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Zippy wines enliven rainy nights

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What about a collectable Merlot for gift giving? Look for Norma Jeane. The 2005 Nova Wines Norma Jeane California Merlot (\$10) is adorned with a picture of young Marilyn Monroe and every vintage sports a different image. (A more expensive version from the same producer is dubbed Marilyn Merlot.) This Merlot is remarkably complex for the price, serving up a lush texture and deep, dark fruit flavors. After a few sips, you might not want to give it away.