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## WINE

### Best buy wines (Oct/Nov 2012)

#### 2010 Abbotts and Delaunay Alto Stratus Carignan, Vin de France, (France) A\$40

Australians, Nerida Abbott and Nigel Sneyd, took a modern approach to ancient Languedoc vines when they created the Abbotts brand. They've moved on, leaving Laurent Delaunay to carry their inspiration forward. Alto Stratus is pure carignan and, as it's not the mandatory blend, steps out of the Minervois appellation to carry the Vin de France moniker. It's robust but not harsh with earthy, mineral flavours of deep black fruits with hints of tar and warm leather. Open it and wait – it will evolve over several days. PB

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