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Good-value varietals will steal your heart

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Valentine's Day is synonymous with romance, flowers, chocolate and wine. You don't have to splurge to play Cupid, though. Whether exotically fruity or velvety smooth, this week's affordable picks are sexy wines...

If a white is on your sweetie's list, reach for an aromatic wine with a curvaceous quality. The **2003 Oak Knoll Willamette Valley Pinot Gris (\$10) from Oregon is just such a wine.** It's difficult to find an Oregon Pinot Gris in this price category, but **Oak Knoll has managed to marry quality with affordability.** Melon, ripe apple flavors and zesty acidity combine in this delicious wine.

These are the best deals The Chronicle found for this week.

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