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10 Last-Minute Gift Bottles, Priced \$19 to \$250, for the Wine-Lover on Your Christmas List

Wine is the perfect gift: It's sold all over the place, it comes in a wide range of prices, it's easy to wrap (those festive wine bags are perfect, but a swaddling of tissue paper works, too), and almost everybody (teetotalers aside) likes it. Even people who know nothing about it appreciate the gesture and will almost certainly be grateful when they pop the cork.

For those who need a good very-last-minute Christmas gift (or something nice to bring to a between-holidays fête), here are 10 bottles at various prices — all of them good, thoughtful presents.

Domaine de la Vougeraie Le Clos Blanc de Vougeot Vougeot 2013 (\$160)

For the lover of **pricey California chardonnay**, this extremely elegant, opulent white Burgundy, from an ancient property in the Côte d'Or, might come as something of a surprise — no alcoholic heat, no overbearing vanilla — but it really is an extraordinary expression of the grape. (Trivia: The appellation actually allows small percentages of **pinot blanc** and **pinot gris** to be added to its wines, and this bottle has the tiniest touch of each.)

