



## Affordable Wines for Cupid on-the-Cheap



With Santa in hibernation, it's nearly time for Cupid's appearance. How do you save money while still inviting romance? Easy. Select one of this month's festive picks all priced under \$20, then add chocolates

and a kiss.

### Sexy whites:

#### **Hop Kiln "Thousand Flowers," California \$15**

Who needs flowers with this non-vintage white blend of the grape threesome: Sauvignon Blanc, Gewürztraminer, and Muscat. The off-dry melange is crisp, sassy and ideal for cooling down fiery fare.

#### **2007 Columbia Winery "Cellarmaster's" Riesling, Columbia Valley, Washington \$12**

For your sweetheart, reach for this lightly sweet wine for dinner or dessert. Overflowing with peach and floral aromas, it's delicious with spicy food, fresh fruits, or even breakfast in bed.

#### **2007 Poet's Leap Riesling, Columbia Valley, Washington \$20**

From a collaboration of Armin Diel (German wine legend) and Allen Shoup (Washington wine pioneer) this dry-style, oyster-loving white is poetry for your palate.

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#### **2007 Dan Aykroyd "Discovery Series" Chardonnay, Sonoma County, California \$20**

If your lover is a star gazer, pick up the just-launched wine from actor Aykroyd. Made by DeLoach Vineyards, its tropical fruit flavors paired with a creamy, full body will make you a "wild and crazy guy."

#### **2007 Eberle "Mill Road Vineyard" Viognier, Paso Robles, California \$20**

Viognier – a white Rhone grape variety – could rank as the sexiest white around. Combining lush texture with perfumed aromas and a kick of spice, Eberle's version is like liquid incense.

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