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# 25 New Wines From Spain, France, Germany, Italy, the Pacific Northwest, and California

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**Bargains from the Spanish region of Navarra and good pinot noirs from Alsace are among the bottles included**



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**Try one of these 25 wines from Europe and the United States.**

These 25 new releases from **Europe** and the **United States** span many styles and involve various grape varieties, but all represent good value for the money, even when the price tag reaches \$80.

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**Príncipe de Viana Navarra Chardonnay 2015 (\$10).** Barrel-fermented, it is creamy and well-structured, with some tart herbal edges.

**Treana Central Coast Chardonnay (\$19).** Mellow, buttery fruit, though a touch on the heavy side.

**Flora Springs “Soliloquy” Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc 2015 (\$23).** Very elegant and enjoyable, with notes of pears, tropical fruits, and dried fruit.

**Louis Jadot Chablis \$2015 (\$23).** Full-bodied with dried apple flavors, a hint of bitters, and a breath of tannins.

**Schloss Vollrads Rheingau Riesling Kabinett 2014 (\$24).** A basic Kabinett (a dry or dryish wine made from ripe grapes with no added sugar), with enjoyable peach and pear flavors and good acid/sugar balance.

**Arietta “On the White Keys” California White Wine 2014 (\$68).** A sauvignon blanc blend with Napa and Sonoma grapes — ‘it is quite enjoyable, in the Bordeaux style, though with more tropical fruit and more oak.

**Ochoa Calendas Navarro Garnacha Rosado 2015 (\$12).** A tad sweet, with nice cherry fruitiness.

**19 Crimes “The Banished” SE Australia Red Wine 2016 (\$10).** Sweet and jammy fruit with vanilla-flavored oak notes.

**Príncipe de Viana Navarra Crianza 2012 (\$10).** A bargain — not complex, but very fresh, with tart cherry fruit and a lightly creamy finish.

**Ochoa Navarra Tempranillo Crianza 2012 (\$16).** Cherry flavors with a crisp, spicy finish.

**Jean-Baptiste Adam “Les Natures” Alsace Pinot Noir 2013 (\$23).** Tart cherry flavors with lots of savory notes; lean with good tannins.

**Dave Phinney “Locations OR” Oregon Red Wine NV (\$24).** Enjoyable cherry flavors; a little soft in the middle, although with a good finish.

**Dave Phinney “Locations WA” Washington Red Wine NV (\$25).** Enjoyable blend of ripe cherry and dark fruits, with a firm finish, although it does have a bit of bite at 15 percent alcohol.

**Dave Phinney “Locations CA” California Red Wine NV (\$26).** Fruit-forward and lightly sweet with warm wood tones.

**Ostertag Rouge “E” Alsace Pinot Noir 2014 (\$26).** Complex, with tangy cherries, good minerality, dusty tannins, and a lean finish.

**Treana Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 (\$30).** Fans of the original Treana red blend should be warned that this is in a very different style — very fruit forward, with thick texture, and somewhat sweet.

**François Baur “Sang du Dragon” Alsace Pinot Noir 2013 (\$33).** Tart raspberry fruit with some rooty notes and a good, firm finish.

**Sequoia Grove Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 (\$36).** Delicious and at a very good price, with a fine blend of raspberries and blackberries on the palate; tangy, and medium weight, with good tannins and a clean finish.

**Donnafugata “Tancredi” 2011 (\$40).** Mainly cabernet sauvignon and nero d’Avola, it is dominated by sharp fruitiness and a lean finish.

**Hugel Jubilee Alsace Pinot Noir 2008 (\$40).** Quite enjoyable, with tangy cherry flavors and a crisp finish.

**Kenwood Artist Series Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 (\$60).** A lot like a St-Julien, very smooth, with flavors of Bing cherries and ripe blackberries; well-structured.

**Arietta Quartet Napa Valley Red Wine 2014 (\$68).** A well-crafted, leathery, pleasantly tannic Bordeaux-style blend.

**Flora Springs Trilogy Napa Valley Red Wine 2014 (\$71).** A beautiful combination of purple fruits and mellow wood; rich and supple.

**Donnafugata “Mille e una Notte” 2011 (\$80).** A beautiful, complex blend of nero d’Avola, syrah, and petite verdot, showing dark fruits, figs, blackberries, and dark chocolate, with woody notes, solid tannins, and good acidity.

**Donnafugata “Ben Ryé” Passito di Pantellaria 2014 (\$40/375 ml).** Dark honey and white raisin flavors; spicy and well-balanced.