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The Guide to the Good Life

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The Top Sparkling Wines in the U.S.

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Not only does our list showcase the best California has to offer but we're featuring wines from regions including the Finger Lakes, Long Island and even Michigan. You might be surprised to discover the depth of talent the American sparkling wine industry has to offer.

1. 2011 Domaine Carneros Le Rêve Blanc de Blancs

After our introduction, it might come as a surprise that the first wine on our list comes from the Champagne house of Taittinger. Domaine Carneros is the famed Champagne producer's American winery. Although the house may have been started by the French, Le Rêve, as well as all the Domaine Carneros sparkling wines, is made by American winemaker Eileen Crane.

It's easy to see why the 2011 tops our list of the Best American Sparkling Wines. Aromas of white flowers, fresh-squeezed lemon and a hint of smoke will intrigue you. On the palate, this wine is intense. Honey, crème fraîche and citrus hit your palate with great weight. Toward the finish it evolves to vanilla flan, which lingers deliciously with great length.



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