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## 8 Sparkling Wines for New Year's Eve

When the clock strikes midnight, pop open one of these bottles of bubbly.

### For a BYOB Bash

Italian **Zardetto Prosecco Brut** is a crowd-pleaser. Fresh and lively with just a hint of sweetness, it has a fruity taste and a tangy, slightly mineral finish. It goes as well with prosciutto and oil-cured olives as it does with takeout Thai.

To buy: \$13, [astorwines.com](http://astorwines.com).



Zardetto Prosecco

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### For a Night in With Friends

Spanish sparkler **Poema Cava Brut** has an Old World soul: You can taste the stony soil in its tiny bubbles, but they're wrapped in green apple, bright lemon, and white peach flavors. Made in the expensive Champagne tradition (the second fermentation that produces the bubbles happens right in the bottle, not a big tank), Cava is the real deal. Serve it with these festive [Spanish appetizers](#).



**To buy:** \$11, [binnys.com](http://binnys.com).

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Poema Cava

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**For a Party of Two**

Deutz

When you're ready to splurge, make it real

Champagne. **Deutz Brut Classic**

**Champagne** is vibrant and creamy—full of gentle lemon blossoms, pears, hints of stone fruit, and a touch of caramel apple. Delicious with [crab](#) or [shrimp](#).

**To buy:** \$40, [binnys.com](http://binnys.com).

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**For Neighborhood Cocktails**

Gruet Wines

**Gruet Blanc de Noirs**, a delicious pale pink

wine from New Mexico(!), dances with the

flavors of wild strawberries, bright cherries, and creamy citrus. Grapefruit and intriguing herbs give it a tiny edge, making it a lively match for hors d'oeuvres like [chicken skewers](#) and [baked Camembert](#).

**To buy:** \$14, [astorwines.com](http://astorwines.com).

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**For a Dinner Party**

Gloria Ferrer Winery

Gorgeous **Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Noirs**

from Sonoma, California—packed with notes

of tart red raspberry and cranberries—does well by everything from [glazed ham](#) to [roast beef](#).

**To buy:** \$16, [binnys.com](http://binnys.com).

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**For the Limo**

Roederer Estate

Super-fizzy California l  
cherries, lemon, lime, .  
forget to pack some [sn](#)

vors of spicy sour

**To buy:** \$21, [budgetb](#)

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#### **For a Black Tie Affair**

**Louis Roederer Carte**

**Champagne NV** is an elegant wine. On top of Champagne's signature toasty brioche notes, you'll find beautiful florals, herbs, and citrus blossoms. Pairs perfectly with caviar or sushi.

**To buy:** \$40, [allcorkedup.com](#).

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#### **For a New Year's Day Brunch**

A great breakfast bubbly should be inexpensive enough to mix with a splash of OJ but tasty enough to sip on its own. **Charles de Fere Cuvee Jean-Louis Blanc de Blancs Brut** fills the bill with notes of apples, zippy lemon, and lush melon. A happy match for [scrambled eggs](#) in any form.

**To buy:** \$12, [grandwinecellar.com](#).

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