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Forbes 2022 Holiday Gift Guide: Interesting White Wines

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The Late Harvest Gewürztraminer from Baldacci Family Vineyards is not too sweet, making it a perfect start or finish to a holiday meal. [-] BALDACCIO FAMILY VINEYARDS

Some wine bars have a cheeky category called ABC or Anything But Chardonnay, to encourage people to step outside their comfort zone. The holidays are a great time to both encourage new tastes, but also, if you have family or friends who are more adventurous, then you need to lean into their preferences.

Here's a list of interesting white wines to help in either endeavor:

[Baldacci Family Vineyards 2019 Late Harvest Gewürztraminer](#), \$35

“Late harvest wines captured my attention shortly after I settled on making bubbles,” says Michael Baldacci, director of winemaking and vineyards. “I thought a lot about how a meal is constructed and that flow, from start to finish, can be accentuated by the proper wines. Late harvest wines are unique because they can work as either the starter or the closer.” Baldacci says this particular wine is nostalgic as his father remembers sitting on his grandfather’s lap while his grandfather was drinking an off-dry Gewürztraminer. “I was interested in the challenge of creating a late harvest wine that wasn’t too sweet,” he says. “Yes, it has residual sugar, but there is also enough acidity to keep the wine from being cloying. Our version is floral and spicy with a nice mid-palate weight that isn’t too syrupy while the finish is crisp and long.”