

Who We Are



The Commanderie de Bordeaux (CdB) aux États-Unis d'Amérique was organized in 1957 by a group of Bordeaux wine lovers that wanted to maintain and celebrate the grand traditions of these fine clarets. Today, the organization has 35 chapters and almost 1,300 members across the United States.

The CdB is affiliated with a worldwide network of 82 Commanderies in 26 countries. They operate under the overall patronage of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux (GCVB) in Bordeaux, France. We all share a passion for these wines and as members ("Commandeurs"), we become emissaries of the Bordeaux winemakers in the local community, with the goal of broadening the appreciation of the wines of Bordeaux in the U.S.

The Sarasota Chapter was established in 2004. We continue to develop a cellar which averages 1000 bottles of Bordeaux from highly rated Châteaux and vintages.



Parlements

Our Chapter schedules dinners (called a Parlement from the French verb *parler* - to talk) to enjoy, discuss and learn more about the wines of Bordeaux.

Parlements are held at outstanding local restaurants and country clubs whose executive chefs design and pair multiple courses to compliment the Bordeaux wines provided by the Chapter. Typically, there are 4-6 Parlements each year.



Dinners usually have a core theme such as a vertical (multiple vintages) of the same label, a selection of wines from a specific appellation like Margaux or Saint-Émilion, or a comparison of the same vintage from the Right and the Left Bank.

Discussion involves both an evaluation of the wine and how it pairs with the food courses, as well as exploring other nuances of Bordeaux wine.



Special Events

We love winemakers! When Bordeaux vigneron visit Sarasota, our group is honored to serve as enthusiastic hosts.

We organize dinners to celebrate their wines, always paired with fine food from Sarasota's best local purveyors. These dinners are typically 4 to 5 course events featuring the wines from the visiting Château.

Châteaux who have visited Sarasota in recent years include:



Wine Tastings



Where

We host several major wine tastings throughout the year. The location varies between restaurants, clubs, members' homes and local wine stores, depending on the size of the tasting.

What

Tastings might feature new releases, aged vintage Bordeaux, bottles from personal cellars. We also welcome Bordeaux wine makers, large and small, who bring their wines to Sarasota and personally introduce us to their products.

Why

The goal of our wine tastings is to have fun while expanding the wine experiences and knowledge of our members.



Membership



How

Prospective members should be fans of the wines from Bordeaux, and interested in increasing their opportunities to enjoy, learn about, and appreciate these exceptional wines.

Interested wine lovers are encouraged to attend at least one dinner (Parlement) before applying for membership. This provides an opportunity to meet current members and see if our group is a good match with the candidate's interests.

The Commanderie de Bordeaux (CdB) welcomes prospective new members by invitation only, after being sponsored by an existing member.

Our events are typically open to Members and spouse (or one guest). We attempt to vary seating arrangements among event attendees to better acquaint all of our members and prospective members.



Cost

New Members pay an initiation fee upon submitting their application. There are annual membership dues and annual wine dues to help build the CdB wine cellar. Currently, the chapter has just under 1,000 bottles of aging Bordeaux.

Interested in membership or more info?

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