

Rosé Report 2022



The 4th Annual Rosé Report

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My last name is Pinkus, so pink wine love is kinda built in - but truth be told, I had not made that connection until it was pointed out to me by a wine producer, Daniel Speck from Henry of Pelham, who created a quick rosé flag for me to fly; so I thank him for that as well.

I have always been a fan of rosé wines, good rosé wines, and I often find myself railing against White Zinfandel as being too sweet, mostly because I'm a fan of red Zinfandel and there are just too many quick jokes when I say I like Zinfandel. The good news, I think White Zinfandel has had its day and is very much waning in popularity. Not one passed by my tasting table this year. Hurray!

Rosé, to many, is the ultimate summer wine: It's served cold, it's refreshing and, when made well, can quench a thirst like no other wine.

It can also be made in so many styles: from sweet to dry. In a variety of methods: saignée (bleed off) to lightly pressed; even extended skin-contacted whites are getting into the action. It can be made from a plethora of grapes: Pinot Noir to Marquette, Cabernet Sauvignon to Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvedre. You can add white wine to red (or red to white) to create a blush. Use one single red variety, or combine numerous varieties. You can make rosé as an afterthought (and sometimes it shows) or you can grow grapes specifically to make a stellar rosé.

There are so many styles, methods and kinds sure, it's still not a complex wine that you need to overthink to drink ... but it does pair with some of the best summer activities, like sitting around and chatting with friends.

Let's face it rosé is pink and it's delicious - it's made for enjoyment, pleasure and above all, summer. So, are you still asking "why rosé"?

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ROSE REPORT 2022

When I first started this endeavour I figured I'd get a few rosés, I would taste 'em, rank 'em and put a page together on my website; and that is exactly what happened the first year.

In the second year, I had the brilliant idea to grow it into something more. Let's face it, I needed something to do in the first year of a global pandemic, so I asked everyone I knew or had an email for, if they had a rosé they wanted to submit - I even said I would come to get 'em (heck, I needed to get out of the house) - and again the wines come in, this time in bigger numbers.

Then a friend of mine in Italy saw it and said "Bigger" ... and number three was born. And now I've gone and done it again. Welcome to the fourth annual Rosé Report.

I am always in for good rosé, but the question always remains: what makes a good rosé wine? That's a tougher question because rosé means different things to different people.

So what do rosé wines mean to people? Over the years I think I have boiled it down to what it is and what it isn't:

It's simple real, it's a good time. Rosé is not meant to be complicated. It's not a wine like Pinot Noir, although plenty of Pinot Noir is sacrifice to make rosé, but it's not a wine to sit and contemplate and admire. It's not like Bordeaux, a wine for the cellar, one to pull out on special occasions 10 years from now. It's not Brunello, Barolo or Amarone - those wines that will stand the test of time, and are created for "those dinners" we'll never forget. And it's not Riesling, a wine that defines your love for the fermented grape (or is it just a passing fad).

Rosé is not a king-maker - nor does one winery stake it's entire reputation on rosé alone. Rosé is not Chardonnay, it's not Sauvignon Blanc, it's certainly not white zinfandel- although it can contain these and many other grapes within.

Sure, rosé can be defined by what it is not, but it is also defined by what it is. It's a good time in a glass. It's the smile on one's face when you both see the bottle and the wine inside hitting the bottom of the glass. It's the sparkle of the sun off its top and through the glass. Rosé is that first sip of summer; it's the last gasp of fall. It's a reminder of great times, of gardens, patios, docks and decks.

One could be forgiven if they wonder if Rosé was made for summer or if summer was made for Rosé. Nothing says hot weather like Rose and nothing makes one happier than seeing a few dead rosé soldiers at the end of a Sunday afternoon. Rosé is all of these things and more.

In these pages I will reacquaint you to some old favorites and some new additions to your rosé repertoire. Some might leave you scratching your head other reaching for your wallet; but each and every one in these pages represents that burst of summer time enjoyment. Cheers!

Rosé all day



Gran Passione Rosato IGT Veneto

LCBO#: 13522

Merlot-based rosé with a medium-bodied, dry style. Floral aromas of roses and sweet violet, delicate flavours of strawberry and blackberry lead to a crisp, dry finish.



Ricasoli Albia Rosé Toscana IGT 2021

VINTAGES#: 556266

Evocative, lifted floral note with touches of herbs and rhubarb. Fresh and zippy, with deftly expressed apricot and a savoury undertone.



Château de l'Orangerie AOP Bordeaux Rosé 2021

VINTAGES# 25732

A rosé characteristic of Château de l'Orangerie's terroir; expressive and fleshy. Picked at ideal maturity, the Merlot gives notes of red fruits while the Cabernet Sauvignon brings body.

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METHODOLOGY

In year one I gathered all the wines together and tasted them all at once on the same day ... not really the best way to taste these wines.

Then I decided to try something a little different: Each and every day I brought out 4-5 bottles out, tasted and scored them. It was a way of tasting that made sure each wine got a fair look - because sometimes, in a mass tasting those last few wines get lost, in the “meh” from palate fatigue. I used to only do it on sunny days and outside, but this year even rainy days became “rosé days”.

In the past, I have also been asked if price played any part in my scoring, or in the way I perceive the wines? And while all wines are tasted “price-blind” (without knowledge of the price), this year it’s final score could be bumped up, or down, based on price (more on this later in the report).

SCORING

This year, I used a Good / Better / Best approach, based on criteria to be explained later. Let me be clear, each wine in this report has an element of drinkability to it - otherwise it would not have made the report. Rosé is not a science; it is for fun and enjoyment - period.

You will also notice the “+” sign at times, it is for a wine that has that little bit extra; there were also times I wish I could give a “++” but that’s just being nit-picky.

THIS YEAR'S "RANKING" SYSTEM

In the past, I have used my five-star system to evaluate rosé; but as previously stated in another article within this report, rosé will rarely if ever hit the lofty heights of five stars, unless you are a sparkling rose with an incredible pedigree and a winemaker with passion; nor will rosés find the rarified air of 4 ½ stars either.

Rosé is meant to be simple, consumed young, quaffed, chugged, gulped and enjoyed within days if not months after bottling. If you are an aged rosé, you will be shunned for the newer model. Rosé is the equivalent of women in Hollywood- newer and younger is better (but real life is neither Hollywood nor rosé). That's why this year I had to figure out a better system. Last year, the report consisted of a majority of three-and-a half and three-and-a half-plus-star ratings, and it became a little mind-numbing to the reader to see such similarities in scoring.

Enter the Good, Better, Best approach - including a plus system to add an even extra layer. Every rosé in this report will give the drinker pleasure to my rosé standards: "Good" is a good solid drinking rosé, no doubt, and you'll find enjoyment in its flavor and aroma. But this year there's a few new wrinkles, one being price; yes, this time even price was a consideration. Meaning a rosé could rise or fall in its rankings based on its value to quality ratio. Those wines are clearly marked within the remarks as "great value".

Other criteria considered for elevating the wines included:

- Drinkability (one glass or the whole bottle)
- Balance: fruit/acid/sweetness (acidity is the key to a well-balanced rosé)
 - Buying Factor: how many, and worthy of purchase
(would you physically get off the couch and go buy it - and how many?)
 - Pride of Service (would you happily serve it to guests)
- Appealing Color (the array was amazing this year, from crystal clear to deep pink)
 - Aromas
 - and of course Taste

Here's hoping you get to try as many of the rosés within these pages that you want, and please send me your thoughts via Instagram / Twitter @thegrapeguy or even tag me on Facebook ... Love to hear and read your opinions too.

THIS YEAR'S "RANKING" SYSTEM (CONT'D)

THE NEW SANGRIA RANKING

This is the first time I have introduced this category, but it's not the first time the word has been uttered during a rosé tasting. These are wines that would add an interesting twist to any sangria - and I highlight what they would bring to the mix. These are not bad wines, they are just a tough rosé on its own, they are one glass kind of wines, if you were drinking it straight.



DOES ROSE AGE?

