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Jean Laurent NV Blanc de Blancs

"In the spirit of the new year, I thought I would share with you some of the personal goals -- well, personal wine goals -- that I resolve to achieve.

Resolution number one: I will try to quantify the value of a wine with a numerical score. As I noted in an article last year, one of the things that I enjoy the most about writing this column is sharing some of the terrific wine values that I have discovered over the years. Nothing is more rewarding than reviewing a good wine and then doing a double-take at the price tag. I love finding wines that deliver a lot of quality for a reasonable price -- or what I like to call, "Quality-to-Price Ratio." The QPR is the Holy Grail for wine lovers, and the good news is there is a decent amount of high QPR wine on the market."

"Good champagne doesn't have to break the bank. I happen to think the Non-vintage **Jean Laurent Blanc de Blancs** from Champagne, France, is darn good bubbly for the price. The nose of gardenias and toasted hazelnuts is enough to get your palate ready for the full, lush flavors of buttered toast and crisp green apples. The next time I want a bottle of bubbly for dinner, I will reach for this affordable -- and authentic -- champagne. **QPR 8**"

– Scott Greenberg

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