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Five budget wines for exotic tastes

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Sometimes you want to uncork a left-of-center wine, something a bit obscure. When you're in an exotic frame of mind, mainstream varietals just won't do. Here are five intriguing wines that are decidedly left of center, most under \$20.

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2014 Central Coast Petite Sirah

A hefty petite sirah with boisterous fruit and spice. Aromas and flavors of blueberry, plum, toasty oak and cracked black pepper. This is a feisty petite sirah, with plenty of pepper to give it kick. \$11



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