I have been doing this report for 4 years now, and drinking and enjoying rosé for much longer; and in my experience the viability of rosé's enjoyment diminishes by a minimum of 25% each year it is away from its release date. That means by year four you're playing Russian Roulette with any bottle of rosé you open. The good news is that with the number of rosé now under screwcap you might get an extra year out of it. But let's go back to my first point: age - there are very few winemakers who will tell you (about their rosé) "lie that one down for five to six years, it'll get better" - Never! They want you to drink it fresh and at the peak of vibrancy; so please, get the notion out of your head that all wines taste better with age, especially when it comes to rosé. Drink it young, enjoy it soon, get the most out of your rosé experience. When it comes to rosé older is NOT better, never has been, never will be.



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SPARKLING ROSÉ

(ALPHABETICAL BY COUNTRY / PROVINCE)

Backyard Vineyards NV Reserve Sparkling Rosé

\$45.00 - British Columbia - winery / online

With a red berry nose and subtle sweetness on the palate; this rosé bubble is just that, quite bubbly, and has notes of over-ripe strawberry on the finish. **(Good +)**

Blue Grouse 2021 Rosé Frizzante

\$24.99 - British Columbia - winery / online

Quite the strawberry burst here with some lemon tang and a slight ginger note. **(Good +)**

Intrigue Wines NV I Do

\$20.90 - British Columbia - winery / online

Nice raspberry hit with a little bit of candy apple, cranberry and strawberry. Sit with it on the back deck and don't let your glass out of your sight. **(Better)**

Cono Sur NV Sparkling Pinot Noir Rosé

\$15.00 - Chile - LCBO 365205

A perennial favourite, this year's version has a slightly different label, and what's inside the bottle seems to be a lighter pink, and doles out more citrus than the expected raspberry, but there are no complaints here. It's still a delicious sparkling wine you can drink every, and any, night of the week. Price makes it an even better wine. **(Better)**



Laurent Perrier NV Rosé

\$109.95 - France - LCBO 158550

There is a reason why this is the world's top-selling Rosé Champagne. The red fruit aromas and flavours are subtle and open on the palate with a nice creaminess. In spite of the rich texture this has the signature zippy acidity that makes this a perfect food wine as well as sipper. **(Best)**

SPARKLING ROSÉ

Pommery NV Royal Brut Rosé

\$79.95 - France - LCBO 234112

Delicate in all ways: on the palate and on the nose; red fruit and subtle lime notes are backed by some nice biscuity-yeasty notes. This is a Champagne you won't soon forget. **(Better +)**

Ferrari NV Trento Brut Rosé

\$29.95 - Italy - LCBO (soon)

An 8-month on lees traditional that is fresh and light with both lime and biscuit notes. It has great acidity and a crisp clean finish. What a beauty. **(Better)**

Martini NV Rosé Extra Dry

\$15.95 - Italy - LCBO 14955

Innocuous and ready to drink - there's a little raspberry and bubble gum on the palate and it's super easy to drink. **(Good)**

Ruffino NV Prosecco Rosé

\$16.95 - Italy - LCBO 20896

Pale, pink and pretty, this is a style of Prosecco we are going to start seeing more and more of, as producers can now add up to 15% Pinot Noir to give it that colour. There's a nice hit of strawberry, watermelon and lime juice on the palate, the latter of which balances that Prosecco sweetness and leads to a dry and refreshing finish. **(Good +)**

Chateau des Charmes 2016 Rosé Sparkling Wine

\$34.95 - Ontario - winery / online

This is truly one of the best the Chateau has put out since the inaugural vintage of this wine: strawberry, lemon, raspberry with a lovely bit of yeasty/toastiness - awesome to see this wine back at the top of its game. **(Best)**



SPARKLING ROSÉ

Coffin Ridge 2020 Sparkling Rosé

\$26.95 - Ontario - winery / online

It's got raspberry, cranberry, and cherry; the acid is downplayed here and that augments the fruity character. **(Good +)**

Diamond Estates NV Fresh Possibilities

\$17.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Pink grapefruit, along with notes of sweet apple-cherry cocktail and candy apple. **(Good)**

Foreign Affair NV Sparkling Rosé Brut

\$24.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Candy apple and strawberry with hints of peach. **(Good)**

Foreign Affair NV Picnic Piquette

\$19.95 - Ontario - winery / online

This is sody-pop style wine at 6%; it's an alternative to those seltzer drinks popular now at the LCBO, or for those who want a lighter "beer"-ish wine – this one is Sangria base for me. **(Sangria)**

Greenlane 2020 Saffron - Sparkling Rosé

\$23.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Definitely on the sweet side this one is for the young and young at heart who enjoy cream soda like beverages, brings me back to my Tahiti-Treat days. Those who like coolers, this one is for you. Bottle is pretty cool though and would be great to re-use. For those who think this will be sickeningly sweet, there is a little citrus drop on the finish which keeps it from going there. **(Good)**

SPARKLING ROSÉ

Henry of Pelham NV Cuvee Catharine Rosé Brut

\$32.95 - Ontario - LCBO 217505

Great acidity with raspberry, cherry, and lime prominent - this is typical for Henry of Pelham with that great freshness on the palate - this winery continues to put out top notch bubbles and rosé is no exception. **(Best)**



Hinterland 2021 Ancestral

\$25.30 - Ontario - winery / online

Sweet summer fun, but too much and it's a headache in a glass waiting to happen with all that sweet cherry and strawberry. **(Good)**



Hinterland 2016 Rosé

\$24.00 - Ontario - winery / online

The hot vintage rosé sparkler shows notes of raspberry, lemon, and biscuits - it's a good solid bottle of bubbles. **(Better)**

Jackson-Triggs 2017 Entourage Grand Reserve - Sparkling Rosé

\$29.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Orange and nectarine with a touch of pith; plus there's some floral on the nose and lime pucker on the palate - but what was most notable here were the muted flavours, no matter what glass we put it in. **(Good +)**

SPARKLING ROSÉ

Kacaba 2019 Irresistible - Joanne's Blend

\$29.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Lemon drops and apple candies; refreshingly tasty and flavourful; it slips into a sweetness realm the longer it's open. **(Good +)**

Lighthall 2021 The Fence

\$26.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Pinot Noir done in the charmat method, and oh so tasty: cherry-raspberry-cranberry with only 2.5g per liter of sugar - good balance with a touch of floral and acidity ... a total quaffer. **(Better +)**



Locust Lane 2021 Rosé Sparkling

\$34.95 - Ontario - winery / online

A little peach and a little apple mix together to create a tasty little sparkling rosé. **(Good)**

Magnotta NV Pinot Rosé Sparkling

\$14.95 - Ontario - Sparkling

Last year this was terrible, this year it's vastly improved: raspberry with a little lemon zest and even some orange notes. Losses a lot of its wow factor after an hour, so drink up the moment it is opened. **(Good)**

Malivoire 2019 Bisous Rosé

\$29.95 - Ontario - winery / online

24 months on lees gives us raspberry, orange zest, strawberry and even a yeasty character that appears on the finish. **(Better)**

"It is like a glass of summer"

- Bob Robert Nedelko

SPARKLING ROSÉ



Oxley Estate NV Enchante

\$20.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Crisp and fragrant with notes of raspberry and lime - it's delicate with green melon on the finish; really good and that price makes it even better. **(Better)**

Pelee Island 2019 Pinot Noir / Auxerrois Bella

\$18.95 - Ontario - LCBO 11597

With subtle bubble and fizz the fruit is apple-peach, and orange-nectarine ... a fresh fruit sangria mixer. **(Sangria)**

Peller Estate NV Ice Cuvee Rosé

\$36.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Smells and tastes like icewine like never before: this is certainly drinkable for those who like this style, but if I get a bottle I'm tossing it in the Sangria with lots of citrus to get a sweet and sour buzz. **(Good)**

Ridgepoint Wines 2021 Sparkling Rosé

\$25.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Made using Glera and a little Pinot Noir for colour: red licorice and runts candies (cherry and raspberry most notably) - it has a confectioned note of cotton candy on the finish. Fun for the sweet loving crowd. **(Good+)**

Rosehall Run NV Pixie Sparkling Rosé

\$19.95 - Ontario - LCBO 492959

Pure patio pleasure for everyday drinking: it's crushable and slightly sweet - it's everything a Sunday afternoon should be. **(Good +)**

"I am appreciating them for their delicate, salmon-like hue in the glass, and the fact that there are many good dry ones if one knows where to look."

