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8 Lively U.S. Bubblics Up to 92 Points

New reviews of impressive sparklers from California, Oregon and Colorado, all priced at \$40 or less

By Tim Fish ■ Apr 5, 2021



Tasting Highlights' wine reviews are fresh out of the tasting room, offering a sneak peek of our editors' most recent scores and notes to WineSpectator.com members.

Opening a festive bottle of sparkling wine is one of the best ways to celebrate spring. But you don't have to look very far for your bubbly. This week's selection shows that there are many impressive sparklers made in the U.S., from California to Oregon and beyond. Even better, these wines all offer great value at \$40 or less.

Domaine Carneros is continuing the legacy of recently retired founder-winemaker Eileen Crane by making wines that balance rich flavors with crisp Champagne-like acidity. That's not an easy feat. The sleek and steely 2017 brut exemplifies this style with precise lemon, fresh ginger, blanched almond and strawberry notes.



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DOMAINE CARNEROS Brut Carneros 2017

92 points \$33

WS Review: Sleek and steely, with precise lemon, fresh ginger, blanched almond and strawberry flavors that build richness on a long finish. Drink now. 32,500 cases made. From California. — Tim Fish



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