



# WINE ENTHUSIAST

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## We Pick Our Top 10 Wines for \$10 and Under

Once friends and neighbors find out we work at *Wine Enthusiast*, the first question they ask is almost invariably, "So, what's a great \$10 Pinot Noir?" Although these wines may not be Pinot Noir, they do represent the best of the inexpensive wines we've tasted for this issue, selected for price and quality and balanced to give a selection of wine styles. Remember, you can always visit our online Buying Guide at [winemag.com](http://winemag.com) to search more than 5,000 wines we've named Best Buys in the past.

**88 Winery of Good Hope 2008 Chenin Blanc (Stellenbosch, South Africa); \$10.** A fun wine with a lush nose of pineapple, apricot and melon and an elegant interplay of tropical melon and spice flavors. Imported by Vinnovative Imports. Best Buy. —S.K.

unfolding fruit and citrus flavors and a balanced and clean character. Imported by Confluence Wine Importers. Best Buy. —S.K.

**87 Domaine Calvel 2005 Cuvée Pascale (Corbières, France); \$9.** Prominent notes of sweet spice abound while dark berry and ripe red apple provide lush, juicy support. Imported by Clock Tower Imports. Best Buy. —L.B.

**87 Robertson Winery 2008 Sauvignon Blanc (Robertson, South Africa); \$10.** Classic and approachable, with a combination of crisp lemon, soft spice and a vibrant finish. Imported by Indigo Wine Group. Best Buy. —S.K.

**87 Fleur Du Cap 2007 Chardonnay (Western Cape, South Africa); \$10.** Spicy oak and honey aromas and refreshing fruit with a hearty spice backbone. Friendly but sophisticated. Imported by Maisons Marques & Domaines USA. Best Buy. —S.K.

**87 Sebeka 2008 Chenin Blanc (Western Cape, South Africa); \$10.** Bright and exuberant melon and fruit flavors are balanced by a curvy midpalate and clean but exotic finish. Imported by E & J Gallo. Best Buy. —S.K.

**87 Hyatt 2007 Riesling (Rattlesnake Hills, WA) \$9.** A good example of Yakima Valley Riesling, with tea, honey and lemon flavors co-mingled; the 5% residual sugar adds sweetness without becoming cloying. Best Buy. —P.G.

**86 Corvo 2006 Rosso (Sicilia, Italy); \$10.** An informal, fruity and pleasant wine that will pair well with meat ragú or lasagna. Imported by Wine Cellars. Best Buy. —M.L.

**87 In Situ 2008 Reserva Sauvignon Blanc (Aconcagua Valley, Chile) \$5.** This wine offers roundness, weight and likable citrus, green melon and other common, fresh flavors. Sometimes the basics are more than enough. Imported by Ararat Import/Export Co. LLC. Best Buy. —M.S.

**86 MandraRossa 2006 Nero d'Avola (Sicilia, Italy); \$10.** Almond paste and crushed pistachio nut characterize this fresh wine—a perfect partner to tomato pasta sauce or pizza. Imported by Palm Bay International. Best Buy. —M.L.

**87 Juno 2008 Cape Maidens Rosé (Western Cape, South Africa); \$10.** A poised rosé with