- Paul Bulas

SPARKLING ROSÉ

Rosehall Run 2017 Loveless - Brut Rosé

\$45.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Cherry-strawberry with some other macerated red fruits; it has an intense, in your face flavour, that is welcome as an opener to the evening. **(Good +)**

Sue-Ann Staff 2020 Flirty Bubbles, Fancy Farm Girl

\$26.95 - Ontario - winery / online

A screwcap wine with just a little fizz, easy to open, easy to drink: bubblegum nose with a big cherry mid that plays well on the tongue with a definitive cherry-raspberry finish. **(Good +)**

Trius NV Brut Rosé

\$29.95 - Ontario - LCBO 17690

Simplicity thy name is Trius Brut Rosé: lemon-raspberry-cranberry with a bite of lime on the finish. This delivers on everything you want in pink bubbles. **(Best)**



Westcott Vineyards 2019 Brilliant Rosé

\$34.99 - Ontario - winery / online

Nice acidity kick starts this one and then it hums on all cylinders with its strawberry, raspberry, lime with a subtle black cherry. **(Better +)**

Juve y Camps NV Pinot Noir Brut Rosé Cava

\$24.95 - Spain - LCBO 385088

A very pretty rosé, notes of strawberry and cherry on the tongue and lemon drop on the finish; it really is a berry bowl from start to finish. It also has a much deeper reddish color than one would expect from a sparkling rosé, but still tasty. **(Good +)**

"I serve a more robust Rosé at Thanksgiving. it looks great on the table and pairs amazing with turkey and cranberry sauce."

- Tracey Bullock

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THE FIRST BOTTLE



April 11, 2022 ... this was the very first bottle tasted for this year's Rosé Report, beside it, the pad that was used to take notes of all 229 wines, and the pencil I used to take all those notes.

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A TRUNCATED RANT ABOUT SCORING

I have often written and talked (in my podcast) about the state of scoring these days - especially remarking on the broken state of the 100-point-system; many reviewers have bastardized it to suit their needs, so that they give astronomical scores for simple wines (98 points for an \$8 wine? Please!).

I take my scoring very seriously and have noticed over the years, that while other's scores are trending up, mine are trending down - not that wine is getting worse, but maybe, in some small way I'm fighting against a system that wants to reward mediocrity with higher and higher marks.

Which brings us to rosé ... For the most part, rosé is a simple, easy drinking, pleasurable wine - back in the day a good rosé would achieve a score of 88 to 89 and be hailed as a great wine; 90 would be a fantastic score for anything pink. Today, you have to be well above 90 to be hailed as such, and let's be honest, very few rosé wines do, or should, hit 90 points - it's just not that kind of wine. Anybody scoring rosés consistently in the '90s is using a 10-point scale starting at 90 and/or are doing it for blatant self-promotion. There's just no other explanation

Bottom line, be skeptical when you see those really high marks for such simple wines, and ask yourself, is the reviewer doing it for the wine or for themselves?



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Michael Pinkus (L), James Melendez (R)
in Trasimeno

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - British Columbia

(in alphabetical order)

Backyard Vineyards 2021 Simply Social Rosé

\$25.00 - British Columbia - winery / online

Strawberry with a little bitter lime on the finish. **(Good)**

Bench 1775 2021 Glow

\$26.00 - British Columbia - winery / online

Nice acidity and tartness with a very refreshing and easy drinking style, perfect for a summer afternoon. **(Better)**

Blue Grouse 2021 Rosé Quill

\$23.99 - British Columbia - winery / online

Strawberry, cranberry and red currants; this one is refreshing, juicy and tasty. **(Good +)**

Bordertown Estate Winery and Vineyard 2021 Rosé

\$23.00 - British Columbia - winery / online

Subtle watermelon and lemon rind with good acid bite. **(Good)**

Carter Wine Co. 2019 Rosé Nest

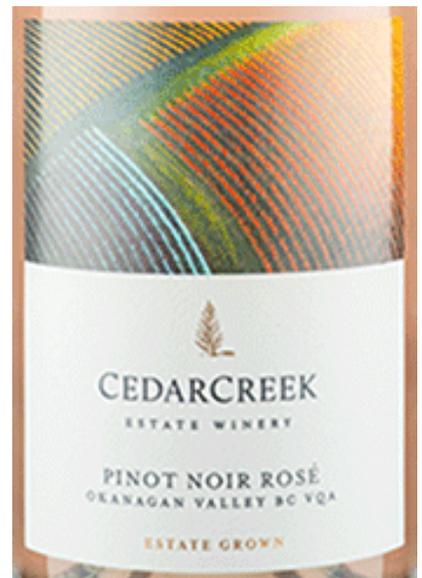
\$21.90 - British Columbia - winery / online

Grapefruit and strawberry pith dominate. **(Good)**

CedarCreek 2021 Pinot Noir Rosé

\$24.00 - British Columbia - winery / online

Peachy colour with peach, raspberry, lime, peach, strawberry pith, and citrus (think: tart lemon wedge); nice dry finish that has a real pucker-factor here. **(Better)**



STILL ROSÉ

Canada - British Columbia

(in alphabetical order)

Celista 2021 Marge's Rosé

\$22.90 - British Columbia - winery / online

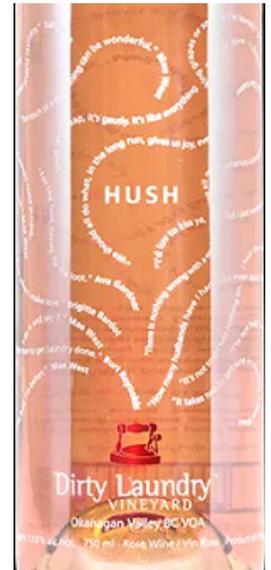
Sweet strawberry with just enough citrus pith to balance it out. (Good +)

Dirty Laundry 2021 Hush Rosé

\$20.99 - British Columbia - winery / online

Strawberry, watermelon, floral and juicy; there's even some mac apple skin here. It's very quaffable, pleasant and easy. The nose as it opens has notes of red Twizzler and some notes of canned peaches; it's the muted acidity that draws this one down a little. Good colour, and one of the most fun bottles in this report, for those who like labels and reading quotes.

(Good +)



Forbidden Fruit Winery 2021 Dead End Happy Ending Rosé Organic

\$23.00 - British Columbia - winery / online

Pretty grapefruit notes with a little floral. **(Good)**

Gehringer Bros. Estate Winery 2021 Rosé

\$18.39 - British Columbia - winery / online

Refreshing red fruit dominates there's also citrus pith and watermelon rind.

(Better)

Gray Monk 2021 Latitude 50 Rosé

\$13.99 - British Columbia - winery / online

Wonderful aromas of cotton candy, bubble gum, and peach - it's sweet fruited entry ends with notes of pink grapefruit cocktail; crushable and quaffable. Well priced, especially for a BC wine. **(Better)**

Gray Monk 2021 Rosé

\$19.99 - British Columbia - winery / online

Peachy mid-palate with some sweet strawberry and floral. **(Good)**

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - British Columbia

(in alphabetical order)

Hainle 2021 Rosé

\$19.99 - British Columbia - winery / online

Tart cranberry from start to finish, all with good acidity. **(Good +)**

Indigenous World Winery 2021 Red Fox Rosé

\$25.29 - British Columbia - winery / online

Simple and tasty: floral and lime pith with touches of red fruit, red currant and cranberry. **(Good +)**

Intrigue Wines 2021 Social Rosé

\$17.50 - British Columbia - winery / online

Watermelon Jolly Ranchers with some raspberry-cherry and a nice punch of acidity. **(Good +)**

Laughing Stock 2021 Rosé

\$24.99 - British Columbia - winery / online

Sour cherry, sour raspberry and there's even something tart that steals the show which makes it a lovely hot day drink. **(Good +)**



Mission Hill 2021 Reserve Rosé

\$25.00 - British Columbia - winery / online

A blend of Merlot, Shiraz, and Pinot Noir; it has macerated peach colour with notes of peach and nectarine aromas, nice flavours of orange zest, peach and pure drinkability. **(Better +)**

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - British Columbia

(in alphabetical order)

Moon Curser 2021 Heist

\$26.99 - British Columbia - winery / online

Syrah, Merlot and Nebbiolo which spent some time in oak, this does explain the weight and potentially the spice in this rosé which comes off a touch herbaceous; the fruit is macerated strawberry and this is another for my Sangria recommends as it will help to spice it up. **(Sangria)**

