

Recommended Sparkling Wines From the United States

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
ARGYLE Extended Tirage Willamette Valley 2001 Silky and refined, with white pepper and spicy floral hints weaving through grapefruit and pineapple flavors. From Oregon.	93	\$60
MUMM NAPA DVX Napa Valley 2003 Elegant, with apple blossom and spiced ginger aromas that lead to flavors of baked pear and crème brûlée. From California.	93	\$55
ROEDERER ESTATE Brut Anderson Valley L'Ermitage 2003 Sleek yet complex, showing pear and lemon custard flavors layered with brioche and mineral. From California.	93	\$45
SCHRAMSBERG J. Schram North Coast 2004 Rich and well-structured, with bold aromas and layered flavors of baked Asian pear, ginger and toasty spice. From California.	93	\$100
DOMAINE CARNEROS Blanc de Blancs Carneros Le Rêve 2005 Blends an opulent texture with lively acidity, offering flavors of Asian pear and cinnamon spice. From California.	92	\$85
IRON HORSE Brut Green Valley of Russian River Valley X 2006 A graceful wine, with flavors of toasted almond, ginger and spicy mineral. Finishes with pinpoint crispness. From California.	92	\$50
IRON HORSE Joy! Green Valley of Russian River Valley NV 1.5L A deft blend of richness and delicacy, offering mature aromas and opulent flavors, with great length. From California.	92	\$179
SCHRAMSBERG Reserve North Coast 2003 Rich and full-bodied, with baked apple, ginger and brioche notes leading to cinnamon, cherry and vanilla spice. From California.	92	\$100
SCHRAMSBERG Rosé North Coast J. Schram 2004 Offers crisp, focused citrus and strawberry flavors that linger toward a delicate toasty vanilla finish. From California.	92	\$130
ARGYLE Brut Dundee Hills Knudsen Vineyard 2007 A lively wine, with lots of clove and nutmeg around a gentle bead of lemon curd, finishing with refinement. From Oregon.	91	\$50
SCHRAMSBERG Brut Blanc de Blancs North Coast 2008 Sleek and vibrant, with complex flavors of pear and yeasty cinnamon that linger toward the mineral finish. From California.	91	\$36
SCHRAMSBERG Brut Rosé North Coast 2008 Delicate as a feather, with rich but elegant flavors of raspberry, white chocolate and cinnamon spice. From California.	91	\$41

TOP VALUES

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ROEDERER ESTATE Brut Rosé Anderson Valley NV Lush and rich, with bright cherry and red apple aromas and crisp flavors of raspberry and cinnamon. From California.	91	\$27
DOMAINE STE. MICHELLE Luxe Columbia Valley 2005 Bright and jazzy, with pear and tangerine flavors on a tangy frame. Fine bubbles mark on the finish. From Washington.	90	\$23
GRUET Blanc de Noirs New Mexico NV Elegant and focused, with creamy vanilla and apple aromas and rich yet crisp flavors of baked pear and cinnamon bread.	90	\$14
SCHARFFENBERGER Brut Mendocino County NV Bright aromas of green apple and lime lead to vibrant flavors of citrus, anise and creamy vanilla. From California.	90	\$19

TOP VALUES (continued)

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SCHARFFENBERGER Brut Rosé Mendocino County NV Impeccably dry, with a delicate salmon hue and spicy strawberry and lime aromas. Flavors are vibrant and crisp. From California.	90	\$23
SCHRAMSBERG Brut North Coast Mirabelle NV Offers rich aromas of spicy yeast and baked apple and opulent flavors of lemon curd and Asian pear. From California.	90	\$23
DOMAINE CHANDON Brut California Classic NV Crisp and lively, with aromas of green apple, cinnamon and vanilla that lead to appealing tropical fruit and spicy anise flavors.	89	\$22
GLORIA FERRER Blanc de Noirs Carneros NV Vibrant and festive, with floral raspberry aromas and crisp apple and strawberry flavors. From California.	89	\$20
DOMAINE CHANDON Rosé California NV A crisp rosé, with strawberry and vanilla aromas and vibrant flavors of cherry, watermelon and spiced graham cracker.	88	\$22
GLORIA FERRER Brut Sonoma County Sonoma NV Floral aromas of apple and strawberry lead to crisp, easygoing citrus, cinnamon and spiced nut flavors. From California.	88	\$20
GRUET Brut Rosé New Mexico NV Delicate and lively, with floral cherry and vanilla aromas and nicely layered citrus, cinnamon and cream flavors.	88	\$14
KORBEL Brut California 2009 Sleek and vibrant, with spicy nut and tropical fruit aromas and lively lemon curd and ginger flavors.	88	\$16
KORBEL Brut Rosé California NV Soft and easy to like, offering spicy cherry and vanilla aromas that lead to slightly sweet strawberry and citrus flavors.	88	\$13
MUMM NAPA Brut Napa Valley Prestige NV Snappy and appealing for its fresh apple and lemon aromas, with ripe, juicy tropical fruit and cinnamon spice flavors. From California.	88	\$22
PIPER SONOMA Blanc de Blancs Sonoma County Select Cuvée NV A festive bubbly, with baked apple pie aromas and easygoing, zesty lemon tart and yeasty cinnamon flavors. From California.	88	\$20
BAREFOOT Bubbly Brut Cuvée Champagne California NV This crisp wine shows aromas of lemon curd and white chocolate, with vibrant flavors of baked apple and spiced nuts.	87	\$10
DOMAINE STE. MICHELLE Blanc de Blancs Columbia Valley NV Fresh and jazzy, with pineapple and spice flavors in a lively balance, with a refreshing finish. From Washington.	87	\$12
DOMAINE STE. MICHELLE Brut Columbia Valley NV This spicy sparkler delivers a bright mouthful of clove, lime and pineapple flavors, with a hint of tequila. From Washington.	87	\$12
GRUET Brut New Mexico NV Light and vibrant, offering creamy pear and tropical fruit aromas, with notes of white chocolate and anise.	87	\$14
DOMAINE STE. MICHELLE Extra Dry Columbia Valley NV Soft and slightly sweet, this features pretty pear and cream flavors, leading to a deft finish. From Washington.	86	\$12
KORBEL Chardonnay California Champagne NV Bold and juicy, with tropical fruit and spicy vanilla aromas that lead to easygoing pear and cinnamon roll flavors.	86	\$13