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# RAISE A GLASS

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Mums are special and the official day to show how much we love them is heading our way. It's Mother's Day on Sunday, March 14.

If you have a mum in your life, show how much you love them with a glass of something special. Perhaps something like this:

An amazing touch of glinty bling and pink perfection can be found in a bottle of Bottega Pink Gold Prosecco Doc Rosé (RRP £23.99, online at [gbrands.co.uk](http://gbrands.co.uk)). The wine is a blend of glera and pinot noir and is the new style of Italian pink prosecco, produced for the first time last year.



Bottega's version has peachy and pear aromas with a hint of flowers, all charmingly nudged

towards my senses by a steady stream of bubbles.

Here's another pretty bottle to wow mum: Château Val Joanis Cuvée Joséphine Rosé (£14, down from £17.50 until March 14 at [champagnes-andchateaux.co.uk](http://champagnes-andchateaux.co.uk)). The wine, from Provence, is pretty too.

This blush pink is a blend of syrah, which has a majority share, with rolle and grenache in supporting roles.

It was aged on the lees - the dead yeast left after fermentation - which adds a delicate creamy note.

A perfect mum-themed gin is this one: MOM Love Gin (£22.99 online at [drinksupermarket.com](http://drinksupermarket.com) and £28, Ocado, Amazon).

The gin is so, so ripe with strawberries. It's a gin for mums who love their gins with a sweeter edge. I'm told the gin was distilled four times before



being infused with strawberries. ALSO IN MY GLASS ...

Another special ladies' day around the corner is International Women's Day on March 8.

A couple of centuries ago one woman very much made her mark in the wine world: Madame Clicquot (1777-1866). Widowed at 27, she stepped up to the mark and took the helm of her husband's business.



A champagne which continues her legacy is Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label NV (RRP £42, [Clos19.com](http://Clos19.com), Sainsbury). The bubbles from this classic champagne are elegant and steady. The nose is rich with fruits embraced by a toasty note and there's a delightful hug of vanilla.

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