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Valentine's Day Gift Guide 2024: Last-Minute U.S. Sparkling Wines

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Sure, you could walk into any wine shop and walk out with a bottle of big-name Champagne. But to show that you really put some thought into the bubbly you are gifting to that special someone, why not choose something unique — and made in the United States? From California to Vermont (and everywhere in-between), wine makers are crafting surprising sparkling wines that are perfect for Valentine's Day, or honestly every day. Here are a few of my favorites right now.

Shepherd's Run North Fork Petnat, Rhode Island (\$15 for 375 ml.)

While it waits for its own vines to mature, this young winery is sourcing unique juice from regions with an expressive terroir. Such is the case with this bright, delightful sparkler, made from riesling grapes sourced from Long Island. Trendy Petnat — short for Pétillant naturel — is really an ancient method of producing sparkling wine that creates gentle carbonation and leaves spent yeast, or lees, in the bottle. So the cloudiness is intentional. While the wine starts out with lush, bready notes, it evolves into a gentle floral/fruity style in line with a dry riesling.