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A trio of sparkling wines for less than \$25 a pop



GREAT VALUE

There are high-quality sparkling wines made around the world, at a variety of price points. No matter your budget this year, you'll be able to celebrate the holidays in style. Here are three that will get your party started.

Juvé & Camps Reserva de la Familia Gran Reserva Cava Brut Nature 2017

★★★★ (3.5 stars)

Penedes, Spain, \$24

Key words to note on the label: Brut nature means no dosage of sweetness is added when the wine is finished, so we have a bone-dry bubbly meant to showcase the fruit. Gran reserva indicates this wine was aged on its lees for at least 30 months to develop complexity — Juvé & Camps ages its gran reserva more than 36 months. The vintage year indicates this is not a multi-vintage blend intended to showcase a house style; rather, it is meant to express the vintage. There is no disgorgement date — information I appreciate seeing on a label — to give us an indication of how long the wine aged, but we have enough to know this is a high-end cava with a very modest price tag. Impeccably balanced, the wine offers scintillating berry and currant flavors with a lush texture and vibrant acidity that will invigorate your palate with every sip. ABV: 12 percent.

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