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A Taste for Rhones

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Fourteen incredible Rhone and Rhone-style wines, sumptuous appetizers, and a chic Newport Beach country club setting. "Keep The Promise," a tasting to benefit [The Wooden Floor](#), the Santa Ana dance studio that helps underprivileged youth complete high school and continue on to college, never disappoints. If you missed this year's event on Oct. 6 be sure to check the website so you can

mark your calendar for next year. I tasted the wines twice and my very favorites continue to be 2006 Guigal Condrieu La Doriane, Rhone, France, Wine Advocate: 96 points, \$110; 2007 Domaine du Vieux Telegraphe Chateauneuf du Pape, Rhone France, Wine Advocate: 96 + points, \$75; and 2007 Le Vieux Donjon Chateaufneuf du Pape, Rhone, France, Wine Advocate: 95+ points, \$82.

If you can find these wines, you've got to try them. John Markley and his wife Janice, big supporters of The Wooden Floor, go on a hunt for very specials wines each year so don't think you'll be able to shop for all of them in your local wine boutique. I think the reds are more accessible, although I'm not sure how many '07s, you'll see, that was a special vintage. But I do see Donjon and Telegraphe in better wine shops like [Wine Exchange](#) and [Hi-Time Wine Cellars](#). The white Rhones remain elusive. Please comment and let me know where to buy the Condrieu locally if know of a shop that has it.

