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2007 Antugnac Pinot Noir:

The Antugnac 2007 Pinot Noir is a thoroughly satisfying, barrel-rendered representation of the classic Pinot virtues. Ripe but tartly refreshing red fruits mingle with an intriguing (sure-this-is-100%-grapes) meatiness. A bright yet caressingly-textured and uplifting palate impression segues into a sweetly-fruited yet also bright, savory, saline finish. If all of the consumers who are being served mediocre or even dreadful Pinot by the glass in response to this vine's recent stardom could instead drink Domaine Antugnac, the effect might be even more dramatic than that of a certain movie. And if merchants or wine growers try to tell you that high quality Pinot can't be made to sell for \$15, now you know they're wrong. I have no idea whether this will be worth enjoying past the next 12-15 months, but buy by the case to last until then! 88pts