



Tasting Wines

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Wine 1: Rivarose Sparkling Brut



It is not often that you find a pale dry South of France rosé with bubbles. Made from a Syrah, Grenache blend which form the basis of many wines from the Southern Rhone where this wine is grown.

Where to buy: own sample

Wine 4: Vinedos Barrihuelo Rosado 2017



Made for Sainsbury's by Bodegas Muriel, one of the largest family-owned wineries in Rioja. This is a dry rosé made from Tempranillo which is one of Spain's finest wine grapes and Viura, the white grape that is also used in Cava making as Macabeo.

Where to buy: Sainsbury's £7.50

Wine 2: Cuvee Jean-Paul Rosé 2016



A rose from the Gascogne region made from Tannat, Cabernet Franc & Merlot. It is made to be a dry, fruity pink that is easy to drink. Is it an alternative to the classic dry rosé of Provence?

Where to buy: Warren Wines £7

Wine 5: Miraval Rosé 2016



Miraval Rosé has been made famous by being owned by Brangelina. However, it is a good wine made from the Provencal staples of Cinsault, Grenache, Syrah and Rolle. 5% has been matured in oak barrels to give it some roundness. Is it worth the money?

Where to buy: Costco £15

Wine 3: Jacobs Creek Le Petit Rosé 2017



Australia makes a large range of rosé wine ranging from very dry to sweet. This rosé is currently one of the top selling pinks in Australia and is made from Pinot Noir, Grenache and Mataro.

Where to buy: Tesco £8

Wine 6: Rockstone Ridge White Zinfandel



A medium sweet fruity rosé from sunny California and one of Aldi's own labels. White Zinfandel wines (called Blush wines a decade ago) from the US are a sweet simple style and not really white but various shades of pink.

Where to buy: Aldi £4.19

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