

# 57 Fantastic Organic Wines Perfectly Paired for Hot Summer Days

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It's summertime. It's hot and you're indulging in lighter, fresh fare. So what organic wines should you choose to cool down on a hot summer day to pair perfectly with late summer dinners or sunny picnics?

These wines are elegant, refreshing and ever so drinkable—and they're made with organic grapes. Light and bright (while some are more structured) they go down easy and are perfect for summer.

## White

1. Fiorfiore, Roccafiore, Grechetto di Todi, Todi, Umbria, Italy, 2014, \$22
2. Bianco Fiordaliso, Roccafiore, Grechetto e Trebbiano Spoletino, Todi, Umbria, Italy, 2015, \$13
3. Querciabella, Batàr, Toscana IGT, Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc, Tuscany 2013 \$79.99
4. The River's End, Chenin Blanc, Western Cape-South Africa, 2015, \$14
5. Domain Zacharioudakis Vidiano, Vidiano, Crete, Greece, 2015, \$17
6. Domaine de la Pinte, Sauvignon Blanc, Jura France, 2011, \$26
7. Ernest Vineyards, Chardonnay, The Farmer, Green Valley Ranch, Sonoma Coast, California, 2014 \$42
8. Klima Klima Organic, Assyrtiko, Halkidiki, Greece, 2015, \$26
9. Avignonesi, Il Marzocco, Chardonnay, Montepulciano, Cortona, Tuscany, Italy, 2015 \$35
10. Rijckaert, Arbois Chardonnay, Jura, France 2013 \$21.99
11. Hacienda Araucano Sauvignon Blanc, Colchagua Valley, Chile, 2015 \$14,
12. Ritual Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca Valley, Chile, 2015, \$19
13. Vignobles Raymond, Les Hauts de Lagarde Bordeaux Blanc, 60% Sauvignon Blanc, 40% Sémillon, Bordeaux AOC, France 2015 \$12.99 (Vegan)
14. Rijckaert, Pouilly-Fuissé Mâcon-Lugny Les Crays Vers Vaux, Bourgogne, France 2013 \$27.99
15. Rijckaert, Viré-Clessé Les Vercherres, Bourgogne, France 2013 \$ 29.99
16. Biokult Grüner Veltliner, 100% Grüner Veltliner, Niederösterreich – Qualitätswein, 2015 \$13.99 (Biodynamic)
17. Zind-Humbrecht Riesling 2013, \$24 (Biodynamic)
18. Pizzolato Pinot Grigio, 100% Pinot Grigio, 2015 \$11.99 (Vegan)
19. Ridge Vineyards, Estate Chardonnay, Monte Bello Estate Vineyard, Santa Cruz Mountains, California, 2014 \$50
20. Preston of Dry Creek, Viognier, Dry Creek Valley, California, 2014, \$27 (Biodynamic)
21. Fowles Wine, Farm to Table, Sauvignon Blanc, 2015 VIC Australia \$14
22. DaVero Farm and Winery, Vermintino, Schatz Family Vineyard, Cosumnes River, California, 2015 \$30 (Biodynamic)
23. Ransom Wine Co. & Distillery, Albariño Willamette Valley, Oregon, 2015, \$24
24. Robert Oakley Vineyards, 'Finisterre' Chardonnay 2014, Margaret River, WA Australia \$29
25. Terra Viva Pinot Grigio delle Venezie, Italy 2014 \$11.99
26. Quivira Vineyards, Roussanne-Viognier, Dry Creek Valley, California, 2014, \$34 (Biodynamic)
27. Old Bridge Cellars d'Arenberg 'The Hermit Crab' Viognier Marsanne 2014, SA Australia \$17
28. Martorana Family Winery, Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Creek Valley, California, 2015, \$24
29. Les Hauts De Lagarde Sec, Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, Bordeaux, France, 2015, \$14 (Vegan)
30. Truest-Hurst, Bluebird Sauv Blanc, Dry Creek Valley, California 2014 \$24
31. Terra Savia, Chardonnay (Unoaked), Mendocino, CA, 2015, \$15
32. Holman Ranch, Pinot Gris, Carmel Valley, CA 2014, \$19

