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## Trader Joe's Mildly Spiced Vegetable Burritos

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Wandering the yuppie-packed aisles of Trader Joe's can be an intimidating experience when you only have \$150 to your name and so many tempting items at your fingertips. Tarte d'Alsace, Chicken Serenada, and Reduced Guilt Filet of Sole call my name, but it is only one that wins my affection: I turn to you, Trader Joe's Mildly Spiced Vegetable Burrito.

The true zeitgeist of the recession, these burritos appeal to my innate sense of desperation. At around \$2.50 for two burritos, you get a real bang for your buck—leaving plenty of spare change for the standard purchase of \$3 Chuck Shaw. As advertised, the burritos are mildly spiced, which adds a slight punch of color to an otherwise unfulfilling and loveless life. Don't fool yourself into believing these burritos are meant for sharing (couples don't buy microwave burritos), so come hungry!

It would probably be in your best interest to use an oven to heat up the burritos to avoid the watery mess of corn, black beans, and tomatoes. But really, who does that? Instead: open the bottle of wine, heat up the burritos to an acceptable temperature, and then start writing. You have a whole lot of soul searching to do and only 300 calories to fuel those tears until your unemployment runs out, so time to get crackin'!