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PURVEYORS OF PINOT NOIR

MOCKTAILS FOR THE NEW YEAR

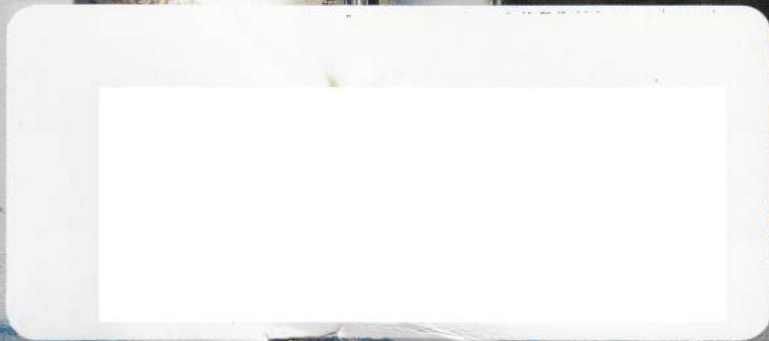
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From the exclusive to the every day, these bubbly from around the globe suit every palate and wallet.

BY THE EDITORS OF
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With high-quality sparkling wine available at every price point, there's no need to limit consumption to special events. We've assembled our tasters' favorite bubbly from \$25 or less—bottles that are ideal for casual gatherings and meals—up to the ultra-splurges destined for milestone celebrations.

No matter the reason for indulging your fizzy bliss, with this many great choices, you can't go wrong.

Cheers!

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\$51-\$100

Here, we finally reach the domaine of Champagne and its equivalents from other parts of the world: Italy's Franciacorta, English fizz and upper-end efforts from California, Oregon and Tasmania. These are complex wines, capable of accompanying multiple dishes throughout a meal.



97 Taittinger 2008 Millésimé Brut (Champagne). Crisp and rich at the same time. Drink now or age until at least 2018. Kobrand. *Cellar Selection.* abv: 13% Price: \$95



95 Billecart-Salmon NV Brut Sous Bois (Champagne). The structure of this wood-fermented and aged Champagne marks it for aging. Billecart Salmon USA. *Cellar Selection.* abv: 12% Price: \$80



94 Alfred Gratien 2004 Brut Millésimé (Champagne). Textured, mineral-driven and full of nervous energy. Mionetto USA. *Editors' Choice.* abv: 12% Price: \$90



94 Pierre Gerbais NV L'Osmose Extra Brut (Champagne). Perfumed, crisp and ready to drink. Becky Wasserman Selections. *Editors' Choice.* abv: 12% Price: \$61



94 Lombard et Cie NV Brut Nature Les Mesnil sur Oger Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru (Champagne). Zero dosage, balanced by ripe fruit. Fruit of the Vines, Inc. abv: 13% Price: \$80



93 Gusbourne Estate 2011 Brut Reserve (England). A serious, well-brought-up wine, with a straight, upright back. Broadbent Selections, Inc. abv: 12% Price: \$60

92 Frank Family 2012 Brut Rosé (Carneros). Inviting notes of peach and strawberry finish with a twist of candied orange peel. abv: 12% Price: \$55



93 Le Brun de Neuville NV Lady de N. Cuvée Clovis (Champagne). Aged for seven years before disgorging to delicious maturity. Holiday Beverage. *Editors' Choice.* abv: 12% Price: \$67

92 King Estate 2008 Blanc de Noirs (Oregon). Finely detailed Pinot Noir, with a fine bead and impressive length. *Editors' Choice.* abv: 13.5% Price: \$55



92 Apogee 2012 Deluxe Vintage Brut (Tasmania). Shows a rich, cashew character augmented by two years of aging on lees. American Estates Wines, Inc. abv: 12.5% Price: \$80

92 Ca' del Bosco 2011 Vintage Collection Brut Metodo Classico (Franciacorta). Creamy and delicious, with a silky perlage. Banville Wine Merchants. abv: 12.5% Price: \$75



92 Charles Heidsieck NV Brut Réserve (Champagne). Deliciously balanced between ripe fruit and a crisp edge. Folio Fine Wine Partners. *Editors' Choice.* abv: 12% Price: \$65