

sparkling

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**£13.50** 11.5% alc.

3 bottles **£12.50** 6 bottles **£11.50**

**Prosecco Extra Dry Col Vectoraz NV**

If Champagne is the King of Bubbles, then Prosecco is its Prince Charming. Delectably soft and seductive, this example from Col Vectoraz calls itself 'extra dry', but that's just a helpful misnomer adopted by the local authorities to throw consumers into a ball of confusion, because any Prosecco labelled as such is actually 'off-dry'. No doubt, they are the same sort of people who classify Sarah Brightman albums under 'Easy Listening'. This is a fully sparkling Prosecco with a delicately floral aroma of pear blossom and gentle white peach and apple notes on the palate. Creamy, soft and refreshing, it's a fabulous aperitif.



This is Italy's top Prosecco, you must try it

**£29.00** 12% alc.

**Nyetimber Brut Blanc de Blancs, West Sussex 2001**

You know when you lean too far back in your chair and you reach that serene moment when you are momentarily weightless before surrendering to the sweet inevitability of crashing to the floor? Well there's an element of that dynamic tension in this sparkling wine, which teeters precariously between ripeness and acidity, but it holds its balance absolutely perfectly. This gives the wine its wonderful poise, bringing freshness and verve to the notes of jasmine, baked apple and warm biscuit, which have emerged thanks to the time spent in bottle. Very, very long and elegant. A worthy alternative to vintage Champagne.



**£24.00** 3 bottles (€23) **SAVE £3** 6 bottles (€21) **SAVE £18** 12% alc.



**Champagne Eric Lemaire Cuvée Privège**

Hello, Robin here. This is the kind of wine that makes us feel our worth as wine merchants. We'd so much rather find this than offer a famous brand at a discounted rate, and we'd so much rather drink it. It feels real to drink, you can sense the soul of the wine. The aroma has a touch of coconut macaroon and fabulous ripe fruit but it's the palate that most impresses with its very noticeable thick creamy texture. It's just so gorgeous, and on the edges it has a lovely wisp of sherbet. We don't believe you can enjoy a Champagne much more at any price. Eric Lemaire is a family domaine with a small production based in the village of Damery, just to

**brilliant new find**

the west of Epervay. There will never be that much that we can bring over to the UK. One proviso – the label. You should know that my colleagues have unanimously declared the label an abomination. The thing is if our primary concern wasn't what's in the bottle but what's on the label we wouldn't be Swig, and this Champagne wouldn't have made it out of the shop on to my holiday dinner table or on to this page. And I'm very glad it has. It's amazing.

**£30.00** 3 bottles (€27.50) **SAVE £7.50** 6 bottles (€25) **SAVE £30**

**Champagne 'Cuvée des Ambassadeurs' Comte Audoine de Dampierre NV 12.5% alc.**

This is our 'house champagne' and it couldn't have a better name. It has been our ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary for nearly a decade now, representing us in the most magnificent way. We have put it forward as a delegate in blind tastings against the grandes marques and it has never let us down. We regularly served it as the apéritif at our own tastings and it never fails to lubricate the wheels of social intercourse, winning people over with its combination of richness and elegance. It is made from 50% Premier Cru Chardonnay and 50% Premier Cru Pinot Noir matured for approximately four years before release.

