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The best wines
to drink this year

Although wine today is a very different beast to wine 20 years ago, not every bottle of wine on the shelf is designed to drink well within seconds of you leaving the supermarket. Some bottles will need time to gather dust before really showing their best, and getting hold of them shouldn't cost you a fortune, or even require you to own a fancy cellar. Wine is an amazing drink, and some of it is made all the more amazing by time. So, go on, make patience your virtue this year, as these are the 20 wines well worth waiting for.

get it for...
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**Highbank Coonawarra
2003**
Coonawarra
Australia

Dennis Vice has long championed the benefits of organic viticulture, and this wine – with considerable age already under its belt – comes from the tiny, organic, Vice family vineyard on Coonawarra's famed terra rossa soil. Basket-pressing and a decent stint in fine-grained French oak has produced a nose with a confit of dark fruit, leather, and cedar, while the palate is lush and seamless with real weight and intensity. That power is matched beautifully by soft acidity and a wave of firm, drying tannin. Stick it away for a while or decant and enjoy now.

20 wines to blow the rent on

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