



## 12 Bottles to Cut Your Wine Bill in Half

These money-saving strategies will still keep the quality quotient high

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Whether you're celebrating your tax return or crying the blues because you owe Uncle Sam, you can still drink well and keep cash in your wallet. Here are some money-saving strategies to cut your wine bill in half while still keeping the quality quotient high.

### **\$30 to \$15 range**

For those of you used to paying \$25-\$30 for delicious vino, you can find great wines in the \$12-\$15 price range by following these simple steps:

Strategy: Love a winery but can't afford its top-tier bottling on a regular basis? Uncork other — less expensive — labels from the same producer. Or, if you're a fan of a winery's red wines, give their whites a try.

2007 Kendall-Jackson Vineyard Estates, "Camelot Highlands" Chardonnay, Santa Maria Valley, California (\$30): A beautifully balanced white with crisp, lush fruit notes.

2007 Kendall-Jackson Chardonnay, California (\$14): An amazing value. This wine showcases complexity and brightness.

2001 Montecillo Gran Reserva, Rioja, Spain (\$25): From the hands of winemaking legend Maria Martinez-Sierra comes this elegant, aged red made with Tempranillo.

2005 Montecillo Crianza, Rioja, Spain (\$12): With less time aging in barrel and in the cellar, a Crianza style is fruity, spicy and fresh.

**2008 Justin Sauvignon Blanc, Paso Robles, California (\$15): A star in the Paso Robles area of California, Justin crafts stunning reds. Don't miss this sassy, stylish white, though.**