

SPARKLING

Here are a few sparkling wines of quality to enjoy in the new year. The Australian sparkling wine market has never been stronger, and we applaud the commitment of many makers to this category.

2017 Radenti Grand Vintage Sparkling Rosé Fresh and complex, with musky pinot noir overtones and appealing breadiness. The palate is long, intense and creamy, with just-right acid balance. (\$70.00)

★★★★★

<https://freycinetvineyard.com.au/products/copy-of-pre-release-radenti-grand-vintage-rose-2017-sparkling>

Three impressive Adelaide Hills releases from Terre à Terre

2019 DAOSA Blanc de Blancs The faint honey nougat overtones are appealing, as is the freshness of this beautifully made sparkler. The apple-like flavour of chardonnay is evident, as is the lively, lingering acidity. (\$90.00) ★★★★★☆

NV DAOSA Natural Réserve A multi-dimensional sparkling wine showing nuts, butter and stone fruit characteristics. It's at the dry end of the flavour scale, but is beautifully balanced, and richly flavoured, with a very fine mousse. (\$55.00) ★★★★★☆

2021 DAOSA Piccadilly Valley Rosé Pale pink colour. The musky, bready, fruity nose is particularly attractive. There's both grip and acidity to balance the long, satisfying palate. (\$65.00) ★★★★★☆

<https://terreaterre.com.au/shop/>

2021 Hamelin Bay Sparkling Brut This is a vibrant young sparkling wine in which citrus characteristics are supported by faintly bready overtones. Dosage sweetness is a little obvious, but this is lively, well made, and very pleasant to drink. (\$40.00) ★★★★★

<https://hbwines.com.au/product/2021-brut-sparkling>

If you're looking for something simpler with mass appeal.

2023 Risky Business Prosecco A simple lemon/apple style that is bursting with flavour. The mousse is fine and abundant. An excellent prosecco. (\$25.00) ★★★

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