soft wine. Full of juicy red fruit flavors and rounded tannins, it's fruity and ready to drink, with delicious acidity at the end. Total Wine & More. —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$15

MADIRAN

93 Château Peyros 2009 Cuvée Greenwich (Madiran). Produced only in top years, this Tannat-dominated wine is named after the Greenwich 0-degree longitude that passes through the vineyard. The wine itself is powerful and structured while keeping a great sense of style. Black fruits push through strongly, offering richness and balanced acidity. The wood aging combines easily with the fruit tannins to give a textured, dry background. Drink from late 2015. Baron Francois Ltd. —R.V.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$40

92 Château Peyros 2010 Vieilles Vignes (Madiran). For full review see page 74. *Cellar Selection.*
abv: 14% **Price:** \$18

91 Château Peyros 2010 Tannat-Cabernet (Madiran). Putting two naturally tannic grapes together seems to soften them both. The blend gives this rich wine structure, as well as rich plum and damson, leather and smokiness. The wine finishes on a high note of acidity. Age and drink from 2016. Baron Francois Ltd. —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$14

CÔTES DU MARMANDAIS RED WINES

90 Cave du Marmandais 2011 Château Bazin (Côtes du Marmandais). Château Bazin's