

WINE ENTHUSIAST

Expert Super Bowl Party Tips

No matter which team wins, no fan will leave hungry—or thirsty.

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On February 7, the NFL will host the landmark Super Bowl 50 (minus the fancy Roman numerals this year). Dubbed the Golden Super Bowl because of the anniversary (you may have noticed the gold 50-yard-line numbers used this season), it's also being played in the Golden State—Santa Clara, to be exact. It's the perfect opportunity to invite some of your favorite friends over, pull together an assortment of California wines and throw a Super Bowl party that everyone will be talking about for the next 50 years.

Kick Off

Get the party started by offering your guests a glass of their favorite California wine. A sparkling wine always sets a festive mood—[J Vineyards' NV Cuvée 20 Brut](#) is a terrific choice. Cover all your bases (yeah, we know, wrong sport) by serving Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon, all from the Golden State. Look for bottles like [Dry Creek Vineyard's Sauvignon Blanc](#), [Buena Vista's Carneros Chardonnay](#), and [Firestone's Cabernet Sauvignon](#) from Santa Ynez Valley. For a lighter red, our draft pick is [The Calling's Pinot Noir](#): Jim Nantz, who will call the game for CBS, is a co-owner of the brand.