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4 delicious sparkling wines for \$25 or under

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'Tis the season to toast, and get a little toasted. The holiday season is here, a new year is upon us and there is no better way to celebrate than to pop open a bottle of bubbles.

To me, sparkling wines are the perfect drink to celebrate the season: they are dry, crisp, and bubbly! I love all things sparkling wines: champagne, cava, prosecco, you name it. They are all delicious. And the best part? There are some amazing wine producers who are serving great glasses of sparkling for less. Champagne and other sparkling wines may look and taste expensive, but it doesn't have to actually be expensive.

Here, I count down my favorite sparklings under \$25 -- just in time for you to count down to the new year.



▣ Haute Couture Rose

This is a great wine from France, but isn't technically a champagne, because it's not from the Champagne region. But we don't have to get into all of that technical mumbo jumbo, not when you've got an elegant pink glass of sparkling in front of you. This wine has a hint of lingering sweetness on the palate, it's creamy and rich, with flavors of tart cherry and raspberry. You can pick it up at local wine stores for **\$24.99**. Gift it to a friend, or keep it for yourself -- whatever you do, just enjoy!



▣ JCB #21 Brut

I've talked about JCB wines before, as they are some of my favorite sparkling wines out there. They are rich and complex, extremely well-produced, and the price is always reasonable for the product. This is a brut, which means it's dry. I love dry glasses of sparkling because they can be sipped all night long without the terrible sugar hangover the next day. This sleek bottle is filled to the brim with flavors of almond and fresh flowers. It's crisp, sophisticated and only **\$19.99**.