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There's a Champagne Shortage but Here's How You Can Still Get Some Bubbly for the Holidays

Sparkling wine fans: start shopping now!

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Bad news for Champagne fans—there may be a shortage of your favorite festive fizz, just as we're entering prime season for celebrating with sparkling wine. You can blame it all on a decrease in French Champagne production due to the pandemic and some crop-damaging weather, coupled with the same supply chain woes that have created hiccups in your holiday shopping. And the import slowdown may impact other favorite sparkling wines, like Cava from Spain and prosecco from Italy, creating a gap in the market.

Fortunately, with a little strategizing, you can still get your sparkle on this holiday season. Try these tips to make sure there's plenty of bubbly for toasting from Thanksgiving all the way into 2022.

Think domestic

Get around the sticky import issues with something homegrown. "There are certainly great domestic sparkling wines to explore—including some that are produced in California by famous Champagne houses," Edmondson says. "**Domaine Carneros**, owned by Taittinger, Mumm Napa, and Roederer Estate are three examples that are widely available."

