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The 30 Best Red Wines for 2026

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The world of red wine is vast and incredibly diverse. Each year, we explore its full spectrum to bring you the bottles we're most passionate about right now.

This year's list features a mix of timeless favorites like earthy Oregon Pinot Noirs and bold Napa Cabs as well as exciting new discoveries like juicy Gamays from Santa Barbara and a peppery, California-grown Schioppettino. Plus, we sprinkled in a hearty number of New York Cab Francs and old-vine Zinfandels that are well worth a try.

Whether you're looking for something light and chillable or bold and age-worthy, we've curated 30 of the best bottles to help you kick off 2026.

Best Red Wines Under $100

Matthiasson Wines Napa Valley Schioppettino 2023

Inspired by an interest in the wines of Italy's unique Friuli region, Steve and Jill Matthiasson grafted the region's obscure local grapes like Ribolla Gialla and Schioppettino onto vines in their home vineyard in Napa. The result is a distinctly savory wine with intense aromas of freshly cracked black peppercorn. Brambly blackberries, raspberries, earth, and minerals drive the medium-bodied palate.