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Raise a Glass to Autumn

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Fall crept up on us, leaving us chilled and in the dark.

Just as we're adding layers of clothes and turning up thermostats, restaurants are filling menus with fall dishes full of root vegetables, wild game and autumnal spices.

Here's a selection of wines - priced between \$6 to \$10 per glass, \$16 to \$40 per the bottle - to take the place of summer cocktails and keep Jack Frost at bay. Sip them with a warming bowl of soup. Pair them with hearty stews, pastas and braises. Most are luscious and ripe with the smell and taste of berries, leather and earth. Rustic flavors rule.

Ridgeline Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2002: Serene yet complex, this Cabernet is the first release of a boutique winery owned by the Codorniu of Spain bunch. Lovely.