

WHAT YOU SHOULD BUY

HOLIDAY GIFT-GIVING

The wines and spirits which make up this list and which we suggest you buy for your holidays are offered here because they are the bottlings that have consistently won the approval of QRW tasters this year.

the past pages of QRW, Beychevelle 1985 and 1986 represent values in great Bordeaux. 1985 and 1989 vintages are receiving even greater praise. The 1986 cost about \$35.

California Cabernet Sauvignon
Beringer Private Reserve 1986. Both bottlings are widely available. Beringer is one of the best known names in the world, and wine people love



ing it. The Cab is deeply (especially the 1985), with coming and seductive bouquet and imperial finish. About \$30.

Pinot Noir

We do not look to France for suggested bottling but to California and specifically to Robert Mondavi's 1987 Pinot Noir Reserve. The very best Pinot Noir made in the region. As expected, there was production of the wine, but it is available and worth the search. Georg Reidel, the famous wine maker, said his special Burgundy glass was made for the kind of Pinot that Robert Mondavi represents. \$25.

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and subtly intricate style. Currently available is the superb 1979 vintage. \$110.

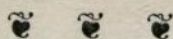
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Piper Sonoma Reserve 1982: however arguable this selection may appear to lovers of California sparkling wine, this bubbly proves to be the most consistent winner at QRW tastings. California wine with a definite French feel. \$20.

Red Bordeaux

Château Beychevelle is hardly a fourth growth classified; rather, it clearly deserves to be a "super-second." Already much praised in



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