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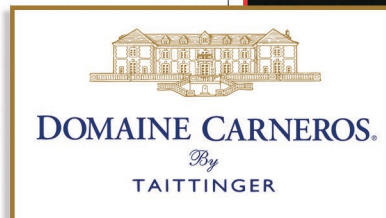
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WINE FOCUS

Pop Culture

U.S. sparkling wine houses offer delicious bubbly for the holidays

BY TIM FISH



"I have reviewed nearly 100 sparkling wines in blind tastings at our Napa office since my previous report December 2019....more than half of them received outstanding scores of 90 points or higher."

"The **Domaine Carneros Blanc de Blancs Carneros Le Reve** is consistently among California's top sparkling wines and the 2013 (94, \$120) continues the tradition established by founding winemaker Eileen Crane, who retired this year. The Chardonnay-based *tete de cuvee* is luxurious, yet structured, with notes of roasted hazelnut, fresh ginger and cinnamon roll."

DOMAINE CARNEROS Blanc de Blancs Carneros Le Rêve 2013 94
Luxurious yet structured, with hazelnut, ginger and cinnamon roll aromas opening to flavors of baked apple, lemon tart and mineral. **\$120**



CALIFORNIA Sparkling



94 Domaine Carneros Blanc de Blancs Carneros Le Rêve 2013 \$120 Luxurious yet structured, with roasted hazelnut, fresh ginger and cinnamon roll aromas opening to plush and vibrant baked apple, lemon tart and mineral flavors that play out on the long finish. Drink now through 2021. 850 cases made.—T.F.

93 Domaine Carneros Brut Carneros 2016 \$33 Vibrant and refined, with elegantly rich Asian pear, brioche and strawberry blossom accents that take on polish and richness on the lingering finish. Drink now through 2022. 30,660 cases made.—T.F.



93 Domaine Carneros Brut Carneros Estate 2015 \$36 Stylish and richly structured yet impeccably refined, with lovely Asian pear, cherry, toasted brioche and ginger flavors that form a tight beam of refreshing acidity on the finish. Drink now. 5,100 cases made.—T.F.



93 Domaine Carneros Brut Carneros Ultra 2015 \$46 Refined and steely, yet buoyed by a core of rich and polished fruit, offering pippin apple, blanched almond and fresh ginger flavors that build toward the mineral finish. Drink now. 2,450 cases made.—T.F.



93 Domaine Carneros Brut Rosé Carneros 2016 \$44 Refined yet festive, offering gorgeous aromas of rose petal, strawberry and watermelon that lead to crisp, steely flavors, with a hint of graham cracker on the long, lingering finish. Drink now. 7,160 cases made.—T.F.

