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10 California Wines under \$30

New reviews of appealingly affordable red, white and sparkling wines

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Quality and affordability, with a price ceiling of \$30, define this selection of California wines. This diverse group from a variety of regions ranges from easygoing Zinfandel to rich Rhône-style blends.

varieties. Barrel 27 and Casev Flat Ranch both contribute

Syrah-dominated wines that are good values at \$18.

wine from Chardonnau arown in the foggy Carneros appellation.

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Chardonnay fans would do well to sample Kopriva's snappy unoaked version arente nurchased a ranch on the Sonoma side of the McMopialo's Cassic

CASEY FLAT RANCH Open Range California 2010

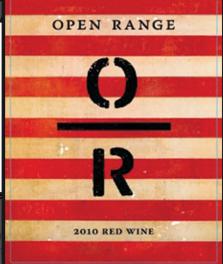
Well done, offering a mix of dark berry, black licorice, and cedar nuances. Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petite Sirah, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Mourvèdre. Drink now

crushed rock and loamy earth notes, ending with graphite through 2020. 2,447 cases made. —J.L.

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EASTON Zinfandel Fiddletown Old Vine Rinaldi Vineyard 2011 Score: 88 I \$28

Tight as a drum, with spicy raspberry aromas and dense flavors of cherry, loam and herb, gripped by firm acidity. Hands off for now. Best from 2016 through 2020. 400 cases made. -T.F.