



Winter offers us a host of extremes - bitter cold outlined by the shimmer of frost and long nights warmed by celebration. This month's theme continues to bring joy to our celebrations while showing off the elegant contrasts of wine, pitting exuberant sparkle against brooding depth to provide you with a full range of styles to ring in your holidays with cheer!



# Elbling Sekt Brut

hild - matthiox and jonas hild

Vintage: Non-vintage

Style:

Grapes:

**Location:** Upper Mosel, Germany Sparkling White **Elbling** 

'Sekt' is the German category of sparkling wine, and Hild's expression shines like a beacon through the shadows, spotlighting the little-known but oh, so brilliant Elbling. Rooted in the limestone soil of the Paris basin, there is an evident chalky bite that evokes some of France's finest sparklers. Hild furthers the connection by using Champagne's traditional method with lees aging to create radiant effervescence and fruity depth with a gripping texture that'll make you twinkle from your nose to your toes.



### Mestres 1312 Brut Rosé

mestres - moises vergili

Vintage: 2019

**Location:** Cava > Penedes, Spain

Style: Sparkling Rosé

Grapes: Trepat, Monastrell, Pinot Noir

Crafted by a family with viticulture roots dating back to 1312, this Cava is sure to be a show-stopper at your next soirée. A cuvée of old-vine red varietals is vinified in the traditional method, sans dosage, creating a sip with gracefully persistent 'efervescencia'. The main driver here is the ribbon of bone-dry acidity that extends through the long finish, anchoring branches redolent of ripe red and black berry with pops of violet, sea shell, and almond croissant. In the glass, it is a blushing stunner that will put a glint in your eye and make your holidays merry and bright!



## Impecável

world wild wines - carlos raposo

Vintage: 2021

Location: Dão. Portugal

Style:

Grapes: Touriga Nacional

Touriga Nacional is known for its dark berry notes and is often used as a blending grape to provide depth of flavor and texture. This expression from Raposo shows impeccable (impecável!) restraint, shifting the focus of the grape's common expression from brooding intensity to rich vivacity. Bright fruit steals the show here, ushering in a flow of floral and herbal accents that elegantly outline sly mineral and viscid depth. Perfect for festive quaffing and fireside sipping!



#### Ottomani Chianti Classico

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Vintage: 2021

**Location:** Grieve > Tuscany, Italy

Style: Red

Grapes: Sangiovese

Ottomani's story began with four friends (eight hands) who set out to revive traditional winemaking practices while heeding concerns about impact on community and environment. Their take on the Italian classic is a show of intriguing complexity: vivid black fruit that evolves between layers of floral aromas and peppery accents. Despite the lack of oak, the juice is supple and anchored, ambling across the palate around turns of silty tannins and cleansing acidity. This wine shines best with a hearty winter meal but is an equally apt enrichment to a candle-lit silent night.