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10 Big, Heavy Reds to Drink While You Hide Under a Blanket

As the Northeast prepares to get pummeled by freezing weekend weather, the WE staff scramble to hunt for big reds to get through it. Here's what we found.



These bottles are ready for the weekend weather / Illustration by Julia Lea

This isn't the piece we were supposed to be running on Wine Enthusiast today, but we also weren't prepared for warmer-than-usual autumn temperatures in our little corner of New York to suddenly plummet to below freezing overnight.

So on this Friday afternoon at #WEHQ, we find ourselves running around foraging like squirrels stockpiling nuts before a storm, hunting for extra bottles to bring home for the weekend. Editors' and tasters' chairs are left vacant due to the unexpected commotion, as wine racks, shelves, cardboard boxes and dark corners of our office are scoured for the biggest, heaviest reds to curl up with for the next 72 hours.

Here are 10 of our recommended finds when it comes to big, bold reds across all price points. After all, if you're going to be stuck indoors hiding from the cold all weekend, it's best to have a friend to keep you warm.

Recommended Reds to Stay Warm

Far Niente 2014 Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon (Oakville); 94 points. Sourced largely from the Martin Stelling Vineyard, this is a supple, soft wine, with refined tannins. A zippy nose of rose and spice scents paves the way for more powerful leather saddle, cedar and black tea elements. Its fruit is wild and brambly, recalling blackberry and dark cherry with enviable succulence. **Editors' Choice.** —*Virginie Boone*