

**Sparkling Wines (6)**  
**Today's Bordeaux is Affordable Bordeaux**

**90\***

**Les Vins de Lisennes NV Crémant de Bordeaux Bulles de Lisennes \$20**

This is a smashingly good Crémant de Bordeaux composed of Cabernet Franc, Muscadelle and Sémillon. It is pale and almost water white, but its nose offers many inviting aromas: white flowers, white peach pit, gooseberry, mint, ginger and a hint of caramel. Lite, thanks to its spritely acidity and light body, this wine is easy to drink. It is exuberantly refreshing thanks to its nicely drying effervescence, composed of small and cleansing bubbles.

**89**

**Jaillance NV Crémant de Bordeaux Cuvée de l'Abbaye \$17**

This juicy bubbly is delicate and airy in texture yet showing a lovely flavor development of sweet yellow apples and baking spice in its nicely concentrated, moderate body. Well-balanced with a solid finish, this duo of Sémillon and Cabernet Franc over-delivers for its price point!

**89**

**Sélection La Fleur de François NV Crémant de Bordeaux Rosé Brut \$17**

This bubbly has an über-pale, yellow-pink color. Its nose is bright, youthful and berried. Yellow cherries and peak-of-summer raspberries fill the palate. The mousse is delicately creamy with finessed and integrated acidity. Medium on the finish, this should hold, but, it's delish now! This is one of the most impressive Crémants de Bordeaux that I have tasted in a while.

**88**

**Château de Seguin 2013 Crémant de Bordeaux Brut Perle de Seguin Cuvée Prestige \$23**

This lemon pulp-colored sparkler shows big, broad bubbles in the glass and on the palate. When the cork is first popped, the red berry flavors offer pleasant vinosity. With air, the wine turns more high-toned with lemon-lime notes. The backdrop from start to finish is hay and Marcona almonds. Clean, correct and ambitious given the layered, lingering finish, this is a pleasant wine.

**84**

**Thunevin 2009 Crémant de Bordeaux Blanc Brut Bad Girl \$17**

Mid-depth yellow in color, this wine smells like toasted marshmallows and white chocolate squeezed between graham crackers. It smells a bit like a bubbly S'mores, but it tastes dry. This wine showcases an enticing, tugging structure. There is also a nicely toothsome, fleshy peach quality to this blend of 70% Sémillon, 20% Cabernet Franc and 10% Muscadelle.

**83**

**Dubard NV Crémant de Bordeaux \$20**

This non-vintage bottling is deep yellow in color, and its aromas display a fading freshness of bruised apples dashed with baking spices. Modest in acidity, the round palate is rather vinous, especially with the wine's quickly fading bubbles. The finish is average and could use some lift. Drink up.