

The PICKS

FEATURE WINE

Korbel Brut California Champagne USA 250th

If you're hosting or attending any festivities this weekend and need a bottle bring, this is the one: Korbel Brut California Champagne in a special 250th bottle. Most of you are probably familiar with Korbel because it's a big name in American sparkling wine, and for good reason. It punches above its weight. Korbel is located right on the Russian River in the northern reaches of Sonoma, where the climate starts to change and allows for quality grapes for a sparkling wine. Korbel Brut uses whole cluster pressing, cool fermentation, and the classic Méthode Champenoise bottle fermentation process to make high quality California sparkling wine year after year. It receives a medium-dry level of dosage to balance the natural acidity of the grapes, so it's a great option to please a lot of different palates, and at \$15.99, you can afford to bring several to the party. "Enjoy lively aromas of citrus and cinnamon leading to crisp flavors of orange, lime, vanilla, and a hint of strawberry... the perfect match for all of life's celebrations!"

WINE PICK

Guy Allion 2025 Le Petit Perron Sauvignon Blanc

It's so hot outside, you need something crushable like Guy Allion 2025 Le Petit Perron Sauvignon Blanc. This is a fresh, fruity Sauvignon Blanc out of France at an absolute bargain price of \$11.99. Domaine Guy Allion is four generations deep in the Loire Valley, specifically in the flint-rich soil of the Cher River valley which brings acidity and minerality to their wines. "Le Petit Perron Sauvignon Blanc exhales a complex nose that stands out with citrus and grapefruit notes. A beautiful mouthfeel, which exhibits minerality, and perfectly well balanced with a fresh acidity and a clean, dry finish." I think that review was translated from French, so it's not exactly perfect, but you get the idea.