

Best Buy Cheat Sheet

Take this list of value superstars with you on your next shopping spree.

What labels stand out when you stroll the retail aisle looking for good wines priced at \$15 or less? Many compete for your eye, clamoring for your attention with their loud colors, bold graphics, goofy animals or suggestive slang, but for experienced shoppers, it is certain names that tickle the memory—names of producers whose wines have given pleasure over the years without making purchasers wince when they arrive at the cash register.

To assemble this Cheat Sheet, we scanned our database of 97,000 wine reviews looking for producers who, in the past three years, have most consistently released wines that have earned Best Buy designations from our reviewers—wines that feature low prices relative to the quality in the bottle. For the most part, these are wines from large producers, who are able to bottle good wines and sell them at value prices because of economies of scale, but there are some exceptions. Most of the wines are widely available, and we have listed the importers for nondomestic wines to help you locate them.

Whether you're looking for a single bottle to pair with a week-night dinner or an affordable case for entertaining, the *Wine Enthusiast* Best Buy Cheat Sheet can help you steer clear of zany wine labels and guide you to sanity and savings.



ARGENTINA

Alamos (Mendoza; Bonarda, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Malbec, Merlot, Torrontés) *Imported by E. & J. Gallo.*

Carlos Basso (Uco Valley; Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Malbec, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc) *Imported by Southern Wine Group.*

Lagarde (Mendoza; Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec) *Imported by New World Wines.*

Pascual Toso (Mendoza; Malbec, Syrah, Torrontés) *Imported by T.G.I.C. Importers.*

Santa Julia (Mendoza; Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec) *Imported by Winesellers Ltd.*

Septima (Mendoza; Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Syrah) *Imported by A.V. Brands.*

Tilia (Mendoza; Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Malbec, Merlot) *Imported by Winelov.*

Trivento (Mendoza; Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Malbec, Syrah, Torrontés) *Imported by Banfi Vintners.*



AUSTRALIA

d'Arenberg (McLaren Vale; Chardonnay, Riesling, Shiraz) *Imported by Old Bridge Cellars.*

De Bortoli (South Eastern Australia; Chardonnay, Petite Sirah, Shiraz, sparkling) *Imported by De Bortoli Wines USA Inc.*

Henry's Drive Vignerons (Padthaway; Chardonnay, Shiraz) *Imported by Quintessential Wines.*

Jacob's Creek (South Eastern Australia; Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Shiraz) *Imported by Pernod Ricard.*

Oxford Landing (South Australia; Chardonnay, G-S-M, Merlot, Pinot Grigio, Viognier) *Imported by Negociants USA, Inc.*

R.L. Buller & Son (Victoria; fortified wine) *Imported by Southern Starz.*

Roiland Estate (South Australia; Chardonnay, Shiraz) *Imported by Roiland Wine Imports.*

Yellow Tail (South Eastern Australia; Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz) *Imported by W.J. Deutsch & Sons.*



AUSTRIA

Loimer (Kamptal; Grüner Veltliner) *Imported by Winebow.*

Winzer Krems (Niederösterreich; Grüner Veltliner) *Imported by Total Wine and More.*

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CHILE

Calina (Casablanca, Maule, Valle Central; Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, Chardonnay, Merlot) *Imported by Sovereign Wine Imports.*

Casa Lapostolle (Rapel; Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère) *Imported by Moët Hennessy USA.*

Concha y Toro (Rapel, Valle Central; Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, Chardonnay, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc, Syrah) *Imported by Banfi Vintners.*

Cono Sur (Bío Bío, Colchagua, Valle Central; Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier) *Imported by Vineyard Brands.*

Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) / Los Vascos (Casablanca; Sauvignon Blanc) *Imported by Pasternak Wine Imports.*

La Playa (Colchagua; Bordeaux-style red blends, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, Sauvignon Blanc) *Imported by Cabernet Corporation.*

Santa Alicia (Limarí, Maipo; Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, Chardonnay, Merlot, Petit Verdot, rosé, Shiraz) *Imported by Halby Marketing.*

Santa Rita (Casablanca, Maipo, Rapel, Valle Central; Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenère, Chardonnay, Merlot, Syrah) *Imported by Palm Bay Imports.*



FRANCE

Château Cabezac (Minervois) *Imported by Château Cabezac.*

Delas Frères (Côtes du Rhône, Ventoux, Pays d'Oc) *Imported by Maisons Marques & Domaines USA.*

Domaine du Tariquet (Pays des Côtes de Gascogne) *Imported by Robert Kacher Imports.*

Laurent Miquel (Pays d'Oc) *Imported by Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd.*

Producteurs Plaimont (Madiran, Pays des Côtes de Gascogne) *Imported by Winesellers Ltd.*



GERMANY

Rudi Wiest (Rheinhessen, Mosel) *Imported by Rudi Wiest Selections.*

Villa Wolf (Pfalz) *Imported by Loosen Bros. USA.*



GREECE

Achaia Clauss (Greece, Patras) *Imported by Stellar Imports.*

Kourtaki (Attica, Crete, Mantinia, Patras, Samos) *Imported by Nestor Imports.*



ITALY

Cusumano (Sicilia) *Imported by Vin Divino.*

Due Torri (Delle Venezie) *Imported by Opici Wines.*

Feudo Arancio Stemmari (Sicilia) *Imported by Prestige Wine Imports.*

MandraRossa (Sicilia) *Imported by Palm Bay Imports.*

Mionetto (Prosecco del Veneto) *Imported by MW Imports.*

Rotari (Trento) *Imported by Prestige Wine Imports.*

Talamonti (Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Trebbiano d'Abruzzo) *Imported by Panebianco.*

