



Wine of the Week

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Friends, this is not a great wine, but greatness is not always required, and for sitting around on the porch or the patio, for sipping beside the pool or on a picnic, the Domaine de Ballade Sauvignon Blanc Colombard 2008, Vin de Pays de Côtes de Gascogne, is a quaffable winner. Composed of 70 percent sauvignon blanc and 30 percent colombard — remember when Paul Masson made jugs of “French Colombard”? — this wine smells like pink grapefruit, lime, smoked pears and white pepper. In the mouth, the grapefruit element fades into green grape, though still heightened by the lively lime quality and jazzed by squinching acidity. It finishes with a chalky, minerally and slightly minty character. This is incredibly tasty and refreshing and would be a fine match with ceviche or grilled shrimp. Very Good. About \$10, a **Terrific Bargain**.

Imported by Bourgeois Family Selection, Concord, N.C.

(Yes, the date on the label image is 2006, but the wine under review is the 2008.)

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