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FOOD AND DRINK

These 6 beautiful wines make excellent hosting gifts



That bottle you take to a party is always a little thank-you for the invitation, a gift, of course. So choose something they'll be excited to open when life finally hands them a quiet moment. Here are six [great wines](#) that do that beautifully at a range of price points. Each one feels considered, not grabbed on the way.



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NV J. de Villebois Crémant de Loire Collection 1180 Méthode Traditionnelle Brut, France



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Score 90

(LCBO 43693, \$20.75)

The sparkling blend of Chenin Blanc, Cabernet Franc and Chardonnay, dressed in a handsome label, shines like sunlit straw in the glass. The nose is all lemon curd on toast, roasted chestnuts and stones after a rain — just immediately engaging. Then, the attack is bright and bracing yet creamy-nutty, too, giving real generosity to each sip. Flavours call to mind toasted almonds, vanilla bean, orange peel and sweet cream before receding. Long, poised, impressive bubbly that would be a pleasure to receive. (12.5% alc., 10 g/L sugar)