

## 8 new wine rules for summer entertaining

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### 6. Crémant!

If you have Champagne taste without the budget, drink Crémant. Essentially, Crémant is French sparkling wine made outside the Champagne region. It can offer terrific value because it's made using the same technique as Champers, so you get some of the same elegance and complexity found in that finer French fizz — at a lower price.

A smart version is the NV Paul Delane Crémant de Bourgogne Reserve from France (LCBO 214981, \$21.05). This blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Aligoté and Gamay shines pale gold and exudes tantalizing aromas of orchard fruit and biscuit threaded with notes of nutmeg and lemon zest. It's a well-made, well-balanced bubbly. Serve it with popcorn. Score: 92