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"IN"-GREDIENT

CALIFORNIA OLIVE OIL FOR LE\$\$

Yes, there are California olive oils affordable enough to cook with every day. While many artisanal olive oils from the state are so pricey that you apply them as sparingly as you would that expensive moisturizer you scored in Paris, producers are now making delicious domestic oils that are easy on the wallet. These aren't from single estates (that's why the lower cost), but they are still distinctive and pack plenty of flavor. We love these four: the balanced and buttery **DaVero "30-Weight"** (\$19; davero.com); herbal and rich **Katz & Company Kitchen Blend** (\$18; surfasonline.com); olivey and assertive **Sciabica's Manzanillo Variety Fall Harvest** (\$17; sciabica.com); and fruity and fresh **Stonehouse House Blend** (\$15; stonehouseoliveoil.com). All come in 750-ml bottles. Keep them close at hand: Everything from vinaigrettes to sautés to roasted vegetables will be the yummiest for it. —*Amy Albert*