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Best Wines To Enjoy This Holiday Season

As a wine lover I particularly look forward to this time of year. This is when the mastery of the modern wine maker is on full display. At countless family get togethers, holiday work parties, dinners out with loved ones, and a host of other occasions it seems that each [bottle of wine](#) opened only seems to get better. There has never been a better time to fall in love with the elixir of the gods.

[Thanksgiving Day](#) is the official kick off to the holiday sipping season, though [Halloween](#) certainly offers up several opportunities to [imbibe](#) too. That's when elaborate menu's start getting laid out, the holiday ornament boxes come out of storage, and everyone starts thinking about the best wines to pair with right dishes.

But there are more choices than ever these days offering interesting blends, new varietals, and old classics begging to be opened. To help make your holiday get togethers simpler here are some of the best wines I have had the privilege to sample this last year while forever in search of the perfect bottle to write about.

Ponzi Vineyards 2018 Laurelwood Chardonnay

As one of the founding families of Oregon's Willamette Valley the Ponzi family knows a thing or two about making great wine. While their Pinot Noir's are quite spectacular they also turn out some excellent Chardonnay's too. Made from a blend their estate Chardonnay and other Laurelwood vineyards this wine earned a 96 point rating from James Suckling. It has a silky sweetness that perfectly complements its mineral finish.

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