

# The Top Rated Rosés of 2018

## Top Value Rosés in 2018\*

WINE	REGION
Belguardo Rosé	Toscana IGT
Domaine Bousquet 2017 Rosé Organic Grapes	Uco Valley
Domaine Poli 2017 Niellucciu Rosé	Ile de Beauté, Corsica
Foncalieu 2017 Piquepoul Rosé	Coteaux d'Enserune
Gai'a Rosé	Nemea
Gorman Winery 2017 Rosie Rosé	Columbia Valley WA
Herdade do Rocim	Alentejo
Isaac Ferandez 2017 Bovale Rosé	Utiel-Requena
Keuka Springs Dry Rosé	Finger Lakes
Lapostolle 2016 Le Rosé	Valle del Rapel, Chile
Librandi Cirò Rosato	Calabria
Monchiero Fratelli 2017 Vino Rosato Vignola	Langhe
Mt Beautiful Rosé	North Canterbury NZ
Murgo 2017 Etna Rosato	Sicily
Parparoussis 2016 Petite Fleur 2009	Achaia
Quady North 2017 GSM Rosé	Rogue Valley

\* Wines priced \$16 or under and rated 90 points or higher.

## Portugal

### **Broadbent Selections NV Rosé Vinho Verde 88**

Medium pink. Fun with a fizzy attack of strawberry and watermelon, this wine may not wine plaudits from the sommeliers, but many will love it. It's pretty high on the sugar level, but bright acidity keeps it tasting much drier than it really is, and the alcohol level is the lowest we've seen. Surprisingly fun to drink. A blend of 40% Borraçal, 30% Espadeiro, 20% Amaral, 10% Vinhão; 10% alc. 14.8 g/L RS Importer: Broadbent Selections.

### **Casa Ferreirinha 2016 Vinha Grande Vinho Rosé Douro 90**

Medium coral pink. Reticent in the nose with light berry and herbal nuances. Lovely, fine tuned palate with dark red berries with cranberry and blueberry notes that persist on a long finish. Firm minerals and just right acidity complete the package. Made of hand picked Touriga Nacional grapes grown in diverse vineyards in the Cima Corga. Direct pressed. Just 11.5% alc. Importer: Broadbent Selections.

### **Herdade do Rocim 2017 Vinho Rosé Vinho Regiona Alentejano (\$14) 90**

Starbright pale pink. Elegant and pure with light pomegranate and cherry eau-de-vie aromas and flavors. Light on the palate but with surprising intensity and length, finishing on a dry, nervy note. Made of Touriga Nacional and Aragonez (Tempranillo) grown on sandy soil in the southern Alentejo. 3.5 g/L RS Outstanding value! Importer: Shiverick Imports.

### **Maçanita 2017 Touriga Nacional em Rosé Douro (\$21) 91**

Starbright pink rose. A beautifully balanced wine showing alluring aromas and flavors of red berries and pomegranate. Pure and fresh in character with bright acidity. Surprisingly light and fruit forward given the dark, serious variety it comes from. 100% Touriga Nacional from the Douro (Cima Corgo) grown in schist soils at 200m elevation. Made by Antonio Maçanita. 13.5% alc Importer: Ole Imports Manhasset, NY.

## South Africa

### **Badenhorst 2017 Secateurs Rosé Swartland (\$15) 90**

Light copper salmon. The Secateurs Rosé displays fruity and perfumed fragrances, with red berry notes. It reveals nice fullness and freshness on the palate with lovely purity of flavors of orange citrus and strawberry. 90% Cinsault and 10% Shiraz gently direct pressed from fruit picked in the early morning; the Shiraz was given 2 hours skin contact. Co-fermented in tanks and foudres. Importer: Broadbent Selections.

### **Boekenhoutskloof 2017 The Wolftrap Rosé Western Cape (\$12) 88**

Medium pink. Spicy nose of red apple, plum, and a hint of cinnamon spice. Soft and gentle on the palate with ripe red fruit and moderate acidity. A good quaffing wine. A blend of 87% Cinsault, 10% Syrah, and 3% Grenache Noir made the saignée method. 13% alc. Importer: Vineyard Brands, Inc.

### **Fairview 2017 Goats do Roam Rosé Coastal Region (\$12) 89**

This Rhone blend rosé from South Africa is light pink in color with lively strawberry scents. It offers ripe red berry flavors with a hint of tangerine citrus. It's softly textured and broad on the palate. Made saignée method from vineyards near Paarl. A blend of 31% Grenache, 26% Mourvèdre, 23% Shiraz, and 10% Gamay Noir. 2.8 g/L RS, 12.5% alc. Anthony de Jager is winemaker. Importer: Indigo Wine Group Venice, FL.

## Spain

### **Bodegas Aragonesas 2017 Coto de Hayas Garnacha Rosado Campo de Borja (\$10) 87**

Fresh strawberry on the nose gives way to an easy drinking, lightly flavored wine with a touch of sweetness on the finish. A good quaffing wine, to be served well chilled. The largest wine estate in Campo de Borja, located in Fuendejalón in the foothills of the Sierra Moncayo Mountains. 100% Garnacha. Importer: Scoperta/TMarchetti Cleveland Hts, OH.