



A nice rosé is always a win for summer months

imbibe in the weeks ahead.

Rosé

Richard suggests going with a fruity rosé from Provence, to drink on a warm, airy evening with the windows open. Rosé is the ideal outdoor drink, thanks to its naturally beautiful colour and fresh nose, on top of giving off a summery vibe and being exceptionally refreshing.

“Our best selling wine is the Pink Floyd from Château Miraval (£12.99). The band stayed at the Château while recording their album, *The Wall*, and the wine was named in their honour,” explains Richard.

The wine is organic, smooth, has a clean minerality to it, and would pair well with fresh fruit salad.

Sparkling

With the summer Olympics coming up, there's reason aplenty to celebrate, and what better way to mark a special event than with a British-born sparkling wine? Richard recommends a classic cuvée from Nyetimber (£28.99), an estate in Sussex of over 400 acres, making it the UK's largest vineyard.

Over the years, Nyetimber has won many international awards for their wines, including Champion of Worldwide Sparkling Wines 2009



The company won the prize for best customer service as well as best wholesaler at the Wine and Spirits Awards this year



Oxford Wine Company stocks a fantastic range of wines and champagnes, alongside an extensive selection of spirits

at the Bollicine Del Mondo in Italy, beating 13 champagnes for the top spot. “This wine is delicious and easily stands up to more expensive champagnes in blind tastings,” says Richard.

White

For a reliable white, Richard tempts us with an interesting Spanish variety. The 2009 Palacio de Fefiñanes (£19.99) is described as being bright and expressive with a pure apple character. The wine is produced by Bodega Palacio de

Fefiñanes in the Rias Baixas region of north western Spain, and is known to match perfectly with aperitifs and shellfish. “Spain is probably my favourite country for white wine,” Richard tells us. “It’s a delicate wine that is fantastic with fish”.

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