

Tempranillo

This key black Spanish grape can make a nice young wine or it can be aged in oak for years.

Here are a few good Tempranillos for \$15 or less:

86.5	Big Kahuna (BBB)	NV	Tempranillo	Tierra De Castilla	Spain	\$1.99
86.5	Campo Viejo	2007	Tempranillo	Crianza Rioja	Spain	\$10.00
86.5	Matchbook	2009	Tempranillo		Dunnigan Hills	\$15.00
85.0	La Parra Loca	2008	Tempranillo	Vina de la Tierra Castilla Y Leon	Spain	\$7.00

Valdigulé

Often referred to as Napa Gamay, this red wine grape has found a place in California where a carbon-dioxide fermenting technique yields a dark-colored wine with a fruit taste. Drink these wines young.

Here is one winner for \$15 or less:

86.0	J. Lohr	2010	Valdigulé	Wildflower	Monterey	\$8.00
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Red Blends

Two or more grape varieties blend together for a unique taste.

In order of their scores, here are a few of the best blends for \$15 or less (**BBB**=Best Bang for the Buck):

91.3	Hahn Winery	2010	Red Blend	GSM	Central Coast	\$14.00
91.0	Oakstone Winery (BBB)	NV	Red Blend	Slug Gulch Red #25	Sierra Foothills	\$9.95
91.0	Pull	2010	Red Blend	Cab/Merlot	Paso Robles	\$15.00
90.0	Amberhill Wines (BBB)	2010	Red Blend	Secret Blend Red	California	\$9.99
89.7	Barefoot Cellars (BBB)	NV	<u>Red Blend</u>	Sweet Red Blend 4.6% RS	California	\$7.00
89.5	Concannon Vineyard	2009	Red Blend	Crimson & Clover	Livermore Valley	\$14.00
89.5	Jaxon Keys Winery	2009	Red Blend	Farmhouse Red	Mendocino	\$15.00
89.5	Navarro Vineyards	2010	Red Blend	Navarrouge	Mendocino	\$14.00
89.5	Whiplash	2009	Red Blend	Redemption	California	\$13.99
88.8	Cameron Hughes	2009	Red Blend	Meritage	California	\$15.00
88.3	Coyote Moon Vineyards	2010	Red Blend	Twisted Sister	New York	\$13.95
88.0	Blind Dog Wines	NV	Red Blend	Blind Dog Midnight Run	Paso Robles	\$15.00
88.0	Cameron Hughes	2010	Red Blend	California Field Blend	California	\$12.00
88.0	Castra Rubra Winery	2009	Red Blend	Cab/Syrah Dominant	Bulgaria	\$13.00