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## 10 OF OUR FAVORITE FRENCH SPARKLING WINES THAT AREN'T CHAMPAGNE By Wine Enthusiast

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### 10 FRENCH SPARKLING WINES TO LOOK FOR

Traditional method sparkling wine can be found across France not just in Champagne, these bubbles made outside of Champagne are called Crémant. Crémant d'Alsace expresses similar characteristics to the regions still wine, impossibly fresh with elegant generosity of flavors, it is unsurprising that it is the most popular Crémant in France.

The white sparklers of Alsace can be made single variety or a blend of Auxerrois, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Riesling, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, while the Crémant d'Alsace Rosé is made from 100% Pinot Noir. Crémant d'Alsace has also gained popularity due to its more affordable price tag compared to Champagne allowing even the most budget conscious consumer to enjoy these beauties.

#### **93 MURÉ Crémant d'Alsace Rosé**

The creamy strawberry note on the nose of this wine has the faintest trace of truffle. Likewise, the palate tells you to hold off and wait for this in the cellar. This wine both lush and restrained at the same time. Richness slumbers beneath the surface, charming now but promising. Texture, body and autolysis all point to sumptuousness and yet there is poise and tone too. Gargouille Collection.  
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