

SPARKLING WINES

The name 'Champagne' by law can only be applied to a strictly delimited area of France. That means that prices are bound to be comparatively high given the lack of competition from the rest of France and more importantly the rest of the world. Nowadays Sparkling Wines come from most countries as the market for 'fizz' grows and customers do recognise that wines with bubbles make drinkers feel better although scientists don't know why.

Sparkling wines can be made the same way as the Champagne method which creates a secondary fermentation in the bottle and produces the bubbles. Alternatively, the bubbles can be produced by both fermentations taking place before bottling using the cuveé close or tank method. This tends to produce sweeter and more aromatic wines whereas the Champagne method produces the apple flavours and toasty finish.

CAVA and PROSECCO

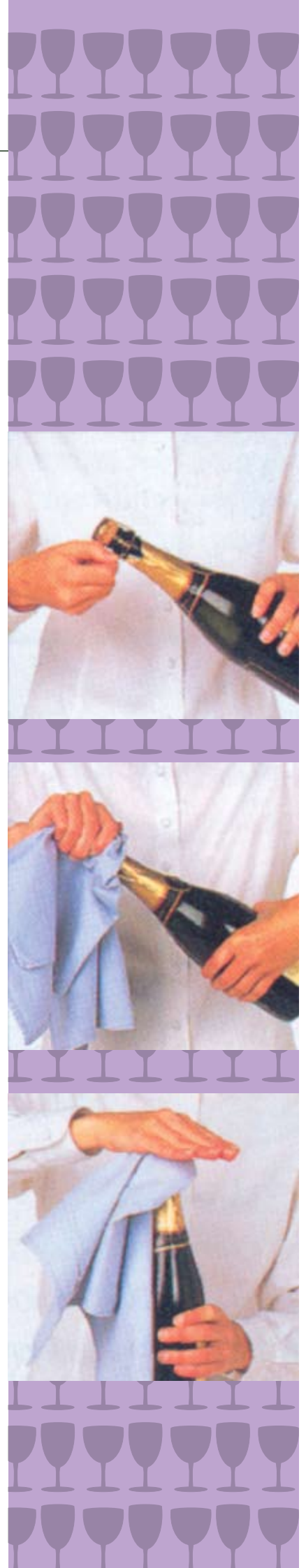
There is no doubt about the increased popularity of Cava and Prosecco over the last few years. The astonishing thing is that the increase has been general over nearly all sorts of wine drinkers but Cava and Prosecco are very different. Cava, produced all over Spain to a national standard, is soft and fruity, yes, but generally has a bit of 'oomph' about it and has a dryish finish. In particular, the aftertaste should show some biscuity and toasty overtones. We Brits like it young but the Spaniards prefer it with quite a bit of age.

Prosecco has traditionally been a light off-dry aperitif wine drunk in Italian bars. It can be made sweet, dry (quite rare) or medium dry. Above all it should be refreshing and fun but well-made as well! There has been renewed interest in Prosecco in the U.K recently and we now list the attractively packaged Casa Gheller for your consideration.

SEGURA VIUDAS

BRUT RESERVA and ROSADO

Spain's Cava industry is dominated by some very large and well-known companies such as Codorniu and Freixenet. They tend to own specialist subsidiaries to make their superior Cavas. Segura Viudas is such a subsidiary of Freixenet. We have selected it for our premium Cava because it is Freixenet's star performer in Spain but only just becoming well-known over here. The wines are excellently made, and are fruity, refreshing and very attractive to drink.



ROSE

££

Cava Portaceli Rosé (Spain)

Pink bubbles are romantic, attractive and great fun.

Taste Guide

2A

Trade Sales Price

£4.94

Casa Gheller Raboso Prosecco (Italy)

Crisp and dry, this sparkling wine oozes a concentration of red berry fruits and a refreshing finish.

2A

£5.54

Segura Viudas Rosé Cava Reserva (Spain)

This dry Cava is mid strawberry colour, has an intense nose of red berries, together with other exotic fruits. Light and fresh in the mouth with a crisp, dry and long finish.

1B

£5.99

WHITE

Moscato Spumante (Italy)

For those looking for a sparkler with a touch of sweetness but a light, easy drinking texture.

4

£4.14

££

Cava Portaceli Brut (Spain)

Spain's best sparklers are known as Cava. This is soft, fruity and great for functions. This represents great value.

1

£4.74

Chapel Hill Sparkling Pinot Grigio (Hungary)

A stylish, fresh and appealing sparkler with fine bubbles and a clean lingering finish.

2

£4.92

Robe d'Or Sparkling Brut (France)

Unusual stylish presentation. Dry in style and produced in the cuvée close method. The ideal sparkler for any occasion.

1

£4.94

Robe d'Or Sparkling Demi Sec (France)

Medium dry in style and produced in the cuvée close method. Bright and fresh on the palate with honeyed overtones.

3

£4.94

Casa Gheller Prosecco Frizzante (Italy)

Modern and fashionable, this Prosecco is clean, crisp and refreshing with a slight tang of green apples.

2

£5.54



Segura Viudas Cava Brut Reserva (Spain)

Plenty of ripe apple flavours and developing biscuity tastes with a classic, clean finish.

1

£5.89

Asti Spumante Martini (Italy)

Italy's classic sparkler - slightly sweeter than most but very popular.

4

£6.04

Prosecco di Valdobbiadene (Italy)

Very clean apple fruit flavours predominate in this superior Prosecco which is extremely refreshing and excellent value.

2

£7.44

