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The Significant Charms of White Wine from Côtes de Gascogne

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I have had a major crush on the white wines from the **Côtes de Gascogne** in Southwestern France for a long time. Particularly the ones based on a blend of the grapes **Ugni Blanc** and **Colombard**. What's funny about these grapes is that they are used to make the famous powerhouse, high-octane spirits **Cognac** and **Armagnac**, but in non-distilled, fermented form make one of the world's most thirst-quenching wines.



The 2010 **Domaine du Tarquet** should make your short list for a summer sipper/**porch pounder**. I also shamefaced in my envy of the perfect description of the wine on the back label:

"Balanced and light to satisfy moments of thirst and pleasure."

Damn, I wish I wrote that.

This Côtes de Gascogne would be wonderful with light **seafood** dishes, but really all you need is an **ice bucket** and a glass.

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Full disclosure: I received this wine as a sample.

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