

Over 200 Entries

EXPERIENCE
ROSÉ

THE 2018
COMPETITION

Experience Rosé is all about providing extraordinary experiences for everyone who revels in our passion for Rosé and its infinite possibilities all year-long. Focusing exclusively on domestic and international rosé wines, the competition was held on April 18 in Healdsburg, California with a hand-selected a panel of esteemed and accomplished judges.

Judges of 2018



Dan Berger
VintageExperiences.com
Writer and Wine Columnist |
Santa Rosa, CA



Jacques Brix
President, US French
Association of Wine
Executives



Christopher Sawyer
Wine Writer and "Sommelier
to the Stars" | Sonoma, CA



Bernadette Byrne
Executive Director of the
Mendocino WineGrowers

All Judges for 2018



95 points **Best International Sparkling
Best of Class
Gold**

Tarantas Sparkling Rose

100 % Bobal

The Bobal grape appears to have more faces than we imagined; here it is as a sparkling wine with dried strawberry notes in the nose and red currants in the mouth. The finish is soft, not sweet, and the gentle character of the wine belies its ability to handle stronger flavors, even grilled fish and chicken.



94 points **Gold**

Elodie Cuvée Florale

32 % Grenache / 20 % Cinsaut
30 % Syrah / 10 % Rolle
8 % Cabernet Sauvignon

Beautiful orange-pink robe. Nose is clear and intense with citrus fruits, such as orange. The mouth is tender, fruity and dominated by the same profound aromatic palate. Long finish with a hint of acidity. A pleasing rosé!



93 points **Gold**

Paloma Rose Secco

95 % Prosecco (Glera) / 5 % Raboso

Pale steely salmon orange color. Aromas of ripe papaya, underripe strawberry, minerals, honeycomb, cotton candy, finely carbonated, dry-yet-fruity light-to-medium body and a smooth, and lime peel finish with fine, soft tannins and a suggestion of oak. An elegant Italian sparkler for special occasions.