THE NEW WAVE OF BOUTIQUE CALIFORNIA SPARKLING WINES

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Top 4 Wine Producing States by Volume

2. New York (more volume produced than WA or OR)
3. Washington (more wineries & acreage than NY)
4. Oregon (more wineries than NY)

American Viticultural Areas

Guidelines finalized in 1978

Augusta AVA in Missouri was the very first (June, 1980)

**Napa Valley 1st approved AVA in CA (1981)**

Refers only to geographic location
American Viticultural Areas

239 AVAs in USA
138 of them are in California

AVAs in 43 of 58 counties in California

as of March 1, 2017

California Wineries

4,600 wineries (4,200+ bonded) plus
5,900 grape growing farms

221% increase in wineries 1990-2010
1. North Coast AVA
   • Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino, etc.
2. Central Coast AVA
   • Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, etc.
3. South Coast AVA
   • San Bernardino, etc.
4. Central Valley (not an AVA)
   • But includes Lodi AVA
5. Sierra Foothills AVA
   • Amador, El Dorado, etc.

California’s 1st Sparkling Wines

• Agostin Haraszthly built California’s 1st "Champagne Caves" in 1862 (winery 1857)
• Paul Masson was known as the Champagne King of California 1905 onward
California’s 1st Sparkling Wines

- Korbel has made "Champagne" since 1882, prior to Champagne France being required to be sparkling
- 1832 only 10% of wines from Champagne were sparkling

French Investment in California

- 1973 Moet et Chandon is first to open a California sparkling wine house
& More French in CA

Gave Up Too Early on CA
The French Are Back

First vintage to be released within next few months of 2017

California Originals

- Schramsberg re-opened after 50 years dormancy as sparkling wine producer in 1965
- Iron Horse opened in 1976
California Originals

- A new wave of cool climate, small, method traditionelle producers in the North Coast

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- A new wave of cool climate, small, method traditionelle producers in the Central Coast
California Originals

- A new wave of small “Pet Nat” producers

DETAILS ON TODAY’S WINES
1. Capay Valley Sparkling Tempranillo Brut
Capay Valley NV

- 100% Tempranillo
- Capay Valley AVA
- Primarily 2015 vintage
- French & Hungarian Oak barrels
- 300 cases produced
- 11.8% alcohol
- $14

2. Kathryn Kennedy Brut Lot 06/04
Santa Cruz Mountains NV

- 65% Chardonnay, 35% Pinot Noir
- Non Vintage breakdown:
  - 74% 2003
  - 21% 2002
  - 4% 2001
  - 1% 2000
- 13 years en tirage
- zero dosage
- 484 cases produced
- $40
3. Caraccioli Brut Cuvée Santa Lucia Highlands 2010

- Chardonnay & Pinot Noir
- Brix at harvest: 18.5-19.3
- PH: 2.95, TA: 1.2%
- Barrel fermentation: 30%
- Tirage: April 2011
- Release: January 2017
- Disgorgement: March 2015
- Sur lies aging: 4 years
- 1,154 bottles produced
- $52

4. Flying Goat Crémant Brut Santa Maria Valley 2014

- Santa Maria Valley
- Sierra Madre Vineyard
- 100% Pinot Blanc clone 159
- Fourth vintage of Crémant
- 125 cases produced
- $38
5. Riverbench Blanc de Blancs Brut
Santa Maria Valley 2014

- 100% Chardonnay
- Méthode Champenoise
- HARVEST: August 28, 2014
- TIRAGE: April, 2015
- PH 3.35, TA 0.73 g/100ml
- 205 cases produced
- 12.3% alcohol
- $45

6. Sea Smoke Blanc de Noirs Brut
Sta. Rita Hills 2013

- Appellation Santa Rita Hills
- 100% Pinot Noir
- 100% Sea Smoke Estate Vineyard
- pH 3.24, TA 8.26 g/L
- 12 months in French Oak
  (once-used & neutral barrels)
- Release Date: October 2016
- 12.45% alcohol
- $80
7. Signal Ridge Brut Rose
Anderson Valley 2013

- 75% Chardonnay, 25% Pinot Noir
- Anderson Valley appellation
- Disgorged: 7/12/16
- 1.1% RS
- PH: 3.15, TA: 7 g/l
- 12.5% alcohol
- $25

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