

Where you can go for a refreshing rosé:

Plenty of places in Napa, Sonoma

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Rosé is the quintessential hang-out wine, a mellowed out, light, cold quencher with the body of a serious red wine -- as that's how it starts -- and the soul of a knock-it-back beer. So it makes sense that right about now **rosés** begin popping out all over tasting rooms with inviting outdoor spaces, come-hither invitations to sit back, sip generously and relax. Here's where:



Kathleen Heitz Myers, daughter of the founder of Heitz Cellars.
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Heitz Wine Cellars

Open daily 11:00 am to 4:30 pm

St. Helena CA 707-963-3542 www.heitzcellar.com

Legendary Napa Valley vintner Joe Heitz opened his modest winery along not-yet-busy Highway 29 back in 1961.

After years expertly churning out 100-percent cabernets for which Heitz became globally known (think Martha's Vineyard), that first Heitz facility now serves as the winery's gracious tasting room, with a tranquil back patio that overlooks some of its older cabernet plantings.

The year 1961 is also when the Heitz family bought its first 8-acre vineyard, planted unusually to grignolino, "the little strawberry," as it's known in its native Italy. Heitz Wine Cellars continues to make three wines from these grapes, a red table wine, a port and, your mission should you decide to accept it, a **rosé** (\$18.50).

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