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**2016 Domaine Grand  
Nicolet Rasteau les  
Esqueyrons**

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The top cuvée here is the 2016 Rasteau les Esqueyrons, a blend of 50% Grenache aged in concrete and 50% Syrah aged in oak. Baking spices and smoked meats greet the nose, framing the massive, dark-fruit flavors of plums and black cherries and adding welcome complexity. Full-bodied, plush and creamy, drink this hugely ripe, fleshy and intense wine over the next few years for the sheer thrills.

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**92**

**2016 Domaine Grand  
Nicolet Rasteau Vieilles  
Vignes**

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Loaded with dark fruit, the 2016 Rasteau Vieilles Vignes is a blend of 65% Grenache, 25% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre. Full-bodied, plush and long, it delivers purple-skinned plums, super ripe black cherries and pronounced licorice notes. It's hard to believe such great bargains continue to exist.

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**2016 Domaine Grand  
Nicolet Cotes du Rhone**

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A great value, Grand Nicolet's 2016 Cotes du Rhone is a blend of 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 10% each Carignan and Cinsault. It's medium to full-bodied and silky across the palate, delivering hints of black olives and black cherries. It's not overly concentrated but is a delicious, bargain-priced wine to drink over the next few years.

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