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Broadbent's Rosé Captures Summer in a Bottle

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Al Coleman almost could not contain himself. At a recent wine club gathering, he discovered and fell in love with a rosé.

"I'm buying a case of it in the morning," he said at the time.

Well, he didn't purchase a case, but he bought enough to allow him to know the euphoria of the first tasting was not a one-and-done moment.

This wine is one of those gems, a blend of four grapes you probably have never heard of, but a combination that forms **the perfect warm-weather, picnic, porch, deck, beach wine.**

It's summer in a bottle. It's Broadbent Vinho Verde Rosé.

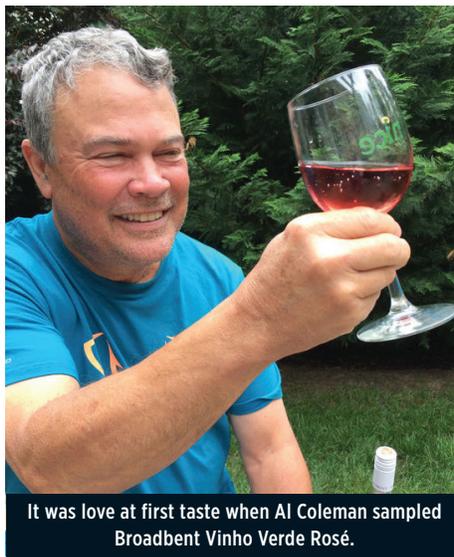
"It's a great summer wine," Coleman said. "Not too complex but very drinkable. Good balance with acidity and minerals. It has hints of tart apple."

"It will go great with summer foods because it has low alcohol, not heavy. I would serve it with medium to light cheeses, salad, light flaky fish. Even try it with popcorn."

There's more.

"For \$8.99, it's a super bang for your buck," Coleman said.

This Portuguese wine from the Vinho



It was love at first taste when Al Coleman sampled Broadbent Vinho Verde Rosé.

Verde region is a blend of 40 percent boraçal, 30 percent espadeiro, 20 percent amaral, 10 percent vinhão — told you you probably wouldn't know the grapes — and has a fizz for which Vinho Verdes are known. That fizz, by the way, comes from the controlled addition of carbon dioxide at the point of bottling.

By law, Vinho Verdes must be below 11.5 percent alcohol, and Broadbent's version has a modest 10 percent, which allows watermelon and strawberry flavors to burst through.

The "Broadbent" in the name is indeed Bartholomew Broadbent, whose Richmond-based Broadbent Selections

imports name wines from South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, among others, and is celebrating its 20th year of business.

Broadbent also is involved in ownership and winemaking at several wineries around the world, including the one that has turned out the rosé that should be on everyone's must-try list.

"I've never been a big rosé drinker," Coleman said. **"But this is a very drinkable, fun wine. I love it."**

Broadbent's Vinho Verde Rosé is carried locally by Union Market, Strawberry Street Express, Shields Market, Tom Leonard's and most Kroger stores.



Broadbent Vinho Verde Rosé

This Vinho Verde Rosé was made exclusively from red grape varieties. A soft crushing and pressing make it possible to gently extract the juice. The rosé must be clarified resulting in a bright, clear wine.