Moraine Estate 2021 Pink Mountain

\$27.00 - British Columbia - winery / online

Pretty colour with notes of sweet strawberry, candy apple and watermelon. **(Good)**

Noble Ridge Vineyard and Winery 2021 Nobel Rosé

\$27.59 - British Columbia - winery / online

Peach and nectarine with a finish that brings us back to the peach pit realm. **(Good)**

Road 13 Vineyards 2021 Rosé

\$26.00 - British Columbia - winery / online

A real punch of citrus pith here that interweaves notes of cranberry and raspberry. **(Good)**

Rocky Creek Winery 2020 Robin's Rosé

\$27.50 - British Columbia - winery / online

Strawberry-bubblegum, but nothing "wow", it's a wine that will provide an afternoon of fun. **(Good)**

Sandhill 2021 Sangiovese Rosé

\$31.05 - British Columbia - winery / online

There's some interesting complexity here that ends with pith and a drying mouthfeel. **(Better)**

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - British Columbia

(in alphabetical order)

Sandhill 2021 Rosé, Terroir Driven Wine

\$24.15 - British Columbia - winery / online

Nothing wrong with this one, it's a good sipper, it lacks the bells and whistles, but it is a glass to while away the afternoon with. **(Good +)**

Savard Vines 2021 Purple Petals Rosé

\$20.00 - British Columbia - winery / online

Refreshing moments where citrus meets raspberry. **(Good)**

See Ya Later Ranch 2020 Legacy Rosé

\$29.89 - British Columbia - winery / online

Loads of peach with a kiss of acidity. **(Good)**

Skimmerhorn 2021 Rosé

\$22.00 - British Columbia - winery / online

Strawberry, cherry with a dash of something tart and spicy. **(Good +)**

Sonora Desert Winery 2021 White Merlot

\$25.00 - British Columbia - winery / online

Decent citrus with lemon pith, nectarine and clementine flesh. **(Good +)**

Stoneboat Vineyards 2021 Rosé

\$28.95 - British Columbia - winery / online

Jazzy little number with hints of citrus, watermelon and green apple. **(Good +)**

The View Winery & Vineyard/ Ward's Cider 2021 Pink Rhino

\$22.95 - British Columbia - winery / online

Citrus cocktail with some cherry kicking around the edges. **(Good +)**

"Who says it's a summer only drink? Love rose in the middle of winter (albeit indoors)."

- Xavier Bordeaux

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - British Columbia

(in alphabetical order)

Three Sisters 2021 Rosé

\$19.90 - British Columbia - winery / online

Nice sweetness to acidity ratio with notes of citrus, nectarine and peach. **(Good +)**

Vanessa Vineyard 2021 Rosé

\$29.99 - British Columbia - winery / online

Pleasantly tart with a little nectarine and raspberry with some citrus punch. **(Good +)**

Wesbert Winery Ltd. 2021 Rosé

\$32.14 - British Columbia - winery / online

Raspberry-lemon and cherry, need I say more. **(Good +)**

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STILL ROSÉ

Canada - Ontario

(in alphabetical order)

180 Estate 2020 Gamay Rosé

\$24.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Orange and cherry with a hint of cranberry and peach pit, plus there's a hint of sour cherry on the finish. **(Good +)**

20 Bees NV Rose

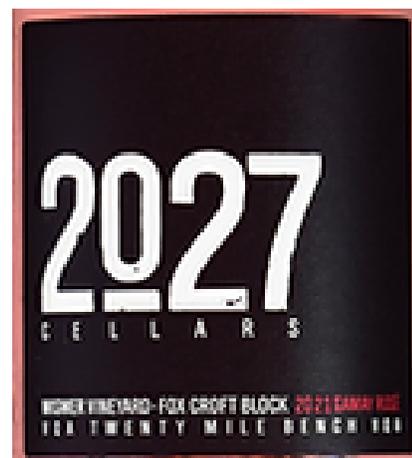
\$12.75 - Ontario - winery / online

Drinkable, if not slightly plain; but there are enough red berries and lime notes here with some decent acidity on the finish. **(Good)**

2027 Cellars 2021 Gamay Rosé, Wismer Fox Croft Block

\$22.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Designated single vineyard rose is not a usual thing, but at 2027 they do it again with wonderful results. Big raspberry flavour with a hit of cranberry and lemon peel tartness on the finish. This one has refreshment built in. **(Better)**



80x Wine Company 2021 When Pigs Fly - Pinot Noir Rosé

\$22.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Beet root, strawberry and lime, and that's just the start; you'll also find watermelon rind with really good mouthfeel and a dry/tart finish. **(Better)**

Adamo Estate 2021 Estate Rosé

\$21.50 - Ontario - winery / online

One of three rosés made by Adamo, this is their Gamay, Cabernet Franc blend and is the lightest of the Adamo rosés: 7-up and cranberry with subtle ginger flavor offsets the bubblegum and cotton candy aromas. **(Better)**

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - Ontario

(in alphabetical order)

Adamo Estate 2021 Gamay Rosé, Kirby Vineyard

\$19.25 - Ontario - winery / online

Really very cherry with a silky smooth mouthfeel; this one lacks the acidity making it feel, think cherry Jelly Bellies. **(Good)**

Adamo Estate 2021 Underdog Rosé

\$16.50 - Ontario - winery / online

Beets and pomegranates, but there is also a subtle vegetal note; it's quaffable with a pretty colour plus notes of cherry liquor, a hint of sweetness and cranberry finish. **(Good+)**

Between The Lines 2021 Rosé

\$20.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Cherry fruit with some vanilla from the staves that were put in the wine; there is also good acidity - it is an interesting version and different style than most that never see an inch of a barrel - this one is a food friendly rosé. **(Good +)**

Broken Stone 2021 Rosie Poésie

\$22.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Pink bubblegum and peach on the nose; it's a blend of Riesling, Muscat, and Gamay; and while the nose invites, the palate shows off some perfumed notes and little else. There's nothing here that's a turn off, but it's not completely exciting either - it's tasty and drinkable. **(Good)**

Burning Kiln 2021 Bloom Rosé

\$5.95 (can) - Ontario - winery / online

Wine in a can ... it's pretty sweet with peach and apple notes dominating - but understandably it is made to be chuggable, the sweetness means only one for me but there will be others who will drink at least four. **(Good)**

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - Ontario

(in alphabetical order)

Burning Kiln 2020 Broken Needle

\$19.95 - Ontario - winery / online

A Pinot Noir rosé where the nose comes across muted but on the palate there are hints of peach, raspberry and lime runt candies. **(Good +)**



Byland Estate 2020 Rosé

\$15.00 - Ontario - winery / online

This one has a pretty floral-raspberry and lemon drop note, it's then augmented by cranberry and strawberry with a nice tart finish - starts slowly with the aromas, but lays it on with flavour. **(Better)**

Calamus 2021 Rosalee's Rosé

\$19.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Melon, peach and apricot; sits a little on the sweet side, but it's quite enjoyable. **(Good +)**

Cave Spring 2020 Rosé Estate

\$24.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Super light in both colour and taste - think watered down lemon-raspberry iced tea or popsicle fruit juice. It's a wine that does not have much flavour, but it is quite drinkable. **(Good)**

Cave Spring 2021 Rosé

\$15.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Robust strawberry, with a touch of lemon zest, much more flavourful than the estate version. **(Good +)**

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - Ontario

(in alphabetical order)

Chateau des Charmes 2021 Cuvee d'Andree

\$18.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Floral and raspberry and then there seems to be a something almost spicy with a touch of earthiness which all shows up on the finish ... but it's that really floral note that ultimately wins out. **(Good)**

Closson Chase 2021 Rosé, KJ Watson Vineyard

\$25.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Dry with lots of lime pith, sour cherry, cranberry, raspberry and peach pit; it's a crisp summer refresher. **(Better +)**



Cooper's Hawk 2020 Dry Rosé

\$19.95 - Ontario - winery / online

A little on the peppered-strawberry side of things; it's fun and will spice up an afternoon offering of Sangria. **(Sangria)**

Cornerstone 2020 Blush Hour

\$22.00 - Ontario - winery / online

There's an odd bit of bitterness, think inner apple skin, plus sour cherry and cranberry ... let it sit and it smooths out to expose lots of cherry notes. **(Good)**

Creekside 2021 Rosé

\$15.95 - Ontario - LCBO 48819

Nice colour, slightly watery at first, but on the next few sips the wine brightens up with strawberry and limeade; it's priced right for an Ontario rosé: refreshing and a real hot day sipper, run out and buy a bunch. **(Better +)**

"I especially enjoy Rose in the patio weather days, and made my purchases last year based on your report. Thanks!"

