

The Irrelevant “Bubbly”

Description

If you had to give up one word that you use regularly, what would it be?

“All champagne is sparkling wine, but not all sparkling wine is champagne” • if you like wine then most likely you have come across this phrase. The reason for this is that sparkling wine can only be called champagne if it comes from the Champagne region in northern France.



No all sparkling wine is champagne

While this is not exactly patented, however it is certainly covered by French regulation and tradition. Misuse of the name “champagne” is strictly (at time fanatically) contested by French regulators.

Now if you are wondering as to which are these **other** sparkling wines in the world, then here’s the list. We have Prosecco, Asti, Franciacorta (all three from Italy), Cava (Spain), Sekt (Germany), Cremant (France) and the new kid on the block “the English Sparkling Wine.

Clearly the phrase **what’s in a name**, does not apply to world of sparkling wines.

Now here’s the twist. Whereas wine producing nations are so protective about the name of their sparkling wine, however there is also one generic word called as the **Bubbly** which denotes just any sparkling wine, irrespective of its country of origin or the method in which it is made. Any sparkling wine including champagne is (loosely) referred to as a bubbly.

Personally I too am guilty of using this word liberally, but at times the wine connoisseur (snob) inside me is aghast at this sparkling dichotomy.

And since I consider myself from the proverbial **old School** of thought and action, therefore calling any sparkling wine as a bubbly should not be palatable to me. I should rather call it by its designated name whether it be champagne, Prosecco, Cava and the like.

So yes, **Bubbly is one wine word** which I use regularly but I would like to give up. Cheers !!