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This crisp, minerally \$12 French white blend evokes the mountains where it's grown

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★ ★ ★ Exceptional

★ ★ Excellent



This week's recommendations feature two beauties from a French winery that is rapidly climbing my list of favorites. Christian Collovray and Jean-Luc Terrier are based in the Macon region of Burgundy, but La Closserie des Lys is their property in the mountains of the southwest, near Limoux. I've raved about their [chardonnay](#) under the Antugnac label. Their pinot noir is a stunning value. You can compare its light, delicate approach with a heartier Oregon style from Boedecker for less than the price of many pinots.

GREAT VALUES

La Closserie des Lys Les Fruitières Blanc 2017

Pays d'Oc, France, \$12 ★ ★

Here's an unusually serious wine for \$12. It has notes of citrus and white flowers, anchored by a strong mineral core that reflects the wine's mountain origin in the Haute Vallee de l'Aude near Limoux. The blend is chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and vermentino. Alcohol by volume: 13 percent.

La Closserie des Lys Pinot Noir 2017 ★ ★ ★

Pays d'Oc, France, \$17

Wow, here's a delicious pinot noir that seems to defy gravity: Its color, body and flavors leave an impression of weightlessness. There's no obvious power to this wine, yet its essence reverberates like an echo in the mountains. Absolutely delightful. ABV: 13 percent.