

## A Wine Writer's Top Ten Rosé Champagnes And Sparkling Wines

Valentine's Day also happens to be my birthday, which has worked out nicely for my husband who enjoys a two-for-one holiday/birthday combo, but he gets no leeway on the wine—it must always be rosé Champagne or sparkling. Rather than dine out on Valentine's Day (too crazy) we stock up on great ingredients and cook a fine meal at home. The only requirement is that pink bubbles be present before, during and after the meal. Celebrations always call for bubbly, but I would argue that we should have bubbly in our lives as often as possible and make a point of celebrating the gift of every day. So, stock up and plan to make an ordinary night at home something special.

**Bollinger Rosé:** Bollinger makes one of my favorite rose expressions. I just love the wine's palate of fresh-cut wild strawberries laced with a bit of rose petal. The mousse-like mouthfeel brings to mind lemon cream and brioche. Bollinger is a very pinot noir-focused Domaine and this rosep is no exception. It's the total package of polish, balance and freshness.