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Casey Flat Ranch Wine @ 3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro

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Casey Flat Ranch Syrah Rose Wine Rating: ★★★★★

I always get a great response when alerting our wine community to a "new" and delicious wine in town. There are some people who tend to get in a rut, buying similar wines all the time—hey! I'm always buying Chianti because it's what I like, but the point is: we should always be up for trying out new wines and new labels.

Serving "new", interesting, exciting wines to friends and guests at your gatherings, pool parties, luncheons, and dinners clearly sends the message of your humble but fantastic wine sensibility—it's a win-win for everyone, and that is cool!

The wine of my dreams right now is the **2013 Syrah Rosé** produced by **Casey Flat Ranch Vineyards**. It's a very sexy rosé that can't contain itself—indeed, it's constantly blushing.

It's like summertime in a bottle—as far as fun-in-the-sun stuff; and it owns the color. I describe this as a serious rosé by the fact that it's cloying, but, it's as much fun as a bottle of wine can be. It's sweet but carries fruity nuances of wild strawberries here and raspberries there, and notes of lavender and traces of herbs, like that of Provence.

The wine is both elegant and fresh. It is a wine for friends; and, it can be contemplative as well as a wine for a good life.

Ahh—now you understand why this rosé is the hit of the party. To be enjoyed lightly chilled by itself or as the perfect foil to whatever you're eating because rosé is the perfect food wine for all seasons. Have fun—try it with radishes & butter, crudités, tapenade toast, roast chicken or grilled salmon.

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innovative cuisine of famed Executive Chef, Matt Smith. Geez—it sounds like this place has everything going for it!



Casey Flat Ranch Vineyards & Winery is located in the Capay Valley of Yolo County, which is just east of Napa Valley. We were in that area last summer and it is beautiful wine country. The high elevations of the vineyards provide those cool temperatures like those in the sub-regions in

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varietals in for a tasting treat. See—this is why you read this column: we put you way ahead in what's trending in delicious California wine.

And Hot of the Press! The **2010 Casey Flat Ranch Estate Red Wine**, and their **2010 Open Range Red Wine**, both have just received **Double Gold Awards from the 2014 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition**.

Forbes Magazine wrote of the CFR Estate Red: "Sexy, complex and combination of cabernet sauvignon, and the winery notes for the Open red rose, roasted plum and olive and pepper. This is a deeply colored, sells for around \$18!—and all the reasonably priced.)

ing all these wines at 3rd Corner and the dreamy rosé, the hits keep on Blanc: the 2012 Open Range, and the kid in town, the 2013 Estate Viognier. ese wines, but, I want to hear yours!

Cheers! See ya there.

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