

# A Guide to Boxed Wine

## Reliable Wines For Buying in Bulk

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Economical and eco-friendly, boxed wine is truly coming into its own. For those who may be hesitant, here is a list of dependable boxed wines.

There's plenty to love about boxed wine. It saves space: a regular, three-liter box of wine holds up to four regular bottles of wine in a much denser package. The cardboard package has a lower impact on the environment compared with the traditional glass wine bottle. Boxed wine keeps considerably longer: Erin Zimmer of the Serious Eats site estimates that most boxed wines last for up to four weeks, which means for value for the money. A standard box, which usually runs between three and four liters, typically costs between \$20.00 and \$30.00.

As boxed wines become more prominent on grocery store shelves, consumers may find themselves at a loss for which to choose. Here is a selection of dependable boxed wine labels that promise quality and great value.

### **BOHO Vineyards**

This California company offers three varietals:

- Merlot - excellent with heartier foods like pork or red meat.
- Chardonnay - a white wine for lighter fare such as pastas, seafood, and grilled chicken.
- Cabernet Sauvignon - tannin-rich, deep red wine to pair with meals like pizza.

### **Black Box Wines**

Wines from Black Box can be found throughout the US (check the store locator for businesses) and offers several options. Here are a few:

- Cabernet Sauvignon - try with pork or steak dishes.

- Merlot - recommended with lamb or spaghetti and meatballs.
- Shiraz - great with ribs or other hearty meat dishes.
- Pinot Grigio - a light, dry white wine for chicken or pasta dishes.
- Sauvignon Blanc - delicious with most white meat, including chicken and pork.

## French Rabbit Wines

Available in most states, French Rabbit Wines provide fun packaging and convenient sizes for travel, picnics, and tailgating. The "petit" collection, available in 250 ml packages, include:

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- Pinot Noir - recommended paired with salmon or pork.
  - Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon - this rich ruby wine is perfect for cheese tastings.
  - Chardonnay/Sauvignon Blanc - this light, white blend is especially good with grilled seafood or summer salads.

## Killer Juice Vineyards

Presented in a dramatic black box package, this winery offers a few standouts:

- Chardonnay (Angel Juice) - [snooth.com](http://snooth.com) suggests pairing with savory vegetable dishes, like goat cheese and arugula ravioli or mushroom barley soup.
- Merlot - this deep, rich red is best paired with spicy meat—try a chicken curry—or hearty pasta dishes.

## Further Reading on Boxed Wines

As boxed wine gains prevalence, there are a growing number of online resources for readers who would prefer do some additional research before investing in a first boxed wine. Check out [snooth.com](http://snooth.com) for help with pairing boxed varietals, or [boxwines.org](http://boxwines.org) for reviews and information on dozens of boxed wines.

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