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Value Wines for Labor Day

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Although summer isn't officially over for a few more weeks, it ends emotionally on Labor Day weekend, when we usually cover the grill one last time in a summer state of mind.

To celebrate the passing of summer, many take to the backyard for a final summer feast. They invite friends and family. Pretty soon, it's a crowd. Before you know it, everyone is thirsty.

It's time for some good wine with good friends, but budgets are tight because of recent back-to-school purchases. Here's my solution for those who don't like to lower their expectations just because their wallets are a consideration: ten great value wines all priced at \$20 or less.

Let the feast begin!

Buena Vista 2015 Chardonnay, Carneros (\$20) — Jean-Charles Boisset, whose family operates one of the largest wine firms in France's Burgundy region, continues to make his mark here in California. The Buena Vista winery has been completely restored since he purchased it several years ago, and the wines have had a makeover as well. This top-notch chardonnay exhibits notes of lemon oil and pear, is well-balanced and offers enough richness to handle the smoky flavors off the Labor Day grill.