

The Good Life | **WORLD OF WINE** } By Denman Moody, author, *The Advanced Oenophile*

## Sparkling, White and Rosé Wines

All winners for summer sipping



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### SPARKLING:

In a recent tasting of the Gloria Ferrer line (products of Frixenet, one of the largest producers of sparkling wine in the world), the following are all recommended:

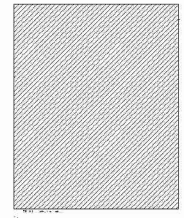
- ❖ **Gloria Ferrer Sonoma Brut** — \$19.99
- ❖ **Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Noirs** — \$19.99
- ❖ **Gloria Ferrer Brut Anniversary Cuvée 2010** — \$35

### WHITE:

- ❖ **Ruffino Lumina Pinot Grigio 2016** — A steal at \$9.99
- ❖ **Noble Vines Chardonnay Block 446 Monterey County 2016** — From Z. Alexander Brown. \$11.99
- ❖ **Z. Alexander Brown Sauvignon Blanc North Coast 2017** — Underpriced at \$12
- ❖ **Friends Sonoma County White Wine Blend 2017** — Sauvignon Blanc and Gewurztraminer. \$12
- ❖ **Oyster Bay Pinot Gris Hawke's Bay 2017** — Rich and invigorating. \$14

- ❖ **Oyster Bay Chardonnay Marlborough 2016** — Elegant and assertive. \$14
- ❖ **Z. Alexander Brown Chardonnay Santa Lucia Highlands 2016** — A bargain at \$15
- ❖ **Justin Sauvignon Blanc Central Coast 2017** — Try with grilled shrimp marinated in olive oil, salt, pepper and lemon juice, with oregano. \$15
- ❖ **Ron Rubin Pinot Gris Russian River Valley 2016** — Balanced and flavorful. \$16
- ❖ **Scott Family Estate Chardonnay Monterey Arroyo Seco 2016** — Heralded family winery. \$18
- ❖ **Imagery Sauvignon Blanc California 2017** — Unusually good for a "California" appellation. \$18.99
- ❖ **J. Lohr Chardonnay Arroyo Vista**

- 2015** — From best winery at last Houston Rodeo competition. \$20
- ❖ **DeLoach Chardonnay Russian River Valley 2015** — From [Jean-Charles Boisset](#). \$22
- ❖ **Provenance Chardonnay Napa Valley Carneros 2016** — Excellent balance of acidity and fruit. \$25
- ❖ **Ladera Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2017** — Beautiful hillside fruit shows through. \$28
- ❖ **Duckhorn Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2017** — One of the standard bearers. \$30
- ❖ **MacRostie Chardonnay Sonoma Coast 2016** — Elegance. \$35
- ❖ **Groth Chardonnay Hillview Vineyard Napa Valley 2016** — Excellent reputation, excellent wine. \$35
- ❖ **Jordan Chardonnay Russian River**



**Valley 2016** — Try with chicken pasta with cream sauce. Yum! \$35

❖ **Chappellet Chardonnay Napa**

**Valley 2016** — Just gets better every year. \$35

❖ **Duckhorn Chardonnay Napa Valley**

**2016** — Here is a rich, ripe, \$35 Chardonnay you can serve blind with a \$150-\$300 White Burgundy and see what happens. Serve the Duckhorn first. \$35

❖ **Etude Chardonnay Grace Benoist**

**Ranch 2016** — Lovely. \$41

❖ **Chalk Hill Estate Chardonnay 2015**

— Elegant with citrus and vanilla flavors. \$42

❖ **Migration Chardonnay Sonoma**

**Coast Charles Heintz Vineyard 2016** — Only 200 cases. \$56

❖ **Sea Smoke Chardonnay Sta. Rita**

**Hills 2015** — Brioche, peach and honey-suckle. Perfect with red snapper topped with crabmeat! \$60

**ROSE:**

❖ **Chateau Cornut Rosé Costieres de**

**Nîmes 2016** — Mostly Grenache with Syrah. \$8.99

❖ **Noble Vines Rosé 2016** —

Mostly Syrah with Grenache. \$11.99

❖ **E. Guigal Cotes-du-Rhone Rosé**

**2017** — Nice balance of fruit and acidity. \$14

❖ **Klinkerbrick Bricks and Roses Rosé**

**2017** — Southern Rhone look-alike. \$15

❖ **Lange Twins Sangiovese Rosé**

**2017** — One of my wife's favorites. \$15

❖ **SAVED Magic Maker Rosé 2017** —

**100% Grenache.** — Mystical

bottle design. \$15

❖ **Julia's Dazzle Rosé of Pinot Grigio**

**Columbia Valley** — Wonderful and different. \$19.99

❖ **Justin Rosé Central Coast 2017** —

Syrah, Cab, Pinot Gris and Viognier. Unique. \$20

❖ **Rodney Strong Rosé of Pinot Noir**

**Russian River Valley 2017** — First effort. Big winner. \$25

❖ **Miner Rosato 2017** — Sangiovese using traditional Provence method. \$26

❖ **Stewart Rosé Sonoma Mountain**

**2017** — Only 168 cases produced. \$28

❖ **Ladera Rosé Napa Valley 2017** —

One of the best Malbec rosés produced. \$30●