bringing wine down to earth

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2012 SYRAH LE POUSSEUR 90 POINTS

Vineyards: Alamo Creek, Bien Nacido, Spanish Springs, Ventana Central Coast, California, USA 13.4%, 750 ml

Seductive notes of red rose, lilac, raspberry and cherry mingle with earthy notes of game, bacon and underbrush. Smooth and silky. Decant to let oxygen do its thing.



2013 VINFERNO 92 POINTS

Grenache Blanc Arroyo Seco, Monterey, California, USA 11.2%, 375 ml

This intensely sweet but very well-balanced Grenache Blanc has notes of coconut, papaya, peach skin, and caramelized sugar. Delicious on its own, or with dessert or cheese.



2012 CONTRA Rhone Blend 90 POINTS

Vineyards: Gonsalves, Alamo, Bien Nacido Contra Costa County, California, USA 14.1%, 750 ml

This Rhone blend is deeply fruity with notes of mulberry, cherry cobbler, white pepper, celery and bacon. Delicious and well-priced!



2013 VIN GRIS DE CIGARE 92 POINTS

Grenache, Mourvedre, Roussanne, Carignane, Grenache Blanc, Cinsault Vineyards: McDowell Valley, Mesa Verde, Rancho Solo, Ventana Central Coast, California, USA 13%, 750 ml

Pale, delicate and bone dry like a Provencal rose, this subtle beauty has notes of raspberry, dried peach, browning pork and veal, and cured meats. While austerely dry it has a fleshy, round middle.