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The Best Champagne for Every Budget

Pop a bottle of bubbly and celebrate summer!

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Choosing the right bottle of champagne for a special occasion can be daunting, especially if you don't know exactly what you're looking for. Instead of digging through countless bottles on the shelves at our local liquor store, we went straight to the expert. We sat down with Michael Hildbold, wine educator at [Elevage Fine Wine Services](#), to find out about the best picks for any price point. With Michael's guidance, you'll have the perfect bottle in-hand for any bridal shower, graduation party, or special occasion this summer. Cheers!

JCB No. 69 Cremant de Bourgogne Rosé Sparkling Wine



\$25, [amazon.com](#)

Budget: \$30 and Under

Technically, only sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France can be classified as "champagne" on the label. Even though this option is produced in Burgundy, it's still a delicious sparkling wine. It's produced by blending still Pinot Noir with a sparkling white wine (called Blanc de Noirs) to create a bubbly rosé.

Hildbold says he tastes "fresh strawberries and raspberries with a touch of baking bread." He adds that this bottle is a "great value for the money."

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