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Wine Spectator's Top 10 Value Wines of 2025 March 19, 2026 Update Feb 25, 2026

CONTRIBUTION: \$50 per AWS-SMC Member
\$55 per Guest

MAXIMUM: 60 Tasters

HOSTS: Mimi & John Bacilek, Steve & Bonnie
Smith, Doyle & Dina Stulting

LOCATION: Yacht Club, 5th Floor

GATHER: 5:15 pm, please do not arrive earlier as
the Welcome Wine will be poured with
Opening remarks.

MEETING: 5:30 pm with the Welcome Wine & bites

BRING: 2 Wine glasses each, name tag & pen

DINNER: Details to follow

This tasting showcases 8 wines from Wine Spectator's 2025 Top 10 Value Wines published in Feb '26 as we have secured the elusive Margaux. The Committee has tasted the wines and scrutinized the "best bites" from 30 options to devise the most interesting combinations for your enjoyment. We believe that you will be equally shocked by the amazing quality of these wines for the price points, \$17-\$40 (includes shipping from Empire Wine in NY). The bites and wine pairings have been modified and are updated below.

We welcome you with **Invivo X SJP Sauvignon Blanc 2024**^{WA0, WS92, JS90} paired with whipped goat cheese and toast points followed by the wines and bites below...

- **Wente Vineyards Morning Fog Chardonnay 2023**^{WS90} with buttery popcorn
- **Michele Chiarlo Barbera d'Asti Le Orme 2023**^{WS90} with garlic-stuffed olives
- **Tenuta di Arceno Chianti Classico 2022**^{WS93, JS92} with tomato bruschetta on a toast point
- **Bodegas Muga Rioja Reserva 2021**^{WA94, JS93} with imported manchego and jamon
- **Grounded Wine Co. Cabernet Sauvignon 2023**^{WS90} with a beautiful gouda "Rosalina"
- **Château Labégorce Margaux 2020**^{RP91, JS92+} or **2022**^{WS92} gourmet prosciutto
- **Bodega Garzón Tannat Reserva 2023**^{WE90, JS91, WS91} with an aged cheddar

These selections showcase why they earned a place among Wine Spectator's **Best Values of 2025** (February 2026 issue). They are exceptional wines delivering quality and versatility!.

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Please register by March 1, 2026

By registering for this event, I recognize it is my responsibility to drink responsibly. Net Contributions are used to support the AWS Educational Scholarship Fund and Local Charities.