

Wine Spectator

2019 TOP VALUES

SPARKLING

Complicated to make and fun to open, sparkling wine has come a long way in delivering great quality for the price. Without compromising their rigorous production methods, vintners have grown more adept at maintaining affordability, with the traditional sparkling wine regions of Italy in particular—Prosecco, Lambrusco and Franciacorta—leading the charge when it comes to crafting high quality yet accessible versions.

90 \$15 LE COLTURE Brut Rosé Vino Spumante NV | *Italy* | A pale, pretty-in-pink rosé in an aperitif style, with a fine, satiny mousse and crisp acidity framing the floral mix of flavors. —A.N.

90 \$16 CLETO CHIARLI E FIGLI Secco Lambrusco Grasparossa di Castelvetro Vigneto Cialdini 2017 | *Italy* | A mouthwatering version, with firm acidity and appealing notes of cherry blossom, candied black raspberry and pomegranate fruit. —A.N.

90 \$22 GLORIA FERRER Blanc de Blancs Carneros NV | *California* | Graceful and polished, showing expressive green apple and lemon notes, with white chocolate hints on the lively finish. —T.F.

90 \$22 LA MONTINA Brut Franciacorta NV | *Italy* | Lightly spiced flavors of cherry and passion fruit ride the lively mousse of this balanced Franciacorta, layered with lip-smacking acidity. —A.N.

90 \$23 MUMM NAPA Brut Napa County Prestige NV | *California* | Lovely aromas of strawberry blossom and pippin apple are buoyed by snappy spice and yeasty bread flavors that glide on the finish. —T.F.

90 \$25 JOSEP MARIA RAVENTÓS I BLANC Brut Blanc de Blancs Vino Espumoso 2016 | *Spain* | Delicate aromas unravel through this elegant sparkler, which is bright and balanced, with flavors of Meyer lemon, grilled nut and white cherry. —A.N.

89 \$12 HACIENDAS MARQUÉS DE LA CONCORDIA Brut Cava Selección Especial 2015 | *Spain* | Fresh and focused, offering a lively mix of Gala apple, spring blossom and white cherry, with hints of blanched almond and ground cardamom. —A.N.

89 \$20 MIONETTO Extra Dry Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore NV | *Italy* | Elegant, with a floral overtone, showing peach skin, lemon sorbet and pickled ginger flavors married to the bright acidity. —A.N.

89 \$21 LE ROCHER DES VIOLETTES Montlouis Sur Loire Pétillant Originel 2015 | *France* | Crisp and mineral-driven, with delicate flavors of cardamom, blood orange and graham cracker. Very vibrant. —A.Z.

88 \$13 DOMAINE STE. MICHELLE Brut Columbia Valley NV | *Washington* | This snappy, vibrant sparkler offers pear, lemon and spice flavors. —T.F.