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TEN GREAT SUMMER WINES UNDER 20\$

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I'm kicking off the week with a nice, easy list of wine recommendations, because who wants to wander aimlessly down the liquor store aisles when you could be basking in the sun? Instead, just pick up these great summer wines under 20\$.

Spring is a blink-and-you-miss-it season here in Montréal. The snow melts overnight, and trees sport fully mature leaves in a single week-end. Friends you have barely seen through the long, frigid winter are once again your regular aperitif companions. And everyone is in the mood to celebrate.

Come August and we have settled into summer. The rosé craze is losing steam, but we still need thirst quenching whites for our 5 à 7 (*aka happy hour*) get togethers, fuller bodied whites to pair with seafood, and smooth, easy-drinking barbecue reds.

Here is a round-up of delicious summer wines under 20\$, tasted at industry events and or received as samples over the past few months.



Domaine Tariquet Réserve 2017, Côtes de Gascogne, France

A clear step up from Tariquet's classic cuvée, the Réserve is a very harmonious blend, with the vibrant acidity and citrus tang of Gros Manseng and Sauvignon Blanc nicely balanced by the rounded, weighty structure of Chardonnay. Finishes dry, with a pleasing hint of toasted oak. This refreshing white drinks very well on its own, but has enough body to also marry well with lighter seafood, white fish, salads, etc.

Where to buy: SAQ