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POINTS

**Jean-Luc Baldès 2010 The New Black  
Wine Malbec (Cahors)**

Price \$70

This revival of a medieval practice of heating the grapes before fermentation giving an almost black color has produced a wine that has dried fruit aromas, intense and chewy black fruits on the palate and layer upon layer of tannins interspersing the fruit. Obviously a wine of this power needs many years—10 and more. — R.V. (9/1/2013)



CELLAR SELECTION

**93**  
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**Jean-Luc Baldès 2010 Probus Malbec  
(Cahors)**

Price \$30

Named after the Roman emperor who allowed vine planting in Cahors, this dense wine layers new wood and dark fruits in an initially velvety style. Only slowly do the complex tannins show through to offer power and enormous aging potential. Keep for at least seven years. — R.V. (9/1/2013)



**Jean-Luc Baldès 2010  
Clos Triguedina Au coin  
du bois  
(Cahors)**

One of the series of three single parcel wines, this is a ripe, gloriously generous expression of Malbec. It has weight and richness, as well as complex, dark tannins. With its blackberry flavor and dense structure, its likely to age for 6-7 years and more.



**Jean-Luc Baldès 2010 Clos  
Triguedina Les Galets  
(Cahors)**

From the sun-drenched third terrace of vines above the river Lot, this magnificent wine is the star of the three single parcel vines from Jean-Luc Baldès. It has the densest texture, very firm, concentrated and dark. Spice, coffee and black berry flavours are all finely integrated; this wine will age for at least a decade.



**Jean-Luc Baldès 2010  
Clos Triguedina Les  
Petites Cailles (Cahors)**

Named after the quail that inhabit the vineyard, this intensely fruity wine is ripe and full-bodied. Flavors of truffles, spice as well as black plums and berries abound. This is a serious wine for aging; keep for at least seven years, although with its great fruit it could be deliciously drinkable sooner.



**91**  
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**Jean-Luc Baldès 2010 Clos Triguédina  
Malbec (Cahors)**

Price \$20

Predominantly Malbec, with some Merlot and Tannat, this classic estate wine from Triguédina is dark, dense and initially tannic. It has great concentration from the black-plum-skin flavors as well as licorice and layers of wood-derived spice. The wine needs at least five years more in bottle. — R.V. (9/1/2013)



**EDITORS' CHOICE**



**88**  
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**Jean-Luc Baldès 2010 Triguédina Petit  
Clos Malbec-Merlot (Cahors)**

Price \$15

Made for early drinking, this fresh and fruity wine gives a touch of smokiness and just the right level of tannin to remind you this is from Malbec in Cahors. Keep for a year or drink now. — R.V. (9/1/2013)

