

Endless Days of Summer Wines

As we transition out of the cold blusters of winter into the warm breezes of summer, dusting off the flip-flops and uncovering the grills, it is also time to start rethinking our wine choices. Enjoying wine is all about the setting and mood and those big, heavy, high-alcohol reds that were great by the fireplace seem out of place poolside or on the back porch. Thankfully there is a wine for every occasion and season, so we have selected several wines this month perfect for whatever summer activity you fancy. Each wine offers refreshing acidity, minerality, bright fruit notes and lower alcohol levels to complement and not overwhelm on a hot day. They make delightful aperitifs and marry beautifully with any summer cuisine from barbecued chicken to garden salads. Make sure you're well stocked before the heat rolls in! (Austin)

[2007 Henri Bourgeois Petit Bourgeois Sauvignon](#)

White Wine; Sauvignon Blanc; Other France;

\$10.99

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The Bourgeois domaine has been making wine in Sancerre for 10 generations. Henri's sons have expanded the estate from its original 2 hectares to 65, strategically placed on the best slopes. This little sauvignon blanc is a terrific value on the market, offering notes of fresh flowers, grass, lime, green apple and a brilliant acidity.

[2006 Belle Pente Pinot Gris Willamette Valley](#)

White Wine; Pinot Grigio/Gris; Willamette Valley;

\$22.99

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In 1994 Brian and Jill O'Donnell began Belle Pente ("beautiful slope") in the Yamhill-Carlton district of Oregon's Willamette Valley. Much of the fruit for this white comes from their estate vineyards and is fashioned in an Alsatian style with rich, spicy notes of peach, honey and foie gras.

[2006 Wilhelm Walch Prendo Pinot Noir Alto Adige](#)

Red Wine; Pinot Noir; Trentino-Alto Adige;

\$17.99

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This pinot is one of our favorites for the money and with good reason. Wilhelm Walch Winery is a 150 year-old estate in the village of Tramin in Alto Adige. The wine packs a wallop with big notes of bright red cherry, raspberry, earth and mineral. A great compromise between New World and Old.

[2008 Domaine Sainte Eugenie Corbieres Rose](#)

Rose; Rhone Blend; Languedoc-Roussillon;

\$12.99

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Herve Gantier's wines from the south of France are as audacious as he is. His estate is located in the foothills of the Pyrenees along the Mediterranean coast. A blend of 75% cinsault, 15% syrah and 10% grenache, this rose has

a fresh raspberry tone with lots of dried herb and mineral.

[2008 Domaine de la Petite Cassagne Costieres de Nimes Rose](#)

Rose; Rhone Blend; Languedoc-Roussillon;

\$9.99

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There are not enough words to describe how impressed we are on an annual basis by Diane de Puymorin's wines. Everything from her inexpensive values to her high-end gems are spot on and what a surprise, so is her rose. A blend of cinsault, grenache, syrah and mourvedre, the wine has a lot of depth for a rose with big strawberry, cherry, mineral and floral notes.