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# Decanter

## Wines of the Year

Sensational sparkling  
& reds to remember

- 64 expert picks
- From £10 to £100s
- Iconic to offbeat

**CHRISTMAS  
CLASSICS RATED**  
*Champagne*  
*Tawny Port*

**PLUS**

- *Château Petrus*
- *Chablis new releases*
- *Serving sweet & fortified wines*



③ **Krug, Vintage Brut, Champagne, France 2006** 95 ● AH 96 RS 95 BW 95

£223-£246 *Berry Bros & Rudd, Clos19, Jeroboams, Jasterini & Brooks, The Finest Bubble*  
Salty brine on the nose. Restrained on the palate, showing lots of finesse and a soft mousse. Excellent acidity provides a freshness to allow further age. Drink 2021-2026.

Delicate nose with hints of white flower and salty sea air. Subtle and elegant with a lovely balance of acidity and lemony, apple fruit flavours. Firm mousse with a touch of smoke on the palate. Drink 2021-2025 Alc 12% *Anne Krebber MW*

④ **Redfold V Cuvée, West** 95 ● AH 95 RS 95

£28.95 *Ambriel*  
A refined, elegant style of green apple and mousse with fresh with a hint of sweet

⑥ **Château Rives-Blanques, Blanquette de Limoux, Languedoc, France 2017**

93 ● AH 92 RS 92 BW 96

£16.30-£16.50 *Cambridge Wine Merchants, Tanners*  
A great expression of Limoux sparkling with the green-apple character of the Mauzac grape coming through. Drink 2021-2026 Alc 12.5% *Rosemary George MW*

⑥ **Château Rives-Blanques, Blanquette** 2017

green-apple  
2021-2026

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⑤ **Charles Heidsieck, Brut Réserve, Champagne, France NV** 93 ● AH 92 RS 92 BW 94

£39.99-£52.50 *Liberty Wines, Nickolis & Perks, NY Wines, Waud Wines*

the nose, which is lively and complex. Great varietal character on the palate with melon and pear, and a creamy, seamless texture. Attractive finish, with aniseed notes. Drink 2021-2028 Alc 13% *Rebecca Gibb MW*



● Classic ● Offbeat ● Value