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Best Prosecco under £20: More than 20 recommendations

As we approach the festive season, we recommend a selection of Prosecco wines available for (mostly well) below £20 – all tasted and rated by our experts.



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Prosecco's light, fruity character and affordable pricing has helped it to carve out its own (significant) corner of the sparkling wine market. It's the go-to fizz for many people who are turned off by the richness – and price – of **Champagne**.

Our recommended selection (see below, comprises picks from UK supermarkets, high street chains and independents, including **Decanter Retailer Awards 2023** winners, Waitrose, Marks & Spencer, The Wine Society, Tanners, Majestic, Bat & Bottle and Perfect Cellar.

Prosecco grapes

Prosecco is predominantly made from the Glera grape, formerly known as 'Prosecco', but other grape varieties may be included in small quantities: up to 15% of the blend can be made up from Bianchetta Trevigiana, Chardonnay, Perera, Pinot Bianco, Pinot Grigio, Verdiso and Pinot Noir, all fermented off the skins. Rosé Prosecco (see below) can contain up to 15% of Pinot Noir fermented on the skins.

Prosecco categories

Not all Prosecco is equal: Prosecco DOC and Prosecco Treviso DOC (a subzone which theoretically offers higher quality) tend to be the most affordable, perfect for a simple lunchtime quaffer or aperitif. They represent the bulk of exports and you're bound to find examples at very reasonable prices.

Stepping up to the DOCGs of Asolo and **Conegliano Valdobbiadene Superiore** (the latter with its sub-categories including Rive (single-village bottlings) and Superiore di Cartizze) gives you sparkling wines made from **better fruit from the best hillside sites**, and can challenge some of the **best sparkling wines** from other regions in terms of complexity and quality. These DOCG Proseccos can get quite pricey, but you can still find some under £20.



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Some producers may experiment with longer ageing, drier styles or old-vine bottlings, which can be worth looking out for if you're in the market for Prosecco that doesn't stick to the typical format.

Surprise the wine connoisseur in your life this Christmas!

Rosé Prosecco

Rosé Prosecco, a category launched in November 2020, blends Pinot Noir with Glera to produce pink bubbles with subtle red fruit characteristics, perfect for summer sipping as well as pairing with food anytime of the year.



Le Colture, Fagher, Prosecco, Conegliano-Valdobbiadene Superiore Brut, Vento, Italy NV

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One for Prosecco haters, this brut iteration of the ubiquitous Italian fizz surprises for its chiselled structure and zesty lift. Pear peel, clementine, lime zest, wild fennel and aniseed mingle on the palate, carried by lively acidity. A hint of mineral freshness adds elegance and nuance. Makes for an alluring,...

Points 91



Le Colture, Sylvoz, Prosecco, Treviso, Veneto, Italy NV

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Good aromatics of toast and citrus. Pear and citrus on the palate, nicely balanced with attractive mousse and a delicate, creamy finish.

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