

# THE BEST FOR \$15 OR LESS

Just in time for holiday parties, here are a dozen bottles that offer exceptional value, chosen from among the 3,140 bottles tasted for this issue.

\$10

**McManis**  
2013 California  
Viognier  
Ripe and jasmine-scented, lasting on an apricot-skin grip. For grilled fish.  
McManis Family Winery, Ripon, CA



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**Mercer Canyons**  
2013 Yakima  
Valley Riesling  
Lime and passion fruit lead into rippling, high-toned peach flavors; for pad thai. (4,800 cases)  
Mercer Wine Estates, Prosser, WA



\$11

**Rioja Vega**  
2012 Rioja  
Clean and fragrant, a gentle wine with a light, peppery grip and red-berry fruit.  
CWUS, Madera, CA



\$12

**Bogle**  
2012 California  
Cabernet Sauvignon  
Lithe and bright, with as much black olive and herb flavor as red fruit. For grilled steaks.  
Bogle Vineyards, Clarksburg, CA



\$12

**Villa Wolf**  
2012 Pfalz  
Riesling QbA Dry  
Powerful and mouthfilling, with dry lemon and stone fruit flavors.  
Loosen Bros. USA, Salem, OR



\$13

**Vivanco**  
2013 Rioja  
Rosado  
With a cherry-skin crunch and rose-water fragrance, this will stand up to jamón Ibérico.  
Opici Wines, Glen Rock, NJ



\$14

**Poderi Elia**  
2012 Barbera d'Asti  
Superiore Old Vines  
Classic red-sauce wine, with tomato scents, mushroom earthiness and lively red fruit.  
Small Vineyards, Seattle, WA



\$14

**Erath**  
2013 Oregon  
Pinot Gris  
Brisk, zippy and bright with green apple, this is salty and angular; for roasted clams.  
Erath Vineyards, Dundee, OR



\$14

**Massucco**  
2013 Roero Arneis  
Crisp and tart, with a peppery finish; a wine for salads and spring drinking.  
Bacco Wine & Spirit, Lancaster, PA



\$15

**The Huntsman**  
2012  
Columbia Valley  
The Huntsman  
Cabernet Sauvignon  
Simple and soft, with generous red plum flavor; for barbecue. (2,500 cases)  
Ross Andrew Winery, Walla Walla, WA



\$15

**Cune**  
2013 Rioja  
Monopole  
Juicy with nectarine fruit and apple spice, this is a clean, fresh white for tapas.  
Europvin USA, Van Nuys, CA



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**Windy Bay**  
2012 Oregon  
Pinot Noir  
With lilting cedar scents and chewy dark cherry flavor, this has the grippy tannins for beef stew. (5,000 cases)  
Windy Bay Wines, Seattle, OR

