

## 11 Great Wines For Fall Under \$25

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“Give me juicy autumnal fruit, ripe and red,” said American poet Walt Whitman. O, but ye shall have it your way, Walt, ye shall have it. Though he was talking specifically about orchards, Whitman’s sentiment could as easily apply to grapevines. The days are getting shorter and the leaves are slowly darkening their hues. That just means its time to start drinking red, white and sparkling wines that are as weighty as they are well-priced. Fall in, people.

### **Lieb 2008 Reserve Merlot (\$22)**

**Taste:** With a little age, this wine is a steal, showing black raspberries, dried red currants and meaty character.

**Drink It With:** Homemade pizza with pesto, caramelized onions, roasted tomatoes and broccoli.

**Factoid:** Located on the North Fork of Long Island, Lieb Cellars winemaker Russell Hearn is a competitive sailor who ruffles people’s sails on the Peconic Bay when not making cooler-climate wines.

