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The 50 Best Wines Under \$50 Right Now, From Alto Adige to New Zealand

Of the 2,481 wines our columnist tasted this year, these are the best value.

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Rosé for All Seasons

My idea of a year end report means scrolling through all my tasting notes for the wines I would be happy to drink again—and that deliver quality at a seriously reasonable price.

This year, I found more good-value vino than ever while sampling 2,481—yes, I double-checked—red, white, rosé, orange and sparkling examples from Armenia to Uruguay.

So where to seek the best buys of 2022?

Riesling from just about everywhere is still woefully undervalued, as are wines from regions such as Alsace and Muscadet. Inexpensive reds and whites from Uruguay are just getting better and better.

The sparkling category is booming, too: Good value can be found among France's creamy-textured crémants and trendy pétillant naturel, or pét-nat, sparklers from all over, despite supply chain problems.

Don't skip Bordeaux. The 2019 vintage now hitting retail shelves is excellent. Blends from smaller châteaux can be super buys, as can many of the region's whites.

The producers whose wines I've recommended in previous 50 under \$50 columns are still turning out go-to bottles, but here I've tried to highlight what's new.

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Finally, take the opportunity to shop around and compare prices. The holiday season is a prime time for sales and discounts, particularly for bottles of bubbly.



Dry pink wines for savoring year-round with food or as the essential party sipper.

BOUCHAÎNE

Vin Gris of Pinot Noir 2021 | \$30

Review: The watermelon and wild strawberry aromas and crisp melon-and slate flavors of this Napa rosé go with everything, and the tall slim bottle looks great on a table.

