

The Dozen - Pinkish

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Talking about rosé wines is a little like speaking in a language with a limited vocabulary. That's because pink wines are more alike than they are different, regardless of the vinification process or the grape variety. That is not to say there are not vast differences in quality among rosés, only that the same words in describing them appear with accelerated frequency.

Most have a strawberry flavor, although it may range from fresh wild berries to jammy ones, and most have a crisp finish. Some will be full-bodied, and some will be sweeter. But, again, they are more similar than they are different.

It's the slight degrees of difference that make us choose favorites – or at least favorites depending on the occasion.

NV Cleto Chiarli Italy Vino Spumante Rosé Brut (\$16). Our only sparkler in this Dozen – simple but pleasurable, medium bodied with cherry/strawberry flavors and good minerality.

2019 Marqués de Cáceres Rioja Rosado (\$9). A little fruit forward, but good structure still makes it interesting.

2019 Perrin Côtes du Rhone Rosé (\$11). Excellent – dried strawberries with hints of citrusy grapefruit in the finish.

2019 Perrin “La Vieille Ferme” Vin de France Rosé (\$11). Floral and juicy strawberries with a bit of orange peel.

2019 Flat Top Hills California Rosé (\$14). Bubble gum flavors of ripe strawberries – a bit sweet.

2019 Bread & Butter California Rosé (\$15). Surprisingly, it has a touch of that pleasant unctuous flavor that some Rieslings possess, along with strawberry and melon notes.

2019 Chronic Cellars “Pink Pedals” Paso Robles Rosé (\$15). Lots of minerality with crisp, slightly tart, cherry flavors.

2018 Château de Miraval “Studio de Miraval” Méditerranée IGP Rosé (\$17). Elegant, light and crisp, hint of tannins, touch of lemon and lime in the finish.

2019 Tablas Creek “Patelin de Tablas” Paso Robles Rosé (\$22). Some creaminess to go along with the crisp fruitiness.

2019 Château de Miraval Côtes de Provence Rosé (\$25). Good intensity and mouth feel with some tannins around the edges.

2019 Minuty “Prestige” Côtes de Provence Rosé (\$26). Fresh and quite fruity with candied/citrusy flavors, but a little soft in the finish.

2019 Tablas Creek “Dianthus” Adelaide District Rosé (\$31). A bigger and bolder pink from Paso, full-flavored and full-bodied to go with food.

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