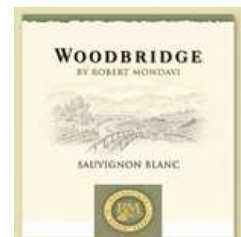
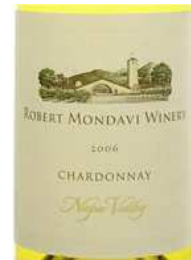


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### Whites...

- Wine:** Domaine de la Noblaie Chinon Chenin Blanc  
**Why:** One of the most satisfying, intriguing, and interesting whites to come along in quite a while. Sunshine in a glass. Rare and on the pricey side, but worth every penny.
- How much:** Twenty-seven  
**Where:** Higher-end wine specialists. Spagio Cellars and Gentile's.
- Wine:** Chateau Grand Traverse Ship of Fools  
**Why:** No, wine from Michigan will not poison you. Clean, crisp, dry, and food friendly. Impressive and a real surprise. Also a bargain given the superlative experience this wine delivers. Worth leaving your comfort zone for.
- How much:** Fifteen  
**Where:** Online at [CGTWines.com](http://CGTWines.com)
- Wine:** Robert Mondavi Chardonnay Napa Valley  
**Why:** Don't let your preconceptions fool you, this is way better than expected. While stereotypical of what Cali Chard has become, it's executed with grace and accuracy. Balances everything very well. Also on sale most places.
- How much:** Twelve-Fifteen  
**Where:** Almost any place that sells a decent selection.
- Wine:** Domain du Tariquet Ugni Blanc Colombard  
**Why:** Colombard? Wow! Fruity nose, but great acids keep it in check - balanced and awesome. Terrific summer quaffer for hot nights on the deck.
- How much:** Nine  
**Where:** Some finer retailers with a decent selection of French wines. Refectory in Columbus.
- Wine:** Woodbridge by Mondavi  
**Why:** Holy shit. A shocker. Almost a perfect textbook example of California Sauvignon Blanc. You'll be hard-pressed to find a damn thing wrong with this wine. Refreshing, tasty, and inexpensive. Whoa.
- How much:** Six. Six. Fucking. Dollars. God bless America.  
**Where:** The cheapo wine section at the grocery store.



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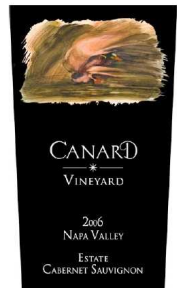
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### Reds...

By far, the most consideration you ought to be giving to a winery this month - or perhaps this quarter - is to Albano Munari. This winery in the Sierra Foothills of California is experiencing a revival and their wines show it. You should give some serious thought to ordering some of their reds. In particular, their Barbera and Cabernet, even at twenty-two bucks, are an insane value. [munariwinery.com](http://munariwinery.com)



**Wine:** Canard Napa Valley Estate Cabernet  
**Why:** This is the King of the Valley from back in the day. The Oh-Six Canard is a classy estate wine. A quality product that won't disappoint special occasions. From Rich and Carolyn Czapleski's first vintage and whiz winemaker Brian Graham's dazzling array of honest offerings...  
**How much:** Twenty-Six  
**Where:** There are a few bottles of this left knocking around - get some. Try [winehouse.com](http://winehouse.com) or Spagio Cellars.



**Wine:** Sella y Mosca Cannonau di Sardegna Riserva  
**Why:** Barbaresco may cross your mind, but not for the price tag. A find worth jumping on. A total score. Lively, layered, and lovely. Consummately Italian, very light in the glass, but over-delivering in complex flavors. Have at it.  
**How much:** Sixteen  
**Where:** Many retailers including Whole Foods, Carnardo's, and Spagio Cellars. Also @ [saratogawine.com](http://saratogawine.com)



**Wine:** Quattro Mani Montepulciano d'Abruzzo  
**Why:** Happiness red. Yummy, with or without food. Everything you love about Italian wine without any of the hard edges. Lots to like about this wine, especially at this price. Perfect for pizza, pasta, and romance over either.  
**How much:** Twelve  
**Where:** World Market, Vincenzo's (Dublin), and [marketviewliquor.com](http://marketviewliquor.com) (Rochester, NY)



**Wine:** Columbia Crest Grand Estates Cabernet Sauvignon  
**Why:** Almost shocking. Not a refined wine, but stupid-yummy and not a flaw to be found. Proof that mass-produced wine can be reliable. Super deal available everywhere. Feed it a steak.  
**How much:** Eleven  
**Where:** Almost anywhere including grocery stores.

