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10 California Wines under \$30

New reviews of appealingly affordable red, white and sparkling wines

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Tasting Highlights bring the best wines from our editors' most recent tastings to WineSpectator.com members.

Quality and affordability define this selection of California wines. The easygoing Zinfandel and the crisp, clean white wine are both excellent choices.

The highest-rated wine in the group is the easygoing Zinfandel from the Fair Play appellation.

Barrel 27 and Casey Flat Ranch both contribute Syrah-dominated wines that are good values at \$18.

Chardonnay fans would do well to sample Kopriva's snappy unoaked version. McMopigle's parents purchased a ranch on the Sonoma side of the appellation.

Cassidy's Chardonnay is a blend of 2012, 2011, and 2010.

BAIOCHI Well done, offering a mix of dark berry, black licorice, crushed rock and loamy earth notes, ending with graphite and cedar nuances. Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2020. 2,447 cases made. —J.L. **\$18**

GLOVER Rich, with lush flavors of Asian pear, cinnamon and spice. Drink now. 4,154 cases made. —J.L. **\$18**

CASEY FLAT RANCH Open Range California 2010 Score: 88 | \$18

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EASTON Zinfandel Fiddletown Old Vine Rinaldi Vineyard 2011 Score: 88 | \$28

Tight as a drum, with spicy raspberry aromas and dense flavors of cherry, loam and herb, gripped by firm acidity. Hands off for now. Best from 2016 through 2020. 400 cases made. —T.F.



wine from Chardonnay grown in the foggy Carneros appellation.

Quality and affordability, with a price ceiling of \$30, define this selection of California wines. This diverse group from a variety of regions ranges from easygoing Zinfandel to rich Rhône-style blends.

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