



## **Bubbiest from \$15 to \$90 to toast the 2013**

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It's going to be important to properly celebrate the departure of good-riddance 2012 and the arrival of hope-springs-eternal 2013. A suitable toast comes from that prolific writer "Anon.," who penned: "May the best of this year be the worst of next."

Of course, the beverage of choice for toasts is bubbly — champagne, sparkling wine, cava, sekt, spumante — any kind, from any place, at any price. Use a tall, slim flute, so you can watch the bubbles rise.

Be careful, though. Researchers at the University of Surrey in England did an experiment with a dozen partygoers and concluded that bubbly gets you tipsy and silly more quickly than still wine, although they couldn't say exactly why.

Here's an upbeat toast from Oprah Winfrey: "Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

Recommended

Nonvintage Ricci Curbastro Franciacorta Brut, Franciacorta, Italy (60 percent chardonnay, 30 percent pinot blanc, 10 percent pinot noir): lively froth, bread dough aromas, flavors of lemons and limes; \$20.

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