- Kathy Reid

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - Ontario

(in alphabetical order)

Creekside 2020 Pinot Noir Rosé

\$30.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Strawberry pith and macerated strawberry with floral, orange blossom and deep melon rind intensity ... this rose lost marks on price, because there was nothing fresh here, it was more bitter-ish. **(Good)**



Divergence 2021 Pinot Noir Rosé

\$25.00 - Ontario - DrinkCollab.ca

Light lemon seed, pink grapefruit rind and watermelon juice - it has a simplicity that is totally enjoyable. **(Better)**

D'Ont Poke the Bear 2020 Rosé

\$14.95 - Ontario - LCBO 642884

Floral and apricot which comes across with a nice intensity - it's juicy and quaffable. **(Good +)**

EastDell 2019 Summer Rosé

\$14.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Strawberry and lemon but the acidity drops off quick - it is quaffable, but drink up quick. **(Good)**

EV's Eclectics 2021 Syrah Rosé

\$24.95 - Ontario - DrinkCollab.ca

Saignee Syrah that is oak fermented; very much in the strawberry realm with a hint of lime zest. **(Good)**

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - Ontario

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Featherstone 2021 Rosé

\$15.95 - Ontario - LCBO 117861

Tutti-frutti and bubblegum notes right from the get go; there's a nice hit of acidity which helps pull it all together. This is the typical Featherstone style being that it is fruity, vibrant and fun with great eye-appealing colour: sweet fruit of cherry and raspberry on the finish. Love the price too. **(Better)**



Fielding 2021 Rosé

\$17.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Peachy, lemon zest, lime, apricot, floral - doesn't blow you away at first, but as it opens that peach and lemon just pop. It's a blend of Pinot Noir / Pinot Gris and Gamay. **(Better)**

Finite x Fogolar 2020 Cabernet Franc Rosé - Picone Vineyard

\$24.95 - Ontario - DrinkCollab.ca

Bottled with lees so there is a bitterness left behind on the tongue, but also strawberry, lime pith and cranberry: it is a curious kinda rosé. **(Good)**

Flat Rock Cellars 2021 Pink Twisted

\$17.95 - Ontario - winery / online

New fun label ushers this year's Pink Twisted out into the marketplace: here there's a bit of a funk, but that blows off, leaving a nice strawberry aftertaste. **(Good)**

Foreign Affair 2021 Amarose

\$19.95 - Ontario - LCBO 388702

Watermelon-strawberry with a lime rind finish; appeals because of its unique pedigree in the rosé field: ripasso method, made with Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc (the latter adds a little zing) ... this one really grows on you sip after sip. **(Good +)**

STILL ROSÉ

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Foreign Affair 2020 Amarose

\$19.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Very strawberry and lime; this one is deeply coloured, comes across more Spanish or Tavel than Provencal in colour and flavour - a rare 2020 that still has a nice freshness to it. **(Good +)**

Good Natured 2021 Rosé

\$12.95 - Ontario - LCBO 24971

Raspberry and nectarine with lemon backing; there's also a little bit of melon and some tartness to the finish. Quite chuggable. **(Good)**

Greenlane 2020 Rosé

\$17.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Lacks a punch of acidity but everything else about it screams summer with its crushable nature and crushability factor; price sits in a sweet spot for rosé wines - this one is pure pleasure. **(Better)**

Grow Wild 2021 Ravishing Rosé

\$15.95 - Ontario - LCBO 19748

Watermelon on the nose, plus green melon and citrus and some cool little pop of pineapple character; quick finish with subtle sweetness; it's an easy hot day drinker. **(Good +)**



Henry of Pelham 2021 Three of Hearts (Speck Bros.)

\$19.95 - Ontario - LCBO 552562

Cotton candy aromas and fresh red fruit flavours: raspberry and strawberry. It's light, refreshing, and easy drinking with light aromas. The packaging comes off as hoity-toity but it will appeal to some and detracts others. **(Better)**

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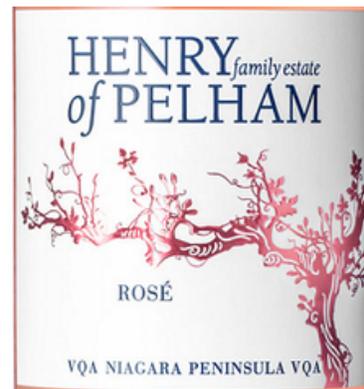
Canada - Ontario

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Henry of Pelham 2021 Rosé

\$14.95 - Ontario - LCBO 613471

This is so much going on here; cherry-raspberry jolly rancher, green apple, lemon-lime-ade, it's quaffable, tasty and chuggable and based on price it gets a little extra. **(Better +)**



Henry of Pelham 2021 Family Tree - The Merry Widow (Speck Bros.)

\$16.95 - Ontario - LCBO 24972

Watermelon, cranberry, with a nice bitterness on the finish (almost pith-like) ... good price, medium-length finish, plus a little lime zest, gains complexity as it opens. **(Better)**



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Canada - Ontario

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Hinterbrook 2021 Pinot Noir Rosé

\$22.95 - Ontario - winery / online

There may, or may not be, a spritzzy note here; but with plenty of peach and lemon, and when looking at the wine in glass it seems more like a white than a rose; but it's refreshing, had good acidity and says rosé on the label, so I take it at face value; but it still does seem more Pinot Grigio than Pinot Noir Rosé. **(Better)**



Hinterland 2021 Rosé

\$30.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Linear and austere, with a nice citrus driven palate; dry with good acid. It's a hot day rosé for sure. I know it's County, but if that price were a little lower ... **(Better)**

Huff Estates 2020 Getaway Rosé

\$22.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Has some Orangina notes, which seems to match its colour: think burnt orange and strawberry. **(Good)**

Huff Estates 2021 County Road - Pinot Noir Rosé

\$27.00 - Ontario - winery / online

It's a strawberry-lemonade with booze in it. Drink up. **(Good)**

iCellars 2021 Cabernet Franc Rosé

\$27.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Intense Byng cherry with strawberry, lime and even some grapefruit pith notes. There's a refreshment-factor as well as a complexity-factor here. **(Better)**

Inniskillin 2021 Cabernet Franc Rosé - Reserve Series

\$20.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Smells nice, but with a bland palate: lemon, lime and a sousant of raspberry; it does come across a little watery too. **(Good)**

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Inniskillin 2020 Pinot Noir Rosé

\$15.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Banana extract/popsicle, plenty of fruit sweetness, with lime zest/pith and pink grapefruit backing - definitely tasty. **(Good +)**

Inniskillin 2021 P3 - Discovery Series

\$21.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Pinots of Noir and Gris with some Petit Verdot: yellow and white peach with apple dashed in there. It's a very nice drinking wine and an interesting blend. **(Good +)**

Joseph's 2020 Rosato

\$18.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Very cherry dominant and that's about all you're getting; really good base for Sangria. **(Sangria)**

Kacaba 2021 Rebecca Rosé

\$17.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Candy apple and sweet beets on the nose, which then follows onto the palate - it's also floral and quite flavourful. **(Good +)**

Konzelmann 2021 Cabernet Rosé, Lakefront Series

\$15.95 - Ontario - LCBO 12841

It has a little strawberry but little else here, it's certainly drinkable, there's no doubt there. **(Good)**

Lakeview Cellars NV Mindful Rosé

\$12.95 - Ontario - winery / online

This 8% alcohol, low sugar, low calorie wine came as quite the surprise; it has a zesty finish, some cranberry tartness and a sour cherry mid - it's not just for the diet conscious, it's for those looking for a good rosé - one of my tasters said "I could drink the s**t outta this"; and the price is hard to beat. **(Better)**

STILL ROSÉ

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Lakeview Cellars 2019 Serenity Pinot Noir Rosé

\$15.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Orange and strawberry notes, it's on the cusp of being too old - chill completely, it just barely crosses the line of the score it gets. **(Good)**

Leaning Post 2021 Rosé

\$22.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Refreshing with Montmorency cherry, hints of citrus, over-ripe strawberry, watermelon water and good acidity; the finish shows some Jolly Rancher sourness and an intensity of flavour.

