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## These Wines Let You Bring the Party With You

No matter the occasion, one of these bottles is guaranteed to wow.

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When someone claims that they bring the party with them wherever they go, they're probably talking about their bubbly personality and effusive conversational skills. But there's something to be said for just knowing the right wine to walk through the door with – where we come from, that's the very definition of bringing the party with you. To that end, we've rounded up no fewer than 33 wines and sorted them into groups ideal for every kind of party you might have this holiday season. Whether it's a formal dinner made from a favorite meal by one of America's top chefs, a low-key and casual open house, an office party, Hanukah celebration, or a traditional family Christmas meal, we have you covered. And if you want additional help with holiday drinks, be sure to check out our host's guide to spirits and Champagnes.



## Abeja Merlot

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## Abeja 2015 Merlot Columbia Valley

While this Merlot from Washington State isn't kosher, it would be a knockout with great brisket. Dark, spicy cherry fruit and savory espresso are layered with haunting notes of florals and earth wrapped in a firm but elegant tannin structure. (\$45)