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A PALER SHADE OF PINK

A serving of some of Provence's premium rosés - and how they stack up



Château d'Estoublon Roseblood 2022, IGP Méditerranée, France (12.5%, Majestic, £20.99, or £15.99 in a mixed six)

The catchment area for IGP Méditerranée extends across Provence, Corsica and parts of the Rhône. This attractive rosé is fresh and clear.



Whispering Angel Rosé 2022, Côtes de Provence, France (13%, widely available, around £19)

Whispering Angel is a huge brand: one million cases are sold worldwide every year. To my palate it's not as good as it once was, with a faint candy-floss smell.



Château Galoupet Rosé Cru Classé 2021, Côtes de Provence, France (14%, Berry Bros & Rudd, £36)

Since its acquisition by LVMH in 2019, Galoupet has been focused on sustainability and the luxe market. The wine is thickly textured (and rich in alcohol) and needs food.



Miraval Rosé 2022, Côtes de Provence, France (13%, Sainsbury's, Tesco, £19)

In 2021 Angelina Jolie sold her stake in Miraval to the Stoli Group, who now co-own it with Brad Pitt. I have loved previous vintages; this one is not a buy for me.



Secret de Léoube Rosé 2022, Côtes de Provence, France (13.5%, Ocado, £26; Daylesford Organic, £34)

Of all the Léoube wines, this pale rosé is the one that its owner, Lady Bamford, most often drinks. At its best with food; it's delicious with niçoise salad.



Le Grand Cros L'Esprit de Provence Rosé 2022, France (13%, swig.co.uk, £17.50)

A superb pale rosé, made by the Faulkner family, this tastes of white nectarines and peaches, with a faint herbaceous flavour and crisp finish. Good as an aperitif.