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12 Sparkling Wines We're Loving This Summer

Look for these great casual sparklers for sunny-day sipping.

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When thoughts turn in June to lounging by the pool or kicking back at a picnic, it's time for bubbles that feel just as relaxed as you are. Because, really, when you're in a bathing suit, shades on, do you really want to ponder the intricacies of a tête de cuvée Champagne? (Plus, pouring a \$150 bottle into a plastic cup does feel a little weird.) Instead, head toward sparkling wines from California, from France's Loire Valley and Languedoc, and, of course, from Italy-particularly the latter, right now, if pink is your pleasure.



2017 Domaine Carneros Brut Cuvée (\$37)

This graceful, brioche-scented bottling from a top California producer isn't inexpensive-but it can easily go head-to-head with much pricier Champagnes.



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