

# FOOD & WINE

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WINE strategies

## 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 Baccarat; Feu wallpaper by Wood Kim.*

## 4 ideal party wines

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

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**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 (\$12) This plummy, smoky red produced in the heel of Italy's boot has enough depth of flavor to serve at cocktail parties.

**4** 2005 The Magnificent Wine Company (\$10) This curranty red made by the owner of Washington state's K Vintners, is a blend of American Cabernet and lovely at

