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## The Best Bottles of Wine and Champagne to Bring to Any Holiday Party

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How many times have you been en route to a friend's holiday soirée or a big family gathering when you remember you didn't make a liquor store run? Every time? Instead of running in and blindly grabbing a pinot noir or whatever sparkling wine is chilled in the fridge, go in with a strategy. This way you won't walk out with a mediocre bottle of vino that feels more like an afterthought than a kind gesture.

Of course, bringing wine as a gift can be a tricky task. Unless you happen to know the recipient's exact taste, it's better to buy a crowd-pleaser. And if you're going to a holiday party, your contribution is liable to be among a dozen bottles of wine.

You don't have to become an overnight expert. Just bookmark this story. We've compiled a list of the best wines that hit the right balance. They're unique but universally loved. And we even included a few reasons why we love them (tasting notes, gift boxes, collaborations, etc.)



### 7. Chateau Montelena Chardonnay

Not a chardonnay drinker yourself and unsure what to get someone who is? Turn your attention to the 2017 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay. It opens with fresh peach and apricot, then florals take center stage, closing with pear and cinnamon. Rife with vanilla and apple blossom, it harmoniously hits the notes of a great chardonnay.