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### How to pick a good wine without going broke

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You've been invited to a party and want to bring along a bottle of wine.

But you don't want to purchase the usual Yellow Tail Chardonnay or Rex Goliath Pinot Noir. While these are good wines, they lean toward being predictable. It's easy to overthink wine purchases. You want to go easy on the wallet, but you don't want to insult the host or hostess with a bad bottle of vino.

"It's really a subjective thing," said Rit Casey, vice president of the Pennsylvania Wine Society. "Picking out that perfect bottle for somebody, you have to think, What do they like? Do they like to drink it alone or with food? Do they like it sweet? Some people like a really dry Champagne."

By following these tips, you can pick out a great bottle of wine and save enough money to purchase a few extra bottles for yourself.

- *Stick to the program*
- *Ask for help*
- *Go low-profile*
- *Shop the sales*

#### Know your importers

Look for wines from Hand Picked Selections and Robert Kacher Selections importers, two reliable companies, Casey said. "The wines are just really good. Their reputation is to bring great wines at an affordable price." Find the importers' names on the back of the bottles. Most are inexpensive, in the \$10 to \$15 range.

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