

## 15 California Wines for National Red Wine Day

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California's wine country is a playground for red wine lovers, and Aug. 28 (National Red Wine Day in the United States) is the perfect excuse to uncork something special. With its diverse climates and soils, California produces reds that range from fruit-forward and approachable to complex and cellar-worthy. Whether toasting with friends or savoring a quiet glass, these recommendations will help anyone celebrate in true California style—one rich, flavorful pour at a time.

### **Larkmead Vineyards, 2022 Firebelle Estate Red Blend**

The Larkmead Vineyards 2022 Firebelle Estate Red Blend is a 77 percent Merlot and 23 percent Cabernet Sauvignon blend with aromas of cherry, raspberry compote, cocoa, and cedar and a palate of juicy bramble fruit, soft leather, and velvety tannins. \$100