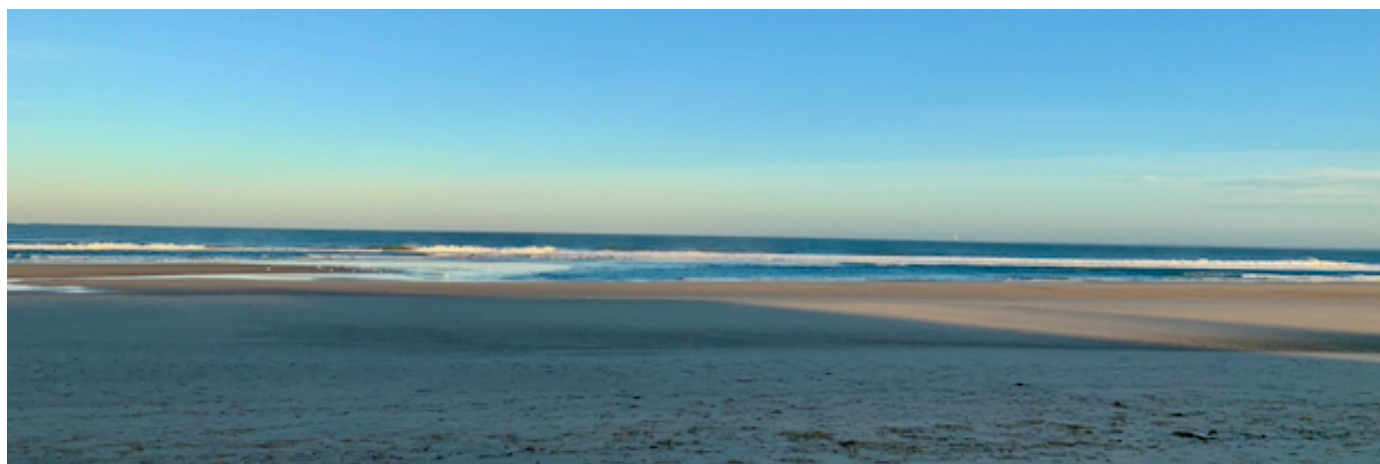


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Summer sipping from Bordeaux

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A quick post with some fun sipping suggestions to put you in the mood for summer, although this glorious weather might've beaten me to it!

Small is beautiful

Two portable options for Bordeaux on the go this summer

Yes Bordeaux Can

French Can Can is a range of rosé red and white AOC Bordeaux in 25cl 'canettes' or cans. Retailing at €4. The rosé is 80% Malbec, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon ; the Bordeaux Blanc 50% Muscadelle, 40% Sauvignon Blanc, 10% Sémillon ; and the red 70% Merlot, 20% Petit Verdot and 10% Cabernet-Sauvignon. Made by **Vignobles Raguenot** (<https://www.vignoblesraguenot.fr/fr/c/10-nos-vins>) at their Château de Tortes in Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux, where they also make Crémant, and 0% alcohol 'Tip Top' (<https://insidertasting.com/how-low-can-bordeaux-go/>) alongside the classic range.



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Kick up your heels this summer

Baby Bonnet

Mini 25cl bottles with a cap inspired by beer bottles, but much cuter, with bright pink and

sunny yellow crown caps and labels that capture the summer vibe. An elegant and delicious addition to any picnic from **Château Bonnet** (<https://www.andrelurton.com/chateau/chateau-bonnet/>) in the Entre-deux-Mers (<https://insidertasting.com/entre-deux-mers-on-the-crest-of-the-wave/>). A modern take on a Bordeaux classic.



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Petit Bonnet on the move

Blanc de Noirs

I suggested two 'blanc de noirs' in [last year's summer round up \(https://insidertasting.com/pale-and-interesting/\)](https://insidertasting.com/pale-and-interesting/), from Chateau de la Dauphine and Chateau Paloumey. I've found another one to add to the list. This Blanc de Noirs is from **Château**

Dufort Vivens (<https://www.gc-lurton-estates.com/fr/chateau-durfort-vivens.html>) classified growth in Margaux. It's an unusual blend of 50% Cabernet Franc and 50% Muscadelle and, as such, of course it's a Vin de France. Organic and biodynamic (<https://insidertasting.com/biodynamic-bordeaux-a-magical-mystery-tour/>), as you'd expect from this dedicated to biodynamics and agroforestry.



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Blanc de noirs from Margaux

Red, red, red

I discovered the blanc de noirs above at Château Haut Bages Libérale (<https://www.gc-lurton-estates.com/fr/chateau-haut-bages-liberal.html>) in Pauillac. The owners of the two properties are spouses, so they're keeping it in the family. Château Haut Bages Libérale is also an excellent source of rosé from an 8ha plot of Haut-Médoc vines. From this same

plot, owner-wine maker Claire Villars Lurton produces a 100% Merlot with no added sulphites. Bright and fruity, this one is to drink now, slightly chilled, it's perfect for summer. Certified organic (<https://insidertasting.com/ab-bordeaux/>) and managed in agroecology it's called **CERES** after the Roman goddess of agriculture and fertility, The gorgeous label (I do love a good label) is signed by landscape artist François Houtin, and shows an ancient vine climbing up an old ash tree.



