



WINE SPECTATOR

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BUYING GUIDE:
NEW WINES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

FRANCE

95 **Muré** Gewurztraminer Alsace Grand Cru Vorbourg Clos St.-Landelin Sélection de Grains Nobles 2009

This is like biting into a ripe yellow peach that's hot from sitting in the sun, with bright, tangy acidity that brings you back for another bite. Mixes in notes of orange granita, passion fruit, honeycomb and apple blossom, with hints of tarragon and Thai basil. There's lovely balance to this, with subnotes of spice, stone and smoke that give access to a serious vein of minerality. The finish is long and juicy. Drink now through 2034. 40 cases made. -AV

93 **Muré** Gewurztraminer Alsace Grand Cru Vorbourg Clos St.-Landelin 2009

A refined version, with intriguing notes of candle wax, lemon curd and smoke, accenting honeyed flavors of quince paste, lychee, orange peel and dried herbs and spice. Layered and silky, this is rich and concentrated without being heavy, ending with a note of burnt caramel. Drink now through 2025. 480 cases made. -AV

93 **Muré** Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Vorbourg Clos St.-Landelin 2009

Juicy yellow apple, fig and blood orange notes mix with tangy green apple, pear and lemon zest flavors and clean-cut, citrusy acidity in this medium-bodied Riesling, which plays on a sweet-tart focus. There's a sweetly smoky mineral base and a spicy thread throughout, resulting in a well-meshed version that's very expressive, if somewhat unusual, with a salty, mineral finish. Drink now through 2029. 500 cases made. -AV

92 **Muré** Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Vorbourg Clos St.-Landelin Vendanges Tardives 2009

Bright and fleshy, this tangy wine is just off-dry, with flavors of ripe yellow peach, apricot, quince, petrol and green pear. Finely layered and well-meshed, with vibrant acidity throughout and a lingering smoky finish. Drink now through 2029. 100 cases made. -AV

92 **Muré** Muscat Alsace Grand Cru Vorbourg Clos St.-Landelin Vendanges Tardives 2009

A late-harvest style, this lush wine shows honeyed notes of orange Creamsicle, orchard blossom and anise, with a touch of passion fruit. Very refined and integrated, with a long, silky finish that shows a hint of smoky mineral. Lovely. Drink now through 2030. 80 cases made. -AV