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LOS ANGELES

# Think a Glass of Pink

Find the perfect bouquet of rosés in the City of Angels

By Brian Garrido



Whatever, G&T: Rosé is the summer libation. Served slightly chilled, these pink drinks fit in whether you're on a sun-drenched restaurant terrace overlooking the Pacific or in your backyard lounging in an inflatable kiddie pool. Characterized by warm-weather fruit and flowers (think strawberries, melons, roses and wildflowers), the pastel vino can stand alone as an aperitif or pair with almost any meal. While beer is a thirst quencher and a margarita lets the world know you want to get your party on, a laid-back rosé on a sweltering day is the cognoscente's idea of refreshment perfection. Here's where to go for the best rosés in L.A. As Kay Thompson exuberantly proclaimed in *Funny Face*, "Think pink!"

## Upstairs Bar at The Ace Hotel



via Website

On top of the Ace Hotel, overlooking the famed "Jesus Saves" sign, you can sip the 2013 Saved rosé from Oakville while observing model-like urbanites parade about in swimsuits. Made with grenache, the pink wine has touches of tangerine and green apple.

**Where:** 929 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 90015  
**When:** Daily, 11 a.m.-2 a.m.  
**More info:** 213-623-3233; [acehotel.com](http://acehotel.com)

## The Strand House



via Website

A vessel of Claypool Cellars' Pachyderm Sonoma Coast rosé, beachy sounds of breaking waves and executive chef Greg Hozinsky's California cuisine all make for a sublime summer evening. The wine's hints of minerals, lemon and peaches pair perfectly with the artichoke pizza's cream leek base or the roasted Jidori chicken.

**Where:** 117 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach 90266  
**When:** See [restaurant and bar hours](#).  
**More info:** 800-952-4507; [thestrandhousemb.com](http://thestrandhousemb.com)

## Bouchon



via Website

Breaking a sweat shopping (or window-shopping) on Rodeo Drive offers an excuse to enjoy some refreshments on the patio of Thomas Keller's Tinseltown outpost. Until September 21, a different rosé is served each day of the week from both domestic and international producers. Bouchon is serious about this "summer of rosé" thing.

**Where:** 235 N. Canon Dr., Beverly Hills 90210  
**When:** Mon., 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & 5:30-9 p.m.; Tues.-Thurs., 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.; Fri., 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & 6-10 p.m.; Sat., 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & 5:30-10 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.  
**More info:** 310-271-9910; [thomaskeller.com](http://thomaskeller.com)

## A.O.C.

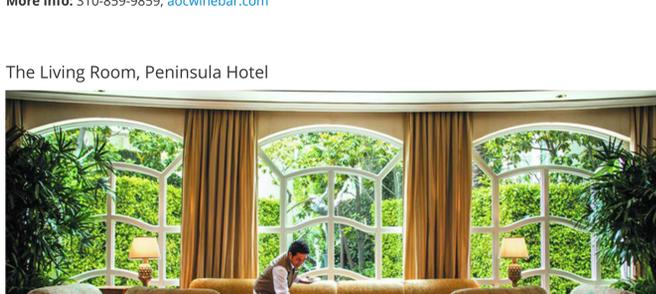


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An evening promenade along Third Street or Robertson will inevitably bring you to one of L.A.'s most celebrated restaurants and wine bars, [A.O.C.](#), with its Euro-style walled outdoor garden. Wine director Caroline Styne has selected 10 rosés by the glass, complete with a few sparkling options.

**Where:** 8700 W. Third St., Los Angeles 90048  
**When:** Mon., 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Tues.-Fri., 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-10 p.m.  
**More info:** 310-859-9859; [aocwinebar.com](http://aocwinebar.com)

## The Living Room, Peninsula Hotel



via Website

Any day of the week oenophiles can recline in overstuffed chairs and couches for afternoon tea, a daily tradition at the Peninsula. Couple savory scones and caviar with the floral and wildberry bubbly essence of a French brut rosé champagne. It's an epicurean indulgence at \$39 a glass, not including the cost of sandwiches and pastries. It is, however, a hell of a lot cheaper than a flight to Paris.

