

Organic Bordeaux Wines for the Uninitiated



Planet Bordeaux Houston featured wines from Vignobles Raymond

Kat from the [Corkscrew Concierge blog](#) recently attended the Goldmine Planet Bordeaux Wines tasting event in Houston, Texas and **fell in love with approachable wines from Bordeaux, including organic Bordeaux wines produced by Vignobles Raymond:**

“So what goes through your mind when you hear Bordeaux? Expensive wines? Fancy chateaux? Wine that you have to wait years to drink?² Some of that is certainly true of Bordeaux, but in more instances than not, the opposite is true. **There is so much good quality, affordable Bordeaux out there that you absolutely can drink right now.**”

“But first things first. What exactly are you getting when you buy a bottle of Bordeaux? Well that depends on what it is. While known for its red wine, white wine, rosé, and sparkling wines are all produced in Bordeaux. **In a nutshell, for red wine it’s**

Cabernet Sauvignon and/or Merlot with Cabernet Franc a distant third. Yes, there is sometimes a bit of Malbec and Petit Verdot in there, but as a general rule, you’re getting a Cab Sauv or Merlot dominant wine. And the wines are typically blends (though there are exceptions). How much of each varietal ends up in the bottle depends on the winery and where in the regions it is made. But when you hear someone talking about a “Bordeaux-style blend” from some other region, this is what they are talking about. For the white wines, it’s all about Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon blends, though you may find some single varietal wines.”

“If you want to try your hand at Bordeaux, and you want good quality, approachable, non-rock star wine, it’s best to start with wine from the Bordeaux or Bordeaux Superieur AOCs.³ There are smaller, more prestigious classifications such as the aforementioned Grand Cru Classe but if you’re just getting your feet wet or don’t want to spend a fortune, don’t even think about those. Just know that there are many fantastic wines outside of the prized classification system.”



Stephanie Dolet, Vignobles Raymond



Visit [Kat’s blog](#) for the complete story.

Two of the organic Bordeaux wines that Kat fell in love with were the new [Château de Lagarde Grand Millésime](#) and the unique single varietal [En Mémoire du Malbec](#).

Learn more about all of the [Vignobles Raymond wines here](#).

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