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 SUMMER WINE

DRINK INSIDE THE BOX

Whether hiking, boating or hosting a super-sized summer soirée, these 27 wines are both portable and pour-worthy.

Back in the 1980s and '90s, the average boxed wine was one-dimensional headache water geared toward buzz-seekers, not wine lovers. Sadly, this dark history still hangs over the American wine landscape, spooking plenty of producers from embracing the box or Tetra Pak (Europeans are far less skittish about boxed wine). Still, what goes in these maligned vessels has come a long way. Grape farming and winemaking techniques are leagues better than 20 years ago, and with more wine drinkers than ever before, the competition to seduce your palate is fierce. Will you find a life-changing sip among this group? Maybe, but probably not. Still, when it comes to convenience, portability and pleasing drinkability, these are safe bets. —Mike Dawson



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