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Domaine du Tariquet Sauvignon Vin de Pays des Côtes de Gascogne 2008, South West France (~£5-6)

Clean, fresh, herbaceous wine, touches of tomato and gooseberry, starts off refreshing but the finish is slightly lifeless. B-

Domaine du Tariquet Ugni Blanc/Colombard Vin de Pays des Côtes de Gascogne 2008, South-West France (~£5-6)

Crisp, almost Sauvignon-like, with greengage, citrus and herb flavours. Lovely zippy youngster, fresh and zesty, with a quite rich, grassy finish. B

Domaine du Tariquet Côté Chardonnay/Sauvignon 2008, Vin de Pays des Côtes de Gascogne, France

Quite tangy and smoky, with peachy, almost Mâcon-like Chardonnay characters sitting nicely with the crispness of Sauvignon. B+

Domaine du Tariquet Chenin/Chardonnay 2008, Vin de Pays des Côtes de Gascogne, France

Quite full with waxy pear and peach fruit, but it's held back by a rather stolid, a clay-like heaviness. Would have been better with more Chardonnay. C(+)

Domaine du Tariquet Les Premières Grives Vin de Pays des Côtes de Gascogne 2008, South West France (£9.40 slurp.co.uk)

Off-dry, fresh and zippy white, packed with fruit – peach, pear, apple – with a herby edge and a clean fresh finish. Lovely summer day wine, good with fruit salad. B+

Domaine du Tariquet Les Dernières Grives Vin de Pays des Côtes de Gascogne 2008, South West France (~£13 MW2 Wines, Wine Service, Caviste)

A dead ringer for a good Jurançon that this manages to combine opulent weight with spine-tingling acidity, then adds in hints of honey, apple, orange and fennel. Lovely wine, delicious now, but will keep. S