

OUR ULTIMATE GUIDE TO VALUE

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1,200
WINES AT **90+**
AND **\$30**
OR LESS

Wine lovers get excited when they uncork a great wine for a special occasion. The excitement is even greater when that bottle also represents terrific value.

Because *Wine Spectator* editors taste blind, we are judging quality without any knowledge about price. We love finding outstanding wines; even better is discovering that those bottles are relatively affordable. Pointing our readers to high quality bottles at good prices is always at the top of our to-do list, and we highlight such wines in many ways throughout the year.

We were pleasantly surprised when we ran the numbers from our editors' tastings during 2016: We found we had tasted more than 1,200 wines that scored 90 points or higher and cost \$30 or less! Representing every corner of the wine world, they include categories you've probably come to rely on already, such as reds from Argentina or whites from northeast Italy. But there are also under-tapped sources, such as France's Loire Valley, as well as smart buys from places not usually associated with bargains, such as Piedmont and the Rhône.

In this Ultimate Buying Guide, we've organized these great values by region or type, to help you find your favorites or explore new options, and included complete tasting notes for the highest-scoring. There's something for every taste, and we hope this far-reaching guide helps you drink better at feel-good prices.

PAGE	REGION	NUMBER OF WINES	AVG. PRICE
	ALL	1,236	\$23.94
70	Argentina	31	\$22.13
70	Australia	72	\$24.15
73	Austria	16	\$24.19
73	Chile	23	\$20.91
74	France	264	\$24.38
78	Germany	47	\$24.83
78	Italy	162	\$24.48
81	New Zealand	56	\$21.41
82	Portugal	78	\$22.13
84	South Africa	37	\$24.97
85	Spain	137	\$22.74
88	Other International	15	\$25.60
88	California	112	\$26.04
89	Oregon	65	\$25.43
92	Washington	112	\$23.14
93	Other U.S.	9	\$23.11

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93 | \$27 | Tenuta di Trinoro Toscana Le Cupole 2014

Alluring scents of ripe cherry, mulberry and fresh herbs complement concentrated flavors of cherry and sweet spice in this red. Offers a backbone of mouthcoating tannins and remains integrated as the finish lingers. Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best from 2018 through 2027. 4,600 cases made. (B.S.)