

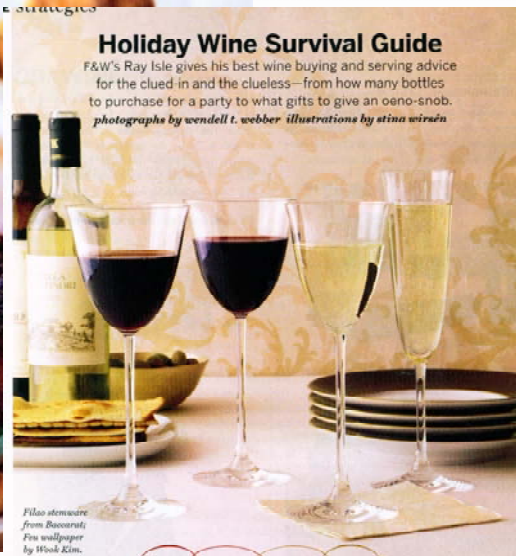
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holiday favorites

best roasts
easy sides
plus cookies
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Holiday Wine Survival Guide

F&W's Ray Isle gives his best wine buying and serving advice for the clued-in and the clueless—from how many bottles to purchase for a party to what gifts to give an oeno-snob.
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Filao stemware
from Bacarati
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4 ideal party wines

Inexpensive, versatile, delicious wines for every gathering—from cocktail parties to dinners.

1 NV Segura Viudas Aria Brut (\$12) Segura Viudas is one of the top names in Cava, the classic Spanish sparkling wine, and its Aria cuvée is crisp, citrusy and refreshing—ideal as an aperitif, and for holiday toasts.

2 2005 Antinori Villa Antinori Bianco (\$12) This nectarine-inflected white blend from one of the most respected producers in Tuscany is light-bodied and low in alcohol, making it a great all-purpose wine.

3 2001 Taurino Salice Salentino Rosso Riserva (\$12) This plummy, smoky red produced in Italy's Apulia region is light enough to pour at cocktail parties but has enough depth of flavor to serve as a main course.

4 2005 The Magnificent Wine Company House Wine (\$10) This curranty red made by Charles Smith, owner of Washington state's K Vintners, is a steal for a good American Cabernet blend and lovely at holiday meals.

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**2005 HOUSE WINE Red
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