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# THE **SPLENDID** TABLE

## Champagne alternatives: bubbles that won't burst your budget



Some of us are easy pushovers for a glass of bubbly. It's an instant lift. It's an instant celebration. While we would happily drink it in July with hot dogs, the holidays are the real season for popping corks. However, a top-notch champagne can break a holiday budget. To avoid that from happening, we asked [Wine Folly blogger/author](#) and wine expert Madeline Puckette to point us toward inexpensive champagne alternatives. See Puckette's recommended list below interview.

### **Madeline Puckette's favorite champagne alternatives:**

- Cava: Giro Ribot, Dibon, Mas Codina, Raventos
- Cap Classique: Anura, Graham Beck, Colmant,
- Crémant: Albert Bichot, Bailly-Lapierre, Louis Bouillot
- Sekt: Nigl (Austria), Robert Weil, Von-Winning