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California Dreamin': Rosés to Kickstart Your Summer

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Get your groove on with roses from California PRODUCER COLLAGE: LBORTOLOT

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It's been a week since the official first day of summer, and you're probably SO rosé-ready. Fortunately for you pink drinkers, there's never been more of a selection of quality wine with varying characters, flavors and structure to take youfrom a simple quaff on the beach to serious pairing with dinner.

Every summer I write this series, my challenge is interpreting the diversity of grapes, styles and geographies in rosés from around the world, which means the themes change each year. But they're always all about the pink in your glass. For this month, California commands the stage.



Bouchaine Vin Gris of Pinot Noir 2022, Carneros (Napa Valley)

Arriving in a tall, elegant flute-like bottle this is an intriguing rosé with tart, young wild strawberries, tropical notes and some gravitas to it. Not weighty, but it is an intentional wine—not your typical light on its feet rosé. Super food friendly, you could pair this with a lot of tricky things from creamy cheeses to green veggies to salmon.

