ANNA'S GROCERY STORE WINE PICKS

RED

BOTTLE: BOGLE OLD VINE ZINFANDEL, CA 2017

PRICE: \$9.99 - \$14.99

PURCHASE: MEIJER, WALMART

This bottle is my favorite red to drink at home and it's a great go-to for appeasing multiple red wine drinking palates! No matter the vintage, Bogle's Old Vine Zinfandel always delivers elevated fruit, spice, and tannin for the price. Their 2017 vintage (the year you will most likely be purchasing from the grocery store) was rated 93 points by Wine Orbit, and their 2015 vintage was even named the #1 Best Buy of 2018 by Wine Enthusiast.

WHITE

BOTTLE: HARKEN BARREL FERMENTED CHARDONNAY, CA 2018

PRICE: \$10.99 - \$13.99

PURCHASE: MEIJER

First I must warn, if you are strictly a 'crisp' and 'acidic' white wine drinker, this wine may not be for you. However, if you do not mind richer flavors of toast, oak, and butter, this is a fantastic food friendly wine that will keep your wallet and your 'Cougar Juice' drinking friends happy. Harken's Barrel Fermented Chardonnay does not pack the full punch of Rombauer, but for half the price, it has the complexity of a 'Falcon Crest' or 'Dynasty' story line, with a buttery finish that will happily satisfy!

SPARKLING

BOTTLE: SEGURA VIUDAS CAVA BRUT, SPAIN

PRICE: \$7.99 - \$12.99

PURCHASE: MEIJER, TARGET

I love finding inexpensive wines with high quality taste, and Segura Viudas Cava Brut is no exception. This dry Cava has impressive bubble presence w/ a long fresh finish. In 2019, the World Wine Challenge deemed it the 'Best Value Spanish Sparkling Wine' and a 'Top 5 Best Sparkling Wine under \$15'. If you are seeking a solid dry sparkling wine for a next to nothing price, this is it! If you enjoy your sparkling on the sweeter side, try adding a liqueur like Aperol or St. Germain, or, just add juice... because someone needs to capitalize on Mimosas being a Monday through Sunday sort of drink right now!

Cheers!

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