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A naturel red from Haut Bages Libérale

Sweet

Another no-added-sulphur wine, in a completely different style:

Le 5 from **Château Sigalas Rabaud**, (<https://www.chateau-sigalas-rabaud.com>) classified growth of Sauternes. A semi-sweet, deliciously fruity wine, perfect as an apéritif. Owner-winemaker, Laure de Lambert serves it with a couple of ice cubes and a twist of orange

peel. The perfect Bordeaux cocktail.



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Keeping in sweet and sulphur free at Château Sigalas Rabaud

Rosé

Another Left Bank rosé to add to your summer collection is the Rosé from [Château de Malleret](https://www.chateau-malleret.fr). (<https://www.chateau-malleret.fr>) This Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel in Haut-Médoc also produces a delicious white alongside its classic reds, including a tiny production of Margaux. The 2024 Rosé is an original blend of 50% Petit Verdot and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon.



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A light an bright new rosé from Château Malleret

If you're calling in – and you really should the cellars are stunning – pick up some olive oil (<https://www.chateau-malleret.fr/huile-miel/>) made from their own Olive trees (<https://insidertasting.com/olive-oil-the-perfect-summer-seasoning/>). In true Bordeaux style, it's a blend of Aglandau and Clermontaise Olives with a touch of Cayon and of course, it's vintage.



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Wine, olive oil and honey all Château de Malleret

A sparkling Summer

Crémant, of course (my new favourite is the Blanc de Blancs from [Château Bauduc](https://www.bauduc.com/cremant-de-bordeaux-blanc-de-blancs-2020/) (<https://www.bauduc.com/cremant-de-bordeaux-blanc-de-blancs-2020/>) – I'm very fickle) but here's one with a difference. The ever-inventive Courselle sisters at **Château Thieuley** (<https://www.thieuley.com>) have an original summer red (part of their wide range). I'm already a fan of their Crémant de Bordeaux and their **Petille**, (<https://www.boutique.thieuley.com/produit/petille/>) a sparkling 100% Merlot red, is made using the same 'méthode traditionnelle'. Sold as Vin de France Rouge Petillant, it's aged on its lees in bottle for 12 months. Bordeaux's answer to Lambrusco? Perhaps – but drier. Slightly chilled, it'll add an original sparkle to your summer. As far as I know, it's the first (only?) red 'méthode traditionnelle' made in Bordeaux'.



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Ca Petille Red

Half Juice, half wine

Yet another innovation from Marie and Sylvie Courselle responds to the demand for lower-alcohol wines. **Tendre Sauvage** is 100% Sauvignac, a cross between Sauvignon, Riesling and Vitis, resistant to Mildew and Oidium, reducing the need for treatments and their carbon footprint. Just 8 %, alcohol, (<https://insidertasting.com/how-low-can-bordeaux-go/>) but 45 g/L residual sugar, as they use cold to halt the fermentation. Slightly sweet, fruity and fun, the packaging is a nod to their [Sauvage range \(https://insidertasting.com/take-a-wine-from-the-wild-side/\)](https://insidertasting.com/take-a-wine-from-the-wild-side/).



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A low alcohol version of Sauvage for summer

Boxed in

I do love a box of chilled rosé on tap in my fridge for the summer, light to transport, with a low carbon footprint and convenient to pour. My favourite BIB Rosé remains **La Petite Lestrière** from **Chateau Lestrière** (<https://lestrille.com>) in the Entre-deux-Mers. The 2L boxes have a summery design that perfectly reflects the eco-credentials of the estate.



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BIB rosé from Château Lestrille – a summer staple

Cheers to a beautiful summer – do let me know what Bordeaux you're drinking.

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And as you're asking, that's a picture of the Atlantic Ocean off the Médoc coast.

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Impressive! Bordeaux is definitely full of imagination and a dynamic breeze of youth is blowing over the région!!!! Congrats to the bordelais for shaking old traditions.

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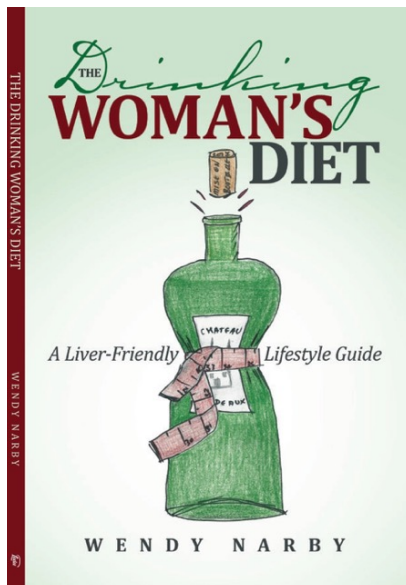
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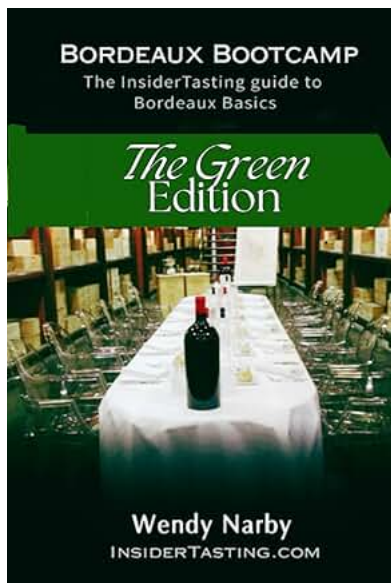
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