

Sunset

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Our picks

Here are six supermarket finds, listed at the price paid. You might find them for a little more or less.

Bonny Doon Vineyard Ca' del Solo Big House Red 2003 (California; \$8.87).

This meaty mix of six grapes, from Syrah to Malbec, has lively berry flavors, with darker plum, herbs, cedar, and a little cocoa.

Chalone Vineyard Pinot Noir 2004 (Chalone, CA; \$28).

Plummy, smoky aromas, with cloves and faint rose petals, give way to berries, orange peel, and herbs.

Cristalino Cava Brut

(Penedès, Spain; \$7.99)

Crisp green apples, nice minerals, and fine bubbles.

Dry Creek Vineyard Fumé Blanc 2003 (Sonoma County; \$10). Citrus with soft minerals. Perfect everyday Sauvignon Blanc.

2001 (Sonoma County; \$21).

A lively blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cab, and Merlot, with spicy cherries and espresso, a hint of licorice, then plums, berries, and chocolate.

Wolf Blass Yellow Label Shiraz 2002 (South Australia; \$9.88).

Meat and blueberries on the nose, with herbs, chocolate, vanilla, and lively, food-friendly acid.

SUPER SHOPPING

How to make a smart choice in the wine aisle

2003 FUMÉ BLANC

Sonoma County

“...Leslie Sbrocco likes Dry Creek Vineyard’s Fumé Blanc—a good gift and versatile food wine.”

Dry Creek
VINEYARD

