AWS Tasting - Along the Mediterranean

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Wine	Price	Description
2009 Chateau Montaud Cote de Provence Rose, France	\$7.98	90 pts Wine Spectator - Concentrated, with an intense juiciness to the dried berry, cherry, red currant and glazed white fruit flavors. The long, vibrant finish features cream and white chocolate notes. (Cinsault. Syrah. Grenache)
2009 Barkan Classic Pinot Noir, Negev, Israel	\$9.98	From Mitzpah Ramon in the high desert of Israel. The wine is marked by soft, yet palpable tannin, with a fresh almost strawberry aroma with hints of black cherries and mint. (Pinot Noir)
2005 Segals Special Reserve, Galilee Heights, Israel	\$15.98	Grapes grown in the unique climate of the Upper Galilee were harvested at peak ripeness. After fermentation the wine was aged for 12 months in a mixture of French and American oak. The ripe, peppery nose is balanced by its rich body, deep flavor and color. (Merlot)
2006 Yatir Red, Judean Hills, Israel	\$30.98	88 pts Mark Squires (The Wine Advocate) - This year's version is rather light in the mid-palate, but well focused and rather suave with ripe tannins providing some grip on the finish. It has a sunny demeanor and a sort of sweet 'n' herbal medley of flavors. (35% Merlot, 24% Shiraz, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec, 8% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot)
2008 Tasca Dalmerita Lamuri Nero D'Avolo, Slcily, Italy	\$14.98	92 pts Antonio Galloni (The Wine Advocate) - There is a wonderful clarity to the suave, caressing red berries and flowers, while the tannins possess a level of silkiness that elevates this wine to another level. (Nero d'Avolo)
2007 Firriato Etna Rosso Cavanera, Sicily, Italy	\$24.98	92 pts Antonio Galloni (The Wine Advocate) - The 2007possesses wonderful richness and depth in the mid-weight style that is the hallmark of the wines of the Etna. Succulent red cherries, raspberries, licorice, tobacco and sweet spices emerge. Sweet, candied notes add a sense of lift on the finish. (Nerello Mascalese 80%, Nerello Cappuccio 20%)
2006 Domaine Skouras Synoro, Peloponnese, Greece	\$27.98	90 pts Wine Spectator - An elegant and finely crafted red from Greece, featuring concentrated red fruit, including dark plum and raspberry and dark plum, with accents of tar, licorice and smoke. Dark chocolate and cream linger on the finish. (40% Cabernet Franc, 40% Merlot, 20% Saint George)
2007 Walden Cotes du Roussillon Rouge, France	\$13.98	90 pts Wine Spectator - There's an aroma of chocolate mousse and a zesty acidity behind the cherry, red plum and dark berry flavors in this stylish red. The finish oozes spice and mocha. (Carignan, Grenache, Syrah)
2007 Thmiopoulous Uranos Xinomavro, Imatheia, Greece	\$19.98	90-92 pts Mark Squires (The Wine Advocate) - Fragrant, beautifully structured, powerful and with great depth of fruit. (Xinomavro)
2003 Clos des Fées Rouge, Roussillon, France	\$56.98	92 pts Wine Spectator - Ripe, seductive red, with a deep well of kirsch, cardamom and dark plum flavors, which turn inky and rich. Finish is filled with loads of mocha, cream and spice. (equal parts Syrah, Mouvedre, Grenache Noir, and Carignan Noir)