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## Easy Summer Sippers from Tariquet

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The hot humid days of August demand healthy pours of summer whites. At a recent dinner at [sd26](#) in NYC, I had the opportunity to taste a few refreshing wines that fit the bill — at a refreshing price, too.

The dinner and tasting celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of [Domaine du Tariquet](#), an estate in Gascony, Southwest France led by fifth generation and soft-spoken winemaker, Armin Grassa. Armin explained, Tariquet’s wines are all about “freshness and fruitness.” Tariquet makes all white and rosé wines (no reds), in addition to Armagnac. Three wines\* stood out as affordable and quenching favorites I’d be happy to drink again.

The first was 2011 Domaine du Tariquet Sauvignon, which was a pure, bright expression of Sauvignon Blanc and had simple grapefruit, lemon, and mineral nuances. Easy and straightforward. (SRP: \$10.99)

I also enjoyed the 2011 Domainue du Tariquet Chardonnay. The Chardonnay undergoes 1/3 of its maturation in oak barrels, which lends mellow buttery characteristics. The dominant flavor profile is spicy and tropical. Again, a simple summer back porch-sipping wine. (SRP: \$11.99)

Finally, the 2011 Domaine du Tariquet Rosé de Pressee, a deep pink wine bursting with ripe strawberry on the nose and some white pepper spice on the palate. Juicy at first, then a short finish. (SRP: \$10.99) As regular readers might remember, David White [reviewed](#) the Tariquet Rosé last month.

\*Tariquet also makes some funkier/more innovative white wines, including a Chenin-Chardonnay and a Chardonnay-Sauvignon Blanc blend.