

Sparkling wines that will make every celebratory moment shine



From France's celebrated champagne to a Spanish cava to a sweeter prosecco, a celebratory moment deserves a pop of an impressive effervescent beverage. Whether the budget is grand or more reserved, there is a bottle or two that will impress everyone at the gathering. Ready to toast to good times?

While some people might let price drive the decision or even be wooed by the pretty label, flavor should be the first point of discussion. Putting aside a **sparkling wine** that is used in conjunction with another beverage, the flavor should appeal to the person drinking it. Sweet, acidic, and fruity are all characteristics to ponder. Without humming a bar of Don Ho, tiny bubbles matter, too, since the carbonation impacts the flavor enjoyment.

Although all those factors might seem overwhelming, it should not steer people away from carefully twisting that cage to remove the cork in the bottle. Whether people never venture away from a favorite bottle or prefer to open a new sparkling wine every time, the shelf is full of many options.

A few sparkling wines that always pop with captivating flavor.

Langlois Chateau Crémant de Loire Brut

Priced under \$30, the Langlois Chateau Crémant de Loire Brut brings the elegance of a French wine yet pours at an affordable price point. At first blush, the fresh and bright citrus aromas are exciting. With the initial sip, the delicate bubbles give way to a complexity that drinkers expect from a higher price point. For a touch of sophistication, this wine cannot be beaten.

Bollinger Special Cuvée

For the discerning palate, the Bollinger Special Cuvée is the bottle to open for any special occasion. While this offering is quite complex, it has a moment where it sweeps the drinker into the history captured in every bottle. With a delicate flute in hand, sipping this champagne comes with the notion that the good life is meant to be savored. The Bollinger Special Cuvée retails for around \$95 a bottle.

Juvé + Camps Reserva de la Familia

An impressive cava, the Juvé + Camps Reserva de la Familia has a note of green tea that makes the sip invigorating. With juicy notes from the white peach, it feels fresh and inviting. Priced under \$25 is a delightful option to serve at any celebration.