(Better +)



Locust Lane 2021 White Merlot

\$24.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Pleasant and peachy mid-palate with hints of raspberry and lime on the finish.

(Good +)

London Born Wines 2020 Camden Rosé Gamay

\$19.95 - Ontario - winery / online

A simple mix of grapefruit and sour cherry. **(Good)**

Magnotta 2020 Pinot Noir Rosé, Equus Series

\$10.95 - Ontario - winery / online

There's some "pizzaz" here, the acidity is med-low, there's notes of orange zest and lemon pith and it sings a pretty song in the mouth. **(Good +)**

"Really good rose requires crisp vibrant acidity, fruitiness and complexity, yet light on its feet ... Ontario's signature red varieties (Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir and Gamay) are so well suited to the rose style."

- David Brodati

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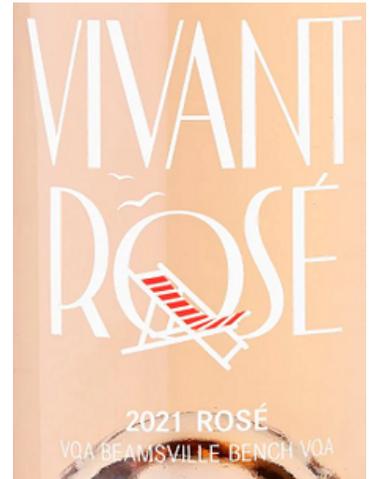
Canada - Ontario

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Malivoire 2021 Vivant Rosé

\$19.95 - Ontario - winery / online

It's Provençal -style pink in colour, dry with orange peel character along with some nectarine; the acidity really punches the tongue, there's peach pit and even some under-ripe pear/apple nuances. **(Better +)**



Malivoire 2021 Lady Bug Rosé

\$17.95 - Ontario - LCBO 559088

Raw salmon colour: this one is very strawberry and playful, basically what you expect from the Bug. **(Good +)**

Malivoire 2021 Moira Rose

\$24.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Nice acidity with lemon drop, lime notes with hints of bitterness, it's light in both colour and on the palate; another in the Provençal-style rosés from Malivoire. **(Good +)**

Megalomaniac NV Homegrown Rose

\$14.95 - Ontario - LCBO 639856

There's a sweetness factor here with pink grapefruit cocktail leading the charge followed by sweet peach and lemon drop; it's quaffable but be careful, that sweetness will go to your head quick. **(Good)**

Megalomaniac 2020 Pink Slip

\$19.95 - Ontario - LCBO

A little sweet floral, peach, lemon drop; it's an easy drinking patio pleaser. **(Good +)**

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - Ontario

(in alphabetical order)

Meldville 2021 Pinot Noir Rosé

\$24.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Strawberry and white peach with a touch of melon: light and fruity with a subtle sweetness and candied citrus peel on the finish. **(Better)**

Meldville 2020 Cabernet Franc Rosé

\$20.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Smell might be a little bit off-putting to some, but that it more than makes up by the time it roles over the palate with it's cherry, strawberry and lime zest. **(Good)**



Morandin 2021 County Rosé - Sangreal Estate Vineyard

\$26.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Light, delicate and so tasty: it's a tangerine, watermelon, cherry quaffer that rewards the palate sip after sip after sip. **(Better +)**

Offshore 2021 Hang Ten Rosé

\$17.95 - Ontario - LCBO 24973

Notes of orange and nectarine with hints of citurs pith on the finish - it's basis but tasty. **(Good)**

Organized Crime 2021 Rosé

\$19.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Refreshing and pleasant, with pink grapefruit cocktail some raspberry-lemon undertones and citrus pith finish - very quaffable. **(Better)**

Oxley Estate 2020 Pinot Noir Rosé

\$21.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Floral, nectarine, and a subtle oxidized note; but it still maintains an underlying quaffability-factor. **(Good)**

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - Ontario

(in alphabetical order)

Oxley Estate 2020 Cabernet Syrah Rosé

\$15.95 - Ontario - winery / online

This is a sweet rosé that would be perfect as a Sangria-base - but be prepared to add some lemon and other citrus for balance. **(Sangria)**

Pelee Island 2020 Pink

\$12.95 - Ontario - LCBO 529354

Chambourcin based wine that comes across slightly sweet, but it drinks well. It's built for a hot day on the patio: tutti-frutti, bubblegum, watermelon and sweet peach. It's a rosé for the masses - drink with your neighbour. **(Good)**

Peller Estate 2021 Private Reserve Rosé

\$23.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Fresh and lively, it leans more lemon cocktail than raspberry, it might be a touch watery but still chuggable. **(Good +)**

Peninsula Ridge 2021 Cabernet Rosé - Beal Vineyard

\$15.95 - Ontario - LCBO #177840

Strawberry, lime and green melon; there's also some raspberry on the finish and it is dry across the palate; really well-priced rosé. **(Better)**

Peninsula Ridge 2020 Beal Vineyard Cabernet Rosé

\$15.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Strawberry-lime with an alcoholic watermelon note - there's a bit of a refreshment-factor here, but it's getting a little long in the tooth. **(Good +)**

Pillitteri 2021 Pinot Squared Racina

\$24.80 - Ontario - winery / online

Better balanced than last year's wine, dominated by strawberry and lime. **(Good +)**

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - Ontario

(in alphabetical order)

Quai du Vin 2021 New Beginnings Rosé

\$20.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Needed two bottles here, seems the screwcap was damaged. Found the wine to be very cherry with fresh gooseberry, plus hints of over-ripe strawberry and a nice tart finish. Beware of dented screwcaps. **(Good)**

Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery 2021 Rosé

\$24.80 - Ontario - winery / online

Delicate pith notes, with strawberry-raspberry fruit cocktail; really refreshing and enjoyable. **(Better)**

Redstone 2021 Rosé

\$14.15 - Ontario - winery / online

Starts with lemon/lime and grapefruit then it delves in to strawberry and raspberry department before doling out a little fruit sweetness and refreshment - this is one crushable rosé. The price brings it up a bit too, and it's a multi-purchase-worthy wine as well. **(Better +)**

Rockway NV Patio 9 Pink

\$5.50 (can) - Ontario - winery / online

Sweet and slightly fizzy a combination that provides summer pleasure; nothing earth shattering here, but it has summer afternoon or boat trip written all over it. **(Good)**

Rockway 2021 Pink Ribbon Rosé

\$20.00 - Ontario - winery / online

This is the ultimate in pink wine - it looks pink and it tastes pink ... if pink had a taste this is what it would be. Is it super exciting? No. Will it quench a thirst on a hot day? Absolutely. **(Good)**

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - Ontario

(in alphabetical order)

Rosehall Run 2021 Dry Rosé

\$19.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Very cherry, raspberry with an under-ripe cherry finish ... Queen Anne cherries that are slightly under-ripe, to be more exact, which gives us good acidity and a slightly bitterish finish - it's a food rosé. **(Good)**

Rosehall Run 2021 Rosé of Pinot

\$28.00 - Ontario - winery / online

Cherry, yellow peach, ruby grapefruit and lots of lovely flavours and a good intensity. **(Good +)**

Skinny Dipping 2021 Pinot Gris

\$19.95 - Ontario - DrinkCollab.ca

A "skin fermented" Gris, which gives us the colour of pink and therefore can be called a rosé if it so chooses: pleasant, palatable and it's an easy sipper. **(Good)**

Strewn 2020 Cabernet Franc Rosé

\$21.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Sour strawberry, lemon rind / pith with dry, beet root and cranberry. **(Good)**

Tawse 2021 Rosé, Limestone Vineyard

\$20.95 - Ontario - winery / online

It has a bitter note that leans heavily on the pith side of citrus; it does pull up a bit with some mild red fruits, but it's that bit of sour that really stays. **(Good +)**

Tawse 2021 Sketches of Niagara Rosé

\$18.95 Ontario - LCBO 172643

A little raspberry sweetness mixed with subtle strawberry and lemon drop; this is one you drink by the boatload. **(Good +)**



STILL ROSÉ

Canada - Ontario

(in alphabetical order)

Thirty Bench 2021 Winemaker's Blend Rosé

\$22.75 - Ontario - winery / online

An odd blend of Pinot Noir / Pinot Meunier and Gamay - delicate raspberry-cherry-lemonade with hints of floral and a lingering finish. **(Good +)**

Thirty Bench 2021 Small Lot Rosé

\$29.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Strawberry and raspberry, plenty of juicy red berries, and texture galore - dry refreshing and crisp. **(Good +)**



Trius 2021 Rosé

\$17.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Citrus and red fruit mix it up for a really flavourful mid-palate: raspberry, ruby grapefruit, and watermelon cherry; this one's complex and tasty all over. **(Better+)**

Two Sisters 2021 Margo

\$34.80 - Ontario - winery / online

One of the pricier rosés on this list; it's a delight to drink with its notes of peach, nectarine, melon and lime. **(Better)**



Wayne Gretzky Estates 2021 No.99 Founders Series Rosé

\$16.95 - Ontario - winery / online

Pith notes help to round out the gentle citrus. **(Good +)**

"I love the simplicity of rosé. It's easy, refreshing & so versatile."