**Where:** 9882 S. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills 90212  
**When:** Afternoon tea, daily, noon, 2:30 & 5 p.m.  
**More info:** 310-975-2736; [beverlyhills.peninsula.com](http://beverlyhills.peninsula.com)

## Hotel Irvine's Movie Nights in the Backyard

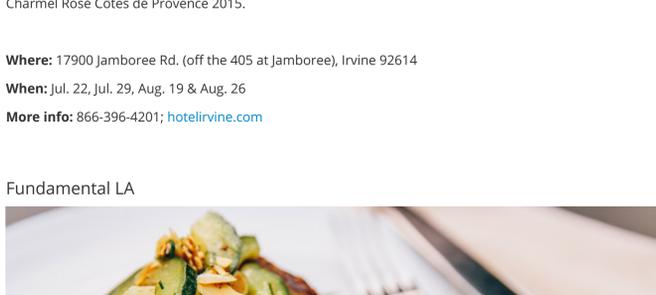


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Behind the Orange Curtain, visitors sit underneath the stars on a clean stretch of AstroTurf and watch movies on a 16-foot screen. Preorder a picnic from the property's well-stocked Marketplace or grab BBQ and snacks at the concession stand. General admission is just \$5, but instead of a throng of humanity jostling for space, it's a laid-back outdoor event. Partner the eats with the wildflower and berry notes of Le Charnel Rosé Côtes de Provence 2015.

**Where:** 17900 Jamboree Rd. (off the 405 at Jamboree), Irvine 92614  
**When:** Jul. 22, Jul. 29, Aug. 19 & Aug. 26  
**More info:** 866-396-4201; [hotelirvine.com](http://hotelirvine.com)

## Fundamental LA

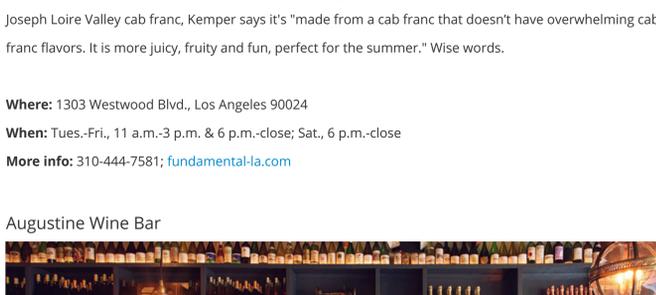


via Website

Along one of the busy asphalt ribbons of the west side is the intimate [Fundamental LA](#). Wine director Alicia Kemper couples a vegetable cab franc with the vegetable-forward California cuisine; of the Director Joseph Loire Valley cab franc, Kemper says it's "made from a cab franc that doesn't have overwhelming cab franc flavors. It is more juicy, fruity and fun, perfect for the summer." Wise words.

**Where:** 1303 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles 90024  
**When:** Tues.-Fri., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. & 6 p.m.-close; Sat., 6 p.m.-close  
**More info:** 310-444-7581; [fundamental-la.com](http://fundamental-la.com)

## Augustine Wine Bar



via Facebook

The Valley's temps are about 10 degrees higher than coastal L.A.'s — so the team that brought you Los Feliz's Bar Covell decided to help the thirsty patrons in Sherman Oaks. At Augustine, a wine bar coated in swashbuckling blue paint, belly up to the bar for a rosé blend of Sangiovese and Prugnolo grapes from Tuscany's La Spinetta. It's a tasty mingle of Italian berries and flowers.

**Where:** 13456 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks 91423  
**When:** Mon. & Sun., 5-10 p.m.; Tues.-Thurs., 5-11 p.m.; Fri. & Sat., 5 p.m.-midnight  
**More info:** 818-990-0938; [augustinewinebar.com](http://augustinewinebar.com)



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