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CHAMPAGNE AT SCALE

Beau de Joie Champagne, from Toast Spirits, is now part of the Deutch Family Wine & Spirits portfolio. The two mainstay bubbly expressions, Brut Nature made with 60 percent Pinot Noir and 40 percent Chardonnay and Rosé Brut with 50 percent Pinot Noir and 50 percent Chardonnay, will soon make way for an affordable \$49-Brut Champagne composed of 30 percent Pinot Noir, 30 percent Chardonnay and 40 percent Pinot Meunier, aged for six to eight years on yeast.

SRP: \$99 per 750-ml bottle (Brut Nature) and \$129 per 750-ml bottle (Rosé Brut)



POOLSIDE SIPPER
Elfers Estate, in Napa Valley's St. Helena, has turned out a silky rosé matched by lively acidity. Comprising 80 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 10 percent Cabernet Franc, and 10 percent Merlot, the Elfers Estate Sylvane Rosé 2021 opens with strawberry, white peach, and pear on the nose followed by vanilla and wild berries on the palate.

SRP: \$35 per 750-ml bottle

CHIANTI MOMENT

Tuscan icon Frescobaldi has launched the 2018 vintage of **Taneta Perano** Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG state wine. Following harvest, the must was fermented in stainless-steel tanks at a controlled temperature, and the wine was then aged for 24 months in large oak ovals. Fragrant sour black cherry, blueberry, raspberry, and gaj berry are backed by smooth tannins and a long finish.

SRP: \$34.99 per 750-ml bottle



KEEPING UP APPEARANCES
Italian winery **Cantina Puiatti**, located in the Friuli region, has introduced new packaging for its Monovarietale line with a sleek and prominent logo that highlights both the name of the winery and the varietal. Satinated label hues also help establish consumer recognition. In addition to the Cantina Puiatti Sauvignon Blanc Friuli DOC and Ribolla Gialla Venetia-Giulia IGT, a Pinot Grigio Friuli DOC is soon to roll out.

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