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Wine Guy: Getting bubbly for the holidays

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Not going to lie, 2021 ended up bringing all the feels.

We may have thought 2020 made for an unprecedented year, but looking back — well, let's just say 2021 continued the trend in proving extraordinary. Given the circumstances, the only proper way to see the year off would seem to be by focusing its final days on sparkling wine.

May you find chance to toast, salute, or reflect upon 2021 in your own meaningful way.



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Louis Bouillot Perle d'Aurore Brut Rosé, France (\$24.99 on sale until Jan. 1, #494856)

Another pink sparkler? Why yes indeed, and why not. After all, the traditional holiday-themed red and white colours make pink, and if only one bottle is on the holiday table it's wise to default to pink. When talking French sparkling wines the obvious default is Champagne, but the reality for most is the price tag of Champagne makes for a non-starter. Not to worry, head to Crémant country. Crémant de Bourgogne — or Burgundy — in this example. A salmon-hued, Pinot Noir-predominant sparkler, Perle d'Aurore shines with crushed berry and vanilla aromas and features bracing acidity and a round fruit overall. In short, it's a tart, juicy, and robust sparkler ready for the holidays.

Bottom line: B+, Fun and festive