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## TASTING HIGHLIGHTS

### 8 Great California Finds Under \$20

New reviews of Cabernet, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and more from Sonoma, Paso Robles and Santa Barbara



Quivira specializes in Sauvignon Blanc, Zinfandel and Rhône varieties in Sonoma's Dry Creek Valley. (Courtesy of Quivira)



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*Tasting Highlights' wine reviews are fresh out of the tasting room, offering a sneak peek of our editors' most recent scores and notes to WineSpectator.com members.*

Everyone loves a good deal, especially when it comes to wine. Here are eight budget-friendly California bottlings from recent tastings that won't disappoint no matter the occasion.

Sauvignon Blanc is often a great pick for bargain-buying, as many clock in under \$20 and are perfect crowd-pleasers. We have two different styles here: [Quivira \[https://www.winespectator.com/wine/search?](https://www.winespectator.com/wine/search?)



**KIRKLAND SIGNATURE Pinot Noir Russian River Valley 2017**

**Score: 88 | \$13**

Offers a rich, floral aroma, with notes of savory spice to the fresh and crunchy red fruit flavors. Beef bouillon details show on the finish. Drink now through 2022. 23,686 cases made.—*K.M.*

**SEAN MINOR Cabernet Sauvignon Paso Robles 4B 2017 Score: 88 | \$16**

Juicy, brimming with blackberry and raspberry confiture flavors, liberally lined with melted licorice and warm fruitcake notes. The finish is coated with ganache accents. An obvious style, but shows energy and will win some fans. Drink now through 2021. 10,000 cases made.—*James Molesworth*

**CASTLE ROCK Pinot Noir California Cuvée 2017 Score: 87 | \$11**

Fleshy, with dark currant and cherry flavors backed by firm tannins and acidity. Cocoa powder notes show on the finish. Drink now. 57,790 cases made.—*K.M.*

**LUCAS & LEWELLEN Chardonnay Santa Barbara County 2017**

**Score: 87 | \$17**

A blowsy and creamy style, with ripe white fruit and spice flavors. Dried savory hints show on the finish. Drink now. 1,507 cases made.—*K.M.*