



Review: NV Haute Couture French Bubbles Blanc and Rose

Our friends at Boisset are out with two new sparkling wines from France... but don't call them Champagne. These are denoted as "French sparkling wine" and both are bottled dry and nonvintage. A blanc and a rose version are both available.

Haute Couture French Bubbles, the newest sparkling wine from the Boisset Collection unites the two quintessentially French worlds of fine wine and high fashion. Haute Couture is the ultimate expression of style, with grapes sourced from the finest terroirs throughout France. It is a sophisticated expression of time-honored French sparkling winemaking expertise in a bottle with a refreshingly modern, textured design that evokes the iconic world of the most unique fashion houses.

"Our newest wine embodies how style influences our winemaking vision," said Jean-Charles Boisset, proprietor of Boisset Collection. "Haute Couture is a composition of the best of France has to offer, tailor made into a beautiful elixir with a taste that is voluptuous, decadent and provocative!"

The sparkler comes in both Blanc and Rosé versions and in standard 750 ml-sized bottles as well as in 187 ml bottles (two-pack pictured above) — a petite Haute Couture moment ideal for inviting celebration and ensuring indulgence on any occasion.

NV Haute Couture French Bubbles Blanc – It may say "dry" on the label, but this wine has more sweetness than you'd expect, its creamy palate carrying loads of citrus, banana, quince, and hints of vanilla. Lots of lime on the finish. The body is moderately fizzy — nothing anywhere close to Champagne's yeasty, overbearing character — and quite crowd-pleasing on the whole. That said, it manages to avoid pushing the sugar too far and remains refreshing and fun — a lot like a Prosecco. **B+**

NV Haute Couture French Bubbles Rose – Very similar to the Blanc, this pink expression is perhaps slightly sweeter, with a slight bent toward strawberries and cream over citrus. The finish, however, offers a clear marzipan/almond note. The berry-laden fruitiness might just be suggested by the pinkish hue, but either way, the wine is a straightforward experience, just as crowd-pleasing as the blanc. **B+**

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