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Sparkling wine is so much more than champagne. Here are other bubbles to consider.

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The bubbles rise steadily through my glass, streaming from the bottom until they fan out on the surface of the wine like fireworks bursting in a raucous celebration. It's a release — not just of carbon dioxide trapped in the wine but also frustrations pent up inside me. My weariness floats away with each sip, as the bubbles lift my spirits from a sigh to a smile.

Ah, champagne, you may say. Could be. Champagne is the ultimate fizz, synonymous with luxury and the good life. But it doesn't have to be champagne.

Closer to home, you can stick with sparkling wines made by California outposts of champagne houses such as Chandon, [Domaine Carneros](#), Roederer Estate or Mumm Napa. Or stick to homegrown labels such as Iron Horse, Schramsberg or Oregon's Argyle, among others.



There's a lot to celebrate, and many sparkling wines to celebrate with. Just let the bubbles work their magic on your mood.