

Budget Sommelier: 5 Delicious Wines under \$10

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Good wine under \$10? You may be thinking that's an oxymoron... but you'd be wrong. In fact, one of the biggest misconceptions about wine is that you have to spend a fortune to drink something truly good. False. There are hundreds of high-quality, elegant, delicious wines for every budget — even those who want to spend less than \$10. Your best option is usually to hit up an inexpensive store (our favorites are Kroger or CostCo) that offers at least a 10 percent discount with the purchase of six or more wines.

Try these five highly drinkable wines to satisfy your palate and your wallet:

Cupcake Vineyards Chardonnay, \$8.99

This California vineyard produces incredible wines, all of which are also extremely affordable. If you like buttery chardonnays with bright citrus and vanilla, you're sure to love this wine.

Folie à Deux "Menage à Trois" Red Blend, \$8.49

A red for all occasions, this juicy wine blends Zinfandel, Merlot and Cabernet to create a spicy, jam-like wine that will satisfy every palate.

Rodney Strong Sauvignon Blanc, \$9.99

On a hot summer day, there are few things more refreshing than a crisp, citrusy glass of this melon-like wine.

The Naked Grape Cabernet Sauvignon, \$9

This full-bodied, rich red wine is full of deep blackberry flavor, perfect for pairing with a decadent chocolate dessert.

Jaume Serra Cristalino Extra Dry Champagne, \$8

When it's time to celebrate with a glass of bubbly, reach for this lively, ripe champagne, with notes of apple, pear, toffee and caramel.

Happy hour just got a little more fun — and a lot more affordable — with these vivacious vinos. Cheers!