

# SPARKLING WINES – Tasting Notes

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1. TASTING NOTES: A mouthwatering Champagne, with a fine mousse, this offers juicy flavors of plum, candied grapefruit zest, ground ginger and pastry. Vibrant and expressive. Drink now through 2020.

WINE NAME: **Piper Heidsieck Brut Cuvée**

GRAPE VARIETAL(S): Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier

REGION: Champagne France

VINTAGE YEAR: NV

RATINGS:

WS-92, WE-90, W&S-90, RP-90

ALCOHOL: 12%

PRICE: \$50

COMMENTS:

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2. TASTING NOTES: A fresh, clean champagne with sliced apple, pear and lots of mineral character. Full to medium body, crisp acidity and a long finish. Lots of citrus undertones. Bright and steely. This is mostly 2009, with the remainder from reserve wines. Four years on the lees.

WINE NAME: **Henriot Brut Souverain**

GRAPE VARIETAL(S): 50% Chardonnay, 50% Pinot Noir

REGION: Champagne, France

VINTAGE YEAR: NV

RATINGS: WE-94, WW-93, WS-90, W&S-90

ALCOHOL: 12%

PRICE: \$50

COMMENTS:

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3. TASTING NOTES: A hint of toasty brioche adds subtle richness to aromatic notes of white peach, yellow apple, mandarin orange and ground spices in this juicy Champagne, which has a delicate finish.

WINE NAME: **Chateau de Bligny Blanc de Blancs**

GRAPE VARIETAL: Chardonnay

REGION: Champagne, France

VINTAGE YEAR: NV

RATINGS: WS-91, WE-90, WS-90

ALCOHOL: 12%

PRICE: \$65

COMMENTS:

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4. TASTING NOTES: Clean, light but aromatic nose - lemon, grapefruit, with a slight yeasty character. Vigorous ripe fruit flavours mingle within a gently creamy texture, balanced by crisp acidity and fine bubbles on the long, citrusy finish.

WINE NAME: **Lucien Albrecht Cremant d'Alsace Brut**

GRAPE VARIETAL(S): 100% Pinot Blanc

REGION: Alsace, France

VINTAGE YEAR: NV

RATINGS: D-92, WE-90, WW-91

ALCOHOL: 12%

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5. TASTING NOTES: Vibrant aromas of ripe peaches, pears and toasted bread with a hint of spice fill the nose. The palate is dry with a rich, creamy texture. Layers of flavor include orange rind and spice that persists through an elegant finish.

WINE NAME: **Poema Brut Cava**

GRAPE VARIETAL: Xarel-lo, Parellada, Macabeu

REGION: Penedes, Spain

VINTAGE YEAR: NV

RATINGS: no professional, but 4.2 on Wine.com

ALCOHOL: 11.5%

PRICE: \$13

COMMENTS:

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6. TASTING NOTES: opens with aromas of jasmine, orange blossom and white peach. The crisp, refreshing palate doles out green apple, Bartlett pear and white almond alongside vibrant acidity and a silky mousse.

WINE NAME: **Nino Franco Rustico Prosecco Superiore**

GRAPE VARIETAL(S): 100% Glera

REGION: Valdobbiadene, Prosecco Superiore  
DOCG, Italy

VINTAGE YEAR: NV

RATINGS: WW-91, RP-90, W&S-90, WE-90

ALCOHOL: 11%

PRICE: \$18

COMMENTS:

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7. TASTING NOTES: A pale salmon hue with integrated aromas of fresh raspberry jam and wild strawberries on a cream covered pastry base. The flavors are layered, round, fresh, fruity and long.

WINE NAME: **Scharffenberger Brut Rosé Excellence**

GRAPE VARIETAL(S): 58% Chardonnay, 42% Pinot Noir

REGION: Mendocino, California

VINTAGE YEAR: NV

RATINGS: WE-91

ALCOHOL: 12%

PRICE: \$26

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