Tommasi (Veneto) *Imported by Rolar.*



NEW ZEALAND

Barker's Marque (Marlborough; Sauvignon Blanc) *Imported by International Vines.*

Brancott (Marlborough; Sauvignon Blanc) *Imported by Pernod Ricard.*

Dashwood (Marlborough; Sauvignon Blanc) *Imported by Pasternak Wine Imports.*

Zeal (Marlborough; Sauvignon Blanc) *Imported by Prestige Wine Group.*



PORTUGAL

Aveleda (Bairrada, Beiras, Douro, Minho, Vinho Verde) *Imported by FJN Fine Wines.*

Bacalhã Wines of Portugal (Alentejano, Palmela, Setúbal, Terras do Sado) *Imported by Admiral Imports.*

Companhia das Quintas (Beira Interior, Bucelas, Douro, Lisboa, Palmela) *Imported by Well-Oiled Wine Co.*

DFJ Vinhos (Alentejano, Douro, Lisboa, Ribatejano) *Imported by Dionysos Imports.*

Sogrape (Alentejano, Douro, Vinho Verde) *Imported by Evaton, Inc.*

Wines & Winemakers (Dao, Douro, Ribatejo, Vinho Verde) *Imported by Iberia Wine & Spirits LLC.*



SOUTH AFRICA

Brampton (Western Cape; Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz) *Imported by Cape Classics.*

Douglas Green (Western Cape; Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz) *Imported by Cape Wine Ventures.*

Fleur du Cap (Western Cape; Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz) *Imported by Maisons Marques & Domaines USA.*

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South Africa continued

Juno (Western Cape; Cabernet Sauvignon, Chenin Blanc, Merlot, rosé, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz) *Imported by Confluence Wine Imports.*

MAN Vintners (Coastal Region; Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Pinotage, Shiraz) *Imported by Vineyard Brands.*



SPAIN

Borsao (Campo de Borja) *Imported by Fine Estates From Spain.*

Freixenet (Cava) *Imported by Freixenet USA.*

Marqués de Cáceres (Rioja) *Imported by Vineyard Brands.*

Pedro Romero (Sherry) *Imported by Frontier Wine Imports.*

Vega Sindoa (Navarra) *Imported by Fine Estates From Spain.*



CALIFORNIA

Barefoot / Barefoot Bubbly (California; Cabernet Sauvignon, Moscato, Pinot Grigio, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Zinfandel)

Big House (California; Pinot, Red, White)

Bogle (California; Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc)

Bota Box (California; Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Grigio, Shiraz, Zinfandel)

Cameron Hughes (California; Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Syrah, Zinfandel)

Fetzer (California; Gewürztraminer, Merlot, Pinot Grigio, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz, Zinfandel)

Kendall-Jackson (California; Chardonnay, red blends, Sauvignon Blanc)

Kenwood (California; Gewürztraminer, rosé, red blends, white blend, Zinfandel)

Oak Grove (California; Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Petite Sirah, Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier)

Robert Mondavi / Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi (California; Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Grigio, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz, Zinfandel)

Smoking Loon (California; Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Grigio, Syrah, Viognier)



WASHINGTON

#rbor Crest (Columbia Valley; Merlot, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc)

Barnard Griffin (Columbia Valley; Chardonnay, Fumé Blanc, Riesling)

Chateau Ste Michelle / Domaine Ste Michelle (Columbia Valley, Horse Heaven Hills; Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer, Pinot Gris, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, sparkling)

Columbia Crest (Washington; Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer, Merlot, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz)

Hogue (Columbia Valley; Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer, Pinot Grigio, Merlot, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz)

Pacific Rim (Washington; Chenin Blanc, Gewürztraminer, Riesling)



OREGON

A to Z (Oregon; Pinot Gris, Riesling)

Viento (Columbia Gorge; Riesling, white blends)

Spirits Best Buys

Because drinking at home isn't restricted to wine (at least not in our houses), here's a list of high quality spirits for the home bar. This is not an exhaustive list; we've put the emphasis on value products reviewed relatively recently. To search all of the 1,800 spirits we've rated over the years, visit buyingguide.winemag.com.

Bourbon: Old Forester Kentucky Straight Bourbon

Apéritif: Lillet

Cognac: Conjure

Flavored Vodka: Absolut Citron, Finlandia Grapefruit Fusion

Gin: Beefeater London Dry, Original Bombay Dry

Rum: Brugal White Label, Mount Gay Eclipse Silver

Rye: Rittenhouse Straight Rye

Scotch: Chivas Regal 12 Year Old, The Glenlivet 12 Year Old Speyside Single Malt

Tequila: 1800 Reposado, Jose Cuervo Tradicional Reposado

Vodka: Boru, Stolichnaya, Tito's Handmade

Whiskey: Gentleman Jack Rare Tennessee Whiskey