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ROSÉ STYLE WINES FOR ALL OCCASIONS

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Enjoying Pink Bubbles

Until recently, it was rare to find sparkling wines with magnificent pink hues produced outside of the famous Champagne region of France. Thanks to Pinot Noir grapes' success in the Carneros region, west of Napa, there are now great opportunities to sample world-class offerings of bubbly pink sensations.

"America's fascination with rosé is unstoppable," said winemaker T.J. Evans, of Domaine Carneros, who helps divide and conquer with estate-grown Pinot Noir grapes used expressly to make a limited release of the elegant still wine called "Avant Garde" Pinot Noir Rosé, as well as the four separate sparkling wine versions, including Brut Rosé, Late Disgorged Brut Rosé, Brut Rosé Cuvée de la Pompadour, and the ultra-premium Le Rêve Rosé.

"I remember thinking, 'When is the bubble going to burst when it comes to pink wines?' said Evans. "And now it goes on and on, which is a benefit for all of us."

Other elegant, sophisticated, and evocative choices that fit into this category include brut rosé selections from Chandon, Schramsberg, Cuvaision, Artesa, and Mumm Napa. And besides crafting a delightful version of Brut Rosé, Frank Family Vineyards also makes "Rouge," a brilliant crimson red offering made in the classic méthode champenoise style, which includes more skin contact time with the Pinot Noir grapes and a smaller portion of Chardonnay to add more depth and creaminess to the texture.

