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Ten Buck Bargains

To me, “bargain” is about more than price — it means value. It means good quality wine at a surprisingly low price. To that end, here are a few that qualify — even a sparkling — at just \$10!

RED

Andeluna Cellars 2007 Merlot Tupungato (\$10). Nice value on this Argentina Merlot — savory smoke, earth and spices accent supple red berry fruit. Surprisingly substantial. Ready to drink now. [Locate this wine online or in your area.](#)

Arido 2007 Malbec Mendoza (\$10).

Seriously a bargain, with appealing savory and mineral notes balancing the smooth red berry, toasty vanilla and baking spice aromas and flavors. Ready to drink now. [Locate this wine online or in your area.](#) (2010-02-27)

WHITE

Kamiak 2008 White Blend Columbia

Valley Windust (\$10). This one could easily become my house white this summer! Flirts with off-dry, but stays crisp and refreshing, with tropical citrus fruit and touches of ripe apple and peach, with a rounded, lightly spicy finish. Ready to drink now. A blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay. [Locate this wine online or in your area.](#)

Pomelo 2008 Sauvignon Blanc California (\$10). This one was a nice surprise, offering fragrant, crisp apple, grapefruit, peach and mineral notes that stay bright and juicy through the finish. Ready to drink now. [Locate this wine online or in your area.](#) (2009-11-29)

SPARKLING

Pongracz NV Brut Western Cape (\$10). From **Fresh & Easy** markets comes this South African sparkler — an excellent value, with crisp berry and apple flavors touched with yeast and honey notes. Ready to drink now. [Locate this wine online or in your area.](#)


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