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QUARANTINE CAN'T STOP YOU FROM DRINKING ROSÉ ALL SUMMER

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This is a very different rosé season from any we've had in the past. Because of the pandemic, we're unable to swarm outdoor café tables and sip together while forking bite after bite of calamari, and any poolside or porch rosé-drinking is happening either alone or six feet away from anyone else.

But that doesn't mean that you should write off the pink stuff for the springtime. Actually, I'd argue that rosé is exactly what we all need right now, because it's such a beautiful, delicious reminder that sunny days absolutely do lie ahead.

In the meantime, there's solace to be taken in popping open a bottle of affordable wine and enjoying it at home. I tasted more than 120 rosés in researching this piece, and was struck not just by the diversity of styles and flavor profiles, but also by the exceptional quality to be found at every price imaginable... and from all over the world, from France, Italy, and New Zealand to California, Oregon, Texas, and beyond.

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I've included bottles here that are wildly popular and priced to be enjoyed any day of the week, as well as rosés that rise to Grand Cru Burgundy levels of price and collectability. There is a rosé out there for everyone. Which is a beautiful thing, because these days, all of us could use a glassful of the kind of unselfconscious joy that great rosé so reliably provides.

Gehricke Pinot Noir Rosé 2019 Los Carneros Sonoma

Fresh and bright, with flavors of wild strawberries, spiced cherries, and a touch of orange oils on the finish. Very pretty style, and dangerously easy to drink the bottle in one sitting.

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