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OVER 500 TASTED



plus Brandy, Cognac & Armagnac Semillon & Blends
Yarra Valley & Southern Victoria River Regions Otago (NZ)

**ARMAGNAC
UNDER \$100**
6 TASTED
2 AWARDED

The brandies that were recommended showed good Armagnac character but there were far too many youthful simple spirit brandies in this group.

**Chateau du Tariquet
Folle Blanche VS France
Armagnac NV ★★★**
A hot, lighter style- very youthful with pleasant sweet caramel characters. \$99.90

**ARMAGNAC
OVER \$100**
4 TASTED
4 AWARDED

Strong group of worthy Armagnacs. "These are where they should be as strong flavoursome Armagnacs," said one judge. "Here we are seeing very good age complexity coming from oak maturation and balance."

**Chateau du Tariquet
France Armagnac
1995 ★★★★★**
A very complex product with loads of good aged characters. Big, spicy and chocolaty aromas with rich smooth fruity sweet flavours that are laced with lovely drying oakiness. \$199.99

**Chateau du Tariquet XO
France Armagnac
NV ★★★★★1/2**
A very well-integrated fuller style with beautiful wood/fruit integration. Lovely toffee/caramel maturity on the nose and a rich, complex, warm and flavoursome palate. \$129

**Chateau du Tariquet
Le Legendaire France
Armagnac NV ★★★1/2**
Pleasant warm fruit sweetness on the nose. Big wood palate with lots of fruitiness to match and plenty of aged characters. \$199

JUDGES



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