

September 2026 Wine Bargains

Mix or match any 12 or more bottles for an additional 20% discount

****For Carry Out Only****

As summer winds down and we start thinking about cooler nights and fall dinners, September's Bargain List gives us plenty to get excited about. This month we're visiting some pretty serious wine country—Bordeaux, Rioja, Tuscany, Austria, Russian River Valley and Washington State—but without the serious price tags. From crisp Grüner and sparkling rosé to classic Rioja and Cabernet, these are twelve bottles that remind us why hunting for great values is still one of our favorite parts of the wine business.

Sparkling, White & Rosé Wines:

#1 – Fleuraison Sparkling Rosé, Vin de France

“Fleuraison” refers to the flowering of the grapevine, which seems like an appropriately pretty name for this charming French sparkler. Lively bubbles carry fresh strawberry, raspberry and citrus notes, with a clean finish. It's festive without requiring an occasion and especially good with salty snacks, charcuterie, or brunch. **\$13**

#2 – Aichenberg Grüner Veltliner, 2025, Niederösterreich, Austria

Austria's signature white grape is one of the great secret weapons at the dinner table. Grüner Veltliner combines juicy green apple and citrus with the grape's characteristic touch of white pepper and a wonderfully refreshing finish. It's particularly terrific with foods that can be tricky for wine—think asparagus, artichokes and green vegetables—but we'd be equally happy drinking it with schnitzel or grilled seafood. **\$13**

#3 – Moment de Plaisir Blanc, 2025, Languedoc, France

The name translates roughly to a “moment of pleasure,” which is a pretty good mission statement for a \$14 bottle of wine. This sunny southern French white is full of ripe peach, pear and citrus with delicate floral notes and a smooth, generous texture. Easygoing but far from boring, it's terrific with grilled chicken, seafood, Mediterranean dishes or simply a moment of pleasure on the patio. **\$14**

#4 – Château du Barail Blanc, 2024, Bordeaux, France

Bordeaux Blanc doesn't always mean Sauvignon Blanc! This one flips the script with 70% Sémillon and 30% Sauvignon Blanc, giving the wine a richer, more textured personality. Sémillon brings stone fruit along with intriguing almond and peach-pit notes, while Sauvignon the citrusy lift and freshness on the finish. There's plenty of richness here without feeling heavy. Try it with crab cakes, roasted chicken, or creamy cheeses. **\$14**

#5 – Clos Sonoma Chardonnay, 2024, Russian River Valley, Sonoma, California

Russian River Valley Chardonnay for sixteen bucks definitely got our attention. The region's cool morning fog helps Chardonnay develop loads of flavor while retaining beautiful freshness. Ripe apple, pear and lemon mingle with a touch of vanilla and a round, polished texture. This has enough richness for crab cakes, roast chicken or creamy pasta—and feels like considerably more wine than the price suggests. **\$16**

#6 – Andis “Harvest Widow” Rosé, 2025, Sierra Foothills, California

The name “Harvest Widow” is a nod to all those spouses and partners who barely see their winemaker during the craziness of harvest. Made in California's Sierra Foothills, this is a rosé with plenty of personality—fresh strawberry, watermelon and juicy red berries with a refreshing, dry finish. A great late-summer bottle for grilled salmon, tacos, charcuterie or one last picnic. **\$16**

Red Wines:

#7 – Dry Canyon Pinot Noir, 2024, California

Good inexpensive Pinot Noir is one of the harder things to find in the wine world, which makes bottles like this especially welcome. Bright cherry and raspberry fruit lead the way, joined by a touch of spice and a soft, silky texture. It's an easy red to keep around because it works with almost everything—salmon, roast chicken, pork tenderloin, mushrooms or pizza. **\$13**

#8 – Vivanco Crianza, 2022, Rioja, Spain

Vivanco isn't just a winery—the family also created an extraordinary museum devoted to the history and culture of wine in Rioja. Their Crianza gives you a terrific taste of classic Rioja: ripe cherry and plum layered with vanilla, gentle spice and savory notes from time spent in oak. Polished, balanced and ridiculously versatile at the table. Break this one out for lamb chops, grilled pork or Manchego cheese. **\$16**

#9 – Casa Santos Lima “OMG” Tinto, 2021, Lisboa, Portugal

Portugal continues to be one of our favorite places to look for wines that dramatically outperform their price tags. Casa Santos Lima is a family-owned producer with roots going back generations, and “OMG” is a juicy, generous red packed with blackberry and plum, accented by spice and a smooth finish. Great with burgers, sausages, barbecue or a big plate of Portuguese-style grilled meats. **\$15**

#10 – Gran Passaia Toscano, 2023, Tuscany, Italy

Tuscany has a knack for producing reds that seem to make food taste better. Gran Passaia delivers ripe cherry and dark berry fruit with hints of dried herbs and spice, wrapped in a smooth, polished texture. There's plenty of Tuscan personality here without requiring a special occasion—or a special-occasion budget. Bring on the pasta Bolognese, pizza, meatballs or roast pork. **\$16**

#11 – Louis de Tourny Rouge, 2022, Bordeaux, France

Here's an affordable way to put Bordeaux on the dinner table any night of the week. Dark cherry, blackberry and plum flavors are joined by subtle cedar and spice, with a smooth, nicely put-together finish. It has enough character for steak or roast beef but is approachable enough for burgers and meatloaf. Classic Bordeaux drinking at a decidedly un-Bordeaux price. **\$15**

#12 – Simply Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Washington State

Washington State has become one of America's great homes for Cabernet Sauvignon, thanks to its long sunny days and cool nights. This one delivers generous blackberry, black cherry and cassis fruit with touches of cocoa and spice and a smooth, satisfying finish. Steak and Cabernet will never be a bad idea, but burgers, short ribs or anything coming off the grill will do nicely, too. **\$14**