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quality, reasonably priced sparklers being produced in France outside the region of Champagne and in Spain, Italy, Germany, the United States and several other countries as well.

I am convinced that French champagne, British Bourbon—duplicated in nature and role

in its production as the human beings who have spent over 300 years developing the complex, laborious method by which it is made. Nor do I believe that the popularity of authentic bubbly will ever diminish for those who demand and are willing to pay for the ultimate in drinking. But it is true that today millions of enthusiasts are learning about Brut Royal and Boyer Brut Blanc de Blancs from France's Jura and

A Selective Guide To the Best SPARKLING WINES

Most of the following sparkling wines, listed by country of production, represent today's best alternatives (in terms of price) to French champagne. Although all are now available on the American market, most wine stores stock only a small number, which means you may have to shop around to find the exact label you might want to try. Also, the prices indicated are approximate and can vary a dollar or so from one area of the country to the next. The relatively expensive sparklers marked with an asterisk are included because they are some of the finest sparkling wines being made outside the Champagne district of France and are priced accordingly. Quite often these premium wines cost more than the genuine non-vintage French champagnes that are discounted in many wine shops.

FRANCE

Aigle d'Or Brut	\$ 5.00
Aimé Boucher	\$ 5.00
Alain Longchamps Coteau d'Aix en Provence	\$ 4.00
Bouvet Brut	\$10.00
Boyer Brut	\$ 8.00
Blanc de Blancs	\$ 8.00
Brut Royale	\$ 5.00
Finette Brut Blanc de Blancs	\$ 8.00
Grandin Brut	\$ 6.00
Varichon et Clerc	\$ 8.00
Blanc de Blancs	\$ 8.00
Veuve Amiot	

SPAIN

Castellblanch Brut Zero	\$ 6.00
Codorniu Blanc de Blancs	\$ 8.00
Delapierre Etiqueta Negra	\$ 6.00
Freixenet Cordon Negro Brut	\$ 7.00
Gran Codorniu	\$ 8.00
Montserrrat Blanc de Blancs	\$ 5.00
Paul Cheneau Blanc de Blancs	\$ 6.00
Rondel Brut	\$ 6.00
René Barbier Brut	\$ 4.00
Blanc de Blancs	\$ 5.00
Segura Viudas Brut	

ITALY

Antinori Brut Nature	\$12.50
Bersano Asti Spumante	\$ 8.00
Ca' del Bosco Brut*	\$20.00
Cavit Brut di Brut	\$ 8.00
Cinzano Asti Spumante	\$11.00
Fontanafredda	\$ 9.00
Asti Spumante	\$ 8.00
Gancia Asti Spumante	\$10.00
Gancia Pinot di Pinot	\$ 6.50
Mirafiore Asti Spumante	\$13.00
Venegazzu Brut	\$ 7.00
Vibosa Asti Spumante	

GERMANY

Fürst von Metternich	\$ 9.00
Riesling Sekt	\$10.00
Henkell Sekt Extra Dry	\$10.00
Kupferberg Riesling Brut	
Leonard Kreusch	
Ockfener Bockstein	\$ 6.00
Sekt	
Prince von Metternich	\$11.00
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in America, producers in Italy are working hard to develop a style of sparkling wine that might compete with French champagne at much lower cost, but until that time arrives, consumers unwilling to pay the price for premium Brut spumanti (Ca' del Bosco, possibly the finest of the Italian sparklers, is at least \$20 a bottle) would be wise to begin sampling the readily available, inexpensive Asti spumanti of such reliable large producers as Antinori, Bersano, Cinzano and Gancia.

As the American fascination with sparkling wines intensifies, it seems there's hardly any wine-producing nation that is not

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Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs*	\$16.00
Shadow Creek Brut	\$11.50
Sebastiani Brut 3-Star Reserve	\$12.50
New York	
Benmarl Cuvée du Vigneron	\$10.00
Gold Seal Blanc de Blancs	\$11.00
Washington	
Chateau Ste. Michelle Blanc de Noir Brut*	\$21.00
Michigan	
Warner Vidal Blanc Naturel	\$ 7.00

