

Champagne is universal toast for the newlyweds

A wedding without a Champagne toast to the bride and groom is unthinkable. For Champagne is known the world over as the wine of weddings and joyous celebrations. It is a wine of gaiety and romance that casts its spell on all who partake of it.

And now that rose (pink) Champagne is again in vogue, newlyweds can enjoy a romantic variation on the toast to health and happiness which friends and relatives traditionally share.

The fragrant, pink sparkling wine adds an elegant and colorful touch to a toast when served in a long-stemmed tulip glass with bubbles dancing at the brim.

Rose Champagne from France has long been associated with romance. According to one legend, it was originally created for nuptials—blended especially to match the pink satin slippers and long dresses

of bridesmaids at an important wedding.

Because rose Champagne is difficult to make, quantities are limited. This special wine should therefore be reserved for the special moment during the wedding reception.

On the other hand, bubbly golden Champagne can properly be served at events which precede or follow the traditional toast.

Before the wedding, serve golden Champagne at a bridal shower or an engagement party. It is also the ideal beverage at an intimate dinner party for members of the family.

After the wedding, Champagne will add zest to a bon voyage party and grace a tête-à-tête candlelight dinner or wedding breakfast.

Here are some useful tips from the Champagne News & Information Bureau on ordering Champagne from France:

• Non-vintage brut is the

driest and most versatile of Champagnes. Blended from 20-30 wines, it can properly be served at any time of the day or night, and with most foods.

• Vintage and "tête de cuvée" Champagnes are for grand occasions such as a first wedding anniversary.

A vintage Champagne will bear the year on the bottle, and a "tête de cuvée" will be easily recognizable because it usually comes in a replica of an eighteenth-century, hand-blown Champagne bottle.

It is easy to serve Champagne correctly: first, cool the bottle for 30 minutes in a bucket filled with ice and water.

Then remove the foil around the cork, untwist the wire muzzle and loosen it all around the neck of the bottle.

Hold the bottle in one hand, and with the other hold the cork firmly. Turn the bottle, not the cork.



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