

The 50 Best Wines Under \$50

Bloomberg Wine Critic Elin McCoy has spent a year drinking the most delicious wines in the world—and not all of them will break the bank.

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Every year I taste thousands of wines (I know, tough job), but I'm happy to report that finding great inexpensive examples has never been easier than it was in 2017. The bottles listed below deliver both value and sheer deliciousness.

Less buzzed-about regions such as Spain's Bierzo and cool coastal areas of Chile are terrific go-to sources for superb bargain reds, whites, and rosés, but even such famous places as Bordeaux now offer a surprising number of reasonably priced examples.

In general, I find that entry-level and secondary wines from top estates consistently offer top value, as do those made from unusual grape varieties such as kerner and mencia. Newly popular chenin blanc and gamay are also underpriced for their quality.

And hey, don't forget to shop around. You can often find some of the wines below for even less.

Wines for Geeks

NV Domaine Belluard Les Perles du Mont Blanc [\(\\$25\)](#)

A current New York sommelier favorite, this Alpine producer in Savoie makes this pure, creamy-textured, sparkling wine from the rare gringet grape.

2015 Scholium Project 1MN Bechtold Ranch [\(\\$45\)](#)

Inveterate experimenter Abe Schoener makes this light, savory, complex red from 140-year-old cinsaut vines in Lodi. It resembles a light Burgundy.

1995 Kalin Cellars Sonoma County Chardonnay Cuvée CH [\(\\$46\)](#)

Deep, full, complex, and rich, this current release from a pioneering winery will change your mind about how long California chardonnay can age.



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