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2005 TAYLOR'S VINEYARD MUSQUÉ *Dry Creek Valley*

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VINEYARD



1. Lagar de Cervera Albarino
2004 (\$12)
Hints of lavender and honeysuckle combined with crisp lemon-lime acidity have made this one of the most popular wines from Spain. It's easy on the palate and plays well with all manner of seafood.

2. Dry Creek Taylor's Vineyard Musqué
2005 (\$20)
"With a deep golden color and bracing fruit aromas, Musqué mimics Chardonnay's lush profile. Yet the wine balances undertones of minerals and citrus acidity – all without the oak."

3. E. Guigal Côtes du Rhône Blanc
2005 (\$10)
Those who find many French Chardonnays too sharp will enjoy this wallet-friendly wine for its enticing floral characters, which is due, in part, to a predominant of Viogner in the blend.

4. Laetitia Vineyard Pinot Blanc Estate
2005 (\$16)
There's plenty to like about this white that might be dubbed "Chardonnay's little brother." It's a wine alive with bright, refreshing fruit – peaches, melons, and green apples.

5. Ponzi Vineyards Arneis 2006 (\$20)
You don't often find a domestic Arneis, the white-wine grape of Italy's Piemonte. You do in Oregon at Ponzi Vineyards, where they make an Arneis that tastes of ripe pears and almonds and is great with chicken and fish.