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Explosive wines for a season in bloom



By Jim Nejaime, As we head toward Easter, no more Nor'Easters, please!

Easter and Passover celebrations are the perfect time to try out one of these suggested wines, all for under \$20.

Spring might be the most fragrant time of year. After a long, sleepy winter, everything is in bloom once again: flowers, grass, produce, even people. It seems only appropriate to drink floral, spring-scented wines to celebrate the earth's re-awakening. As spring fills the air with the sweet perfumed scents of life "in bloom," it should be met with equally explosive wines of aromatic intensity and bright fruit character. This intensity must be complimented by wines that are striking and righteous in each of their signature styles.

Passover and Easter holiday gatherings are the perfect time to explore and share these wines with family and friends.

Gather out in the open air, break out the barbecue grills, suck in the aromas of spring and celebrate with these lovely crystalline white and red beauties.

Here are our top twelve wines under \$20 that will be-dazzle you with singingly beautiful flavors and value.

WHITES

4) **Tenuta Carretta CAYEGA Roero Arneis 2015** (Piedmont, Italy) \$ 14.99 on sale. Decanter, Britain's leading wine magazine and one of the most respected reviewers of fine wines in the world, awarded Carretta Cayega Arneis the top prize for Piedmont white wines. Arneis is THE top white grape of Piedmont. It is a beautiful golden colored, crisp wine showing bright yellow flowers, citrus and melon notes and a toasty almond note in the finish. Enjoy with Prosciutto and melon balls, honey-glazed baked ham or homemade veggie pizza.