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It's always a risk to bring wine to an event. The biggest concern is ensuring everyone is happy with it, which is no small feat. I always choose a white and a red, and I consider drinkability. Easy-drinking wines will please more people than heavier styles, especially at a party, so go for bubbles, light reds and low-alcohol wines that are refreshing and tasty, and won't leave you wrecked.



2017 Delinquente Wine Co Weeping Juan Riverland Petillant Naturel, South Australia, \$25

A crunchy, delicious wine. The label is a bit strange, but the wine is so good, simple and affordable. It's perfect for a party – you don't want to break the bank, but you want something fun to share. It's easy to pick an expensive wine and assume it will be good, but the great-value stuff is harder to find.

52. NV Vouette et Sorbee Fidele Buxieres sur Arce Champagne, France, \$140

Fidele means 'faithful', so I like this wine as a wedding gift. It's a grower Champagne, and it's pure, chalky and delicious, made from 100 per cent pinot noir, so it has a bit more structure.

53. 2017 Harkham Aziza's Semillon, Hunter Valley New South Wales, \$35

I don't typically drink semillon, which is tough being a sommelier in Sydney, but when I came across this wine, it changed my mind. It's quite syrupy and beautiful with food. If you have a friend who likes chardonnay, this would be a nice wine to show them.

54. 2016 Vie di Romans Dessimis Friuli- Venezia Giulia Pinot Grigio, Italy, \$70

The 'Rolls-Royce' of pinot grigios. It's far from the bland, wishy-washy pinot grigio that you get in the bar by the beach; it's floral and delicate, with a little bit of texture and a lovely pink hue.

55. 2010 Loic Mahe Savennieres Equilibre Loire Valley Chenin Blanc, France, \$99

A pick for the wine nerds. It has mushroomy characters, but is still very lean and crisp, even though it's eight years old. Chenin blanc is a magic grape that can evolve into some intriguing flavours.

56. 2017 Domaine de la Tour du Bon Banol Provence Rosé, France, \$45

Banol is probably the best appellation within Provence for rosé, and it makes its wine with 100 per cent mourvedre. It's dry, pale and easy drinking, but it has layers of flavour and a bit more mouthfeel. If you need a gift for a friend who loves rosé, you can treat him or her to this classy example.

57. 2016 CFRT Arranmore Vineyard Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir, South Australia, \$39

This single-vineyard pinot noir is beautiful, pure and well balanced. For the price, I would drink it every day.

58. 2016 Domaine de l'Anglore Vin de France Nizon Southern Rhone Mourvedre Grenache Blend, France, \$85

This grenache blend is light, like a pinot noir, so it's surprising when you pour it in the glass. It's a beautiful example of purity, from a region known for its bigger reds.

59. 2014 Domaine Giudicelli Patrimonio Corsica Niellucui, France, \$80

Great for those who like fuller-bodied reds. If you know someone who enjoys those 'punch in the guts' styles, this is the way to go. It's dark, rustic, heavy and requires a good hour of decanting, but it's beautiful.

60. 2016 Standish The Standish Barossa Valley Shiraz, South Australia, \$120

This shiraz is bold, dark and inky, but it has purity as well. It's a magnificent wine.



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I think everyone likes sparkling. It doesn't matter what kind of party or event you're going to, if you turn up with bubbles, generally everyone is pretty happy.



2018 Lucy Margaux Vin de Soif Adelaide Hills Gamay Rosé, South Australia, \$35

Anton from Lucy Margaux is known for making wild and funky wines, but this is bright, juicy and crunchy – and dangerously easy to drink.