- Fernanda Cerone

STILL ROSÉ

Canada - Ontario

(in alphabetical order)



Westcott Vineyards 2021 Pinot Noir Rosé

\$24.99 - Ontario - winery / online

Cherry, raspberry, lime, cantaloup, refreshingly light palate and colour; lime and melon rind with good acid punch on the finish.

(Better)

Westcott Vineyards 2021 Delphine

\$18.99 - Ontario - winery / online

Tart cherry-rhubarb that's quite perfumed with notes of floral - it's quaffable, but nothing really wows the palate; that underlying perfume might be a detractor to some folks. **(Good)**

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International

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AUSTRALIA

Jacob's Creek 2021 Reserve Rosé

\$15.95 - Australia - LCBO 18528

Lots of citrus pith with notes of watermelon rind to go with it. **(Good)**

Smoky Bay NV Shiraz Rosé

\$9.95 - Australia - LCBO 24086

Baked strawberry and lime; this is an in your face kinda rosé. **(Good)**

CHILE

Santa Carolina 2021 Carolina Reserva Rosé

\$13.95 - Chile - LCBO 24085

Citrus pith and rind, dry, with notes of unripe nectarine, apricot, peach ... it's a good rosé, but the price helps raise it. **(Good +)**

FRANCE

Gerard Bertrand 2021 Gris Blanc

\$15.95 - Languedoc - LCBO 14673

Refreshing with pineapple, white peach and lemon drop - this price point makes for a very good rosé that manages to bump itself up. **(Better)**

Gerard Bertrand 2020 Cote des Rosés

\$19.95 - Languedoc - LCBO 373985

White peach and some stone fruit with nectarine and cantaloup at its core; the more current 2021 was not made available to me, but I would suspect it to be better. **(Good)**



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International

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FRANCE (cont'd)

Gerard Bertrand 2020 Source of Joy

\$24.95 - Languedoc - LCBO (Nov. 2022)

Floral, raspberry and cherry aromas, quite refreshing with good acidity - short finish, but with good acidity and freshness. **(Better +)**

Les Janelles 2021 Clair de Rosa

\$15.55 - Languedoc - LCBO 23759

Sweetness of fruit, with a fresh and gulpable appeal: apple, raspberry sweetness, easy drinking and incredibly tasty. There's a Jolly Rancher watermelon note to the finish. **(Better)**

GREECE

Giannikus Winery 2020 Kyknoi (Swan) Agiorgiti

\$18.95 - Greece - United Stars (agent)

It's a red fruited but very indistinguishable fruits: maybe some over-ripe watermelon-cherry-strawberry. **(Good)**

ITALY

Donnafugata 2021 Dolce & Gabbana Rosé

\$47.95 - Italy - LCBO 25860

For the chic set, this Dolce & Gabbana rosé has plenty going for it, like peach, apricot and tangerine - it's a little on the pricey side, but it is rather tasty ... and look it comes gift wrapped. **(Good +)**



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International

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ITALY (cont'd)

Ruffino 2021 Aqua di Venus Rosé

\$25.95 - Italy - LCBO 25747

Dry with citrus, lime and lemon drop; - at first not thrills, but then it grows on you, it was crisp and refreshing but that bottle style must add to the premium price ... it sure is good, but get rid of gimmicky bottle and just give me the good wine inside. **(Good +)**

Santa Margherita 2020 Rosé

\$19.95 - Italy - LCBO 25752

Rosé under cork? This one is being released July 16 ... It's decent and more Pinot Grigio citrus notes rather than rosé, but it has a little more character than their usual Pinot Grigio so it gets a score to match. **(Good +)**

Umberto Cesari 2021 Moma Rosé

\$15.95 - Italy - LCBO 25751 (July 16, 2022)

This Sangio-Merlot is a light, refreshing pink with loads of yellow grapefruit and apricot. It's totally crushable and the price makes it a real winner. **(Better)**



"I love the colours! And the food-friendliness."

- Elena Galey-Pride

STILL ROSÉ

International

(in alphabetical order by country)

LEBANON

Les Vignes du Merje 2020 Rosé

\$21.95 - Lebanon - United Stars (agent)

Subtle strawberry and raspberry with over-ripe and macerated notes; yes it's drinkable, but best used to punch up a Sangria. **(Sangria)**

NEW ZEALAND

Kim Crawford 2020 Rosé

\$19.95 - New Zealand - LCBO 650325

Stewed peaches and strawberry compote; quite the intense flavour. **(Good)**

Kim Crawford 2021 Illuminate Eclairer

\$19.95 - New Zealand - LCBO 24084

One of those 90 calorie, 2g of sugar, 7% alcohol wines - and it is really tasty in its own right with its pink grapefruit and hint of peach; it's a wine for the low calorie set ... this one rivals the Lakeview version. **(Good +)**

Stoneleigh 2021 Lighter Rosé

\$18.95 - New Zealand - LCBO 24081

Floral, peach, apple and passionfruit, quite complex for what it is; it's a really inviting nose and a juicy finish - another low cal wine that delivers. **(Better)**



"I love the range of rosés you can find, a different type for every mood ... So many reasons to love rosé."

- Kryss Roman

STILL ROSÉ

International

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NEW ZEALAND (cont'd)

Villa Maria 2021 Blush Sauvignon

\$19.95 - New Zealand - LCBO 24088

Refreshing grapefruit, and fresh grass; it's a Sauvignon Blanc with a hint of Merlot for colour. You'll also find nectarines, subtle peach and a long finish. **(Better)**

"Many people love rosé in the backyard on a sunny day... But how about unwinding by the fire on a summer evening? Perfection."

- Michael Pinkus - The Grape Guy



PORTUGAL

Aveleda 2021 Fonte - Vinho Verde Rosé

\$12.35 - Portugal - LCBO 23758

Now this is a new and different take on the usual crisp Vinho Verde - add something to fruit it up ... raspberry-citrus, but without the real punchy acidity: tasty and well-priced. **(Good +)**

SOUTH AFRICA

Glen Carlou 2021 Pinot Noir Rosé

\$13.95 - South Africa - LCBO 24742

Herbal and herbaceous with notes of blood orange and red berry - this would be a delight in a Sangria surrounding. **(Sangria)**

STILL ROSÉ

International

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SPAIN

Campo Viejo 2021 Rosé

\$14.95 - Spain - LCBO 23745

A very crisp Campo, probably one of the best ones I've tasted over the years: raspberry-lime typical but tasty with a good citrus hit on the finish. **(Better)**

Gran Feudo 2020 Rosado, Navarra

\$13.00 - Spain - LCBO 165845

A little bitter on the finish, it has a reddish rose with candied strawberry and orange zest. **(Good)**

Manchuela 2021 Toro Bravo Rosado

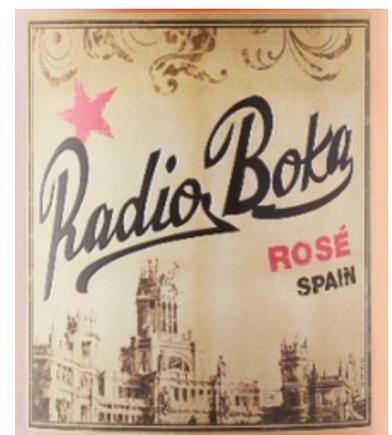
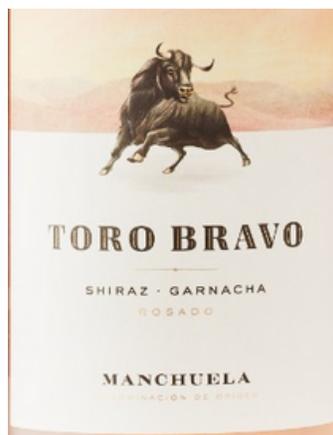
\$8.90 - Spain - LCBO #14145

