

Decanter EXPERT'S CHOICE

25 great sparkling wines under £25



AS THE NIGHTS draw in, our thoughts naturally drift towards Christmas – and, as wine lovers, what we might be drinking over the festive period. It's therefore a sobering thought that most of the major retailers have already decided what they would like us to buy and exactly how they will persuade us to shop with

them, rather than their competitors.

Nowhere is this battle more fiercely fought than in the arena of sparkling wine. Once again this year, we can expect to be bombarded with 'unbeatable offers' and 'deals' that seem genuinely too good to refuse. In order to avoid the omnipresent bland, mass-produced fizz out there this Christmas, without spending a fortune, you'll need to know what to look for and where to find it.



Raventós i Blanc, L'Hereu, Catalonia, Spain 2010 17.25 (90+)

£14.99–£18.90 AG Wines, Ellis Wharton, South Downs Cellars

From its bright lemon hue to its apple blossom and green herb flavours, this is unmistakably Cava. Made from a traditional blend of Macabeo, Xarel-lo and Parellada, it is a very fine example. Although this may seem a high price to pay for Cava, it's worth every penny. Just don't waste it on a festive Bucks Fizz. **Drink** 2013–2014 **Alc** 12%