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UNCORKED | LOIRE VALLEY

France's Loire Valley remains relatively unknown to many wine drinkers. The area is not as famous as Bordeaux or Burgundy, but the high-quality whites, reds and dessert wines from this region are distinctive, delicious and often well priced. Some favorites.

Score/price

92

\$27

Henri Bourgeois Sancerre Le MD de Bourgeois
2005 Enjoy mouthwatering acidity and a lingering herb note in this Sauvignon blanc.

90

\$15

Cave des Vignerons de Saumur Saumur-Champigny Les Poyeux 2005 A fleshy red made from Cabernet Franc, with layers of ripe black cherry and plum fruit.

89

\$15

J.-C. Pichot Vouvray Domaine Le Peu de la Moriette
2005 Enticing quince, fig and spice flavors make up this chenin blanc from the Vouvray area.

87

\$14

Guilbaud Frères Muscadet de Sèvre et Maine sur Lie, Domaine de la Moutonnière 2005 Racy and fresh, with lemon zest, floral and salt flavors and a crisp finish.

86

\$14

J.M. Monmousseau Brut Blanc de Blancs Touraine Cuvée J.M. NV Almond, brioche and pear flavors mix in this creamy bubbly, lingering nicely on the pillowy finish.



Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator rates wines on the 100-point scale; all wines are blind-tasted. Prices are those suggested by producers or importers. For more information visit winespectator.com.