

10 Bottles of Wine Under \$40 You Can Take to Meet Your Partner's Parents



First impressions count: We asked 5 wine experts what their favorite bottles under \$40 are so you don't show up empty-handed on one of the biggest interviews of your life.

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An impressive tipple doesn't have to break the bank. **We talked to five wine experts all over the country, from wine makers to award-winning sommeliers to authors and more to ask them their favorite nationally available bottles under \$40 that are sure to impress the parents.** With quality bottles actually available in this price range, you should have plenty of money left over to pick up a chocolate babka, too (or cinnamon if you're in a pinch.)

Kelly Peterson Bates

Sommelier at The Boarding House in Chicago:

BROADSIDE

Broadside,
Margarita
Vineyard,
Cabernet
Sauvignon,
Paso Robles,
CA 2012;
\$20



BROADSIDE, MARGARITA VINEYARD Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, CA 2012

"Robustly fruity and youthful. Bursting with black currant, black cherries, and berries, this is an easy drinking fruit-forward Cabernet. There is a bit of spice and a chalky minerality intertwined with the big, bold Paso Robles fruit."

"This was ranked as one of the New York Times Top Domestic Wines Under \$20 and it is very deserving of this title. This wine is coming from Chris Brockway, a rising rockstar of a winemaker, whose other label, Broc Cellars, goes for a higher price. Together, with fellow winemaker Brian Terrizzi of the winery Giornata, they offer us the Broadside project. These are their wines priced for the people, priced to drink and enjoy and not break the bank. We love these super value wines! Who doesn't want a great Cabernet without the price tag?"