

## ▶ Best Sparkling Wine: Domaine Carneros

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Domaine Carneros in Napa Valley is known for a few things. The impeccable grounds at their French-inspired chateau and breathtaking views of the rolling hills of the Carneros region are one, but what sets them apart from the rest—making them the best—are their exquisite sparkling wines. “Beautiful, elegant and timeless,” says Zak Miller, sparkling winemaker at the estate of its award-winning bubbles. “We use a proprietary technique that gives our sparkling wines a very fine and delicate ‘bead’ or bubble, which makes for a really nice mouth-feel,” he adds.

Founded by one of the most prestigious sparkling wine producers known around the world, Taittinger family from Champagne Taittinger, there’s no doubt Domaine Carneros is delivering some of the world’s finest.

All Domaine Carneros’ fruit is estate grown and farmed by the winemaking team. “This gives us a lot of control over the quality. Using that high-quality fruit, we produce our wines using the exacting Methode Traditionnelle technique, ascribing to the high standards of our founder the Taittinger family from Champagne Taittinger,” says Miller. “We also follow French labeling laws, which dictate that all of our vintage-dated wines have been aged for a minimum of 36 months in the bottle.”

“Domaine Carneros produces about a dozen unique sparkling wines each year,” says CEO Remi Cohen. “We’re well known for our brut wines, which are blends of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Our white label Brut is distributed and can be found in high-end restaurants and retailers. At the winery, we offer a few different Brut wines including our Estate Brut, Ultra Brut which has a lower dosage or sweetness level, Late Disgorged Brut which spends extra time aging in the bottle, and Verméil which has a slightly sweeter dosage.”

