Cool off with 2 rosés and a crisp white wine, starting at \$14

Cold wine for when it's sweltering outside.



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Hot weather calls for cold wine. This week, slake your thirst with a citrusy, refreshing white from Sicily and rosés from Provence and California.

GREAT VALUE

Villarini Grillo 2023

★★★☆ (3 stars)

Sicily, Italy, \$14

Crisp and refreshing, this wine offers flavors of lime, mango, kumquat and mint. If that sounds a bit busy, it's because there's a lot going on in this delightful bottle. Organic; vegan. Alcohol by volume: 12.5 percent. Bottle weight: 380 grams (Light).

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Marietta Cellars OVR Old Vine Rosé 2023

★★★☆ (3 stars)

California, \$19

Marietta Cellars brings us the Old Vine Red, one of California's best-value red wines, year after year. The OVR rosé may have more competition, but it delivers refreshing cherry and berry flavors with a hint of sage. The blend is syrah, grenache noir and grenache gris. ABV: 13.5 percent. BW: 480 grams (Light).

Distributed locally by <u>RNDC</u>.

H&B Rosé 2023

★★★☆ (3 stars)

Côteaux d'Aix-en-Provence, France, \$20

Textbook Provence rosé: Watermelon, cantaloupe and wild herbs parade across your palate for a refreshing summer quaff. The blend is grenache, cinsault and rolle (vermentino). The bottle is unnecessarily heavy. Certified B Corp; organic. ABV: 13 percent. BW: 680 grams (Heavy).

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Prices are approximate. For availability, check <u>Wine.com</u>, <u>Wine-searcher.com</u> and the websites and social media feeds of the wineries, importers, distributors, and your favorite local wine store. You can also ask your local retailer to order wines from the distributors listed. Bottle weight is included, because this is the single most important contributor to <u>wine's carbon footprint</u>. Have wine questions for Dave McIntyre? Send them to <u>Food@washpost.com</u>.

Legend

- ★ Good: The wine delivers what it promises at a fair price. If it says chardonnay, it tastes like chardonnay.
- $\star \star$ Excellent: A wine with character and added interest. May elevate your eyebrows at the first sip.
- ★★★ Extraordinary: An exciting wine that stands out from others in its class. Fist-pumping, table-thumping good.
- ★★★★ Sublime: Otherworldly. May have you thinking, "So this is what they were talking about."