



## Outside the Vines: Gary Vaynerchuk's Best Bets

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It's that time of year again: The holidays mean dinner parties and gift giving.

And that means... wine!

Gary Vaynerchuk of [winelibrary.com](http://winelibrary.com) offers some vintage suggestions to suit any occasion:

- **Lost your job? Try Bob's African Pinotage 2006 — \$8.99**

Gary says: "If you've lost your job you're not going to want to spend a lot of money, but you're going to want to give something you can feel good about. Bob's African is an amazing project; 10 percent of the proceeds go to HIV/AIDS research, and while I'm a sucker for charity the wines themselves also bring thunder. The Pinotage is flat out delicious and just slightly sweet, so it's a great gift for even casual wine drinkers."

- **Meeting someone's parents? Try J Sparkling Brut Cuvee — \$23.99**

Gary says: "I love bubbles. They're a great ice breaker and always welcomed, especially around the holidays. This California sparkling wine is more complex than many French Champagnes you'll see for one and a half or twice the price and will make you look like a hero when meeting the parents for the first time."

- **Can't stand the in-laws, but want to impress? Try Domaine Hetszolo Tokaj 3 Puttonyos 2000 — \$17.99**

Gary says: "Any time you are going to be around people who you have a touchy relationship with, my go-to play is dessert wine. EVERYONE can put aside their differences at dessert and the riptide rush of apricots, honey, and butterscotch that this Hungarian Tokaji offers will have everyone smiling."

### Thanksgiving Wines

Picking a wine for Thanksgiving can be a challenge because there are so many foods on the table. The key to picking a wine to match this smorgasbord is versatility.

Here are four delicious wines that bring serious thunder and are perfect Thanksgiving options:

- **Valdesil Montenovo Godello 2007 — \$9.99**

Gary says: "This Spanish white offers fresh citrus on the gorgeous nose, loads of fresh peach juice on the mid-palate and just the slightest hint of residual sugar at the finish. It screams versatility; it has nice acidity and will mate with everything on your Thanksgiving table."

- **Vi De Nulles Negre 2006 — \$7.99**

Gary says: "This completely un-oaked red is a great crossover option for Beaujolais drinkers. Juicy and easy to drink without being sweet, you can even serve this baby slightly chilled."

- **Starry Night Lodi Zinfandel 2006 — \$11.98**

Gary says: "Well structured but not too heavy, this Zin features dark fruit flavors and that classic zest I'm looking for: pepper, spice, even a little minty flavor on the back end. Really sings with food."

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• **Pieve Del Vescovo Piovano 2004 — \$9.99**

Gary says: "This jazzy little guy from Umbria needs 45 min to open and then POW! Loaded with classic red fruit, this wine has a funny little finish that makes you want to drink more and more... a great value."

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