



SPARKLING WINES

The sparkling wine category grows every year in Alberta with the addition of new producers of Crémant, Pét-Nat, Cava, and Champagne being seemingly endless. British Columbia has joined the world's love of bubbles and we see more sparkling wines from the province reaching our shelves. Lots of press over the past year regarding Champagne shortages, and while the blue-chip names are a little absent from market at present there is a heap of excellent producers available now. Our top entry this year is Deutz Brut Classic, a stalwart in Champagne delivering a consistently delicious glass of bubbles throughout their range. *Brad Royale*

BEST IN CLASS

CHAMPAGNE DEUTZ NV AY BRUT CLASSIC CHAMPAGNE

France
\$61-65 CSCP 56358



JUDGES SELECTION



Nicolas Feuillatte NV Reserve Exclusive Brut Champagne France
\$60-65 CSCP 500397



Chic Barcelona NV Brut Cava Spain
\$19-22 CSCP 854219



Pere Ventura Primer NV Reserva Brut Cava Spain
\$19-22 CSCP 854113



Anna De Codorniu NV Reserva Brut Cava Spain
\$22-24 CSCP 156075



Frind Estate NV Brut Okanagan Valley, British Columbia
\$32-35 CSCP 840941



RED ALES

Red ales have grown in popularity lately. Formerly part of the realm of Irish or Belgian (Flanders) beers, they have now expanded to become a wide ranging style. Not exactly red like fruit punch, but more of a light amber with reddish highlights, these beers can have a brown sugar or a toffee/caramel flavour, and can be malt forward or heavily hopped, almost into the range of an IPA. Our pick is Brewsters Hammerhead Red Ale, a medium bodied beer with slight caramel notes amongst its mild bitterness. *David Nuttall*

JUDGES SELECTION

Omen Brewing Red Harbour Irish Red Ale
Alberta, Canada
\$17-19 (4-pack cans)
CSCP 844837



Balzac Brewing Range Road Red
Alberta, Canada
\$19-20 (4-pack cans)
CSCP 833360



BEST IN CLASS



Brewsters Hammerhead Red Ale
Alberta, Canada
\$16-17 (6-PACK CANS)
CSCP 829565