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The Mandatory 2021 Wine Lovers Guide to a Very Memorable (Or Pleasantly Forgettable) Holiday Season

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The **holidays** are somehow already upon us (and yet, finally). We've already pushed past the Thanksgiving pants unbuttoning and into Hanukkah foreplay, but now it's full force towards **Festivus**, Christmas, and the ever-disappointing **New Years' Eve**. Which can mean only one thing: **wine time**.

Where there's wine, there's inappropriate banter, anti-vaxxer jokes and the inevitably belligerent ramblings of your uncle who has always slurred a little outside the lines at the holidays for as long as you can remember. If you're even a hair like us, it's going to be nothing but over-the-top **Christmas movie marathons** and rowdy Christmas camaraderie with the boys. And even though whiskey and beer are heavy on our minds, you always have to save a little room for wine. Because nobody really counts wine towards your alcohol abuse, except the police, apparently.

With that said, we've picked our 11 favorite wines, perfectly suited to intoxicating your wintry holly days, just before they blow up in your face. They're all endlessly delicious and highly accessible. And with that in mind, drink responsibly and enjoy the Mandatory Wine Lovers Guide, elegantly made for blowing up your holidays.



Château de Nalys Châteauneuf-du-Pape Grand Vin 2017

Let's just get past the name for a second. Sure, it seems like something you'd walk right by because it seems a little too fancy. But this French wine that was aged for 18 months (30% of the time in wooden barrels and 70% in concrete) is filled with flavors like berries, ripe cherries, woody oak, and slight spices can be yours for around \$80 per bottle.

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