Club Oenologique Premium Rosé Report

We want to show the world that rosé is more than a swimming pool drink - it can be a fine wine. Premium rosé is worth paying attention to, and we want to showcase the world's best in a report for Club Oenologique.

The report

Following the model of Club Oenologique's Champagne reports (https://cluboenologique.com/report/grower-champagne-report-2023/ and https://cluboenologique.com/report/champagne-report-2022/, we will highlight the top 200-300 best premium rosés.

Any premium rosé that matches our definition (see below) is eligible for sampling and tasting, this does not however guarantee inclusion in the report. The final wines will be selected based on tasting note and score. Negative or unenthusiastic tasting notes will not be published.

The tasting panel will be comprised of two core members: Elizabeth Gabay MW and Ben Bernheim (co-authors of *Rosés of Southern France*). Additional tasters may be consulted for certain tastings. Given the volume and diversity of wines, the tastings will take place over several months.

What is a premium rosé?

"Premium rosé" can be difficult to define, and we have our own definition to classify rosés into various levels of 'premium'. This report will only cover dry, still wines. Criteria we take into account are:

- Elevage in oak, acacia, amphora, eggs
- Innovative viticulture (biodynamic, hand-harvested, very old vines, rare varieties, single-parcel)
- Innovative winemaking (spontaneous fermentation, semi-carbonic maceration, whole bunch fermentation, prolonged maceration, warm fermentation, malolactic fermentation)
- Sustainable packaging (dark bottle)
- Demonstrable age-worthiness (current vintage is 9-12+mths old)
- History, reputation (DOCG/Cru Classé/etc, established fame)
- Price (€30+)

We expect every premium rosé included to meet at least two of these criteria, with most meeting three or more - they do **not** have to meet every single criteria. Our definition of rosé however is extremely flexible, and includes most wines marketed as blanc-de-noir, blush, clarete, etc.

Club Oenologique

Club Oenologique is an english-language premium lifestyle publication for curious and discerning wine and spirits lovers. Renowned for inspiring stories and trusted expertise, we connect people to the joys of the world, through the lens of wine, spirits and other interesting drinks.

We celebrate craftsmanship, quality and authenticity in wine, spirits, food, travel and culture. Our team of expert writers seek out thoughtful stories that introduce our readers to new people, places, drinking discoveries and insights, as well as exploring fresh perspectives on familiar themes.

In addition to our Club Oenologique lifestyle content, membership to The Collection offers exclusive access to leading critics' tasting reports, scores, tastings and events, especially tailored to collectors and investors.

Details & submissions

We are looking at a publication date of **November 2023**.

There is no fee for entry. We will contact producers individually to organise samples and provide delivery information.

Please use the following link to submit a rosé for the report:

https://pink.wine/registrations/club-oenologique-premium-rose-report/

(also in French and Italian)

Video call interviews for producers can be booked at the following link:

https://calendar.app.google/XA8J82AXJLyUHFcX8



Any questions on the report should be directed to ben@pink.wine or elizabeth@winepeople.org.