

Summer in Provence

European Editor Roger Voss picks his favorite rosés of the season.

90 Château Maupague 2012 Rosé (Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire). Vineyards around Mont Sainte-Victoire have their own appellation, accorded because of the extra ripeness the wines often have. This ripe, full, strawberry flavored wine has a fine balance between its crisp acidity and the ripe, warm texture. It could age for a few more months. Frank Johnson Selections. Editors' Choice.—R.V. abv: 12.5% Price: \$22

Château Coussin 2012 Rosé (Côtes de Provence Sainte-Victoire). Full, rich and fruity, this is a ripe wine. It is finely poised between this richness and a more delicate, fruity character, lively and bright. Age for a few months, although you can drink the wine now. T. Edward Wines Ltd. —R.V.

abv; 12.5% Price: \$25

Château l'Afrique 2012 Rosé (Côtes de Provence). Crisp and fruity, this is a classic rosé. It shows a lightness that comes from the delicately handled fruits, giving gentle berry flavors, bright acidity and a textured aftertaste. Cru Wines.—R.V.

abv: 13% Price: \$20