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Vintage Sparklers

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For the 2012 edition of our annual Holiday Sparkling Wine Tasting at gastropub Waterloo & City in Los Angeles, we invited producers from France, Italy and the U.S. to show us their best vintage-dated bubbliies. These wines are drinking beautifully now, but most are candidates for further cellaring. Here are my notes.

Billecart-Salmon 2004 Brut Champagne, France (\$100) Dry and crisp with firm minerals and elegant texture; fresh and balanced. **91**
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Boisset 2006 JCB #39, Burgundy, France (\$60) Tangy and clean with minerals, lively acidity and generous fruit flavors; charming and long. **91**
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Boisset 2007 JCB #9, Green Valley of the Russian River Valley (\$48) Rich and deep with burnished, ripe fruit and a long finish; balanced and generous. **90**
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Boisset 2006 JCB #65, Burgundy, France (\$60) Minerally and juicy with ripe fruit and a long, dense finish; balanced and fresh. **90**
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Delamotte Père & Fils 2002 Blanc de Blancs, Champagne, France (\$95) Bright and juicy, crisp and elegant style; fresh and brilliant with refined texture and a long finish. **93**
WILSON DANIELS

Domaine Carneros 2008 Napa Valley (\$27) Full, ripe and juicy with clean, smooth, simple flavors; bright and rounded with lots of style. **90**
KOBRAND

Ferrari 2006 Perlé Metodo Classico, Trento, Italy (\$35) Bright and juicy with minerals and fresh, tangy fruit; long, balanced, refined and quite charming. **91**



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Nicolas Feuillatte 2004 Millésimé Brut, Champagne, France (\$46) Ripe and rich with smooth, dense fruit and a long finish; minerally, long and balanced. **90**

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Frank Family Vineyards 2008 Napa Valley (\$45) Dense and meaty with smooth texture and ripe Chardonnay flavors; clean and balanced. **89**



Paul Goerg 2002 Brut, Champagne, France (\$40) A discovery: ripe, juicy and balanced with mature fruit and firm structure; rich and stylish. **91**
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Paul Goerg 2000 Brut, Champagne, France (\$95) Smooth and ripe with fresh, tangy fruit and good balance; elegant, lively and long. **92**

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