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4 rosés and reds for outdoor dining

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Recommendations

★ ★ ★ Exceptional ★ ★ Excellent ★ Very Good

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This week's recommendations include an intensely mineral white wine from Spain, two zesty rosés and a juicy young red ideal for casual dinners off the grill.

Avancia Cuvée de O Godello 2013

★ ★ ¹/₂

Valdeorras, Spain, \$20

We might not think of white wines as intense, but this terrific example shows mineral concentration over ripe tree-fruit flavors of apricot and peach, with some white-pepper spice. Alcohol by volume: 13 percent.

Country Vintner: Available in the District at Arrowine and Spirits, Magruder's, Pearson's, Rodman's; on the list at Clyde's, Estadio, Tico, Woodward Table. Available in Virginia at Wine Cabinet in Reston.

Mittelbach Zweigelt Rosé 2014

★ ★ ¹/₂

Lower Austria, \$14

Zweigelt is a red grape grown in Austria and virtually nowhere else. It typically makes a fruity, medium-bodied wine with peppery spice over black-fruit flavors. This rosé is zesty and refreshing, with impeccable balance. It is a great partner to garlicky appetizers and charcuterie. ABV: 12.5 percent.

Siema: Available in the District at Arrowwine and Spirits, Calvert Woodley, Cleveland Park Wine and Spirits, Cork & Fork, DCanter, Wagshal's Deli; on the list at Bourbon Steak, Rasika (both locations), Peacock Cafe. Available in Maryland at Balducci's and Cork & Fork in Bethesda; Canton Crossing Wine + Spirits in Baltimore; Enchanted Forest Wine & Spirits, Jason's Wine & Spirits and the Wine Bin in Ellicott City; Edgewater Liquors; Finewine.com in Gaithersburg. Available in Virginia at D'Vine Wines in Winchester, Ellwood Thompson's Local Market and J. Emerson Fine Wines & Cheese in Richmond, Hop & Wine in Fredericksburg, Little Washington Winery in Washington, Market Street Wineshop and Wine Warehouse in Charlottesville, Swiss Bakery (Springfield).

Lavendette Rosé 2014

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Alpes de Haute Provence, France, \$11

A tasty wine in an elegant bottle, this pale pink rosé is an ideal summer sipper. It's great by itself or with casual patio foods while dinner's on the grill. ABV: 12.5 percent.

M. Touton Selection: Available in the District at Best D.C. Supermarket, Cairo Wine & Liquor, Capitol Hill Wine and Spirits, Cleveland Park Wine and Spirits, Paul's of Chevy Chase. Available in Maryland at Absolutely Wine or Spirits in Columbia; Beer, Wine & Co. and Montgomery Gourmet Beer & Wine in Bethesda; Choice Wine & Beer in Wheaton; Downtown Crown Wine and Beer in Gaithersburg; Greenbelt Co-op; Grosvenor Market in Rockville; Hunt Valley Wine, Liquor & Beer in Cockeysville; Old Farm Liquors and Viniferous in Frederick; Wine Source in Baltimore; on the list at Fork & Wrench, V-No Wine Bar in Baltimore. Available in Virginia at Market Street Wineshop (Downtown) in Charlottesville, the Vineyard in McLean.

Acón Joven Tempranillo 2013

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Ribera del Duero, Spain, \$13

“Joven” means “young,” as in unoaked, fruity and designed for early, easy drinking. This tasty tempranillo features the blueberry and tobacco-leaf flavors characteristic of the grape. Try it with burgers or sausages off the grill. ABV: 14.5 percent.

The Spanish Wine Importer: On the list in the District at Eno Wine Bar. Available in Virginia at Ashburn Wine Shop, Twisted Vines in Arlington, Vienna Vintner, the Vineyard in McLean, Vino Market in Midlothian, Winestyles (Montclair); on the list at Bang! in Charlottesville, Keswick Hall in Keswick, Toast in Richmond.

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