## Rosé

33. Quivira Vineyards, Rosé (made from Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah, Counoise and Petite Sirah), Dry Creek Valley, California, 2015 \$22 (Biodynamic)
34. Truett Hurst, Salmon Run Rosé (made from Zinfandel), Dry Creek Valley, California, 2015 \$20 (Biodynamic)
35. Ridge Vineyards, Rosé (made from Grenache and Mataro), Lytton Estate, Dry Creek Valley, California, 2015 \$29
36. Martorana Family Winery, Rosé of Zinfandel, Dry Creek Valley, California, 2015, \$23
37. Rosato Roccafiore, Roccafiore, Sangiovese, Todi, Umbria, Italy, 2015, \$14
38. Tarantas, Spanish Bobal Rose, Valencia, Spain, 2014, \$12 (Vegan)
39. Biokult Rose, Blauer Zweigelt, Pamhagen, Austria 2015, \$14 (Vegan)
40. Château Léoube, Rosé, Côtes de Provence, Provence, 2015, \$20
41. Bokisch Vineyards, Rosé, Terra Alta Vineyard, Lodi, 2015, \$16
42. Preston of Dry Creek, Vin Gris (Cinsault and Mourvedre), Dry Creek Valley, California, 2015 \$26 (Biodynamic)
52. Querciabella, Chianti Classico DOCG, Sangiovese, Tuscany 2013 \$28.99 (Biodynamic)
53. Querciabella, Turpino, Toscana IGT, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Merlot, Tuscany 2010 \$48.99 (Biodynamic)
54. Chacewater, Zinfandel, Lake Country, CA, 2013, \$22
55. Jeriko Estate, Pinot Noir, Mendocino, CA, 2013, \$22 (Vegan)
56. Domaine Bousquet "Gaia", Malbec, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza, Argentina, 2013, \$18 (Vegan)
57. Bokisch Vineyards, Garnacha, Terra Alta Vineyard, Lodi, 2013, \$20

### More Summertime Organic Wine Tips from the Experts:

#### Nikki Wooldridge, Level 3 Sommelier and Wine

**Importer:** "For me, summer is all about rosé, champagne, and dry sparkling brut. And I can never get enough of white burgundy! Living half the year on the canals in Bourgogne, there's just something about cooling your jets with an elegant chablis or an unoaked chardonnay from Bourgogne paired with freshly caught barbecued white flakey fish and *les huîtres* (oysters)."

#### Virginie Saverys, owner of Avignonesi Winery in

**Tuscany:** "When someone says 'wines for the summer', we are automatically inclined to think about white wines, but I actually enjoy serving Sangiovese during the summer. I urge my friends to chill their bottles of Sangiovese a little bit before they serve them (57-60°F), as it really brings out the fresh, fruity notes and vibrant acidity of the wine."

#### Mary Ewing-Mulligan, Master of Wine and President of International Wine Center in NYC:

"Summertime wine is meant to be cool and refreshing. Riesling wines are a personal favorite; they're made without any use of oak, so that all you taste is their fascinating array of fruit and floral notes. Also, there are as many types of rosé wine as there are red grape varieties, so it's a category you can explore all summer long. The Provence region of southern France sets the standard for dry rosés, but you can find good value in Spanish 'rosado', especially from the Rioja or Navarra regions, and in Italian 'rosato'. California and Oregon wineries are making Rosé of Pinot Noir, and that's a good route to go if you like red Pinot Noir — as so many wine drinkers do."

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## Sparkling

43. Stellar Organic's Extra Dry Sparkling, Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay, Western Cape, South Africa, NV, \$9.99
44. Tarantas Cava, Macabeu, Valencia, Spain, NV, \$15 (Vegan)
45. Pizzolato Stefany, Prosecco, Veneto, Italy, NV \$17 (Vegan)
46. Perlage "Altana" Sparkling Rose, Cabernet Sauvignon, Veneto, Italy, 2014, \$13
47. Perlage Col di Manza Rive di Ogliono Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore \$24.99 (Biodynamic)
48. Domaine Bousquet Brut Rosé Tupungato, Mendoza, Argentina, NV, \$13.99 (Vegan)

## Red

49. Avignonesi, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, Sangiovese, Montepulciano – Cortona, Tuscany, Italy \$29
50. Avignonesi, Rosso di Montepulciano, Sangiovese, Montepulciano – Cortona, Tuscany, Italy, 2014 \$19
51. Querciabella, Mongrana, Maremma Toscana IGT, Sangiovese, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Tuscany 2012 \$19.99 (Biodynamic)