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**2013 Clos de l'Élu Anjou
Ephata**

The golden-yellow colored 2013 Anjou Ephata comes from 60-year-old vines grown on slate soils. Fermented with natural yeasts in cuvees and aged for 12 months in 140-liter clay amphorae, and another six months in cask, this is a deep, intensely aromatic, very and elegant Chenin Blanc; it has a delicate mineral (crushed stones) flavor on the nose. Silky, light and aromatic, with great finesse and a stimulating freshness, this is a dry and herbal, yet also charming and pretty elegant red wine to be enjoyed at a cooler temperature and with lighter dishes, even fish. Good and aromatic finish with dark cherry and berry flavors.

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**2013 Clos de l'Élu Anjou
L'Aiglerie**

The 2013 Anjou L'Aiglerie is a blend of Cabernet Franc and the local Grolleau variety, both grown on schist for 30 to 40 years. Fermented with whole clusters in tanks and aged for one year in used 400-liter barrels, this is a lovely pure and fresh red wine with floral, earthy graphite and dark fruit flavors on the nose. Silky, light and aromatic, with great finesse and a stimulating freshness, this is a dry and herbal, yet also charming and pretty elegant red wine to be enjoyed at a cooler temperature and with lighter dishes, even fish. Good and aromatic finish with dark cherry and berry flavors.

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**2013 Clos de l'Élu Anjou
Village Magellan**

The dark cherry-colored 2013 Anjou Village Magellan is 100% Cabernet Franc from 70-year-old vines on quartz and schist. Fermented for five weeks on the mash and then aged for 123 months in amphorae, the wine opens with a pure, ripe and spicy, remarkably fine dark berry and floral aroma, with finest slaty and peppery flavors. Full-bodied, enormously fine, pure and juicy, this is an intense and perfectly ripe, yet fresh and finesse-full Cabernet; it has silky tannins and a great balance. The finish is stimulatingly pure and salty, revealing a nice grip and a delicate mineral freshness. A beautiful red Anjou with a lot of Pinot-finesse and elegance.

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**2014 Clos de l'Élu Anjou
Bastingage**

The golden-yellow colored 2014 Anjou Bastingage offers a deep, aromatic and very elegant bouquet of ripe quinces along with mineral and spicy flavors. This Chenin is full-bodied, rich and intense on the palate, but also pure and vital, with a striking minerality and a persistent, pretty powerful finish (14% alcohol). This is a highly complex and finesse-full Chenin from the Layon river. The finish is very long and reveals a great structure and tension. This is a gorgeous Chenin with the perfect balance that would benefit from aeration.

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**2014 Coteaux du Layon 1er Cr
Chaume**

The 2014 Coteaux du Layon 1er Cr. Chaume (sold in a 0.5-liter bottle) is very rich, but closed on the nose and needs a lot of time to open up. There are honeyed tropical fruit aromas along with stony flavors that lead to a rich and concentrated, firmly structured, sweet and mineral Chenin with a remarkable acidity and phenolic grip. I find it prettily sweet at the moment and the finish still a bit harsh, too, but this might soften with time.

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