

Grape Expectations: Sommeliers Tell Us What to Watch in 2017

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“Pet-Nat (pétillant naturel) or 'naturally sparkling' wines are really fun. It's a single, in-bottle fermentation rather than the more extended process that Crémants and Champagnes go through, so it's very fresh bubbly which can have juicy or funky flavors. People are starting to explore unusual places in wine in an effort to find a new grape or region they like. Georgian wines, for example, are interesting folks; I've had several people ask me about them or tell me they enjoyed them. And I don't mean Georgia, USA – I mean the South Caucasus. Rosé any time of year is another trend that I see and heartily support.”

- Marissa Copeland, sommelier, David Burke Kitchen, New York, NY