

# Raise a glass to Kathie Lee with 6 wines fit for a legend

Toasting to Kathie Lee Gifford, Leslie Sbrocco and Ray Isle pay tribute to the wine-loving television legend with bottles she'll treasure.

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*Wine expert and television host, [Leslie Sbrocco](#), and [Food and Wine's Executive Wine Editor, Ray Isle](#), raise a glass to TODAY's wine-loving television legend [Kathie Lee Gifford](#) before she leaves in April. They're honoring her with six red, white and pink picks to please her palate.*



## WONDER WOMEN OF WINE

Since Kathie Lee is a female vintner herself, we chose two wines not only made by women, but also honor women in their name and labels.

## LEGENDS IN A GLASS

These two wines rank at the top of world-class Chardonnays. Wines made from the classic white grape are among Kathie Lee's favorites.

**Leslie's pick: 2016 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay, Napa Valley, California, \$58, [Montelena](#)**

When it comes to wine legends, Chateau Montelena hits the pinnacle of fame. The historic Calistoga property helped put California wine on the world wine map when it bested French Chardonnay in the famed 1976 Paris Tasting. A complex and elegant white built to enjoy now or age for up to a decade.

