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20 Best Sonoma Rosés to Drink This Summer

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Quivira 2017 Wine Creek Ranch Rosé. (Courtesy photo)



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Preston Farm & Winery 2017 Vin Gris. (Courtesy photo)

Summer is (officially) here and that can only mean one thing for wine lovers: it's time to pop a bottle of rosé.

The hottest thing around when it comes to summer sippers, rosé sales rose 53 percent in 2017 – outpacing all other table wine sales. This year, sales are anticipated to be even higher. No doubt, many of us are now getting ready to rosé all day and make our contribution to the continued increase in pink drink sales. But with so many rosé choices, and so little time, where does one begin?

Don't fret dear reader, we've got you covered. We tasted over 65 rosés and picked out the most delicious wines for poolside, riverside, oceanside, patio-side, picnic-side sipping. In short, a rosé for every occasion.

RHÔNE ROSÉS

Quivira 2017 Wine Creek Ranch Rosé

Quivira has been producing organic wines for many years at their Healdsburg estate. Behind the label featuring Quivira's wild boar mascot and under the screwcap lies a blend comprising three Rhône varietals intentionally grown just for this rosé: grenache, mouvèdre and syrah. Stonefruit rules here – if you love apricot, peach and nectarines you'll love this like a hummingbird loves nectar.

Preston Farm & Winery 2017 Vin Gris

Per Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet "...that which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet," and sweet is not this rosé. Winemaker/owner Lou Preston references Shakespeare when talking about his latest pink release, a blend of cinsault and mouvedre which are picked just for the purpose of crafting a rustic, nice, savory wine that is chock full of strawberry, orange cream and just plain goodness. Bonus points: it's organic!

RUSTIC CHIC ROSÉ

Reeve Wines 2017 Vecino Vineyard Rosé of Pinot Noir

Accessible wines are a speciality of Reeve Wines, which crafts pinot noir, sangiovese and riesling from eco-friendly vineyards, which they serve up at their rustic-come-hip Dry Creek Valley tasting space. This biodynamic rosé is a gem of a pink, and probably too good – it's strawberry and sweet tangerine notes make it easy to drink and perfect for poolside lounging...you'll be done with the bottle before you know it!

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