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FIVE ROSÉ WINES TO DRINK NOW

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Summertime is fast approaching, and as the temperature rises we begin to look for different bottles of wine to drink. Bold and sturdy reds get replaced with crisp whites and fruit-forward rosés, with the latter becoming particularly appealing as the days get warmer. There's a great deal of versatility within the world of rosé wine, and you can find excellent bottles produced in different regions from Napa Valley, California to Spain to France, which is in fact the largest producer of rosé. This type of wine is best served chilled, usually somewhere around 50 degrees, and pairs well with many different foods, from seafood to cheese to fresh grilled vegetables. There are dry and slightly sweet rosé wines, so there's always a good bottle to pick depending on your palate and what you are pairing it with. Like other types of wine, rosé is best served in its own particular glassware, like this Rose Wine glass from Riedel that is supposed to accentuate the fruit and berry notes of the wine. We've put together a list of five rosé wines to try now from some well-known wineries and producers on both sides of the Atlantic.

281 ROSÉ 2021



France's Château Minuty has several different rosé wines available in its core lineup ranging in price from affordable to high-end, all of which are of very high quality. The pinnacle from this family-owned winery on the Saint-Tropez peninsula is the 281 Rosé, with the 2021 vintage showing just how good it can be. The name 281 comes from the Pantone number of the blue color that marks this stylish looking bottle. The grapes, 90 percent Granache and 10 percent Syrah, are all grown on the estate, direct press fermented and aged in stainless steel for four months. According to the winemaker notes, the 2021 harvest was marked by some weather extremes, but the resulting wine is redolent with notes of peach and grapefruit on the nose, and citrus, white flowers, and a touch of minerality on the palate.

Price: \$95, wine.com