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## Wines for warm weather

The heat will return before we know it, and with Memorial Day just around the corner, we will break out of our homes to backyards, decks, boats, beaches, and other outdoor spaces to enjoy each other and rejoice in the weather.

Here are some under \$20 suggestions for delicious bubbles, white, and red wines. All are delightful on their own and are great food wines.

Bubbles make all gatherings more fun! Prosecco is a wonderful and very affordable way to start. Two great selections are Bellenda Prosecco Brut (\$18.99) and Carpene Malvolti Prosecco Brut (\$18.99). Prosecco, today's "it" bubble, is full of juicy green apple flavors and has gentle bubbles. To make a delicious and very simple cocktail add peach puree or other juices to the Prosecco. Very refreshing!



For the white wine drinkers try the Bodegas Franco Espanolas Rioja Royal White (\$10), Calameres Vinho Verde (\$7),

S. Maria alla Pieve Bertani Soave Lepia (\$15), and the La Battistina Gavi (\$16). All of these wines are made only in stainless steel and the result is wines that are fruit driven. They can each be enjoyed on their own "patio sipping" as well as with a variety of shellfish, seafood, and chicken dishes.

And for the red wine lover try these beautiful red wines that are perfect matches for grilled meats and summer time entertaining. These wines are all medium-bodied with balanced tannins. We suggest Bodegas Franco Espanolas Bordon Reserva (\$15), Jacopo Biondi Santi Bracciale (\$19), Angelini Estate Pergola Rosso (\$15), and S. Maria alla Pieve – Bertaini Pragal (\$15).

These are all crowd pleasers besides being delicious, unique, and with everyday prices!



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