Strawberry-raspberry-citrus, and even some nectarine; not as sweet as last year and a definite vast improvement over the first year this wine came out. Refreshing and easy-drinking, summer-friendly and one of those surprising wines that's a crowd pleaser and a pocket book pleaser. **(Better)**

Radio Boka 2021 Rosé Wine

\$9.90 - Spain - LCBO 480467

Floral, peach, and raspberry highlight this quaffable, easy drinking pink; there's also subtle lime and red fruit sweetness on the mid-palate - great value. **(Better)**



STILL ROSÉ

International

(in alphabetical order by country)

UNITED STATES

Bread & Butter 2020 Rosé

\$18.95 - California - LCBO 18486

Red berries, sour cherry, raspberry and strawberry. **(Good +)**

Stel + Mar NV Rosé

\$17.95 - California - LCBO 18485

Tutti-frutti aromas and flavours, perfect for sipping on a hot day; it is more fruity than tutti and has a quenchable note, but must be fully chilled. **(Good +)**



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SPECIAL REPORT

LOIRE VALLEY

In April of 2022 I had the opportunity to go to the Loire Valley and taste a variety of wines - these were the rosés I sampled that I thought were worthwhile - the Loire seems to like their rosés on the sweet-sidiness, and they know it.

Château De Fesles 2021 Rosé (Rosé D'anjou) ... Good +

Domaine Asseray 2021 Rosé (Rosé De Loire) ... Good +

Domaine Cady 2021 Rosé (Rosé De Loire) ... Good +

Domaine De Bois Mozé 2021 Emoi Rosé ... (Rosé De Loire) ... Good

Domaine De Cézin 2021 Domaine Rosé (Coteaux Du Loir) ... Good

Domaine De Huillé 2021 Domaine De Huillé Rosé (Cabernet D'anjou) ... Good

Domaine De La Cambuse 2021 Rosé (Coteaux D'ancenis) ... Good

**Domaine De La Clartière 2021 Cuvée Gourmandise Rosé (Cabernet D'anjou) ...
Good**

Domaine De La Raderie 2021 Pineau D'aunis Rosé (Coteaux Du Loir) ... Good

Domaine Des Deux Moulins 2021 Jolie Quille Rosé (Rosé D'anjou) ... Good +

Domaine Des Fontaines 2021 Rosé (Rosé D'anjou) ... Good

Domaine Leduc Frouin 2021 Rosé (Rosé D'anjou) ... Good

Domaine Sauvète 2021 Méli Mélo Rosé (Touraine) ... Good

Famille Bonnin 2021 Rosé (Rosé De Loire) ... Good

SPECIAL REPORT

TRASIMENO, ITALY

I love to travel and I love Italy, probably one of my favourite places to go. I have been to Umbria a number of times, but always for Sagrantino. In May 2022, I had the opportunity to go to Orvieto and Trasimeno, it was in Trasimeno that I found these gems, and where I thought they make many wines from Gamay (but it is really Grenache under the guise of the Gamay name).

CARINI 2021 Le Cupe

Trasimeno, Italy

Plenty of red fruits with raspberry and strawberry dominating plus there's a touch of citrus on the finish. **(Good +)**

DUCA DELLA CORGNA 2021 Martavello

Trasimeno, Italy

A bubblegum nose with a blood orange, nectarine and other fruits on the palate - there is a touch of fruit sweetness here, but it blends beautifully. **(Good +)**

IL POGGIO 2021 Es...senza

Trasimeno, Italy

Red fruited with a dark colour, but light in taste with a bitterish finish that evokes cherry skin. **(Good)**

LA QUERCIOLANA 2020 Rosè di Boldrino

Trasimeno, Italy

A nice red fruited number, but not as fresh and enjoyable as the 2021. **(Good)**

LA QUERCIOLANA 2021 Rosè di Boldrino

Trasimeno, Italy

Sangiovese that comes across light with raspberry and nectarine plus notes of cantaloupe and honeydew. **(Good +)**

SPECIAL REPORT TRASIMENO, ITALY

MADREVITE 2021 La Bisbetica Rosè

Trasimeno, Italy

Big acid hit here, then comes the nectarine and lemon; chuggable on a slow Sunday afternoon. **(Better)**

PUCCIARELLA 2020 Pucciarella Rosè Sparkling

Trasimeno, Italy

Classic Method made from Pinot Noir with 12 months on lees; delicate bubble with nice acidity plus light lemon and lime and freshness - I could drink this all day. **(Better)**



I love the colour. I love a dry rosé with a delicate nose and palate. While I tend to sip rosé more in the summer, I love to enjoy more robust options in the fall.

- Tawnya Zwicker

By the Numbers

Each year it is my goal to expand the report ... More and more wines entered, tasted, tried and evaluated. In the past 3 years I have been able to achieve that goal. This year was different. With global supply chains being what they are, some wineries who usually are part of the report had a hard time getting wines into glass bottles ... and as much as I wish I could trust tank sample, I've been burned too many times in the past. It is for that reason that this year's Rosé Report came up a little short of the 250 wines I was hoping to get into these pages.

That said, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge all those who moved heaven and earth to get me their rosés on time and those who called to tell me of their late arrival... The last rosé for this report was tasted on July 7, 2022 and the last wines were delivered on July 7, 2022. For those of you who missed getting your wine to me due to whatever reason, I hope to see you on the tasting table next year.

Total Number of wines tasted: 231

Ontario Rosés: 132

British Columbia Rosés: 39

International Rosés: 60

2016 Vintage: 2

2017 Vintage: 3

2018 Vintage: 2

2019 Vintage: 10

2020 Vintage: 42

2021 Vintage: 156

Non-Vintage: 26

Most used grape continues to be Pinot Noir followed by Cabernet Franc

Price Range of wines in the report: \$8.90 - \$109.95 (per 750ml)

Thank Yous & Acknowledgements

Thank you to all the agents who stepped up and sent rosés in; because of the limited chances we get to taste these days, especially via the LCBO, but also at trade tastings ... as we get back to “normal” I’m looking forward to that changing. But as always, I truly appreciated you sending in your wines: keep ‘em coming.

Thank you to all those that tasted with me ... you keep me honest and make sure that my personal tastes don't always get in the way of whether a wine was drinkable or not - especially to Erica and Sue.

(there were much fewer of you then have been in the past, but thank you all the same)

André / Cathy / Claudia / Derek / Erica / Joe / John /
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His heartfelt and insightful comments, along with his passionate reviews of the wines and the wineries that make them, have earned him praise throughout the Ontario industry and beyond.

For his writing he's been called "a passionate wine man with a sense of humor" and "a very knowledgeable and honest taster and writer".

On his YouTube Channel, Michael releases two video reviews weekly and is about to embark on his newest endeavour: a monthly whiskey / spirits review (wish him luck).

Michael's video reviews have been called "infectious ", "endearing " and "full of passion". It has even been said, "why this guy has not been picked up for a show is beyond me."

In his past life Michael was an on-air radio personality, actor and vocal performer (something he still dabbles in today through his company Custom Sound Impressions).

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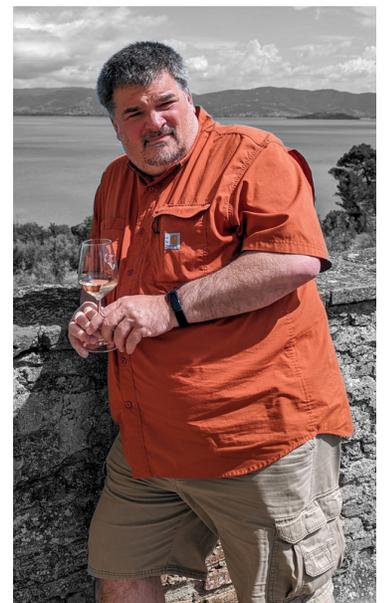
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