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*I have three passions: wine, cycling, travel, family, and math.*



## Top Sparkling Samples of 2020

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Today is the fourth post where I reflect on many of the great wines that I was fortunate enough to taste over the course of 2020. Today, it seems a bit appropriate to list the top ten sparkling wines that I received as samples this past year. While the year was certainly trying in many ways, I have to say that it was quite possibly loaded with the best group of sparkling wine samples in the nine years that I have been authoring this blog.

*The first wine on the list is a Prosecco Superiore from Italy. If you would have told me nine years ago that one of my top sparkling wines of any year was going to be a Prosecco, I would have told you that you were full of, well, la merda. Thanks in a very large part to the great people at Nino Franco, I came to learn that there is a huge difference between the much lower production Prosecco DOCG (often labeled as "superiore") and the ubiquitous Prosecco DOC.*



### **2019 Adami Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut Col Credas Rive di Farra di Soligo DOCG Extra Dry, Italy:**

Retail \$24. 100% Glera. From one of the 43 prestigious Rives in the appellation and vinified to the Extra Brut level (4 g/l). More tree fruit (peach and pear) than citrus (but there is some of both lemon and lime) on the nose. The palate is quite dry, really dry, and fantastic. That pear and citrus lead off, followed by a near-searing tartness that coats the mouth and causes gallons of saliva to be produced almost instantly. If there ever was a food-friendly wine, this is it, my friends. Delicious.

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