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50 Affordable Wines You Can Always Trust

Sometimes wine is daunting, and the fact that vintages change every year is one of the reasons. Was 2014 better than 2015? Worse? How are you supposed to know? One solution is not to worry about it (and have the best corkscrew on hand). We've assembled a list of 50 of the world's most reliable, inexpensive wines—bottles that offer amazing quality for their price year in and year out. —*Ray Isle*

E. Guigal Côtes-du-Rhône Rouge (\$15)



While Guigal's greatest acclaim derives from its extraordinary single-vineyard Côte-Rôties, which Rhône wine fanatics refer to as the "La Las"—La Mouline, La Landonne and La Turquie—this family-owned firm makes top-notch wines at every price. Its typically Syrah-based Côtes-du-Rhône Rouge is full-bodied and compellingly aromatic.

Langlois-Chateau Crémant de Loire Brut NV (\$20)



It's sparkling, it's from France, it's delicious—and it isn't Champagne. Langlois-Chateau, founded in 1885, makes a variety of wines, but its shortbread-scented, pear-inflected Crémant is the one that rises above the rest. A blend of Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay and Cabernet Franc, it ages for 24 months on its lees (the yeast cells left over after fermentation) rather than the nine months typical of most Crémants, which helps give it unusual lushness and depth.