

Now's The Time For Sparkling Wine; Here's What You Need To Know

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This is the most wonderful time of the year, when the sound of wine corks popping is heard everywhere you go. The last three months of the year, particularly December, are the busiest time for sparkling wine sales. About 40 percent of all sparkling wine is sold in October, November and December. Leaders in the food and beverage industry estimate Americans drink about 360 million glasses of sparkling wine on Dec. 31 alone.

The only wine that can be called Champagne is produced in the French Champagne region. It is the most popular sparkling wine in the world, but there are others, such as Cava from Spain, Prosecco from Italy, Sekt from Germany, Cap Classique from South Africa and various Crémants from French wine regions. There also are plenty of American sparklers, from the Finger Lakes region of New York to New Mexico to California.



Adami Prosecco, four versions, all of which are delicious and bargains:

NV “Garbel” Prosecco DOC Treviso Brut, \$16. Tart with a crisp, fruity finish.

NV “Bosco di Gica” Valdobbiadene DOCG Prosecco Superiore Brut, \$20. Creamy mousse, balanced and elegant. Great with fish and seafood.

NV “Dei Casel” Valdobbiadene DOCG Prosecco Superiore Extra Dry, \$20. Smooth, crisp and fruity, perfect for an aperitif.



2018 “Vigneto Giardino” Valdobbiadene DOCG Rive di Colbertaldo Asciutto, \$22. Fruit forward with a velvety mouthfeel, good food wine, perfect with a fruit salad or dessert.

Nino Franco Prosecco Rustico Valdobbiadene Superiore, \$19. Selected as the top wine for Wine Enthusiast’s Top 100 Wines for 2019.