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In difficult economic times, sometimes the best evening out is an evening in. Friends, good food and a good bottle of wine make life rich. And when the wine is affordable, life feels even richer. Although the popular belief is that to be great, a wine must be expensive, we are here to prove that there are many choices that are fantastic *and* affordable. We sent out a call to wineries across the state to share their best offerings priced under \$20, and after a blind tasting of more than 100 wines, we selected the best of the bunch. While we found good wines across the board, one grape, in particular, rose above the rest. Of all the wines tasted, Riesling had the highest percentage of tasty bottles, and all of them had a lovely balance of fruit, acidity—and in some cases, sweetness. Also, we were surprised to find that in many cases our favorites were the most inexpensive. For your next summer barbecue or evening on the front porch, these lively whites and fruity reds are a delight to drink at a price that's easy to swallow.

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