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Some bargain wines deliver, others not so much

Cheap wines from Wily Jack proved that no amount of clever promotion can hide mostly uninteresting products. **On the other hand, bargains from Oak Grove show it's still possible to get a solid wine for less than 10 bucks.**

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A FEW WEEKS ago, two unrelated packages of wine arrived for sampling. Because they were priced comparably — \$8 suggested retail — and included similar varietals, all from the broad California appellation, I thought it would be interesting to taste through them all together.

The Oak Grove wines had no story, no recipes, no branding iron, no marketing gimmick. This I took to be a positive sign. Perhaps money had been invested in such things as quality grapes. The packaging, though plain, was attractive...the whole lineup was presented with clear, useful information contained on a single sheet of paper.

Included were a merlot, a shiraz, a zinfandel, a cabernet sauvignon and a petite sirah. These were really solid wines, loaded with ripe, spicy fruit, yet with none of the sweet vanilla and tobacco flavors that infuse so many inexpensive red wines. **I can honestly recommend all of them, but were I to pick just a couple I'd point you to the shiraz and zinfandel.** All are from the 2008 vintage and distributed by Unique Wine Co.



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