

HAMPTONS

IN THE PINK

The latest offerings by East End winemakers of a seasonal favorite.

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It wouldn't be summer in the Hamptons without the refreshing taste of rosé—and vineyards across the East End are producing tasty bottles for this season of sipping.

The just-released Summer in a Bottle from **Wölffer Estate Vineyard** (139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack, 537-5106; wolffer.com), inspired by its acclaimed 2013 vintage, is the newest addition to the winemaker's rosé offerings, Wölffer and Grandioso. What distinguishes this still-dry rosé is the "mouthwatering fruit and playful acidity, which evoke the breeze from the ocean," says Donnell Brown, the vineyard's senior marketing manager. He adds that Wölffer Estate waited as long as possible to harvest the fruit before production to ensure optimal flavor.

Nearby, **Channing Daughters Winery** (1927 Scuttle Hole Road, Bridgehampton, 537-7224; channingdaughters.com) produces seven rosés. According to partner and general manager Allison Dubin, the rosés each have an individual personality and distinct flavor.

Topping Rose House (1 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Tpk., Bridgehampton, 537-0870; toppingrosehouse.com) offers a private-label rosé by the North Fork's **Lieb Cellars** (13050 Oregon Road, Cutchogue, 734-1100; liebcellars.com) called Topping Rose House rosé, which pairs well with the restaurant's freshly shucked oysters. The winery's own 2013 Bridge Lane rosé is just as popular. "It's predominantly Cabernet Franc-based," says general manager Ami Opisso. "It stands out, thanks to refreshing notes of watermelon, strawberry, and fresh green herbs."

Channing Daughters Winery carries seven types of the pink-hued wine.

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