

5 Frugal Wine Gifts Under \$40



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If you're wondering what to get the oenophile in your life this holiday season, then look no further. You can actually impress your loved ones without doing major damage to your bank account.

Here are five wine gifts under \$40 that are sure to satisfy:

1. The Dreaming Tree Wines Cork Speaker, \$35

Just in time for holiday gifting, this limited-edition wine cork also doubles as a bluetooth speaker. It uses the wine bottle to amplify sounds and brings your favorite music to life, while simultaneously keeping your favorite wine flavorful. The perfect gift for music and wine lovers alike, this cork speaker is being sold alongside a bottle of a fan-favorite, award-winning Dreaming Tree Crush Red Blend. A portion of proceeds will also be donated to Living Lands and Waters and The Wilderness Society, which strives to protect our nation's major rivers and forest areas.



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2. Fathers + Daughters Cellars Wine, Starting \$21

Located in California's Anderson Valley, Fathers + Daughters Cellars produces small-batch, award-winning wines from the family's vineyard. This family's hands-on labor of love began in 2012 when their youngest daughter, Ella, was born. At four weeks old, Ella rode in a backpack as the family harvested its first batch of Ella's Reserve Pinot Noir. They are a high-touch, small-production family venture. With 72 acres of vines, you can find your wine connoisseur something they love, from Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay or even Gewürztraminer. You will find their fingerprints on every step of the process, from the harvest, to the press, to the bottle.



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3. Spoken Barrel Wines, \$19.99

Proudly made in Washington State, Spoken Barrel wines include two rustic bold reds any wine aficionado will adore: a flavorful Cabernet Sauvignon and a complex, rich Meritage Red Blend. Highlighting the exceptional quality of grapes from Washington's famed Columbia Valley, the resulting collection is both rugged and refined — a hallmark of this winery. Spoken Barrel also debuted a sleek and handsome bottle and sans paper label, with each bottle adorned with the number 42 — a nod to the brand's roots in the heart of Washington, the 42nd state in the union.



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4. Meiomi Sparkling Wine, \$26.99

The new Meiomi Sparkling Wine just launched nationwide, just in time for those holiday entertaining occasions. It is a North Coast sparkling wine made in the traditional champagne-making method. Exuding aromas of green apple, with hints of peach nectar, crunchy pear, citrus and honey, combined with a fresh minerality, it's a refreshing option that pairs well with nearly any cuisine — from gourmet to backyard barbeque. The wine itself is a light straw color with a whisper of pink, paying tribute to Meiomi's origins as a Pinot Noir house.



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5. Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi Go-Glass, \$2.50

Packaged in a shatterproof, single-serve, ready to pour cups, Robert Mondavi's Go-Glasses are the perfect stocking stuffer, secret Santa or just-because gift to give this holiday season. They're also a convenient, no fuss entertaining option for your holiday revelry — whether that be a private dinner for two or a group get-together with those you love to be around. These single-serve wine options are certainly a great alternative for those non-champagne drinkers. Retailing for only \$2.50 each, they are great for entertaining in bulk, while not breaking the bank. The Go-Glass is now available nationwide in Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio and Red Blend, offering a flavor choice suitable for pretty much anyone.



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