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**Feb. 26, 2010: TABLAS CREEK Esprit de Beaucastel Paso Robles 2007 (94 points, \$50)**

Rich, dry and full-bodied, with loamy earth, dried berry, mineral, anise and black licorice flavors that run deep and persistent, layered and concentrated, ending with a long, tight finish. Mourvèdre, Grenache, Syrah and Counoise. Drink now through 2017. 4,200 cases made. -James Laube

**Domaine Bruno Clair, Marsannay (Burgundy, France) Les Longeroies 2007 (\$40, Vineyard Brands):** Across the board the wines of Bruno Clair were some of the most impressive I tasted in Marsannay. This 2007 Pinot Noir from 55-year-old vines was aged in a combination of new and used oak barrels. The color is a brilliant medium-deep ruby and the layered nose shows classic pinot aromatics of boiled beets, ripe berry and just a hint of oak. It has very good balancing acidity, ample fruit and a long finish with finesse. Lay this wine down for additional complexity and depth. 92 Gerald D. Boyd Feb 23, 2010

**Domaine Bruno Clair, Marsannay (Burgundy, France) 2007 (\$31, Vineyard Brands):** Clair's 2007 Marsannay Blanc is a blend of 80% Chardonnay and 20% Pinot Blanc, with just a hint of oak. The medium gold color leads to bright aromatics of apple and vanilla. It's crisp, fruity and has good length and structure. This standard white wine from Bruno Clair is a good value. 88 Gerald D. Boyd Feb 23, 2010

**Perrin & Fils, Rasteau (Rhône Valley, France) "L'Andeol" 2007 (\$25, Vineyard Brands):** Rasteau, one of the villages in the southern Rhône Valley, has the potential to produce distinctive wines and hence, the village name appears on the label. With a blend of Grenache (80%) and Syrah, the Perrins have fulfilled that potential with this wine. Spicy and herbal notes are a wonderful foil for the juicy, black fruit-like flavors. It's a moderately sized wine, but lush and remarkably easy to drink at this stage because of polished tannins. 91 Michael Apstein Feb 23, 2010

**Perrin & Fils, Vinsorbes (Rhône Valley, France) 2007 (\$22, Vineyard Brands):** Like the Perrin Rasteau (also reviewed this week), the Vinsorbes, from another named village in the southern Rhône, is a marvelous example of what the much touted 2007 vintage delivered in the Rhone Valley. The blend is flipped--Syrah, with 65%, dominates the Grenache--but the results no less enjoyable. The peppery notes are more apparent and, in an odd way, amplify the black fruit signature. The fine tannins are nicely integrated in this generous wine, making it another good choice for current consumption. But have no fear, this wine will develop beautifully over at least the next five years, so there's no rush to drink it if you buy it by the case. 91 Michael Apstein Feb 23, 2010