

ing styles. A good way to choose the flavors is to experiment with liqueurs in restaurants. Waiters are generally happy to make suggestions.

An alternate and dazzling alcoholic offering is sparkling wine — an ideal complement to both formal and informal menus. You can serve it with inexpensive hors d'oeuvres or gourmet entrees.

The chance of finding a sparkling wine that suits your particular taste at an affordable price never has been better, according to spokesmen from Viceroy Imports, importers of Champs D'ore sparkling wine.

The wine's degree of sweetness can be determined by reading the label. A dry sparkling wine that has little or no sugar is called a brut. Rising up the scale of sweetness, the label will cite the wine as extra dry, sec, demi-sec, or doux, which is the sweetest.

With proper chilling, the sparkling wine's effervescence will be retained and make opening the bottle easier.

Before serving, chill to 45 degrees by placing the bottle into an ice bucket for one-half hour or in the refrigerator for two hours.

Once your bottle of sparkling wine has been opened, you can preserve the bubbles to maximize your drinking pleasure by serving the wine in fluted or tulip-shaped glasses. This will minimize contact with air. Since air is the worst enemy of a sparkling wine's bubbles, the narrower the glass opening, the longer the bubbles will last.

Other suggestions:

- Hold the glass by the stem — body heat from your hands on the glass will warm the wine and dissipate the bubbles faster. Don't shake the glass or swirl the wine as this also will dissipate the bubbles.

- Don't forget to take time to appreciate the bouquet of the wine through the bubbles. They release a fragrant aroma that should be savored.



Some tips for hosts

To be a good Christmas-season party host, here are some guidelines:

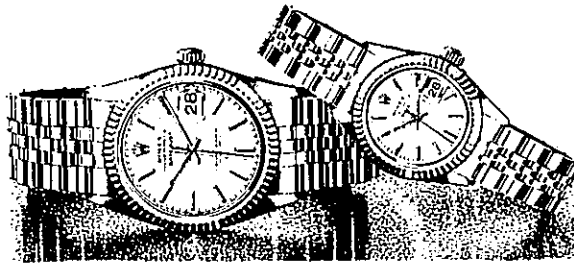
- Don't wait until the day of the party to clean house — you'll be too tired to enjoy your guests.

- Don't become so wrapped up in one conversation that you neglect your other guests.

- When guests arrive, turn off the TV and leave it off.

- Don't force games, cards, records or movies on your guests.

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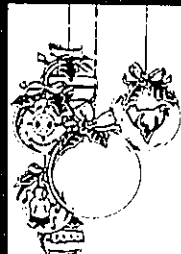
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