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United States of Bubbly

The latest releases from domestic producers offer plenty of holiday cheer

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CALIFORNIA **—**

DOMAINE CARNEROS

You can almost guess the house style when you spy this winery among the rolling hills of Carneros, in Napa County. Inspired by the 18th-century châteaus of Champagne, the architecture reflects the sparkling wine: elegant, refined and true to tradition. Champagne Taittinger, with partner Kobrand, established this California outpost in 1987. Founding winemaker and CEO Eileen Crane set the direction, and this year longtime assistant Zak Miller takes the lead. Most of the fruit comes from estate vineyards, which are certified organic.

DOMAINE CARNEROS
Blanc de Blancs
Carneros Le Rêve 2012
Focused and structured,

with vibrant apple and Asian pear flavors. \$115





DOMAINE CARNEROS
Brut Rosé Carneros Cuvée
de la Pompadour NV
Vibrant, with strawberry
blossom, peach and spicy
cinnamon flavors. \$37

