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Wine of the week: Domaine du Tariquet Classic 2014

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What's left to say about the Domaine du Tariquet Classic, the Gascon white blend that may be the greatest cheap wine in the world? How about that it tastes even more complex this year?

I know, I know. Hard to believe for a \$10 wine made in southwestern France with colombard and ugni blanc (plus sauvignon blanc and gros manseng this year), none of which are on the Winestream Media's hit parade. But there it is. This vintage of the [Domaine du Tariquet Classic](#) (\$10, [purchased](#), 10.5%) has the usual white grapiness and a hint of citrus (less than the last couple of years), but it's also practically savory on the back. This makes the wine more subtle, something it has never really been before. That a \$10 wine made with such ordinary grapes can have such a significant vintage difference speaks to how amazing the Tariquet is.

How much do consumers appreciate this wine? There was a huge floor stack at the Dallas retailer where I bought six bottles a couple of weeks ago, and when I went back the next week, the stack was half the size. So, yes, highly recommended and a permanent member of the [\\$10 Hall of Fame](#).

Chill this and drink on its own or with almost any weeknight dinner (or weekend dinner, because it's that well made and your guests will be impressed with your good taste). One note: Give it a couple of minutes after you open the screwcap for the wine to breathe and for the flavors to come together.